MR 300, Sec. 18 — WARFARE (Pacific Ocean Area)

February, 1945
TOP SECRET DISPATCH

DRAFTER: CINCPAC ADV HQ

RELEASED BY: CINCPAC (TOLOSA)

DATE: 26 FEB 45

TO: CINCPAC (TOLOSA)

FROM: CINCPAC (ADV HQ)

MESSAGE: THIS IS TOP SECRET.

REFER DD 21/654 AND YOUR CX 12957 TIMED 25/4. BM (DD) P.*

TASK FORCE 56 NOW PLANS STRIKE OKINAWA ON 1 MARCH AND

POSSIBLY ALSO ON 2 MARCH. 3 TASK GROUPS WILL BE

EMPLOYED. STRIKES BY YOUR FORCES ON FORMOSA AIRFIELDS

ON 2 AND 3 MARCH AS PLANNED REMAIN SATISFACTORY. IF

ADDITIONAL EFFORT IS AVAILABLE FORMOSA AIRFIELD STRIKES

ON 1 MARCH COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/64
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 93
RELEASED BY
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FOR ACTION CTF 51
COM 5TH FLT CTG 52.2
CTG 52.2.5
ALL CTF & CTG 5TH FLT
CTG 93.2
CO 11TH BOMB GROUP
COMMANDER ADVISER

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RDO HONO INTERCEPT
FROM CTF 93 ACTION TO CTF 51. COM 5TH FLT CTG 52.2 CTG 52.2.5 ALL CTF & CTG 5TH FLT CTG 93.2 GET INFO. RDO QUAN PASS INFO CO 11TH BOMB GROUP COMMANDER ADVISER

ASSUMING YOUR 270940 REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR 1 MARCH
9 LIBS ATTACK CHICHI AT 1500K STRIKE LEADER CALL OV537.
5 LIBS MAKE NIGHT ATTACKS ON CHICHI 90 MINUTES APART.
FIRST PLANE OVER TARGET 2030K. REFERENCE NOT HELD BY ALL.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/84

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By SLR Data MAY 21 1973
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Released by:

Date: 28 Feb 1945

TOR Code Room: 1612E

Decoded by: Boudreau

Typed by: Boudreau/Cawp

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COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION CINCWPAP INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM 5TH FLT.

AFTER PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT BY COVERING FORCE OF 3 CL AND 5 DD UNDER COMMAND OF RAD, RIGGS ONE RCT OF THE 41ST DIVISION WAS LANDED AT PUERTA PRINCESA PALAWAN BY ATTACK GROUP COMMANDED BY RAD, FECHTLER. FIRST WAVE HIT THE BEACH AT 0850.

TODAY, NO OPPOSITION REPORTED UP TO 1200 WHEN BRIG GEN HANEY ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE WITH ALL INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY ASHORE AT THAT TIME. IN MANILA BAY MAGNETIC MINE SWEEPING OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE SO FAR. DO SANK 150 FOOT JAPANESE TUG DRIFTING IN THE BAY. ON 26TH PT'S CLEARED OUT MORE SMALL GROUPS OF JAPANESE IN MANILA BAY AND ON THE BEACH AND RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO THE SAUNTER, AM 205, WHICH HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY A MINE. ON 26TH AND 27TH NAVY SEARCH PLANES SANK 6 SMALL CARGO SHIPS IN FORMOSA STRAIT 2 MORE NEAR SAKISHIMA GUNTO, ALSO DESTROYED 1 TONY AND 1 VAL EAST OF HAINAN PLUS 1 JAKE NEAR CAPE ST JACQUES. THEY ALSO DAMAGED A RADIO STATION ON YONAKUNI JIMA.

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(CINC PAC CINC FOA ADV HAD PASSED COMINCH INFO S 261829)

(CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET INFO CINC PAC (BOTH HADDTS) AND ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET.)

SUMMARY NUMER 20/261830K.

LED BY TANKS IN THE 5TH MARDIV ZONE OF ACTION USING FLAME THROWERS INFANTRY ADVANCED FRONT LINE GENERALLY 400-500 YARDS ALONG THE FRONT OF THE 3RD AND 5TH MARDIVS. PROG FSS

MADE BY THE 3RD MARDIV THROUGH CENTER OF ENEMY MAIN LINE OF RESISTANCE ADVANCED BY VILLAGE OF SYTOYAMA. SMALL

GAINS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS WERE MADE OPPOSITE THE RIGHT FLANK AND CENTER OF THE 4TH MARDIV ZONE. LOCAL COUNTER

ATTACK ON 4TH MARDIV FRONT BROKEN UP BY ARTILLERY 1625. LINES WERE CONSOLIDATED FOR THE NIGHT AT 1700. OUR FRONT AS CF 1710 TA 215NO 215KLSY 200ABC 217NRSY 205ET 211PV 1646BX 167D. SEVERAL ROUNDS WERT FER FIRE HIT BLUE BEACH.

RESUMPTION ATTACK 8630 TOMORROW.

NAVAL GUNFIRE ASSISTED THE ADVANCE WITH CALL FIRE MISSIONS.

PRESIDENT ADVISE OPERATIONAL CASUALTY RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SIDE PLATING PORT SIDE DURING UNLOADING OPERATIONS.
ALL URES EMERGENCY REPAIRS UPON RETURN MARIANAS, R H SMITH EXPLoded MORTAR SCORED TYPE ENEMY MINE LATITUDE 23-29 N

LONGITUDE 140-44E
2,700 AIRCRAFT FROM 1,000 FEET SPRAYED WITH DDT AREA OCCUPIED

BY OUR TROOPS. CVL AIR STRIKE IN DIRECT SUPPORT AROUND TROOPS FURNISHED. VOE-1 FROM PEAR ISLAND FURNISHED EFFECTIVE.

SPOTTING NAVAL GUNFIRE. DUSK STRIKES CHICHI JIMA 27 FEBRUARY CAUSED EXPLOSION SLEEPER BASE FUTAMI KO. FIS UD+ ALL

UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS OFF SLEEPER BASE. NIL ENEMY OBSERVED AIR ORNE. REMAINDER POM ARRIVED THIS AFTERNOON. SEA SUBSIDING TONIGHT AFTER A SLOW UNLOADING DAY

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From: War Department
To: Office of the Chief of Staff

Date: 28 February 1945

Subject: South Pacific Area

Operations February 25th:

(1) P7B's attacked airstrip and town at Port Moresby; two fighters reported; two aircraft carried and heavy cruiser 70 miles north Singapore Feb 26th.

(2) 12 B25's bombed and strafed positions west Stoltenburg, C3F-50315 (28 Feb 45)

Part II. Air

Operations February 25th:

(1) 31 A20's attacked airstrip and town at San Fernando.

(2) 12 B25's bombed and strafed positions west Stoltenburg.

French Indo China: Two tankers, two escorts reported.

From Gi and to Chief of Staff

Department 11230

28 February 1945

20th Air Command: Reconnaissance plans reported.

From General Headquarters South Pacific Area

11230

28 February 1945

20th Air Command: Reconnaissance plans reported.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Nr: 0 11230 28 February 1945

Operations February 26th:

(3) B24 patrols before dawn sank large tanker seriously damaged small freighter anchored west Tonkin Gulf.

(4) Day strikes against shipping China coast incomplete due weather; reconnaissance B25's damaged jetty Formosa Strait; 5 squadrons B24's bombed Takao by instruments through solid undercast; fighter sweep heavily damaged 18 railcars and locomotive Formosa.

(5) 18 Dauntless and 36 A20's demolished headquarters buildings hit airsteps installations Ehague, Luzon.

(6) Many effective support missions included P51's and other fighter bombers San Fernando Balete Pass and Ternate, 140 Dauntless and 43 B24's Antipolo Wawa northeast Manila, 36 A20's Ternat southwest Cavite, 12 P47's west Stotsenburg.

(7) Eight Corsaire raided Buland gun positions south-eastern Bicol Peninsula.

(8) 32 Corasubmitted Lapaz on Panay; 8 Corsairs set 5 grounded planes on fire, hit camouflage torpedos bomber Fabricia on Negros; 14 Corsairs attacked Cebu City area.

(9) 12 Cora submitted Mindanao targets; 22 Corsairs on patrols and convoy cover.

(10) 40 P38's, 59 P47's and 74 A20's bombed and strafed Puerto Princesa, Palawan Island.

CM-IN-29315 (28 Feb 45)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
Nr: C 11230 28 February 1945
Operations February 27th:

(11) Catalinas from Lingayen damaged medium freighter transport, sank small freighter near Hong Kong; B25's sweeping China coast found no large ships, sank 11 junks and Sampans damaged 15 others towards Hong Kong; P51's escort dispersed 3 enemy fighters.

(12) 26 B24's caused explosions fires visible 100 miles Takao City with 78 tons bombs; 4 P47's sweeping Formosa shot down 3 of 12 intercepting fighters, one P47 lost; P51's destroyed one plane one motor truck along west coast.

(13) Fighter sweep Cagayan Valley found nil serviceable planes; numerous close ground support missions carried out Luzon; P51's bombed headquarters area Baguio.

(14) 93 A20's and 24 P38's attacked designated targets Puerto Princesa.

(15) B24 patrols bombed San Roque gun positions Zamboanga and Jusat airdrome Borneo.

(16) 17 B25's started fires San Roque airdrome, one B25 ; 4 P38's divebombed Padada airdrome Davao.

(17) 11 B24's cratered Jesselton runways Borneo, destroyed one jetty in Revetments; 17 B24's bombed Terauan airdrome 11 B24's missing.

CM-IN-29315  (26 Feb 45)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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(18) Two RAAF B24 patrols bombed villages Soela and Alor Islands; RAAF Ventura bombed and strafed two coastal vessels one seatruck Soembawan.

(19) 6 B25's and 3 A20's raided villages Wewak area

FlO Solomon's Forces. No report received.

Land, Luzon:

Sixth Army: First Corps: Elements Thirty-first Division seized high ground 1,000 yards north Hot Springs, 7,000 yards southeast Agoo and 4,000 yards northwest Lilang, reporting minor opposition only; other First Corps Units improved their respective positions.

Fourteenth Corps: Thirty-seventh Division reported continued suicidal resistance from legislative finance and agricultural buildings; elements by First Cavalry Division met determined resistance in continued attacks on enemy positions west Antipolo; Sixth Division units launched attack to seize high ground 2,500 yards southeast Monapan.

Eleventh Corps: 503rd Infantry reported cessation of organized resistance on Corregidor with remaining under Artillery fire vicinity east point; enemy casualties to Feb 27th, 1 killed, 18 captured; our ca* approximately * killed.

Eighth Army * Palawan: Preliminary report Feb
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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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28th: 186 Regimental Combat Team (41st Div) effected unopposed landing Puerto Princesa.
Verde Island secured, mopping up proceeding; Naranjo and Balicautar Islands in San Bernadino Strait reported secured.

Part 3.

(1) dropped 112 250 lb paradosos, fired over 10,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(2) Dropped 68 250 lb paradosos, fired 33,700 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 3 through 5 no details.

(6) B24’s dropped 441 500 lbombs from 3000 feet.

(7) Dropped 2 1000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs, fired 2,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(8) 46 Corsairs dropped 80 1000 lb, 6 500 lb bombs; moderate medium accurate antiaircraft fire Cebu.

(9) 8 Corsairs dropped 1f 500 lb bombs.

(10) F38s dropped 40 165 gallon napalms.

(11) No details.

(12) dropped 78 tons 500 lb bombs.

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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Paragraphs 13 and 14 no details.

(15) Dropped 6 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, 9 260 lb frags, 10 100 lb napsalms.

(16) B25's dropped 180 100 lb napsalms from minimum altitude, met moderate to accurate antiaircraft fire; F38's dropped 4 1000 lb bombs.

(17) Dropped 55 1000 lb bombs from 9,400 feet Jesselton, 136 bombs same type Tarakan.

(18) B24's dropped 12 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs; Ventura dropped 2 300 lb bombs fired 400 rounds 50, 1,100 rounds 30 calibre.

(19) Dropped 36 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Refer report operations Feb 25th paragraph 9: 19
B25's dropped 19 500 lb bombs, fired over 8,300 rounds of 50 calibre; paragraph 10: B24's dropped 232 500 lb bombs instantaneous and unstated delay, 116 500 lb incendiaries from 12,500 to 10,500 feet, met intense heavy some accurate antiaircraft fire; paragraph 13: 80 B24's dropped unstated number 1,000 lb bombs from 9,400 feet.

ACTION: OPD INFO: OC/5; CG AAF; ASF; 0-2; Statistics; Adm King; Col Park; Log CM-IN-29315 (28 Feb 45) DTG 061117Z of

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SUMMARY OF MOPPING UP OPERATIONS FORWARD AREA 18
FEBRUARY THRU 24 FEBRUARY

SAIPAN  37 JAPS KILLED  52 POW  OUR CASUALTIES 1 KIA
TINIAN  7 JAPS KILLED   2 POW
GUAM   35 JAPS KILLED  11 POW
PELELIU   2 POW

By SLR  Date  MAY 21 1973
MINDORO PBAY SEARCHES 27TH.

SEND 5 PLANES. ALL TIMES NOTED FROM north and east. ALL POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST.

ON SURFACE 12-00 109-20 AT 1220. 1 SA BURNING AND SINKING 11-07 106-50 AT 1240. CAMARAN BAY EMPTY. SECTOR T FULL.

DISTANCE 80 PERCENT. 1 TB 13-10 109-30 COURSE 180 SPEED 10 AT 1230. COMMUNICATED SIGHTING TO SUB. UNIDENTIFIED SHIP BURNING 12-28 NORTH 109-18 AT 1330. 1 SA BURNING AND SINKING 12-00 109-20 AT 1320. QUINON KMTH CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER. SECTOR U FULL DISTANCE 90 PERCENT NEGATIVE. TOW ONE EMPTY. SECTOR Z 800 MILES 80 PERCENT NEGATIVE.

CRUNE BAY EMPTY. SECTOR R FULL.

DISTANCE 85 PERCENT. 1 AT 1 FTC 1 DE COURSE 040 SPEED 10 107-10 EAST 10-20 NORTH ENTERING CAPE ST JACQUES AT 1745.

1 JAKE SHOT DOWN 1 JAKE DAMAGED 107-40 10-35 AT 1845.

ATTACKED BY HAMP 10-48 108-05 AT 1915.
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CINCPAC Pearl

CINCPAC Adv

ATFC 5th Fleet

**ACTION**

COM 5TH FLEET FROM CTF 51. INFO CINCPAC BOTH HEADQUARTERS AND ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET.

(PASSSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC/POA ADV AS 271723.)

This is summary number 18 271800K.

Late reports indicate that 3rd Division advanced to within 200 yards of 0-2 line in division left with 4th Division advancing 200 yards on its right and center. Remainer of front pinned down by enemy fire power. Reports indicate enemy employing tanks hull down. Light and medium anti-aircraft fire increased after several days cessation. Believe anti-aircraft fire comes from automatic anti-tank weapons. Anti-tank and personnel mines being met with throughout area.

Local counter attack broken up by artillery 1110 Front 5th MarDiv. POW reports extensive fortified areas in vicinity of...

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44
NISHI DEFENDED BY 145 INFANTRY AND TA 235 XY DEFENDED BY 31H INDEPENDENT BRIGADE NEITHER YET COMMITTED, BELIEF CONFIRMED BY POW AND EVENTS THAT OUR TROOPS NOW ENGAGED OPPOSITE MAIN DEFENSIVE AREA OF ISLAND. TANK LOSSES CONTINUE HIGH 11 TANKS 3RD TANK BATTALION DESTROYED YESTERDAY. TOTAL 87 TANKS REMAIN OPERATIONAL ENTIRE CORPS. LINES REPORTED 1800 AS TA 198 CDE 199 AE 200 FMNT 201 UV 184 BF KVW 167 C. CAPTURED DUGOUTS EVIDENCE EXCELLENT FIELD ENGINEERING CONDUCTED OVER LONG PERIOD TIME WITH HIGH TERRAIN APPRECIATION. 800 PILLBOXES VARIOUS TYPES MOUNTED IN ZONE OF ACTION 3RD MARDIV ALONE. 1 BLOCKHOUSE TA 235 REPORTED 150 FEET LONG 4 FEET CONCRETE WALKS.

NAVAL FIRE SUPPORT REINFORCED GROUND ARTILLERY WITH SCHEDULED AND CALL FIRES. AMMUNITION FUEL REPLENISHMENT PER SCHEDULE. CALHOUN IN COLLISION WITH LIBRA AND KNOX CLEARING FOULED ANCHOR WHILE GETTING UNDER WAY. LIBRA NO DAMAGE. KNOX MINOR. CALHOUN STARBOARD SIDE FORECASTLE CAVED IN FRAME 29-32. HIT REPORTED ON LEO APPARENTLY FROM ABOUT 40 M4 WHICH EXPLODED IN AIR BELIEVED FROM DIRECTION OF LAND.

CVE PLANES REINFORCED GROUND TROOPS WITH CLOSE SUPPORT STRIKES. 9 B-24'S STRATEGIC AIR FORCE MADE STRIKE PRE-ARRANGED TARGET AREA 145. 1 OY PLANE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED FROM LST 776 BRODIE EQUIPPED 1 OY PLANE CRASHED ON WAVE OFF LST 776 PLANE LOST PILOT SAVED.

3 PBM'S ARRIVED SEAPLANE BASE, ROUTINE DAWN SWEEP CHICHI JIMA. 3RD AIR SEARCH FOR BELLEAU WOOD PILOT UNSUCCESSFUL.

SURF CONDITIONS RESTRICTED UNLOADING TO LST'S LSM'S LCT'S THIS AFTERNOON.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

COM SEVENTH FLEET

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CINCPAC GUAM
COM FIFTH FLEET

DATE

27 FEBRUARY 1945

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COM SEVENTH FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCPAC TARLAC AND LEYTE INFO COMINCH, CINCPAC GUAM, COM FIFTH FLEET.

AIRCRAFT COVERED CORREGIDOR AREA ON 27TH TO SPOT FLOATING MINES AND OBSERVE JAPANESE ATTEMPTING TO EVACUATE THE ISLAND. PT'S AND COOPERATING AIRCRAFT ON 25/26 DESTROYED A BARGE, 3 LUGGERS, 3 TAILBOATS AND EXPLODED AN ENEMY DUMP AT ROMBOLAN ISLAND. ALSO DESTROYED TWO MORE BARGES OFF THE EAST COAST OF GUINTANAN ISLAND, AND WITHOUT DAMAGE TO THEMSELVES SET AFIRE AN ATTACKING AIRCRAFT. ON 26TH NAVY SEARCH PLANES SANK A SMALL CARGO SHIP NEAR HONG KONG AND LEFT ANOTHER DEAD IN WATER WEST OF FORMOSA.

STREET ADDRESS:

CINCPAC TARLAC AND LEYTE

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COM FIFTH FLEET

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ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING NIGHT LIMITED TO SMALL SCALE
INFILTRATION SNIPERS AND INTERMITTENT MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE. ENEMY ACTIVITY ON 3RD MAR DIV FRONT INCLUDED TROOP VEHICULAR AND TANK MOVEMENT DISPENSED BY ARTILLERY FIRE. LARGE CALIBRE SHELLS FALLING IN OUR REAR AREAS EFFECTED SOME DAMAGE AND HAMPERED COMMUNICATIONS. ROCKETS BOMBS ALSO REPORTED STARTING FIRE IN VICINITY OF SURIBACHI HINSDALE AND LEO ANCHORED NEAP SURIBACHI REPORTED SHELLS, LANDING CLOSE ABOARD. LEO HIT 1 MAN KNOXED. MORTAR SUPPORT UNIT ON NIGHT MISSION RECEIVED SPORADIC 40MM AND LARGE CALIBRE FIRE THROUGHOUT NIGHT FROM NORTHERN TIP OF ISLAND. 2 ENEMY AMMUNITION DUMPS RELIEVED FIRED BY

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THIS UNIT. 2 OA 9 DD 1 GUNBOAT SUPPORT UNIT 1 MORTAR SUPPORT UNIT FURNISHED NAVAL SUPPORT DURING THE NIGHT. ATTACK RESUMED AT 0800 SAME BOUNDARIES OBJECTIVES AND ZONE OF ACTION WITH MAIN EFFORT IN CENTER. ARTILLERY WITH ARTILLERY WITH CORPS FIRED 45 MINUTE PREPARATION WITH 50% IN 3RD MARDIV ZONE 25% EACH TO 4TH AND 5TH MARDIVS. 1 BB 1 OA FIRED PRE-K-HOUR PREPARATION. 9 DD 1 GUNBOAT SUPPORT UNIT ON CALL FIRE MISSIONS TODAY. RESISTANCE CONTINUES FROM HEAVY DEFENSES WELL PLACED AND CAMOUFLAGED. NEW POSITIONS BEING REPORTED HOURLY AND TAKEN UNDER FIRE. 5TH MARDIV REPORTED ENEMY USE OF WHITE PHOSPHOROUS HAND GRENADES AT 0820K. THE 5TH MARDIV ON LEFT FLANK OF CORPS ZONE ADVANCED ABOUT 300 YARDS THIS MORNING AND THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE 4TH MARDIV MOVED UP THE EAST COAST APPROXIMATELY 400 YARDS. SOME ADVANCE WAS MADE ON THE LEFT OF THE 3RD MARDIV OTHER LINES REMAINING THE SAME. LINES AT 1200 GENERALLY ALONE: TA 215 M-198 DE-199 ABHIJO-200 KLWST-183 E-184 FQN-167 C.

506TH AAA BN NOW IN POSITION WITH RADAR AND OPTIC FIRE CONTROL. NGF CONTROL ESTABLISHED ASHORE. 11 TANKS LOST YESTERDAY TO ENEMY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE AND 2 REPORTED TODAY. SOME ENEMY FIRE FALLING BEACH AND REAR AREAS TODAY. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS INCLUDE 28TH SPEC MACHINE CANNON UNIT AND 21ST MACHINE CANNON COMPANY. ENEMY HEADQUARTERS REPORTED IN KITA.

AT 0215K LST 884 HIT BY MEDIUM CALIBRE SHELL AT WATER LINE STARBOARD SIDE. STARBOARD SCREW INOPERATIVE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. AT 0317K 27TH ASP REPORTED POSSIBLE SUBMARINE CONTACT 270 DEGREES 24 MILES FROM SURIBACHI. BENNION AND NEWCOMB
CONDUCTED HUNTER KILLER TACTICS UNTIL DAYLIGHT. CONNELLY AND RIDDLE DISPATCHED FOR SAME MISSION UNTIL NOON TODAY. PINCKNEY ESCORTED BY CASSIN DEPARTED FOR GUAM 1800K 26 FEB WITH CASUALTIES. BRYANT ON FIRE SUPPORT MISSION 1100K OFF NORTHEAST COAST FIRED ON BY 2 GUN SHORE BATTERY ESTIMATED 6 INCH 12 SALVOS FIRED NO HITS WEST VIRGINIA SILENCED BATTERY. FLEET POST OFFICE IN LIMITED OPERATION LST 899. OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES THIS PERIOD LST 759 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE SHELL PLATING AND DECK BEAMS RUPTURED WATERLINE SLIGHT FLOODING UNDER CONTROL DUE TO BEACHING AND DAMAGE ALONGSIDE SHIPS. LSM 60 ROW DOORS JAMMED CLOSED OPERATING GEAR CRUSHED BUCKLED FRAMES PLATING DAVITS PORTSIDE. LSM 44 HOLE AT WATERLINE. LSM 47 SPLIT SEAMS FORWARD TAKING WATER. LSM 140 HOLE IN WARDROOM AND AFTER TROOP COMPARTMENT STARBOARD SCREW DAMAGED. LSM 261 HOLE IN HULL AT ENGINE ROOM.

DIRECT AIR SUPPORT BY CVE PLANES. IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS MAKES POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULES. SPECIAL SEARCH CHICHI JIMA AREA 4 BELLEAU WOOD PILOT DOWNG 23 FEB NEGATIVE. ESTIMATE MOST UNLOADING OF TRANSPORTS 15 AND 16 AND 2 DIVISIONS OF TRANSPORT 11 BE COMPLETED 28 FEB. 9 GARRISON ECHELON DIRECTED TO ARRIVE 28 FEB AND BEGIN UNLOADING 1 MARCH. TRANSDIV 33 NOW UNLOADING ARTILLERY OF 3RD MARINES. BEACH CONDITIONS IMPROVING. YELLOW BEACHES OPERATING TO APPROXIMATE CAPACITY BUT BLUE BEACHES ONLY 25%. BEACHES CLEARED OF ALL WRECKED CRAFT EXCEPT LVT'S. SURF 4 FEET WIND EAST NORTH EAST 20 KNOTS. MORALE AND COWT EFFICIENCY EXCELLENT.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Nr: C 11154

27 February 1945

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China coast: Leyte reconnaissance plane reported large tanker with three destroyer escorts approaching Hongkong from southwest February 25, following day two tankers three destroyer escorts sighted on northerly course 65 miles to northeast; 12 vessels including two tankers reported Hainan Strait February 25.

Formosa: Reconnaissance plane over Takao reported two medium freighter transports one medium freighter five seacrafts, intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

Namsei Shoto: One medium transport one medium freighter transport one destroyer escort six seacrafts three other freighters anchored Naha (Okinawa) February 26.

French Indo China: Two small freighters two patrol craft covered by three fighters leaving anchorage 40 miles southeast Tourance February 25.

Borneo: Attacking B-24's February 26 reported two fighters in Mangar revetments five airborne over Sepingan.

Part 2: Naval: Three destroyers supported ground forces Corregidor February 25; Mindoro PT boats with air cooperation exploded fuel and ammunition dumps destroyed one CM-IN- 26126 (27 Feb 45)
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barges damaged six luggers and sailboats Romblon Island; Ormoc destroyed two barge northwest Cebu.

Air:

Enemy action: Single plane damaged when attacking Allied PT boats northwestern Leyte evening February 25.

Operations February 24:

(1) Refer to preceding report Paragraph 8: 12 B-25's found nil targets Hainan Island through bad weather and returned; 20 B-25's against shipping Formosa; four planes attacked seaplane, six planes raided personnel and supplies Dugo south Aparri, others returned base due weather.

(2) Refer to preceding report Paragraph 5: Total 72 A-20's attacked villages Salomague area and enemy concentrations Tungado east Vigan.

(3) 23 more Corsairs harassed Cebu Penay and Negros Islands.

Operations February 25:

(4) Refer to preceding report Paragraph 11: 23 Dauntless on ground support Manila area; 12 P-47's plus P-51's west Stotsenberg; nine A-20's east San Fernando; 18 more B-24's against troop concentrations northeast Manila.

(5) 18 Corsairs destroyed submarine docks and buildings and fuel dumps Cebu city.

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(6) 15 Corsairs demolished buildings caused fires Butuan northern Mindanao; 24 B-24's raided San Roque airdrome, Zamboanga.

(7) Six Spitfires destroyed fuel dumps and barges around Halmahera; search planes damaged two landing barges around Halmahera; search planes damaged two landing craft further west.

Operations February 26:

(8) B-24 patrols damaged small freighter Cranamah Bay, sank seartruck northeast Hongkong, sank one coastal vessel strafed three others destroyed radio station Yonakuni Island in Kansai Shoto.

(9) 18 B-25's struck Zettelfield in Sulu Archipelago, one B-25 missing.

(10) Thirteenth Air Force B-24's against Balikpapan airdromes; 16 planes cratered Manggar, 18 planes bombed Sepinggan started large fire, encountered five ineffective interceptors.

(11) Patrol B-24 scored two near misses unidentified vessel off Balikpapan.

(12) RAAF B-24 hit warehouses straddled jetty Boe-Toeng southeastern Celebes.

(13) Six B-25's attacked Kairuru seaplane base and Mochun plantations Wewak.

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(14) 12 B-24's from Nadzab struck Rabaul supply dumps.

Land.

Luzon: I Corps: Elements 33rd Division occupied Dungon northeast Udiao reached camp 1 1/2; 32nd Division units reached point 13,000 yards northeast San Nicholas against scattered resistance; others held high ground 5,000 yards north Santa Maria on Ambayabang River; 25th Division secured Carranglan.

XIV Corps: Elements 6th Division in coordinated attack reached crest Mount Sabato (0078) unopposed, gained northwest slopes Mount Pacawagan (0261) against slight opposition; 1st Cavalry Division continued attacks against organized positions west Antipolo encountering heavy small arms and artillery fire.

XI Corps: Reconnaissance elements 38th Division continued development enemy position of undetermined strength contacted east Brotolan (5750) in Zambales Mountains; 503 Infantry reached north south line through centre Kindley Field on Corregidor.

Cumulative casualties to February 26:

Allied: 3212 killed, 11994 wounded, 204 missing

Enemy: 55061 killed, 505 captured.

First Australian Army: During the period January 22 to February 22, extensive patrolling resulted in following

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enemy casualties:

British New Guinea: 636 killed, 42 captured;
New Britain: 84 killed (since November 27);
Bougainville: 360 killed, six captured.

Part 3.

(1) Ten B-25's dropped 40 500 lb bombs, fired 5900 rounds 50 calibre.

(2) A-20's dropped 330 250 lb parades, fired 59030 rounds 50 calibre.

(3) Dropped 16 1000 lb, 18 500 lb bombs, four 500 lb incendiaries.

(4) Later report states 43 B-24's dropped 432 500 lb bombs from 10000 to 5000 feet northeast Manila.

(5) Dropped three 1000 lb, 14 500 lb bombs, seven 500 lb incendiaries, met intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) Corsairs dropped 30 1000 lb bombs.

(7) No details

(8) No details

(9) Dropped 200 100 lb napalms, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(10) Dropped 216 1000 lb, ten 500 lb bombs from 15900 to 10200 feet; intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire Sepinggan.

(11) Dropped eight 500 lb bombs.

(12) Dropped six 300 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 24 300 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(14) Dropped 90 1000 lb bombs from 9900 feet.

Refer report operations February 24 Paragraph 9; Dropped 130 1000 lb, 404 500 lb bombs, 109 500 lb incendiaries from 14000 to 11500 feet, met moderate to intense medium and heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

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**RECIPIENT**

| CINCPAO QUAM CINCPAO PEARL |
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**FROM**

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**TYPED BY**

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CINCPAO QUAM HAS ACTION LOCALLY FROM CTF 94; ALSO ACTION CINCPAO PEARL; INFO COM 5TH FLT CTF 93

OPERATIONS 25TH:

- 62 CORSAIRS 4 AVENGERS 1 HELLCAT HIT PALAU ISLANDS WITH NAEALM ROCKETS AND DEPTH CHARGES FIRING BUILDING SUPPLY AND OIL DUMPS DAMAGING COAST DEFENSE POSITIONS.
- 4 CORSAIRS HIT TOMIL HARBOR YAP.

ON 26TH:

- 6 AVENGERS HIT GAGIL TOMIL SHORE INSTALLATIONS.
- 48 CORSAIRS 2 HELLCATS 3 AVENGERS HIT PALAUS WITH DEPTH CHARGES ROCKETS FIRING TRUCKS BUILDINGS HITTING MOTOR POOL. 11 SURVIVORS B-29 DOWN 25TH RESCUED BY FANNING

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O INOPAC (ADV) GETS ACTION FROM CWM 5TH FLEET. PASSED TO COMINCH COMSUBPAC DEPCOM 28TH AIRFORCE GUAM UNIDENTIFIED CALL (XXIE) FOR INFO AS 271591.

O STRUCK TOKYO AREA 25TH. BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER THERE ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE NAGOYA-KOBE AREA 26TH BUT PREVENTED BY WEATHER AND SEA AND WITHDREW MORNING 26TH. TOKYO TARGET AREA WAS CLOSED IN EXCEPT NORTHEASTERN PORTION AND CEILING MOSTLY TOO LOW FOR BOMBING IN THAT PORTION. LATER IN DAY COULD NOT GET THROUGH TO ANY TARGETS EXCEPT HACHIJO JIMA. INCOMPLETE REPORTS GIVE 158 TOTAL PLANES DESTROYED, 47 OF THESE SHOT DOWN 111 ON GROUND, APPROXIMATELY 75 DAMAGED ON GROUND.

2 TRAINS 1 RADAR STATION 2 HANGARS DESTROYED. OTA PLANT STRUCK AGAIN AND PHOTOS SHOW 75% BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND 15% HEAVILY DAMAGED. MOST IMPORTANT BUILD-
INGO KOKUMI PLANT HEAVILY HIT BY 1 TASK GROUP STRIKE.

COASTAL VESSELS 7 SMALL CRAFT PROBABLY SUNK. 9 COASTAL
VESSELS AND 5 SMALL CRAFT DAMAGED. OUR COMBAT LOSSES 9 VF
AND 4 VF PILOTS. OPERATIONAL LOSSES 3 VF 1 VT, NO PERSONNEL.
NO DAMAGE BY ENEMY TO OUR SURFACE VESSELS EXCEPT MINOR DAMAGE
BY PICKET BOAT DESCRIBED NEXT SENTENCE. DURING NIGHT RETIRE-
MENT 25-26 FEB SANK 5 SMALL ENEMY VESSELS INCLUDING 1 PICKET
BOAT WHICH CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE 1 OFFICER KILLED 13 MEN WOUNDED
IN PORTERFIELD AND MINOR DAMAGE 2 MEN WOUNDED IN PASADENA.
FOLLOWING WEATHER DAMAGE PRESTON SOUND DOME DAMAGED BUT LATER
REPAIRED AND NUMBER 1 GUN OUT OF COMMISSION. STEPHAN POTTER
SUCCEEDED FRAME 25 AND 30. JOHN W. WEEKS MOUNT NUMBER 1 CAVED
IN CANNOT TRAIN ON POWER. MOORE CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL
FORECASTLE DAMAGE. COMMENTS. WEATHER WAS MAJOR FACTOR
THROUGHOUT AND NECESSITATED SLOWING DOWN NIGHTS 24-25 FEB AND
25-26 FEB TO CHECK DESTROYER DAMAGE, PARTICULARLY 2200 TON
CLASS. COMBINATION HIGH PERCENTAGE OF BAD WEATHER IN EMPIRE
AREA WITH IMPOSSIBILITY OF BETTER THAN APPROXIMATE PREDICTION
MAKES TIMING OF STRIKES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PARTICULARLY WHEN
TIGHT SCHEDULES PERMIT LITTLE OR NO FLEXIBILITY. UNTIL
ARRIVAL OFF TOKYO PREDICTED WEATHER THERE WAS FAVORABLE 25TH
AND PROBABLY FAVORABLE 26TH. NAGOYA-KOBE ATTEMPT WAS MADE
BECAUSE PROSPECTS THERE WERE LESS UNFAVORABLE THAN IN TOKYO
AREA. STORM WAS TOO WIDESPREAD AND SEVERE HOWEVER AND BECAUSE
OF SEAS POSITION FOR STRIKE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REACHED UNTIL TOO LATE IN AFTERNOON FOR LAUNCHING. ENEMY'S POLICY AND REACTION AT PRESENT ARE DEFINITELY PASSIVE. HE COULD HAVE FOUND US WITH SEARCH PLANES DURING DAYLIGHT 24TH BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF SEARCH. 2 SEARCH PLANES HEADING OUT PASSED THE FORMATION CLOSE ABOARD, 1 ON EITHER SIDE, AS LAUNCHING BEGAN OFF TOKYO DAWN 25TH BUT APPARENTLY NEITHER ONE REPORTED US. THEREAFTER THERE WAS NO APPARENT ATTEMPT EITHER TO LOCATE OR TO ATTACK US. ONLY ABOUT 100 AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT WERE SEEN AND MOST OF THEM SOUGHT TO AVOID COMBAT. ALL BUT 3 OF 42 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN WERE FIGHTERS. FULL COVERAGE AND ESTIMATE OF NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN TOKYO AREA PREVENTED BY WEATHER. APPARENTLY FEWER AIRCRAFT THAN BEFORE ON MAJOR COMBAT FIELDS BUT ABOUT SAME NUMBER PRESENT AS BEFORE ON OTHER FIELDS. MANY COMBAT TYPES AT THESE FIELDS APPEAR TO BE RESERVE AIRCRAFT WITHOUT PILOTS.

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DATE: 27 FEB 1945
TOR CODE ROOM: 2709A7
MAILED ADDRESSEE: COM 5TH FLT
ADDRESSEE: ATFC 5TH FLT
CP NS COMM HQRS
ROUTED BY: GREENE
DEPRESSED TO: STEVENS-CROPP

(ACI ON COM 5TH FL T. INF A TC 5TH FLT AND CINCPAC BOTH HQRS.
CTF 51 SENDS)

PASSED BY PAC/POA ADVHED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 262119.

THIS IS SUMMARY NUMBER 261800K.
INCREASINGLY STRONG RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED THIS AFTERNOON HELD
TROOPS TO SUBSTANTIALLY SAME LINES REPORTED EARLIER. ENEMY
OPPOSITION HEAVIEST IN CORPS CENTER IN ZONE OF ACTION 3RD MAR-
DIV AND LEFT OF 4TH MAR DIV. IN ADDITION TO HEAVY WEAPONS
ARTILLERY ROCKET FIRE ENCOUNTERED TO DATE HEAVY VOLUME SMALL
ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES INDICATES ENEMY INFANTRY IN STRENGTH
BEING EMPLOYED. 5TH MARDIVS AND LVT INDICATIVE HEAVY
TANK LOSSES SUSTAINED BOTH OPERATIONAL AND ENEMY ACTION.
LATEST REPORT 1730 GIVES FRONT LINES AT: TA1974 198FJ 199K
200K/184 184 167A. CORPS ORDERED DIVISIONS CONSOLIDATE
FOR NIGHT 1700 WITH LIMITED LOCAL ATTACKS AUTHORIZED THEREAFTER.
TO IMPROVE POSITIONS. ATTACK TO RESUME TOMORROW 0800 BOUNDARIES
OBJECTIVES UNCHANGED. LITTLE ENEMY FIRE HAS FALLEN ON INTERIOR.

OF BEACH HEAD DURING DAY. 1 BATTALION PLUS 2 BATTERIES 12
MARINES 3RD MAR DIV ARTILLERY ASHORE MOVING INTO ACTION. BLT
3/24 REPORTS 200 ENEMY DEAD LARGE NUMBER DOCUMENTS FOUND IN

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CAVE DEEP ENTRANCE TUNNEL. PILLBOXES OVERRUN IN AREA NORTH AIRFIELD.
NUMBER 2 BELIEVED AMMUNITION STORAGE. 18 HORNED MINES SOME YARDSTICK
MINES REMOVED AREA NORTH BLUE BEACH. POW STATES RAIN WATER ENEMY'S
ONLY SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY STORED IN DRUMS EACH INSTALLATION. BLOOD
BANK ESTABLISHED ASHORE.

SUMMARY SUBMARINE CONTACT PAST 24 HOURS FOLLOWS:
A. BENNING MADE RADAR SURFACE CONTACT 2210/25 FEBRUARY 305 DEGREES
45 MILES HOT ROCKS. HUNTER-KILLER OPERATIONS MADE POSSIBLE KILL.
SEARCH TO DISCONTINUE TONIGHT 0100.
B. PLANE MADE SURFACE VISUAL CONTACT 295 DEGREES 67 MILES HOT ROCKS.
0210/26 FEBRUARY. SUBMARINE DIVE. ATTACKED AND REPORTS POSSIBLE
DAMAGE BECAUSE OF EXPLOSION SONAR BUOY. HUNTER-KILLER OPERATIONS
UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
C. FINNEGAN UNDERWATER SOUND CONTACT 0804/26 FEBRUARY POSITION 176 DEG
140 MILES HOT ROCKS. ATTACKS BROUGHT DEBRIS PLUS WOOD WITH JAPANESE
CHARACTERS TO SURFACE. ADDITIONAL CONTACT MADE LAT 21-40 N LONG
142-00 E. TULAGI GROUP DIRECTED FOR HUNTER-KILLER OPERATIONS BOTH
THESE CONTACTS.

OPERATIONAL DAMAGE SHIPS FOLLOWS:
1ST 121: RAMMED BY LSM 140 MINOR DAMAGE OPERATIONAL. HOWARD: NUMBER
1. BOILER CASING AND UPTAKE SPLIT DUE SHOCK GUNFIRE. HAMLIN: SEARCH-
LIGHT DESTROYED OUTER CASING STACK PIERCED BY 5 INCH SHELL UNIDENTIFI-
ED PROBABLY OURS. FULLER (APA 7): 2 HOLES STARBOARD SIDE SHELL
LATING ABOVE WATER LINE REPAIRS LATER.

AIR OPERATIONS INCLUDING 8-20 STRIKE CANCELLED 1330 DUE WEATHER.
ENTERPRISE DAWN SWEEP CHICHI JIMA STRAFED/BURNED 1 JILT SANK SMALL
AIRFIELD
MERCHANT VESSELS BURNED 2 MEDIUM MERCHANT VESSELS DESTROYED OIL STORAGE.
15 WRECKED PLANES OBSERVED ON FIELD 8 SMALL VESSELS IN HARBOR. GREGORY
AIR-SEA RESCUE MISSION 1430 RETRIEVES 3 ENTERPRISE AIRMEN FROM TEM SHOT
DOWN OVER CHICHI JIMA. GREGORY UNDER FIRE SHORE BATTERIES NO DAMAGE.

SURF CONDITIONS THIS AFTERNOON RESTRICTED LANDING TO LST'S LSM'S LOT'S
SUPPLY SITUATION GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. 15 WATER DISTILLATION UNITS
OPERATING ASHORE. WATER SUPPLY REPORTED ADEQUATE.

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(CTF 51 sends action CINOPAC ADV VIA RDO QUAN WHO ALSO GIVES INFO CINOPAC ADV IN RDQ HONOLULU PASS INFO CINOPAC PEARL AND ADDOPHIESPAC COMPHIBGROUP 5 INFO.)

Due to the weather two JIMA AND SLOPE OF BEACH THE ONLY SUITABLE CRAFT AND SHIPS FOR UNLOADING ARE LOT, LSU AND LST's.

IN MY 22/22/52 AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO RETAIN 12 LOT's AT TWO JIMA INSTEAD OF 16 FURTHER REQUEST AUTHORITY TO RETAIN 12 LST's AND INSTEAD OF TEMPORARILY ALL SERVICEABLE LSU (436 BOB REMAIN 7 HAVING BEEN SAIH'D 8 OF THESE TO PROCEED LYEYETE COMPLETION REPAIRS).

DAILY AVERAGE OF LSU's REQUIRING REAR AREA REPAIRS IS ABOUT 1.9.

RECOMMEND ASSIGNMENT 9C LONG AS NEEDED AT TWO JIMA OF 15 LSU's.

IF THIS PLAN IS APPROVED REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF 5 LSU’s TO

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COMMANDER GROUP 5 BY 12 MARCH FROM THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED ICEBERGS, BUT NOW IN MARIANAS OR ENROUTE MARIANAS (NOT INCLUDED MY 248/12).

FURTHER REQUEST THAT 15 LST'S FROM THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED ICEBERGS BE DIRECTED TO REPORT READY FOR LOADING AT SAIPAN TO COMMANDER GROUP 5 BY 16 MARCH. THESE UNCOMMITTED LST'S TO BE OBTAINED FROM THOSE NOW ENROUTE OR SAIL FROM PEARL BY ACOMPHIBPAC. THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF SHIPS AND CRAFT FOR ICEBERG. EARLY ACTION REQUESTED.

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FROM COM 7TH FLT ACTION CINCPAC LEYTE AND TARLAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM AND COM 5TH FLT.

3 DESTROYERS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LAND FORCES ON CORREGIDOR YESTERDAY. MANY JAPANESE SWIMMERS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MANILA BAY BY MINE-SWEEPERS AND PT'S. ONLY A FEW TAKEN PRISONER OTHERS COMMITTED SUICIDE OR WERE KILLED RESISTING RESCUE. NAVY SEARCHES ON 24/25 DAMAGED BARRACKS ON PESCADORES ISLANDS AND IN THE FORMOSA AREA LEFT A SMALL CARGO SHIP DEAD IN THE WATER AND DAMAGED 4 SEA TRUCKS. THEY ALSO DAMAGED 2 LANDING CRAFT WEST OF HALMAHERA.

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From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department, cite C 11072. Operations report SOWESPAC area
period 1500Z/24 to 1500Z/25.
China Coast:
Large transport with 3,000 ton freighter transport
2 escort vessels reported arrived Amoy, 2 tankers, 2 destroyers
sighted approaching from South, February 24th;
Next day merchant vessel destroyer and 2 escort
vessels sighted Swatow;
Off coast Hainan reconnaissance plane reported 3
tankers, 2 merchant vessels, many small craft.
Formosa:
Two tankers, 2 medium freighter transport, one
small freighter sighted in Takao February 25.
French Indo China:
One transport, 2 escort vessels reported Saigon
February 24, 2 transports, 1 escort vessel Cape St. Jacques
previous evening, 2 freighter transports, 2 escort vessels
covered by float plane heading north from Camranh Bay follow-
ing afternoon.

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Luzon:
Enemy positions reported organized in depth west of Antipolo, resistance continuing east Corregidor February 25.

Borneo:
B-24's reported 20 barges in Sibuku Bay heading for Tawao.

Singapore:
20 Bomber Command photographs February 24 and 25 show one small naval vessel, one submarine, 24 merchant ships totalling 58,000 tons, Johore Straits cloud covered, 25 medium planes Sembawang, 9 medium, 4 small Kalang, 11 medium, 6 small Tangi Point air drome.

Part 2: Naval:
PT boats with air cooperation destroyed 2 barges, 8 small craft fired fuel dumps Coron Bay, Calamian group February 23/24;
Destroyer sunk lugger south Negros Island.

Air:
Operations February 23:
(1) 16 B-25's weathered out China coast, attacked dump supplies and personnel area south Aparri.

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(1) 34 A-20's hit troop concentrations, exploded buildings Bauang, northeastern Lingayen Gulf; 36 A-20's attacked Calot, northwest Baguio; 13 A-20's raided enemy positions near Balete pass.

(2) 26 B-24's caused fires, large explosions San Roque airfield Zamboanga.

(3) 12 Beaufighters strafed targets of opportunity Halmahera and Ceram; 15 RAAF P-40's caused explosions amongst Waspel Bay guns.

Operations February 24:

(5) 18 A-20's set fuel dumps afire, demolished buildings Lapkog and Salomague, western Luzon; P-31's plus 7 Drentless struck defense positions and supplies east Manila.

(6) 15 Corsairs attacked concentrations and defense positions Gubu, 1 Corsair lost; 10 other Corsairs demolished buildings and gun positions.

(7) 7 Corsairs set buildings and fuel dumps afire L'amba and Cagayan airfields Mindanao; 28 B-24's bombed Ising bivouacs Davao.

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Operations February 25:

(8) Catalina damaged barracks Pascadores;
    Fredaw B-24 sank 2 coastal vessels, probably
    destroyed another same area;
    Day patrols left one of two seatrucks dead in water
    south east Amoy, damaged 3 seatrucks southeastern Formosa.

(9) Shipping sweep to Camranh Bay sank two sail-
    boats, badly damaged 20 others;
    Fighters shot down 2 intercepting planes, destroyed
    4 float planes, damaged another on harbor;

(10) Fighters over southern and eastern Formosa
    demolished 8 gun positions, 4 motor trucks, 2 P-51's lost
    to anti aircraft fire;
    29 B-24's caused fires and explosions amongst
    barracks, chemical plant and supply dumps Takao.

(11) Many ground support missions Luzon;
    25 B-24's effectively covered concentrations of
    northeast Manila;
    B-25's searching Manila Bay for mines, strafed enemy
    personnel, bombed out of Corregidor caves;
    L-5's used tommy guns against enemy personnel
    Corregidor.

(12) 18 B-25's against Zamboanga airdrome forced
    back due weather.

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(13) 13th Air Force B-24's Borneo; 11 planes rendered Labuan runway unserviceable; 18 others hit Tawao.

(14) RAAF B-24 patrol destroyed motor transport, damaged intercepting fighter Sembawa; 2 RAAF Venturas forced patrol vessel ashore, bombed village same area.

(15) 11 B-24's bombed Branôl plantation Wewak; 6 B-25's raided targets same area.

Solomons Forces TOP Air. Operations February 24:

(16) 4 Venturas, 17 Corsairs harassed New Ireland; 36 Corsairs demolished huts hit concentrations Bougainville; Other results outstanding.

Land. Luzon:

I Corps:

Elements 25th Division reached point 6000 yards southeast Carranglan, others captured high ground east and northeast Lusboy;

Remainder I Corps units reported local improvement of positions and extensive patrolling.

XIV Corps:

Elements 37th Division continued attack enemy pockets.

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To: 26 February 1945

in agricultural, legislative and finance buildings, only remaining organized resistance in Manila; 1st Cavalry Division encountered increasingly heavy resistance from enemy positions organized in depth along north-south line approximately 2000 yards west Antipolo; 6th Division units advancing northeast from Bayanbayanan secured high ground 4,500 yards east San Mateo, opposition slight, other units attempting to cross Furay River held up by heavy fire from positions 3,000 yards northeast Montalban.

XI Corps: Elements 40th Division continued attacked northwest and west Fort Scottenburg, secured hill 2960 yards northwest hill 29, hill 1,700 yards southwest hill 24, and Socabia ridge (3000 yards west southwest World hill); Elements 503rd Infantry reached west edge Kindley Field against stubborn resistance.

Verde Island: Eighth Army: Elements 19th Infantry landed unopposed on Verde Island at 1510Z/24, engaged enemy Sun Agapito.

Part 3. (1) Dropped 52 500 lb bombs, fired 17,900 rounds 50 caliber, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(2) Dropped 660 100 lb bombs, fired 56,100 rounds 50 caliber; slight accurate anti aircraft fire, moderate from Boang, slight from Bateo Pass are.

(3) Dropped 80 100 lb bombs from 11,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) P-40's dropped 26 500 lb bombs.

(5) No details.

(6) Dropped 31 500 lb bombs, aircraft fire.

(7) Corsairs dropped 7 1000 lb bombs; B-24's dropped 840 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet.

Paragraphs 3 through 10, no details.

(11) B-24's dropped 188 1000 lb bombs.

(12) No details.

(13) 11 B-24's dropped 99 500 lb bombs from 14,400 to 10,400 feet Labuan.

(14) B-24's dropped 3 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, fired 1,900 rounds 50 caliber;

Venturas dropped 6 500 lb bombs, fired 1,800 rounds 50, 1000* rounds 30 caliber.

(15) B-24's dropped 88 1000 lb bombs;

B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs; fired 5,000 rounds 50 caliber.

(16) Dropped 24 1000 lb, 18 500 lb, 23 100 lb bombs, 4 7 *

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Refer preceding report paragraph 9:
32 B-24's dropped 130 1000 lb, 114 500 lb bombs,
48 500 lb incendiaries, met intense heavy accurate anti
aircraft fire.

Air status:
90th Bomber Group (B-24's), 475th Fighter Group
(P-38's) now operating from Mindoro, 312nd Bomber Group
(A-20's) from Lingayen.

Part 4.

G-2 Intelligence summary.
Extracts from daily summary 1065, 24/25 Feb:
Relative probabilities: Cessation Manila resistance, enemy has lost any possibility denying us complete occupation
Manila.

Eastward retirement in central Luzon, even assuming
eventual junction Batangas-Hisnax combat strength somewhere
east of Manila, no decisive counter reaction to our penetration
this area yet indication.

Defense Corregidor, enemy has failed complete
our virtual occupation Corregidor or use Manila Bay.

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Reaction - Verde Island operation - position expected with probably only harassment of our troops by enemy detachments dispatching towards Luzon.

- Being serviced

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; ASF; G-2; Adm King; Col Park; Statistics; Log
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ALL 402 SEARCHES WENT TO MINIMUM OF 1000 MILES AND AVERAGED 85 PERCENT COVER EXCEPT 22V WHO RETURNED AFTER 770 MILES DUE ENGINE TROUBLE. ALL WERE NEGATIVE.

21 AND 121 V 405 PRIVATEERS SCOUTED TRUK LAGOON AT 0200 HUNDRED QT AND SANK 1 LUGGER NORTH OF TOL. 2 LSM'S 1 GUNBOAT HAD STEAM UP IN ANCHORAGE SOUTHEAST OF MOEN ISLAND AND 3 POSSIBLE CAMOUFLAGED LARGE AK'S WERE SEEN CLOSE TO WEST SHORE OF TOL ISLAND. HEAVY AA FROM BOUBLON AND MOEN DID NO DAMAGE.

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FRONT REMAINED STATIC THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON IN SPITE OF HARD FIGHTING. SMALL GAINS.

REPORTED IN ZONE OF ACTION 3RD AND 5TH DIVISION. ENEMY RESISTANCE CONTINUES EXTREMELY_stubborn. JAPS MUST BE BLASTED FROM CAVES AND PILLBOXES. 4 ADDITIONAL TANK CASUALTIES BY MORTAR FIRE. ENGINES REPAIRING #1.

**AIRFIELD REHABILITATED 1000 FOOT NORTH-SOUTH STRIP, EAST-WEST STRIP AND 2/3 NORTH-SOUTH STRIP AIRFIELD #2.**

NOW IN OUR HANDS. TROOPS CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS 1700 OVERNIGHT; TA 180 E NORTH EDGE 1975.

198UQLMNO 199KLQEST 200PUVW 183DEJ 184FKPUP 167A. ATTACK RESUMES 0000. NO CHANGE BOUNDARIES OR OBJECTIVE. IT APPEARS OUR TROOPS ARE NOW ATTACKING THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY DEFENSE AREA.

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NAVAL GUNFIRE CONTINUES SCHEDULED AND CALL FIRES. ADDITIONAL REPORT RESULT JAP AIRRAID EVENING 24 FEBRUARY; BOMB LANDED NEAR BAYFIELD NO DAMAGE. BAYFIELD LCPL NEARBY DAMAGED SLIGHTLY 2 MEN WOUNDED FRAGMENTS.

PIN POINT BOMBING ROCKET STRAFING ATTACKS MADE BY CVE PLANES THROUGHOUT DAY. 9 ARMY B-24'S FURNISHED STRIKE AT 1500. SLEEP CHICHI AND HAHAJIMA 24 FEBRUARY ENTERPRISE REPORTS 3 SINGLE ENGINE ENEMY AIRCRAFT 1 TABBY PROBABLY DESTROYED AT CHICHI. WHARVES AND BUILDINGS WERE ATTACKED. AIR-SEA RESCUE OPERATIONS TO DATE SHOW 26 INCIDENTS WITH 14 SUCCESSFUL RESCUES.

300 POUND DEPTH CHARGE TYPE 2 FOUND BURIED IN GROUND RIGGED AS LAND MINE OR BOOBY TRAP WITH BOOSTER HELD UP BY BLOCK DETONATOR IN BOOSTER WITH DELAY TRAIN RUNNING TO KISKA TYPE HAND GRENADE. FUZE DELAY TRAIN ABOUT 1-1/2 FEET LONG.

INDICATION THAT ENEMY NAVAL UNITS EXPECT DEFEND AREA OF TRANSMITTING STATION EAST AIRFIELD #2 AS STRONG POINT.

BELIEVE AREA CONTAINS HO OF GUARD UNITS. BEACHES GENERALLY MUCH IMPROVED. UNLOADING CONTINUES AT SATISFACTORY RATE.

9 APA'S 4 ESCORTS DEPARTED FOR SAIPAN.

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PRELIMINARY MINESWEEPING OF MAIN PART OF MANILA BAY COMPLETED ON 24TH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 3 GUNFIRE DESTROYERS ASSISTED ARMY ADVANCES ON CORREGIDOR ON 24TH. REINFORCEMENTS WERE LANDED ON THE SAME DAY BY 12 LSM AND 3 LCT. A BLUE DO YESTERDAY SANK A LUGGER SOUTH OF NEGROS. DURING DAYLIGHT 23RD PT'S TOOK INTELLIGENCE PARTY INSIDE MANILA BREAKWATER TO INSPECT HULKS OF JAPANESE WARSHIPS. ON 23RD PT'S AND COOPERATING AIRCRAFT MADE A 90 MINUTE DAYLIGHT SWEEP OF CORON BAY SINKING 7 SMALL CRAFT AND DAMAGING 3 ALSO STARTING A LARGE FIRE IN FUEL DUMP ASHORE. ON THE NIGHT OF 23/24 OTHER BOATS RETRIEVED SCOUTS FROM LUBANG ISLAND. THE SAME NIGHT OTHER PT'S SANK 6 MORE BARGES AND STRADED MASBATE ISLAND. SEARCH PLANES PROBABLY SANK A SMALL CARGO SHIP AND LUGGER AND DAMAGED ANOTHER LUGGER OFF HONG KONG ON 23/24.

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(CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COMSTHFLT INFO CINCPAC (BOTH HQ) AND ALL TF (4 GROUPS OMITTED FROM CODE))

SUMMARY NUMBER 13 251208K.

THROUGHOUT NIGHT MINOR ATTEMPTS INFILTRATION. OUR AREAS SUBJECTED SOME MORTAR OVERTAKING ARTILLERY FIRE.

SMALL LOCAL COUNTER ATTACK AREA BLT 3/21 REPULSED 0930. PRECEDED BY 45 MINUTE ARTILLERY AIR AND NOS PREPARATION.

TROOPS RESUMED ATTACK AT 0930 WITH 3 DIVISIONS ABREAST: 4TH MARFIV ON RIGHT 3RD MARDIV LESS 3RD CIT IN CENTER.

5TH MARDIV LESS RCT 28 IN CORPS RESERVE ON LEFT. MAIN EFFORT IN CENTER ZONE. OBJECTIVE 0-2 LINE. 28TH RCT.

STILL MOPPING UP SURIBACHI. REPORT AS OF 1130 INDICATES ONLY MINOR GAINS. OUR CASUALTIES TO DATE: KIA 834.

WIA 5428 ML (GARBLED GROUPS). LT COLONEL A. A. VANDERGRIFT JR USMC THROUGH WOUNDS BOTH LEGS, CONTINUES GOOD (7 LTR).

OMITTED FROM CODE) LL BE SENT OUT ON PINCKNEY. ENEMY DEAD COUNTED 2827 POW 7.
ESTIMATES 3 ANS ENEMY KILLED 7 POW. N-VL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS
FURNISHED DURING THE NIGHT BY 2 OA 10 DD 1 MORTAR SUPPORT UNIT
AND 1 GUNBLAT SUPPORT UNIT. 1 DD ILLUMINATED ENEMY CAVE POSITIONS
SURFACHT AREA BY SEARCHLIGHT. MORTAR SUPPORT UNIT UNDER
HEAVY ENEMY FIRE DURING NIGHT. NO DAMAGE.
DURING MORNING 16 BB'S 2 OA'S 1 AYOF P 08* FURNISHED
SOUDDUMEDUGOC* CALL FIRES. H EDWARDS AND BRYANT COLLIDED LAST
NIGHT DURING AIR RAID. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE EDWARDS FRAME 156
FLOODING 3 FEET COMPARTMENT 02*5L.
ABOUT 16 ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN 3 SMALL GROUPS NEG1* IMO FROM
2000-2200 24 FEB. ABOUT 30 BOM* PINO 8* DROPPED
FROM 12000 FEET PART ASHORE SEJNEDE* TO BE IN ENEMY TERRITORY
PART IN SHOITE COVERED TRANSPORT AREA.
AUGURN STRADDLED. NO DAMAGE TO BLUB. ENEMY USED WINDOW AND
RADAR. RETIRED ON COURSE 055 TO OVER 75 MILES. ENTERPRISE
NIGHT INTRUDER DOWNED 1 HELEN OVER CHICS JIMA NIGHT 24 FEB.
BEACH COBYYB* CHAYW* MUCH IMPROVED BUT EAST WIND TODAY
CAUSING DELAYS. *EATHER HIGH SMATTERED CLOUDS ALTO CUMULUS
5/10 AT 12000 FEET. YXRHQUOVAL* HIGH WIND EAST 20 KNOTS
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25 February 1945

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Part I.

Formosa: 6 medium freighters, 3 small tankers sighted at Takao Feb 22, following day medium freighter transport 2000 ton freighter, 2 destroyers in harbour, medium freighter to southeast.

Mansei Shotai: Reconnaissance plane reported 16 seatrucks vicinity Naha on Okinawa same day.

French-Indo-China: Reconnaissance planes from Mindoro Feb 23rd reported one large tanker two destroyer escorts heading northeast near Cape Varella, two destroyers one transport in Camranh Bay, two destroyers southbound off Cape Pederson; next day three merchant vessels two escorts off Quinhon, large tanker two destroyers on northerly course 90 miles to east.

Singapore: 20th Bomber Command reports sighting one heavy, two light cruisers, five merchant vessels in Johore Straits Feb 24th.

Part II.

Naval:

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PT boats destroyed two barges Manila Bay, destroyed
two more eastern Cebu night Feb 22nd; set buildings afire
Masbate Island, destroyed barge northern Cebu, sank troop-
filled barge northern Halmahera following night.

Air.

Enemy action: Leyte: Single plane attacked Allied
vessels Palompon afternoon Feb 23rd.

Operations Feb 22nd:

(1) 32 more Corsairs raided Iloilo Panay Island.

Operations Feb 23rd:

(2) 12 Corsairs harassed airdromes and supplies
Negros Island; 30 Corsairs hit enemy positions Cebu city,
 cratered Lahug airdrome, sank one submarine probably hit
 another in harbour, strafed many barges along coast; 16
 Corsairs supported Ground Forces Abijao northwestern Leyte.

(3) On Mindanao, 32 Corsairs caused fires Karekan
8 Corsairs cratered Lumia and Cagayan airdromes.

(4) Thirteenth Air Force B24’s cratered runways
demolished buildings Miri and Lahud Datu airdromes Borneo.

(5) RAAF B24 petrol bombed Raha jetty and sunmili
southeastern Celebes.

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(6) B24's bombed Sauri village near Wewak; 3 B25's bombed and strafed coastal targets.

Operations Feb 24th:

(7) Night Catalina probably sank coastal vessel and lagger, damaged another lagger northeast Hong Kong.

(8) Weather blocked main shipping strikes; fighter cover shot down Oscar towards China coast; sweep through Hensel Shoto found lone seatruck bombed same, also bombed naval base.

(9) 71 B24's attacked Takao.

(10) 35 P47's bombed enemy from Corregidor caves, strafed those heading for Bataan; 26 planes on ground support northwest Stoteburg.

(11) Thirteenth Air Force B24's against Balikpapan airdromes; 18 planes cratered Manggar; 14 planes hit Seppinggan, probably destroyed one of six interceptors.

(12) Two RAAF Ventures attacked bridges western Soembawa Island; RAAF B24 patrol bombed jetty hit barge same area.

Solomons Forces, Air.

Operations Feb 23rd:

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(13) 8 Corsairs, 3 Venturas, 28 B25's attacked
Kavieng and supply dumps Musa Archipelago; 18 Corsairs, 14
Venturas and 33 B25's bombed supplies and bivouacs Tobers
destroyed jetty caused fires near Rabaul; 37 Corsairs struck
warehouses and concentrations Bougainville.

Land. Luzon: I Corps:

33rd Division units secured further high ground in
sector, patrolled extensively; elements 25th Division reached
conversion northwest Pansabangan, others seized high ground
2000 yards southwest Funcan against intense mortar and
machine gun fire.

XIV Corps:

37th Division reported Intramuros clear excepting
pocket in basement Fort Santiago; 12th Cavalry reached
mouth Pasig River, reported port area clear excepting
sniper fire from Engineer Island, enemy pockets held out
north end Wallace Field and in Legislative and Finance
Buildings; 6th Division units captured Montalban and San
Isidro, secured ridge 2000 yards east Montalban.

XI Corps:

Elements 503rd Inf attacking east reached line 200
yards west of line from Ordnance Point to Inf Point en-
countering determined resistance, 3170 enemy killed, six
captured to date on Corregidor.

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To: General Headquarters

Date: 25 February 1945

Cumulative casualties to Feb 24th:

Allied: 3158 killed, 11,600 wounded, 201 missing;
enemy: 51236 killed, 454 captured.

Part III.

(1) Dropped 62 1000 lb bombs.

(2) Dropped 24 1000 lb, 14 500 lb bombs, 59 500 lb incendiaries.

(3) Dropped 8 1000 lb, 64 500 lb bombs.

(4) No details.

(5) Dropped 3 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, fired 2100 rounds 50 calibre.

(6) B24's dropped 80 1000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs from 9000 feet; B25's dropped 12 300 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 7 through 10 no details.

(11) Dropped 226 1000 lb, 2 500 lb bombs from 16,000 to 9,500 feet; intense heavy accurate antiaircraft fire Seepinggan.

(12) Ventura dropped 6 500 lb bombs, fired 500 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 calibre; B24 dropped 3 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, fired 800 50 calibre.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, Layte, Philippines

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(13) B25's dropped 35 2000 lb, 39 1000 lb, 48 500 lb bombs, 8 650 lb depth charges; other planes dropped 30 1000 lb, 34 500 lb, 63 500 lb bombs, 6 325 lb depth charges.

Refer preceding report paragraph 3:
33 A20's dropped 240 100 lb para demes, 26,800 rounds 50 calibre, met slight light inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

Refer report operations Feb 22nd paragraph 8:
10 B25's dropped 38 500 lb bombs, met moderate to intense some accurate antiaircraft fire of all calibers; 10 B25's dropped 36 500 lb bombs Baguio area; 9 other B25's returned nil sightings.

Part IV.

G-2 Intelligence summary information from documents indicates Manila Naval Defense Force under Rear Adm Iwabuchi, Sengi, was charged with defense of city as well as Nichols Field and Port McKinley. Force consisted 5 Bns almost completely naval, strength from undated documents 12300 plus detachment Iobayashi Force and other miscellaneous Army troops. Force commanded by Maj Gen Kobayashi, Takashi, composed provisional bns and probably included also 31st Inf 8th Div; bulk this unit appears located Ipo area, detachments were in Manila and sector west of Laguna de Bay.

Kobayashi force under Shimbu Force commanded by Lt Gen Yokoyama, Shizuo Hqgs last known Montalban. Force CNS-IN-26158 (25 Feb 45) CLASSIFIED

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believed consists 8th Div (less 5th and 31st Inf Regts) elements 105th Div (mainly drawn 81st Brigade) plus miscellaneous service troops. They are roughly distributed along Marikina water-shed on line: Ipo-Navaliches-Montalban-Antipolo. Attempted small scale counterattacks and raids Manila water system and nuisance long range shelling of city. Toward this line drift stragglers from Batangas and Tayabas.

Following extracted daily summary 1064, 23/24 Feb relative probabilities:

Collapse Intramuros defense, breached enemy positions in Intramuros no longer possess protracted defensive capability. Scattered defense east of Manila, our advance into propagandaized new Yamashita line notes steady disintegration enemy counter-offensive capability;

Lost tactical control created pattern uncoordinated defense isolated mountain pockets with eastward withdrawal continuing.

Defense of Baguio, major realignment enemy forces indicated by southward and eastward troop displacements from Baguio however substantial reserves including 19th Div elements believed remaining Baguio area.

Defense of Batangas-Laguna, absence coordinated defensive line Los Banos to Batangas and continuing withdrawal northeast indicated.

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210 B-29'S FROM 73RD, 313 AND 314 BMS MAKE INJUDICARY ATTACK AGAINST DOCK AND URBAN AREA TOKYO 25 FEBRUARY.

ROUTE IS BASE TO 25-00 NORTH 143-00 EAST TO 27-15 NORTH 140-53 EAST TO 29-00 NORTH 137-37 EAST TO 34-47 NORTH 137-37 EAST TO TARGET TO 35-00 NORTH 143-00 EAST TO 26-00 NORTH 145-00 EAST TO BASE.

TAKE OFF 0655 K OVER TARGET 1557 K ETA BASE 2145 K TFS 51, 52 AND 58 AND TG 50.8 NOTE PASSAGE OF FLIGHT NEAR THEIR FORCES.

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(PASSED TO JEP COM 20TH AF ADV ECH AND COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC/POA ADVANCED AS 24/1702)

SUMMARY NUMBER 12 41800K.


CONSIDERING DEFENSE EMPLOYED BY ENEMY ADVANCES MADE THIS AFTERNOON WERE SUBSTANTIAL. FRONT LINES AS OF 1715 GENERAL AS FALLS: TA 1806 19369MO 199KDX 183BDEJ 18BFKDX 167A. MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE INTERIOR BEACH HEAD GREATLY DECREASED. 32 TANS DESTROYED SINCE LANDING BY MINES. 31ST CB BN PLUS 5TH ENGINEER BN ORDERED ASHORE BY 5TH MARDIV. 4TH ENGINEER BN AND 1ST MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY ORDERED ASHORE BY 4TH MARDIV. 3RD MARDIV OPENED ASHORE BY 4TH MARDIV.

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AT 1530, ONE STRIP AIRFIELD NUMBER 1 CLEAR MINEFIELDS, NORTH
HALF BEACH RED 2 COMBINED WITH SOUTH HALF BEACH YELLOW 1 NOW CALLED
BLACK BEACH PASSED TO CONTROL 3RD MAR DIV 1600. JAP DEFENSES AT
AND SUPPORTING CONCRETE EMPLACEMENTS BLOCKHOUSES CAVE
IN DEPTH ENTIRE ISLAND. MANY MORE THAN AIR PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW UN-
COVERED BY BLAST EFFECT GUNFIRE. BLOCKHOUSES REINFORCED CONCRETE
4 FEET THICK, STORAGE TANKS CONCRETE. AREA 183listed, MORPHING
REPORTS SHOW 115 EMPLACEMENTS DESTROYED SURIBACHI, MINEFIELDS
ENCOUNTERED IN 1656 ARE TORPEDO HEADS. DRUMS ON BEACH CONTACT
SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. BELIEVE 115TH INFANTRY NOT YET COMMITTED.
FEW RIFLES OR RIFLE AMMUNITION FOUND. NEW TYPE GRENADE SIZE
ORANGE CLAY COVER BURNS BRIGHTLY. 500 KG BOMBS NOSE FUZE WITH
ROCKET MOTOR HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THESE DOUBTLESS CAUSED THE
HEAVY EXPLOSIONS 0 AND 0 PLUS 1 REPORTED AS HEAVY MORTAR OR HOWITZER
FIRE. COUNTED 2799 JAP KILLED 6 PRISONERS TO DATE. 5TH CORPS
ATTACKS MORNING 0830 OBJECTIVE O-2 K.
FIRE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT DAY BY 2 OB 3 CA 10 DD. HEAVY FIRE WEST
VIRGINIA PENSACOLA MAIN BATTERIES DELIVERED IN SUPPORT. 160 16
INCH 350 8 INCH PLUS FIRE SMALLER BATTERIES DIRECTED AGAINST
ENEMY POSITIONS. REPLENISHMENT AMMUNITION IMPROVED TODAY DUE TO
SMOOTHER SEA. AIR SURFACE SEARCH FOR PERSONNEL REPORTED ADrift
IN 2 LCM'S COMPLETED TODAY LCM'S FOUND BUT NO PERSONNEL IN THEM.
HAMLIN COMPLETED LAUGHING SEA LAPLACE MOORING BUOYS IS ANCHORED IN
BETWEEN SHORE SOUTH EAST END SURIBACHI, HYDROGRAPHIC SURV.
GROUP COMPLETED SURVEY LOCATING ANTI-SUBMARINE NETS AND BUOYS 1400.
VESSELS OF NET AND BUOY UNIT DIRECTED TO LAY MOORING BUOYS AS
DIRECTED BY SURVEY GROUP. UNLOADING TRANSPORTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT
DAY, UNLOADING EXPEDITED BY IMPROVED WEATHER AND FACT THAT TRANSPORTS
CAN NOW ANCHOR CLOSE TO BEACH. PINKNEY ARRIVED AND WILL COMMENCE
EVACUATING CIVILIANS. TOMORROW. CONSOLIDATED FOLLOWING
OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES SC 1027 BREAK DOWN IN PORT ENGINE SHIPS.
FORCE CAN EFFECT TEMPORARY REPAIRS, LSM 202 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE
PORT SIDE HULL PLATING STANCHIONS DECK PLATES DAMAGED ETC. LSM 247
EXTENSIVE HULL DAMAGE PORT SIDE WITH BUCKLED BEAMS MUCH MINOR DAMAGE BOTH SHIPS DAMAGE DUE TO ROLLING IN SEAWAY ALONGSIDE OTHER SHIPS WHILE UNLOADING. DMS 7 PORT ENGINE UNABLE BACK. LSM 49 RAMMED BY LCI 356 RECEIVING 12 INCH HOLE IN SIDE.

ROUTINE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS FLOWN. NUMBER STRIKES REDUCED DUE CARRIERS FUELING AND SEARCH OPERATIONS. SWEEP MADE ON CHICHI JIMA NO REPORTS YET.

GENERAL CONDITION BEACHES MUCH IMPROVED. EQUIPMENT AND TROOPS UNLOADED AT ACCELERATED PACE. OCCASIONAL ARTILLERY AND MORTAR BURSTS STILL BEING RECEIVED BLUE BEACHES.

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MARINE CORSAIRS ON 22ND BOMBED AND POSSIBLY SANK 1 JAP SUB AND PROBABLY DAMAGED ANOTHER OFF CEBU CITY. LINGAYEN AREA HAD A RED ALERT EVENING OF THE 22ND NO DAMAGE TO SHIPING.

GUNFIRE DESTROYERS REMAIN ON STATION OFF CORREGIDOR TO ASSIST IN REDUCTION OF FINAL STRONG POINTS. ORMOC PT'S SANK 3 TROOP LADEN BARGES EAST OF AUINTACAN ISLAND 122/23. ON 21ST NAVY SEARCH PLANE DESTROYED ONE VAL OFF NORTHERN FORMOSA ON 22ND OTHER PLANES NEAR SAKISHIMA GUNTO SANK 2 LANDING CRAFT LOADED WITH TROOPS AND BOMBED A FACTORY ON OKINOS RAI-SHIMA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

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(PASS TO COMINCH FOR ACTION BY CINCPAC/POA ADVHED AS 241307)

SUMMARY NUMBER 11 241200K.

GROUND FORCES HAD RELATIVELY QUIET NIGHT WITH MINOR ATTEMPTS AT INFILTRATION SPORADIC MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE. AT 0915 RESUMED ATTACK WITH THE OBJECTIVE THE GENERAL LINE 182E 190MJ 159H NORTHWEST ROAD JUNCTION 304A 200F 200A.

NORTHEAST 184F 167B WITH 4TH MARDIV MAIN EFFORT ON ITS LEFT; 5TH MARDIV WITH MAIN EFFORT ON ITS RIGHT. ATTACK PRECEDED BY HEAVY AIR NAVAL AND FIELD ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT CONCENTRATED IN GENERAL AREAS 199 AND 200. TANKS SUPPORTED THE ATTACK. BY 1200 SOME GROUND HAD BEEN GAINED IN THE CENTER ALONG SOUTHWEST EDGE OF AIRFIELD NUMBER 2 AGAINST STIFF ENEMY RESISTANCE. RCT 28 CONTINUES Mopping UP SURIBACHI AREA. PATROLS HAVE ENTERED VCNO.
THE CRATER. OUR FRONT LINES AS OF 1130: TA 180E 181ACE 182AGHIJ 183FJKLMNOP 184PU 167A. ALL CORPS ARTILLERY NOW ASHORE. CGLANFOR ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE 0955. RCT 9 AND HQ 3RD MARDIV COMMENCED LANDING AT 0800 ON BEACH YELLOW 1 AND RED 2. TANKS OF 3RD MARDIV LANDED AND MOVED TO ASSEMBLY AREA LAST NIGHT. CASUALTY REPORTS 5TH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS AS OF 231800: KIA 706 WIA 5125 MIA 511. 3 CASUALTIES ON LCS 33 RESULT FRIENDLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE DURING AIR RAID.

NAVAL GUNFIRE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE GROUND FORCES. HEAVY PRE 6 HOUR BOMBARDMENT FIRED THIS MORNING IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACK. SHIP CASUALTIES DUE ENEMY ACTION: LSM 47 HAD NEAR MISS BY BOMB. NO MENTIONABLE DAMAGE BUT 2 MINOR PERSONNEL.

CASUALTIES. LSM 46 HIT BY ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE 1 HIT STARBOARD SIDE WATER LINE AFTER PART CREWS COMPARTMENT; 1 HIT PORT SUPERSTRUCTURE DECK STARTING SMALL FIRE AND DAMAGE IN SHIPS OFFICE 2 DEAD 9 WOUNDED. LAID SEAPLANE HOORING BUOYS AND SURVEY FOR HOORING BUOYS AND NETS UNDERWAY. 6 SEARCH AND 3 DUMBO SEAPLANES REQUESTED FOR TOMORROW. THE FOLLOWING

OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES OCCURRED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS: WILLIAMSON EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE PORT SIDE WHILE FUELING. OPERATIONAL BLT TENDER AVAILABILITY REQUIRED. PC 578 SEVERAL HOLES IN HULL DUE SERVICING SMALL BOATS.

LSM 92 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS FOULED BY WIRE IN PROPELLER REQUIRES DOCKING. KEOKUK AND ABELE (AN 58) ASSISTING FORCE BEACHMASTER IN INSTALLING CAUSEWAY PIER. NUMEROUS VESSELS NOW ANCHORED FOR DISCHARGE OF CARGO. HYMAN WILEY AND TALBOT AND 3 PLANES SEARCHING TO WESTWARD FOR 2 LCM'S REPORTED ADrift WITH PERSONNEL. SOLACE EXPECTS DEPARTS FOR SAIPAN SUNSET.
REPORT AS OF 1800 23 FEBRUARY INDICATES 87 LCVP'S 10 LCM'S AND 1 LCPR WRECKED OR SUNK.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT APPROACHED IN SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS BETWEEN 1840 - 2100 23 FEBRUARY. 2 PLANES IDENTIFIED VISUALLY AS RUFF 1 AS BETTY. NO FIGHTER INTERCEPTIONS. PLANES DROPPED WINDOW BUT APPARENTLY NO ATTACKS MADE ALTHOUGH FRAZIER REPORTED STRADDLED BY BOMBS. WE USED DEFENSIVE RADAR JAMMING AND SMOKE.

SARATOGA REPORTS 25 DEAD, 57 WOUNDED IN SUICIDE ATTACK OF 21 FEBRUARY. REPORTS 3 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN. THIS RAISES NUMBER ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN NIGHT 21 FEBRUARY TO TOTAL 15.

AT 0953 1 TBM FROM STEAMER BAY SHOT DOWN WITH 5TH MARDIV OBSERVER OVER TWO IN FLAMES. PLANE CRASHED IN WATER. NO SURVIVORS 1 BODY RECOVERED.

CONDITIONS ON BEACHES IMPROVING. LATERAL COMMUNICATIONS NOW ESTABLISHED. GENERAL CARGO UNLOADING UNDERWAY. NUMEROUS LST'S AND LSM'S WERE BEACHED AND UNLOADED DURING PAST 24 HOURS.

SEVERAL JAPS REPORTED AS WEARING MARINE UNIFORMS. WEATHER HIGH-SCATTERED ALTO CUMULUS WITH LOWER SCATTERED STRATO CUMULUS. TEMPERATURE 65-67 WIND NORTH-NORTHEAST 12 KNOTS. VISIBILITY HIGH.

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EVENING CHATTERINGS.

COMSUBPAC IN SERIAL 92V TELLS YOU THAT APRA HARBOR WITNESSED ARRIVAL OF BANG AND BURRFISH FROM PATROL TODAY. NO SAILINGS FOR THE WEATHER FRONTON.* PATROL AREAS GETTING CROWDED, FLOUNDER WORKING IN SOWESPAC REPORTS COLLISION SUBMERGED WITH HOE. HE SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE AND HOE NOT DAMAGED. THE MARINES ARE FIGHTING THE BLOOD-TEST BATTLE OF THE PACIFIC ON IWO JIMA AS THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS.

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ACTION CTF 93 FROM CTF 51. INFO COMGEN AAFPOA AND CINCPPOA HED PEARL THROUGH RDO HONO.

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IN ADDITION TO STRIKES REQUESTED BY 232315 REQUEST STRIKES

10 JIMA AT 0000K AND 1500K DAILY UNTIL INFORMED OTHERWISE.

STRIKES TO BE CONDUCTED VISUALLY FROM APPROXIMATELY 5000
FEET ALTITUDE. COMMUNICATIONS ON 140.58 MCS PRIMARY 4475
KOS SECONDARY WITH "GLACIER" (CASCU) CONTROLLING STRIKES.

NO BOMBING UNLESS COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH "GLACIER".

DEFINITE TARGETS AND WEATHER FORECAST WILL BE TRANSMITTED
TO CTF 93 DAILY PRIOR 1900K. PREFER HEAVY BOMBS 25% INSTANTANEOUS
OTHERS FUSED WITH 1/16 TO 1/4 SECOND DELAY.

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February 19, photographs showed four fighter, two bombers Koahsun airbase, 10 fighters, six bombers Choshu (75%) 14 single engined, one twin engined plane Taito, 21 fighters four bombers Kato (50%).

Reconnaissance plane reported four medium freighter transports, three destroyer escorts entering Keelung February 22.

French Indo China:

Shipping reported previous day in Cunhoms as one transport, one cruiser, two destroyers sighted Hailing northwest off Touran February 22.

Three tankers, two escorts reported leaving Cape Saint Jacques morning February 22, two tankers two escorts northbound off Camranh Bay same afternoon, nil shipping remaining Cape Saint Jacques.

Part 2.

Naval.

PT boat sank three supply and troop filled barges northwest Cebu destroyed another on beach night February 22.

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Air. Operations February 21:
(1) Eight RAAF P-40's bombed and strafed Wasile Bay guns Halmahera.

Operations February 22:
(2) Patrol plane from Leyte shot down bomber northern Formosa.
(3) 36 A-20's raided Pugo concentrations southwest Baguio.
(4) 16 Corsairs destroyed Iloilo buildings south-
eastern Panay; 16 Corsairs exploded ammunition dumps caused fires Cebu City; 24 Corsairs over Davao silenced gun position bombed supplies and personnel area Licanan.
(5) 23 RAAF P-40's again struck gun positions Wasile Bay.

Operations February 23:
(6) Catalina near missed small freighter Svatov; day search planes bombed shore target sank two landing craft with 300 troops aboard Nansai Shoto, damaged medium transport off Svatov.
(7) Strikes against Formosa and east China coast incomplete due adverse weather, nine escorted B-25's left seaplane and medium tanker afloat and sinking, scored direct hits and near misses two destroyer escorts, damaged one destroyer one medium tanker both abandoned by crew, destroyed CM-IN-25106  (24 Feb 45)
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Lugger strafed small craft, damaged one of four intercepting
fighters, one B-25 lost to ships anti-aircraft fire Phanrang
Bay.

(8) Numerous ground support missions Luzon included
51 trucks. Bombs on caves and gun positions causing landslides
west of Tacloban; mission against Lubang destroyed one
grounded plane, strafed others.

(9) 19 B-24's cratered Sandakan runway Borneo.

(10) RAAF Ventura exploded fuel laden lugger
      Soembava Island; RAAF B-24 bombed Boetong village south-
           eastern Celebes.

(11) Three A-20's hit targets of opportunity Wewak.

Solomon's Forces.

Air.

Operations February 22:

(12) 10 Corsairs, four Venturas and 31 B-25's started
      large fires among supplies and bivouacs west Kavieng; 14
      Corsairs harassed Rabaul; 30 Corsairs, 8 Venturas, 6 B-25's
      raided supply dumps and personnel areas Bougainville.

Land.

Luzon.

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33rd Division attacking east and southeast secured
objective high ground extending northwest from Suwiong
(311-53R), elements 25th Division advanced northeast from
Rizalhima reached Latabangan against minor opposition.

XIV Corps:

37th Division: Following one hour artillery
preparation 37th Division launched coordinated attack on
Intramuros:

129th Infantry crossed Pasig River in assault from
north, 124th Infantry attacked from east entering walled city
at Queson and Ferrin gates, approximately three quarters
Intramuros secured, resistance disorganized, our casualties
reported light.

Elements 12th Cavalry (attached 37th Division)
secured Manila Hotel advanced north to 16th Street.

11th Airborne Division: Elements 511st Parachute
Infantry and 188th Glider Infantry captured Los Banos
(south shore Laguna De Bay) annihilated enemy garrison,
liberated 2146 internees.

Elements 1st Cavalry Division reached points 2000
yards southwest Antipolo and 2000 yards northeast Taytay.

6th Division launched coordinated attack to east and
northeast to secure objective Montalban - Mount Pacawagan
(020815), captured high ground 3500 yards northeast Bayanbayanan
and 2500 yards northwest Montalban.

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XI Corps:

Elements 38th Division patrolled on Bataan without
contact.

503rd Infantry engaged mopping up west end Corregidor.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 2 and 3. No details.

(4) Dropped 88 1,000 lb bombs; moderate medium
inaccurate anti aircraft fire Liganan.

(5) Dropped 24 500 lb, 22 250 lb bombs, met
moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) No details.

(7) B-25's dropped 19 500 lb bombs four to five
seconds delay, salvoed 11 others, fired 9,700 rounds, 50
-caliber.

(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 128 1,000 lb bombs from 9,400 feet.

(10) Ventura dropped 3 300 lb bombs five seconds
delay, fired 800 rounds 50, 300 rounds 30 calibre; B-24
dropped 3 500 lb bombs.

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(1) Dropped 12 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired unstated number rounds.

(2) 37 B-25's dropped 15 2,000 lb, 45 1,000 lb, 18 500 lb bombs plus 2 fire bombs; other planes dropped 48 1,000 lb, 14 500 lb bombs, 8 650 lb, 54 325 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 21:

Paragraph 9: 12 B-25's dropped 8 500 lb bombs failed locate other targets.

Paragraph 10: 15 B-25's dropped 54 250 lb paradesmos, fired 36,000 rounds 50 calibre; 37 A-20's dropped 122 250 lb paradesmos, fired 27,800 rounds 50 calibre, met slight to moderate light accurate anti aircraft fire.


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| INFORMATION |
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**FROM CTF 51 TO CINCPAC ADVANCED CINCPAC HED PEARL AND ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS.**

**THIS IS ACTION ON FIFTH FLEET FROM CTF 55 INFO TO CINCPAC ADVANCED CINCPAC HED PEARL AND ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS.**

**FIFTH FLEET.**

**THIS IS MY SUMMARY NUMBER 10 231800K.**


717 ENEMY DEAD COUNTED IN THE RCT 28 AREA. ENEMY LANDING CRAFT AND MORTAR FIRE REPORTED FROM KANGOKU ROCKS WERE ELIMINATED BY DD GUNFIRE. BATTERY A 2ND BN CORPS ARTILLERY LANDED IN GENERAL SUPPORT. REMAINDER...

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
THIS BN AND CORPS ARTILLERY HQ WERE ORDERED TO LAND DURING THE DAY. FRONT LINES AS OF 1630 ARE:

SURIBACHI AREA, NO CHANGE.
NORTH FRONT TA 197Y THENCE 198 UXT 199 PU 182 B
GLRNO 183
NORTH 184 PU 167A.

NAVAL GUNFIRE CONTINUES THE SUPPORT OF THE GROUND TROOPS. AMMUNITION REPLENISHMENT WAS CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY PENSACOLA FROM TRANSPORTS, DD'S FROM AE'S AND LST'S LCI'S FROM LST'S. REPLENISHMENT IS SLOW BECAUSE OF HIGH WINDS AND MODERATE SEA. THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED:

LST 390 IN COLLISION WITH LST 807 WHILE RETRACTING FROM BEACH. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FORWARD INCLUDING FIVE FOOT HOLE STARBOARD BOW DOORS AND MECHANISM DAMAGED BOW ANCHOR LOST. EMERGENCY REPAIRS WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TO REAR AREA. LST 716 LOST RAMP, EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WELD STEEL BULKHEADS AND STEEL RAMP ARE UNDERWAY. YMS 361 HAS LEAK IN HULL BUT SHIP STILL OPERATIONAL. SC 1027 SNAPED STARBOARD SHAFT. IS OPERATIONAL AND CAN MAKE 12 KNOTS. PC 877 HAS DAMAGED STARBOARD PROPELLER BUT OPERATIONAL AND CAN MAKE 11 KNOTS. SOLACE BURNED OUT ANCHOR ENGINE WITH THIRTY FATHOMS OF CHAIN OUT. REPAIRS BY SHIPS FORCE IN PROGRESS. LST 92 FOULED BY WIRE IN PROPELLERS. EFFORTS TO REMOVE IT ARE UNDERWAY.

AIR STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF GROUND TROOPS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CORRECTION MY SUMMARY NUMBER 8. FIRE ON TBM'S FROM ENTERPRISE WAS FROM UNIT WITH SWEAER BUT NOT FROM THAT VESSEL. ONE TBM FROM RUDYARD BAY HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 1700/22 FEBRUARY AFTER REPORTING A CONTEMPLATED WATER LANDING 21 MILES BEARING 255 FROM IWO. IMMEDIATE SURFACE SEARCH WAS MADE AND TWO SEARCHES ON 23 FEBRUARY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 1350/23 FEBRUARY AN OS2U PLANE FROM NEVADA CRASHED INSIDE OUR LINES ON IWO. PILOT, LT. HUGH WILLIAM SHELDON, USN KILLED. CAPT. JOHN A. FRIDAY, USMC, PASSENGER, SERIOUSLY INJURED. ALL PLANE DOCUMENTS RETRIEVED AND BURNED. LATEST CHECK ON SURVIVORS FROM BISMARK SEA INDICATES 100 OFFICERS 513 ENLISTED MEN SURVIVED OUT.
OF 124 OFFICERS AND 836 ENLISTED MEN ON BOARD. FIGURES INCLUDE SQUADRON VC-86 AND PASSENGERS. LARGE PERSONNEL LOSS CONSIDERED DUE TO INITIAL EXPLOSION AND FIRE AMPLIFIED BY LATER EXPLOSION OF TORPEDOES.

Sweep of Chichi Jima was made during afternoon of 23 February by planes from fast carriers. Details are not available upon this mission. One plane from Belleau Woods was reported down 10 miles from target. Air-sea rescue operations are underway.

Green and red beach considerably improved. Supplies continue to be landed by LST's, LSM's, and LCT's. Troops report at they trailer highly successful in moving supplies over heavy sand. Weasels are effective in carrying supplies to front lines. Salvage efforts to clear beaches shows considerable progress. Supply dumps being moved inland to relieve congestion. Yellow beaches yellow and blue continue to receive sporadic mortar or artillery fire which impedes work considerably. Pontoon barges and causeways not being used due to steep beaches and heavy surf which causes broaching.

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**MESSAGE**

**COM7THFLT GIVES ACTION CINCSWPA TARLAC AND LEYTE**. INFO

**CWINCH CINOPAC GUAM, COM7THFLT REAR ECH**

**CONTACT WITH SUBMARINE THAT TORPEDOED RENSHAW NOT YET REGAINED. SEARCH CONTINUING. 4 PT'S PATROLLING INSIDE MANILA BAY TODAY. ON 21/22 SUBIC BOATS TRANSPORTED 50 TROOPS FROM CAVITE TO PARAANAE. ON 20/21 MINDORO BOATS TORPEDOED AND BLEW THE STERN OFF AN AK NEAR AYONI BAY LUI P. NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON THE 21ST AND 22ND DESTROYED 1 KIWL OFF INDO CHINA. BOMBED STRAFAED AND LEFT LISTING 1 DD OFF CAPE ST JACQUES INDO CHINA. SANK A SMALL CARGO SHIP SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG. STRAFAED AND LEFT DEAD IN THE WATER A MOTOR LUGGER OFF OKINAWA. PROBABLY SANK 4 BARGES OFF FORMOSA. **REASIZED**

**COPY TO 20G.**

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

(CTF 51 SENDS ACTION CTG 52.2.5)

FMICA JIMA MORNING SWEEP OCEV'S REPORTS
5 PLANES ON FIELD AND 4 ON REVETMENT
TARGET AREA 198D ALSO 14 SMALL CRAFT TARGET
AREA 246 SWEEP REPORTS 3 PLANES DESTROYED
3 PLANES DAMAGED STRIKE IMMEDIATELY.

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OASD letter, May 3, 1972
By SLR Date MAY 21 1973

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET INFO CINCPAC (BOTH HQTS) AND ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET.

(PASSING BY PAC/POA ADVISED AS 231132 FOR INFO TO COMINCH COMGEN 2ND MARDIV AND DEP COMDR 20TH AIRFORCE HICKAM FIELD)

THIS IS MY SUMMARY NUMBER 9 231200R.

BOTH FRONTS WERE RELATIVELY QUIET DURING THE NIGHT 22/23 FEBRUARY. USUAL ENEMY INFILTRATION TACTICS WERE ATTEMPTED BUT WITHOUT RESULTS. GROUP OF ENEMY SWIMMERS CAME IN ON WEST COAST IN REAR OF LINES OF RCT 26 WHICH REQUIRED SOME MOPPING UP. OUR ATTACK THIS MORNING TO THE NORTH WAS AS FOLLOWS: 5TH MARDIV ON THE LEFT WITH 2/27, 2/26, 3/26 (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IN LINE); 4TH MARDIV ON THE RIGHT WITH 2/21, 1/21, 2/24, 3/2 (GROUPS OMITTED), 1/24, (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IN LINE). BLT 3/26 WAS HELD UP ON THE RIGHT SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING LINE OF DEPARTURE BY HEAVY MORTAR AND ARTILLERY.

(REDACTED)
RCT 21 reported at 0825 they were pinned down. Resistance continued heavy but reports indicate that the advance is continuing. RCT 28 on the south continued their attack against Mt Suribachi and at 1035 reached the rim of the crater on the north. Mopping up operations proceeding this area with flamethrowers much in evidence. The 13 and 14 Marine Artillery is in direct and general support of the attack, intend landing Headquarters and 9th RCT of 3rd MarDiv 24 February.

Front lines as of 1200 Suribachi area indefinite but many troops in sight and occupy rim of crater north east and south. West coast no change. North front lines are from 197Y 198UXYT 199F 182BLNO 183FGHNY 196E.

Night illumination and interdiction gunfire was delivered throughout the night by 3 Cruisers 10 D/D’s 1 mortar support unit. Scheduled and call fire continued throughout the morning. Solace arrived and is embarking casualties. Rough water has interfered with operation of boats.

Scheduled air strikes are being carried out this morning with emphasis on destruction of pin point targets under direction of Air Coordinator and Air Liaison parties. Strike this morning on Chichi Jima destroyed 3 damaged 2 of 10 planes seen on ground. 14 small craft seen. 2 TBM planes were damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire but both returned. Air artillery spotting plane reports enemy AA fire launched white 3-foot parachutes at 2000 feet. Each parachute was suspended by a 4-foot cable an object 2 feet long.

Sincerely,

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WHICH EMITTED STREAMERS OF FLAME. IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THAT
2 TBM PLANES FROM ENTERPRISE WHICH WERE SEARCHING FOR SARATOGA PILOTS
WERE SHOT DOWN ABOUT 1530 22 FEBRUARY INSTEAD OF 1 PLANE AS REPORTED
IN MY SUMMARY NUMBER 8. A SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS FROM THIS PLANE AND
FOR CREWS OF 2 MISSING SARATOGA IS CONTINUING.

BEACH CONDITIONS ARE SOMEWHAT IMPROVED. BLUE 1 AND YELLOW 2 WERE
SUBJECTED TO SOME MORTAR FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING AND SEVERAL SNIPERS
KILLED NEAR BEACHES. 3 ROADS NOW EXIST FOR VEHICLES FROM YELLOW
BEACHES TO AIRFIELD. BEACH RED 1 NOW HAS 1 EXIT FOR TRACKED VEHICLES
AND 1 FOR WHEELED VEHICLES. BEACH RED 2 HAS 2 FOR TRACKED VEHICLES
AND 1 FOR WHEELED VEHICLES. BEACH GREEN HAS 1 FOR TRACKED VEHICLES,
BLUE 1 HAS ROAD FOR TRACKED VEHICLES. BLUE 2 CAN CONSTRUCT ROAD
WHEN FREE OF ENEMY MACHINE GUN FIRE.

WEATHER PARTLY CLOUDY, VISIBILITY GOOD WIND NORTH-NORTHWEST
20-25 KNOTS. 6 FOOT BREAKERS ON EASTERN BEACHES AND CHOPPY ENOUGH OFF
SHORE TO IMPede UNLOADING AND REPLACEMENT OF AMMUNITION.

DELIVERED TO 20-G.
FROM COMTASKFORCE 51 ACTION TO COM 5TH FLEET AND BOTH HEADQUARTERS CINCPAC. INFO TASK FORCE COMDRS 5TH FLEET AND TASK FORCE 51 ECM HOLDERS.

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FLASH.

AT 1035K UNITED STATES ENSIGN WAS SEEN HOISTED

BY RCT 28 AT THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT SURIBACHI.
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

To: War Department

DTG: 23/1115Z 23 February 1945

To Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur. Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/21 to 1500Z/22 signed MacArthur.

Formosa:

Reconnaissance plane reported one destroyer one destroyer escort six freighter transports on easterly course southwest Amoy February 22.

French Indo China:

Local report large transport one cruiser two destroyers anchored Quinhon evening February 21, harbour reported empty by Liberator next day with large tanker and three escorts northbound 60 miles to north, four freighters two escort vessels covered by single fighter sighted same day heading northeast 40 miles east Cape Saint Jacques; 12 small freighters reported in Trouna River February 20.

Visayas:

Enemy submarine reported by convoy south Negros February 21.

Borneo:

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Photographs February 22 showed two fighters Tarakan airdrome, four fighters one light bomber Labuan.

Part II.

Naval:

Mindoro Pts torpedoed freighter transport southeast Catanuan night February 20, vessel observed on reef with stern blown off next day; enemy submarine attacked Allied destroyer southeast Negros Island morning February 21.

Air:

Enemy action:

F 61 shot down Betty southeast Lingayen night February 19; two planes destroyed some F 36s Lingayen airdrome following night.

Operations February 20:

(1) 4 B 25s strafed three camouflage barge Cagayan River, bombed Camaliguan airfield south Aparrri;
24 A 20s furnished excellent ground support against concentrations Lumbay East Rosales;
35 A 20s fired fuel dumps exploded buildings Calamba southwestern Laguna De Bau.

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(2) 24 RAAF P 40s scored excellent coverage gun positions Waspie Bay Halmahera; 2 Beaufighter strafed unidentified vessels Ceram.

Operations February 21:

(3) 9 Dauntless attacked supplies and ammunition Pantay East Manila; 59 P 47s on ground support northeast Manila and Corregidor.

(4) 4 Corsairs destroyed large building Capul Island, San Bernadino Strait; 8 Corsairs demolished buildings Taliay; 18 Corsairs near missed patrol boat bombed enemy concentrations Cebu.

(5) 7 Corsairs destroyed one fighter Lumbia airdrome, exploded fuel and ammunition dumps Surigao; 34 Corsairs destroyed buildings damaged pier Licanan; 23 B 24s caused explosions many fires Sassa airdrome Davao.

(6) RAAF B 24s attacked Alor Island; RAAF Ventura damaged barge Flores Island.

Operations February 22:

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(7) B-24 patrols left destroyer burning and heading for beach damaged one of three intercepting fighters east Cape Saint Jacques, sank seaplane strafed destroyer escort southwest Hongkong, probably destroyed four barges western Formosa, damaged motor lugger Hansei Shoto, destroyed one lugger damaged others Negros Island; Venturas destroyed one barge damaged one barge one lugger Sulu Archipelago.

(8) 10 B-25s attacked convoy southeastern China Coast, sank one destroyer probably sank large freighter transport damaged another freighter transport one destroyer one patrol craft; Other B-25s weathered out Formosa and China Coast, attacked stores and concentrations Baguio.

(9) 129 Dauntless on ground support Luzon; 48 P-51s caused heavy destruction Marikina east Manila; 28 P-47s assisted operations Corregidor.

(10) 100 B-24s dropped 400 tons bombs one concentrations northwest Sotsenburg.

(11) 15 B-24s cratered Labuan runway Borneo; 18 B-24s bombed Tarakan airdrome.

(12) 4 RAAF B-24s patrols attacked Raha town southeastern Celebes, bombed bridges western Soembawa, attacked small vessels Flores Sea; RAAF Ventura attacked lugger Flores Island;

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2 RAAF B 25s exploded fuel laden lugger damaged barge and jetty Flores Island.

(13) 3 B 25s raided Cape Moem Wewak.

Solomons Forces.

Air.

Operations February 21:

(14) 8 Corsairs 6 Venturas 34 B 25s bombed Kavieng; 38 Corsairs attacked villages exploded supplies Bougainville.

Land. Luzon.

I Corps:

32nd Division captured remaining five objective hills on Villa Verde trail; Elements 33rd Division secured high ground 3,700 yards east Caurungan.

XIV Corps:

6th Division attacking east crossed Marikina River, reached San Mateo; 37th Division secured City Hall and General Post Office excepting basement, completing capture all buildings eastern Intramuros approaches, reported heavy
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Leyte, Philippines

D/F: 23/III5Z 23 February 1945

fire fight for mezzanine floor Manila Hotel; elements
1st Cavalry Division occupied Taytay without opposition,
patrols reached point 1,500 yards southwest Antipolo.

XI Corps:
503rd Infantry reported 2200 counted enemy dead on
Corregidor to morning February 22.

Part III.
(1) B 25s dropped 16 250 lb parademos, fired 6,000
pounds 50 calibre;
A 20s dropped 223 250 lb parademos, fired 9,400
rounds 50 calibre.

(2) P 40s dropped 33 500 lb bombs, 2 250 lb, 8 20
lb frags, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 1 1,000 lb, 32 500 lb bombs.

(5) 34 Corsairs dropped 40 1,000 lb bombs, met
moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire;
B 24s dropped 850 100 lb bombs from 11,000 feet.

(6) B 24 dropped 3 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs;
Ventura dropped 2 300 lb bombs, fires 1,300
rounds 50 calibre, 800 rounds 30 calibre.

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Paragraphs 7 through 9 no details.

(10) Dropped 800 1,000 lb bombs.

(11) Dropped 378 500 lb bombs from 11,600 ft to 10,000 feet.

(12) B 24s dropped 27 500 lb bombs, fired 1,800 rounds 50 calibre; Venture dropped 3 300 lb bombs; B 25s fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(13) Dropped 12 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay, fired 3 300 round 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 24 2,000 lb, 18 1,000 lb, 34 500 lb, 18 250 lb bombs, 24 700 lb, 4 650 lb, 6 325 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 20 Paragraph 8:

B 25s dropped 225 500 lb bombs and fired 9,800 rounds 50 calibre, met moderate light and medium some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

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2 PRISONERS OF WAR.
NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER.

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CONDITIONS WITH HEAVY RAIN AND LOW VISIBILITY. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE WILL BE DECREASED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF
REPLENISHMENT IN ROUGH WATER. NIGHT NAVAL GUNFIRE HAS BEEN
LIMITED TO RESIST COUNTER BATTERY FIRE TO BREAK UP COUNTER
ATTACKS AND DISPERAL (GARBLID GROUPS) OTHERWISE CURTAILED.
DURING THE DAY NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS SUPPLIED BY 2 DB
2 OBB 3 CA 3 CL 11 OVP D. AIR SPOT WAS INTERMITTENT AND LIMIT-
ED BY LOW CEILING. AMMUNITION REPLENISHMENT 1 CA, 2 CL FROM
AE'S 2 CA FROM TRANSPORTS AND SEVERAL DD'S FROM LST. FIRE
SUPPORT SHIPS INCLUDING INDIANAPOLIS FROM TF 58 WERE DETACHED
AT SUNSET, OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES OCCURRED AS FOLLOWS: USS
NAMAN (DE), HIT SUBMERGED OBJECT DAMAGING PORT PROPELLER AND
RENDERING PORT ENGINE INOPERATIVE. INSPECTION AND NECESSARY
REPAIRS IF POSSIBLE WILL BE MADE HERE. LSM 1145 SUSTAINED
DAMAGE BY SHIFTING CARGO CAUSED BY ROLLING IN SEA WAY AS
FOLLOWS: PORT SIDE SERIOUSLY WEAKENED, 2 50 CALIBER MACHINE
GUNS DAMAGED, MAST BENT, VENTILATOR DAMAGED, RADIO ALTIMETER
CS RADIO INOPERATIVE.

SURVIVORS FROM BISMARCK SEA NOW ON DICKENS AND HIGHLANDS 32
OFFICERS INCLUDING CAPTAIN LEARY* 622 ENLISTED. THERE ARE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64
ABOUT 20 STRETCHER CASES. EXPECT TO REPORT PERSONNEL LOSSES TOMORROW. KEOKUK REPORTS 12 KIA 31 WIA 51 MIA AND LST 477.

REPORTS KIA 9 WIA 1 WAS IN YESTERDAYS PLANE ATTACKS. CONDITIONS THIS AFTERNOON HANDICAPEP AIR MISSIONS. ALL AIR STRIKES WERE CANCELLED AT 1430. PRIOR TO THIS TIME APPROXIMATELY 800 AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN STRIKES. AIR SEARCH FOR MISSING PILOT **

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I WILL REQUIRE LIMITED AMOUNT CLEARING AND LEVELING BEFORE IT CAN BE PLACED IN OPERATION. RAIN AND POOR VISIBILITY CONTINUED.

LANDING OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES RESTRICTED TO LOTS LSLS AND LENS BUT CONSIDERABLE FREIGHT LANDED TODAY 11 PONTOON BARGES OPERATING. 1 PONTOON CAUSEWAY NOW IN USE ON BEACH RED 1. DEMOLITION TEAMS AND SALVAGE VESSELS CONTINUE CLEARING BEACHES OF WRECKAGE. CORPS SHORE PARED JUMING FUNCTIONING ASHORE. SOME HEAVY SHORE PARTY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN LANDED.

TLFXOXA FROM BEACHES HAVE BEEN IMPROVING (GARbled GROUPS) INVESTIGATION OF WEST BEACHES INDICATES THEM UNSUITABLE FOR LANDING UNTIL AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF ENEMY RESISTANCE AND UNLESS WEATHER CONDITIONS EXCELLENT, APPEAR (GARbled GROUPS)

TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON EASTERN BEACHES.

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OUR TROOPS CONTINUED ATTACK THIS AFTERNOON AGAINST STUBBORN RESISTANCE. RCT 21 ON THE LEFT FLANK OF THE 4TH DIVISION WAS PINNED DOWN BY HEAVY RIFLE AND MORTAR FIRE AND MADE ONLY SLIGHT GAINS TO THE NORTH AGAINST AIRFIELD NUMBER 2. THE 5TH DIVISION ON THE LEFT FLANK ADVANCED ABOUT 200 YARDS NORTH OF THE 0-1 LINE BUT WERE UNABLE TO ADVANCE FURTHER AHEAD OF RCT ON THEIR RIGHT. RCT 28 SUPPORTED BY TANKS ARTILLERY DEMOLITION AND FLAME THROWERS CONTINUES ATTACK ON MT SURIHACHI. STRONG RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS WERE SENT UP THE CLIFFS AND EXISTING TRAILS AND WERE MET BY ENEMY TROOPS

DROPPING HAND GRENADES AND DEMOLITION CHARGES, AT 1400 IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BASE OF THE CRATER WAS ENTIRELY CIRCLED AND THAT THE ELIMINATION OF ENEMY DEFENSES WAS PROGRESSING. IN THE ATTACK TODAY THE 5TH MAR DIV WAS SUPPORTED BY 3 BNS OF THE
13TH FIELD ARTILLERY AND 1 BATTERY OF CORPS ARTILLERY. 5 BNS OF FIELD ARTILLERY WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE 4TH DIVISION. A STRONG ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK WAS REPORTED ORGANIZING ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE CORPS FRONT AT 1100 AND WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY NAVAL GUNFIRE AND FIELD ARTILLERY. REPORT OF 1600 INDICATED THE COUNTER ATTACK MATERIALIZED BUT DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE. RCT 26 REPORTS A STRONG ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK AT 1700 ALONG THEIR FRONT ON THE LEFT OF THE CORPS FRONT. THIS ATTACK WAS REPORTED REPULSED AT 1810. AT 1630 TROOPS WERE ORDERED TO DIG IN AND PREPARE TO RESIST COUNTER ATTACK AND INFILTRATION TONIGHT. THE ATTACK WILL BE CONTINUED AT 0730. NO CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OBJECTIVES AND ZONES OF ACTION. FRONT LINES AS OF 1600 ARE AS FOLLOWS: TA131NSX 121DE 122A 13214VOLK 131JN THENCE ALONG WEST COAST TO SOUTH PART 197Y THENCE 198WVXT 199PU 182A 181J 182KOMXT 1834MN TO 16G.

CASUALTY REPORTS AS OF 1800 21 FEBRUARY: LANDING FORCE LESS RCT 25 KIA 644; WIA 460; MIA 560. TOTAL FOR RCT 25 1072. TOTAL OF GROUND FORCES 6444 ENEMY COUNTED DEAD REPORTED AS OF 1800 2 FEBRUARY TOTAL 12214 2 PRISONERS OF WAR.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS WITH HEAVY RAIN AND LOW VISIBILITY. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE WILL BE DECREASED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF REPLENISHMENT IN ROUGH WATER. NIGHT NAVAL GUNFIRE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO RESIST COUNTER BATTERY FIRE TO BREAK UP COUNTER ATTACKS AND DISPERSE ASSEMBLIES. STAR SHELL ILLUMINATION LIKewise CURTAILED. DURING THE DAY NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS SUPPLIED BY 2 08 2 OBB 3 CA 3 CL 11 OVP D. AIR SPOT WAS INTERMITTENT AND LIMITED BY LOW CEILING.

AMMUNITION REPLENISHMENT 1 CA, 2 CL FROM AES 2 CA FROM TRANSPORTS AND SEVERAL DD'S FROM LST. FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS INCLUDING INDIANAPOLIS FROM TF 58 WERE DETACHED AT SUNSET. OPERATIONAL CASUALTIES OCCURRED AS FOLLOWS: USS NANNAN (DE) HIT SUBMerged.

OBJECT DAMAGING PORT PROPELLER AND RENDERING PORT ENGINE INOPERATIVE. INSPECTION AND NECESSARY REPAIRS IF POSSIBLE WILL BE MADE HERE.

LSM 147 SUSTAINED DAMAGE BY SHIFTING CARRO CAUSED BY ROLLING IN SEA WAY AS FOLLOWS: PORT SIDE SERIOUSLY WEAKENED, 2 50 CALIBER
MACHINE GUNS DAMAGED, MAST BENT, VENTILATOR DAMAGED, RADAR AND TCS RADIO INOPERATIVE. SURVIVORS FROM BISMARCK SEA NOW ON DICKENS AND HIGHLANDS 32 OFFICERS INCLUDING CAPTAIN PRATT 622 ENLISTED, OF THESE ABOUT 20 STRETCHER CASES. EXPECT TO REPORT PERSONNEL LOSSES TOMORROW.

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4TH DIVISION REPORTS AIRFIELD NUMBER 1 WILL REQUIRE LIMITED AMOUNT CLEARING AND LEVELING BEFORE IT CAN BE PLACED IN OPERATION. RAIN AND POOR VISIBILITY CONTINUED. LANDING OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES RESTRICTED TO LCTS LST'S AND Lrms BUT CONSIDERABLE FREIGHT LANDED TODAY 11 PONTOON BARGES OPERATING. 1 PONTOON CAUSEWAY NOW IN USE ON BEACH RED 1. EXPLOSION TEAMS AND SALVAGE VESSELS CONTINUE CLEARING BEACHES OF WRECKAGE. CORPS SHORE PARTY IS NOW FUNCTIONING AShore. SOME HEAVY SHORE PARTY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN LANDED. EXITS FROM BEACHES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF BEACH CONDITIONS HAS BEEN MADE. INVESTIGATION OF WEST BEACHES INDICATES THEM UNSUITABLE FOR LANDING UNTIL AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF ENEMY RESISTANCE AND UNLESS WEATHER CONDITIONS EXCELLENT. APPEARS BEST NOW TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON EASTERN BEACHES.

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A. KENNEL BASEMENT AND GARAGE REMAIN AIR SURFACE THRU 28 FEB EXCEPT FOR A CIRCLE OF 50 MILES RADIUS FROM HACHIOJI JIMA WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FOR THIS PERIOD.

B. FURNACE REMAINS JOINT FROM 25 FEB THRU 27 FEB.

C. STOVE REVERTS IMMEDIATELY TO SUBMARINE PATROL.

D. WINDPVC REMAINS AIR SURFACE THRU 26 FEB. ON 27 FEB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IT BECOMES JOINT.

E. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE STABLE AND PANTRY REMAIN AIR SURFACE AND ENTRANCE AND CORRIDOR REMAIN JOINT.

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F. CLOSET, CHURCH YARD, DEFER AND ABDUCT EAST WILL BE AIR SURFACE AND ABLAZE EAST WILL BE JOINT FROM 1 MARCH THRU 3 MARCH.

O. CUPBOARD WILL BE AIR SURFACE AND DECAEP EAST OF LONGITUDE 130 EAST WILL BE JOINT FROM 1 MARCH THROUGH 4 MARCH.

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CIF 51 SENDS. ACTION TO COM 5TH FLEET. INFO TO CINCPAC
ADVHD AND HED PEARL AND ALL TASK FORCE COMDIRS 5TH FLEET.

(PASS TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC/POA ADVHD AS 221332)

THIS IS SUMMARY NUMBER 7 2212000.

GROUND FORCES DURING THE NIGHT ORGANIZED THE FORWARD POSITION
HELD AS OF 1800. SEVERAL HEAVY ENEMY COUNTER ATTACKS DEVELOPED
AND AN UNCONFIRMED ENEMY LANDING ON THE WEST COAST IN THE ZONE
OF THE 5TH MARDIV WAS REPORTED. THE LEFT FLANK OF RCT 27 WAS
HIT HARD BUT ALL LINES THROUGHOUT THE AREA HELD. CONSIDERABLE
INFILTRATION WAS ATTEMPTED ALONG ENTIRE FRONT. THE GROUND
FORCES LAUNCHED A COORDINATED ATTACK AT 0330 WITH THE OBJECT
OF THE 8-2 LINE AND MT SURIBACHI. RCT 21 RELIEVED ELEMENTS OF
THE 23RD MARINES ON THE 4TH DIVISION FRONT WHICH RETREATED TO
DIVISION CONTROL. FRONT LINE UNITS FOR THE ATTACK FROM RIGHT
TO LEFT WERE 1/2 2/25 3/25 1/21 2/21 3/26 2/26 1/26. RCT
28 MADE THE ASSAULT ON MT SURIBACHI. A REQUEST AT 0900 FROM
RCT 28 FOR BLOCK AND TACKLE TO LOWER CASUALTIES FROM MT SURI-
BACHI INDICATED THEY HAVE BEGUN THE ASSAULT OF ENEMY POSITIONS.
ON THE FACE OF THE MOUNTAIN, THE ATTACK BY THE 5TH DIVISION WAS
GOVERNED BY THE ADVANCE OF ELEMENTS OF RCT 21 ON THE LEFT OF THE
4TH MARDIV SECTOR. HEAVY SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND MORTAR
FIRE CONTINUES ON ALL OUR ELEMENTS. ADVANCES ON ALL FRONTS WAS
SLOW DURING THE MORNING AGAINST STIFF OPPOSITION. LATEST REPORTS
INDICATE NO CHANGE IN FRONTLINE FACING MT SURIBACHI AND ALONG THE
WEST COAST. LINE HELD BY THE MAIN LINE AT 1130 IS AS FOLLOWS:
TA 180E 161 AB 198 WY GAP 181 1J 182 KLR 183 FHTY 166EB.

DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENEMY DEFENSE POSITIONS ACROSS THE ISLAND
AND IN THE VICINITY OF AIRFIELD NUMBER 2 HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BY
THE ASSAULT. MANY GUN POSITIONS HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT. TRANSDIV
31 WITH RCT 9 AND CG 3RD MARDIV EMBARKED, ARRIVED BUT REMAINED
IN EXTRAPAC RESERVE.
THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ENEMY UNITS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED:
YAMASHITA BUNI (CODE GOO5); NISHI 272;
CASUALTY REPORTS CONTINUE UNRELIABLE. AS OF 1735 21 CASUALTIES
RECEIVED ABOARD SHIPS INDICATE KIA, 385 WIA 4160. COMBAT EFFICIENCY
IS CONSIDERED TO BE 70%.
NAVAL BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE ATTACK.
AMMUNITION
EXPENDED BY FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS IS CAUSING SERIOUS SHORTAGE. RE-
PLENISHMENT IS SLOW. THE SAMARITAN WITH CASUALTIES RETIRED AT
SUNSET 21ST FOR SAIPAN.
AN ESTIMATED 50 JAP PLANES, BOTH BETTY AND ZEKE ATTACKED CARRIERS
AND AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS IN IWO JIMA AREA FROM 1640 TO 2000 21ST. PLANES
WERE DIVIDED INTO SMALL GROUPS FOR THESE ATTACKS. 5 SHIPS WERE HIT.
SARATOGA, BISMARCK SEA, LUNGA POINT, KEOKUK AND LST 477. BISMARCK
SEA LATER SANK. 1 ENEMY PLANE REPORT SHOT DOWN BY SARATOGA FIGHTER
AND 6 BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM SHIPS. AT 1846 LUNGA POINT WAS
ATTACKED BY 2 SUICIDE ZEKES 1 SHOT DOWN 1 CRASHED IN AFTER END OF
ISLAND BUT SHIP IS OPERATIONAL. DAMAGE TO KEOKUK AND LST 477 NOT
SEVERE AND SHIPS ARE OPERATIONAL. AIR-SEA RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE
BEING CARRIED OUT. 1 EACH PILOT HAVE BEEN REPORTED RESCUED BY ABELE SWEARER HYMAN AND SIGNET. 9 SARATOGA PLANES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED ON CVE. 5 SARATOGA PLANES STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

REDUCED AIR SUPPORT OF TROOPS IS CONTINUING IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER. MORE THAN 300 COMBAT MISSIONS WERE FLOWN FROM DAYLIGHT TO 1200.

BEACH CONDITIONS GENERALLY UNSATISFACTORY. BEACHES STILL CONGESTED BUT DEMOLITION TEAMS AND SALVAGE VESSELS ARE ENGAGED IN CLEARING WRECKED GEAR. 10 LSTS AND SEVERAL LSMS HAVE BEEN LANDING TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT THIS MORNING. EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO IMPROVE SITUATION. SURF AND SEA CONDITIONS BAD. SEVERAL LVTS AND DUKS HAVE BEEN SUNK. CORPS IS SHORE PARTY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AT 0915.

WEATHER IS OVERCAST WITH HARD RAIN LOW VISIBILITY WITH 15 TO 25 KNOTS FROM ESE.
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   CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur India
   CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
   CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking China
   CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea New Caledonia

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SITSUM nr 45-48 action WOBA info CG 20th BOMCOM CINCWPA
USF China Theater, CG SOPACOM and CG India Burma Theater
with all dates East Longitude Time.

Here is more activity 17th February.

Ammunition barge and three small ships in harbor
at Chichi Jima destroyed by carrier planes. At Babelthupap
fort F4U's damaged two boats by strafing, caused
explosion and set a building afire. Possible enemy SS was
depth charged approximately 40 miles west of Maug Island. Later
five miles to west contact was again made.

Now February 18th.

At Iwo Jima personnel area north of volcano and
defense facilities north of S boat basin received 90% hits
by Century bombs delivered by 14 Liberators. Susaki Airfield
Chichi Jima at night got one ton each of Centuries dropped
by nine B-24s. Building and pier at Tomil Harbor, Yap,
damaged by eight F4Us. Six houses set afire and two barges
probably demolished at Babelthupap by F4U's numbering 16.
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From: CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter T.H.
Sr: RJ 52703

That night TBF's scored rocket hits on Babelthup lighthouse. Over Japan, Osaka during night felt weight of six single toners transported by two superforts. Many accurate searchlights and accurate moderate flak encountered. Approximately 150 miles west southwest of Marcus sighting of possible enemy SS reported by friendly submarine.

19th February activity now.

Ron B-29 over Kagamigahara Airfield (north of Nagoya Japan) met no ground or air opposition.

Here is Iwo Jima operation 20th February.

Stiff resistance being given our forces attacking Suribachi Yama. Slight advances made north of airfield number 1 by Marines during afternoon. Positions were being consolidated by evening under considerable enemy artillery and mortar fire. Enemy also employed rocket fire. Good amount of friendly artillery had been landed and made ready to support beachhead flanks. Despite adverse weather prolonged attacks were continued through the afternoon by carrier aircraft. Surface craft lent close infire support particularly on the enemy strong points and caves which were heavily shelling and mortaring our northern flank. To date in excess of 8,000 tons of ammunition have been hurled at the enemy by our Naval vessels in support of the beachhead.

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Pt. Shafter T.H.

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Enemy activity at Iwo during night 20/21 consisted of a counter attack on our left flank supported by Nip tanks and artillery and attempted infiltrations of Marine lines; all enemy efforts were repulsed. Our ships assisted with heavy gunfire support and illumination. Unloading of our supplies on beaches continued during the night.

Here is February 21st action on Iwo Jima.

Marines gained from 500-1000 yards along entire line. After capturing airfield number 1 they made a general push in direction of airfield number 2. Fourth Marine Division at noon advanced from the south toward the middle of this field. On western side of island Fifth Marine Division leading elements by-passed south end of same field. Marines were also slowly advancing up Mount Suribachi and had made 100 yard average gains there. Heavy mortar rocket machine gun and rifle fire met our forces advancing yard by yard in both southern and northern sectors. Heavy Naval shell fire supported our ground action. During the day the enemy was subjected to carrier aircraft strafing and bombing attacks. As of 210000 hours 150 officers and 3,500 enlisted men killed missing and wounded were our estimated casualties.

ACTION: OPD End

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To: War Department
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period 1500Z/20 to 1500Z/21 signed MacArthur.

Part I.
French Indochina:

Eight vessels including six of 1,500 tons left
Cape Saint Jacques afternoon February 19, two subchasers,
one transport three loaded tankers arrived following day,
two tankers; one destroyer reported north bound off Cape
Padaran February 20, four transports in Saigon, many small
load southbound off Cape Varella, increased enemy air
patrols along coast.

Paracel Islands:

Six aircraft reported flying southwest midday
February 21.

Formosa area:

Reconnaissance planes February 21 reported large
freighter Takao, two small merchant ships Pescadores, one
medium freighter six small vessels Naha Harbour.

Luzon:

Patrols report defensive positions being prepared
along highway number 5 east San Nicolas.

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PART 2.

Naval: Destroyer shelled San Jose area eastern Lingayen Gulf in support of Army advance, a so operated against Corregidor; PT boats destroyed barge Manila Bay, supported Allied landings on islands San Bernardino Strait February 20/21.

Air. Operations February 19:

1. 35 more A-20's struck San Juan area northeast Aringay, Lingayen Gulf.

2. Seven more Corsairs raided Negros Island and northern Mindanao.


Operations February 20:

4. B-24 patrol destroyed two float planes Camranh Bay.

5. 22 Corsairs bombed and strafed Biri Island San Bernardino Strait; 52 Corsairs raided enemy airdromes and buildings on Cebu Negros and Panay Island.

6. 27 B-24's demolished Ilang Barracks Davao; seven Corsairs bombed Lumbia runway northern Mindanao, one Corsair lost.

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(7) Two RAAF B-24's hit mine installations Banggai Archipelago and targets north Koepang.

Operations February 21:

(8) B-24 patrols strafed small craft shot down transport plane Hansel Photo, damaged four of six seaplanes, sank seaplane southwest Hong Kong, shot down bomber southeast Tumasa; Ventura strafed seaplane Balabac town southwest Palawan.

(9) Shipping sweep China coast bombed Laden Sampan probably destroyed one, damaged three others of four intercepting fighters.

(10) Shipping sweep Formosa weathered out; 15 B-25's 35 A-20's and 11 P-38's attacked Basco Town and airstrip Bataan Island.

(11) 16 P-40's demolished guns caused explosions fires headquarters area Marikina East Manila; 40 P-40's hit Corregidor.

(12) 92 B-24's caused large fires amongst defence positions west Fort Stotsenburg with 396 tons bombs.

(13) 21 A-20's raided Jesselton Town and airstrip Borneo; 14 B-24's cratered runway Kudat; 18 other B-24's hit Sandakan airstrip.

(14) Single RAAF B-24 caused fires Viqueque Town Timor.

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(15) Three A-20's attacked targets Wewak Point; five B-24's bombed bivouacs Cape Won; three B-25's raided Husbch Island.

Solomons Forces.

Air. Operations February 20:

(16) Six Venturas, eight Corsairs, four B-25's hit gun positions and supplies near Kavieng; 16 Corsairs, three B-25's caused explosions destroyed one barge Rabaul; seven Venturas, 36 Corsairs, one B-25 attacked bivouacs and Headquarters area Empress Augusta Bay raided supplies Kahili.

Land.

Luzon: 6th Army:

I Corps: Flemente 32nd Division attacking north from positions 8,000 yards northeast San Nicolas captured two of seven hills dominating area;

25th Division units captured enemy position 3,000 yards south Puncan, eliminated strong point 1,500 yards northwest Lusboy (86 - 196).

XIV Corps:

37th Division continued to drive enemy forces to confines of Intramuros, securing water works building, metropolitan theatre and normal school, 12th Cavalry (attached 37th Division) entered Manila Hotel, reported stiff opposition.

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

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1st Cavalry Division regrouped for operations toward line Tuyta - Antipolo.

6th Division relieved 2nd Cavalry Brigade north line Balintawak - Cubao - Marikina.

Elements 11th Airborne continued attack encircled enemy forces high ground vicinity Mabato Point, other elements pushed south to Alabang - Muntinlupa area without reported contact.

XI Corps:

43rd Division passed to XI Corps control.

503rd Infantry continued reduction strong points in battery positions around Corregidor's edge.

Cumulative casualties to February 21:

Killed Wounded Missing
Own 2,834 10,696 269
Enemy 44,578 (406 Japanese captured)

Leyte/Samar:

X Corps:

American Division: Delayed report: Reinforced company landed unopposed Allen, northwest of Samar, February 19; Biri town secured after sharp engagement.

CM-IN-23315 (23 Feb 45) Capul?
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Part 3.
(1) Dropped 200 100 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.
(2) Dropped 10 1000 lb bombs.
(3) Dropped 14 500 lb bombs.
(4) No details.
(5) Dropped 22 1000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs, 16 100 and 65 gallon, 12 100 and 57 gallon napalms, fired unstated number rounds.
(6) B-24's dropped 812 100 lb bombs from 10,600 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; Corsairs dropped 14 1000 lb bombs.
(7) Dropped 6 500 lb, 20 100 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 8 through 11. No details.
(12) Dropped 792 1000 lb bombs.
(13) B-24's dropped 288 500 lb bombs from 10,500 to 8,800 feet.
(14) Dropped 6 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs.
(15) B-24's dropped 40 1000 lb bombs from 8,500 feet; other planes dropped 24 300 lb 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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(16) Seven B-25's dropped 8 500 lb, 8 250 lb bombs, 4 100 lb frags, 3 700 lb depth charges; other planes dropped 56 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb, 8 300 lb bombs, 46 325 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 19, Paragraph 10:

18 B-25's dropped 70 350 lb paradesmes, fired 55,800 rounds 50 calibre, met slight light some accurate, accurate anti-aircraft fire Koehum.

Paragraph 11: 35 A-20's dropped 25 250 lb paradesmes, fired 22,500 rounds 50 calibre; 12 B-25's against Bataan dropped 24 by 1,000 lb bombs, fired 36,600 rounds 50 calibre.

End

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-22959 (22 Feb 45) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/G Statistics
CG AAP Adm King
ASF Col Park
G-2 Log

CM-IN-23315 (23 Feb 45) DTG: 22/11382 pa

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(CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLT INFO CINCPAC (BOTH HDQTS) AND ALL TFC 5TH FLT)

SUMMARY NUMBER 6 211200K.
GROUND ATTACK CONTINUED THIS AFTERNOON AGAINST HEAVY OPPOSITION.
CONSISTING OF INTENSE SMALL ARMS HEAVY WEAPONS AND ARTILLERY.

FIRE, BOMBS AND MINES COVERED BY ENEMY MORTAR AND
ARTILLERY FIRE SLOWED THE ADVANCE. RESISTANCE WAS BEST.

ORGANIZED AND MOST SEVERE IN CENTER OF THE CORPS ZONE JUST
SOUTH OF AIRFIELD NUMBER 2. RCT 28 ATTACK AGAINST MT SURI BACH.

HAS BEEN AGAINST VERY STRONG DEFENSES. BY 1500 THEY REPORTED
REACHING THE BASE OF MT SURI BACH AND WERE USING FLAME THROWERS.

ON DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS. 4 TANKS SUPPORTING THIS ATTACK
WERE CASUALTIES DUE TO MINES. DEMOLITION EQUIPMENT AND

PERSONNEL FROM 5TH ENGINEER BN ARE WITH RCT 28 TO ASSIST IN
THEIR ADVANCE. RCT 28 REPORTED COUNTER ATTACK IN THE AREA.

EAST OF MT SURI BACH AT 1236 WHICH WAS REPULSED. NUMEROUS
BOOBY TRAPS AND TERRACOTTA MINES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED. RCT

21 IN CORPS RESERVE COMPLETED LANDING AT 1800, COORDINATED
ATTACK WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW MORNING FOR THE CAPTURE OF

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D-2 LINE.

LATEST ESTIMATE INDICATES 862 ENEMY DEAD COUNTED SINCE D DAY. ONLY
1 PRISONER OF WAR CAPTURED TO DATE. ESTIMATE RECEIVED FROM LANDING
FORCE COMMANDER THAT THERE ARE 5000 ADDITIONAL NAVAL TROOPS
ABOVE THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE ON IWO JIMA. HIS ESTIMATE INDICATES A
TOTAL 20000 ENEMY ON IWO JIMA ON D DAY.

TROOPS WERE PREPARED TO DIG IN AT 1700 ON MOST SUITABLE TERRAIN IN
THEIR FORWARD AREA PREPARED TO MEET POSSIBLE COUNTER ATTACK TONIGHT.

SOME VARIATION OCCURRED IN THE LINES DURING THE DAY, AT 1700 WE HELD
THE GENERAL LINE FROM TA132VLF TO 131JN THENCE ALONG WEST COAST TO
1976 THENCE 198 SOUTH EDGE 1818E, 182AKPT, 183PHTY 166E.
LSM 43 SUSTAINED CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DUE TO ROUGH SEA
WHILE UNLOADING TRANSPORTS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO NAAPA WILL PERMIT
SPEED OF 10 KNOTS BUT REQUIRE DOCKING. LOCAL DAMAGE REQUIRED

REPAIR SHIP.
NAAPA REPORTS 5 MEN MISSING. DURING THE DAY BB'S AND HEAVY CRUISERS
SUPPORTED ATTACK BY DEEO* SUPPORTING FIRES. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO
NORMAL CLOSE SUPPORT.

AIR ATTACKS SEPARATE WITH SUMMARY TOMORROW.
SPECIAL REPORT ON BEACH CONDITIONS. BREAKERS NOT HEAVY BUT ARE A
HANDICAP DUE TO STEEP SLOPES. SOIL ON ALL BEACHES OF VOLCANIC
ASH EXTENDS FROM WATER TO AIRFIELD NUMBER 1, VERY LOOSE AND WILL
NOT PERMIT PASSAGE OF ANY TYPE OF WHEELED VEHICLE. ALMOST ENTIRE
BEACH FRONTAGE NOW CONGESTED ** LCV'S, LVT'S, VEHICLES,
AND TANKS. SUPPLIES BEING FURNISHED TO TROOPS INLAND ONLY BE LVT'S.
DEMOLITION TEAMS NOW CLEARING BEACH WRECKAGE. MARSTON BEACH MATTIN
BEING LAID BUT MUCH WILL BE NEEDED. 3 MAT ROADS COMPLETED TO TOP OF
RIDGE. MORTAR FIRE ON BEACHES DIMINISHING IN INTENSITY SINCE 1200
BUT STILL A SERIOUS PROBLEM. ONLY SATISFACTORY LANDING CRAFT ARE
LST LSM LCT AND LVT. TRYING TO GET PORTION CAUSEWAYS RIGGED PSYI*
TRY UNLOADING BY PONTOON BARGES. NET RESULT IS THAT WHILE ABOUT
12 LST'S ARE UNLOADED TRANSPORTS AVERAGE ONLY ABOUT 30%. THIS MEANS
CONSIDERABLE DELAYS IN UNLOADING GARRISON ECHELONS. BEACHES WEST
COAST UNDER VODLUXMBAVION* BUT NOT BELIEVED SUITABLE.

* AS RECEIVED ** SEVERAL GROUPS GARBLED COPY TO 20-G
CTF 77 SENDS ACTION GINCWPAPA INFO COMINCH CINCPAC Guam COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT REAR ECHELON.

MINESweeping of Manila Bay confined to area east of St. Nicholas Shoals. Will begin sweeping from shoals toward Manila Harbor in few days. 2 destroyers furnished Star Shell Illumination of Corregidor and close air support against Japanese column on night of 19/20 and remained on station south of the island during 20TH withdrawing a short distance at night as precaution against Japanese suicide craft. 4 PT's operating inside Manila Bay today and tonight. On 20TH 1 DD bombarded San Jose area on east shore of Lingayen Gulf in support of Army advance from the afternoon of 19TH Ormoc PT's covered landing on Capul Island. Same day small
BOATS LANDED 102 PARATROOPERS AT CAVITE. ALSO ON 19TH LINGAYEN PT'S COOPERATING WITH AIRCRAFT STRAFED SOLVECU. 9 PLANES BETWEEN 15TH AND 19TH DROPPED PAMPHLETS AT HONGKONG SWATOW AMOY OKINAWA AND FORMOSA. 1 SEARCH PLANE ON 20TH SANK A SMALL AK 4 SEA TRUCKS DAMAGED ANOTHER AND SHOT DOWN 1 ZEKE AND 1 KATE ALL ON OKINAWA AREA.

DELAY DUE TO GARBLES

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CINCPAC (BOTH HEADQUARTERS) is action radios Wahiawa and Guam oblige. COM 5TH FLEET SENDS.

PASSED BY CINCPAC/CINCPAC ADVISED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 230127.

SERIOUS PROBLEM: AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS ON STRONGLY DEFENDED OBJECTIVES IS OUR PRESENT INABILITY QUICKLY LOCATE CONCEALED ENEMY MORTAR BATTERIES AND ARTILLERY FIRING ON OUR TROOPS. ANY PLAN ALREADY DEVELOPED OR WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED BY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE IN FUTURE OPERATIONS, NEW SUBJECT.

CV AND CVL TASK FORCE 58 SUCCESSFULLY REALED WITH BOMBS AT SEA BY SHASTA AND WANGELL. TRANSFER RATE INITIALLY 26 TONS PER HOUR IMPROVING TO 36 TONS. SHASTA RECOMMEND ISSUE LOAD CF 4500 TONS MY 29 FEBRUARY. RESULT SUBSTANTIAL PREVIOUS CONCLUSIONS. WITH EXPERIENCE INCREASED TRANSFER RATE POSSIBLE.

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**C. MAJOR STRIKES:** WEATHER PERMITTING, MAXIMUM EFFORT STRIKE WILL BE MADE AGAINST A PRIMARY TARGET IN THE TOKYO/NAGOYA AREA ON F MINUS 2.

1. THE TARGET WILL DEPEND UPON THE MOST FAVORABLE WEATHER AREA FOR VISUAL BOMBING. IF FORECAST APPEARS MORE FAVORABLE FOR F DAY, ATTACK WILL BE DELAYED 1 DAY AND MADE AGAINST TOKYO AREA ON A VISUAL FORECAST OR AGAINST NAGOYA ON A FORECAST INDICATING RADAR BOMBING.
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**CONDITIONS. IN THE EVENT THAT AFTER DEPARTURE ON A VISUAL FORECAST RADAR BOMBING IS FOUND TO BE NECESSARY ON THE SAME TARGET AND THE SAME DATE AS TF 58 STRIKES, THE SAME LIMITATION AS TO TIME AND SPACE WILL BE OBSERVED AS THOSE DEFINED IN CINCPAC 078455.**

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To: War Department

Ref: C 10732   21 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 10732. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/19 to 1500Z/20 signed MacArthur.

Nansei Group:
Leyte reconnaissance plane sighted 19 seatrucks in Sakashima Islands February 19, 28 aircraft sighted Naha Airdrome on Tinian.

China Coast:
Destroyer and two medium freighters sighted on southeasterly course 80 miles northeast Amoy.

French Indo China:
Medium freighter transport seatruck and escort vessel sighted heading north vicinity Camranh Bay, tanker reported leaving Saigon February 19th.


Luzon: Large quantity enemy equipment found in evacuated enemy position west pilar on Bataan February 19th.

CM-IN-21511 (21 Feb 45)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Nr: 0 10732 21 February 1945

Part 2. Naval:

PT boats silenced shore guns Corregidor, Ormoc boats destroyed supply laden lugger Bohol Strait night February 19th:

Air:

Operations February 18th:
1. 35 A-20's fired fuel dumps exploded ammunition bombed concentrations Sglano southwest Bagabag; 36 A-20's attacked concentrations Infanta, eastern coast Luzon.
61 B-25's provided ground support Bagac pilar road Bataan.

2. 12 Corsairs silenced Fabrica guns Negros Island; 29 Corsairs raided Surigao and Licanan Mindanao.

3. A-20's turned back from Borneo due weather; P-38's escort strafed three grounded planes Jesselton, destroyed 1 plane hit 7 others Kudat strafed motor trucks and two luggers off shore.

Operations February 19th:
4. 8 Corsairs bombed Capul Island barracks, San Bernadino Strait; 33 Corsairs attacked airstripes and building Negros Island and Cebu.
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5. 26 B-24's struck bivouacs and supplies Licabon; 
34 Corsairs raided Licana Sassa, and Zumba on 
Mindanao.
6. 3 Beauforts harassed Wevak targets.

Operations February 20th:

7. Nil.
B-24 strikes Formosa Philippines; patrol planes 
sank three seatrucks one coastal vessel damaged one seatruck 
shot down two planes Okinawa, sank one coastal vessel damaged 
another eastern Formosa.

8. 7 escorted B-25's followed by fighter sweeps struck 
Chosun town southern Formosa caused heavy destruction town 
railyards and barracks Hitamoch rail and road transport, left 
small freighter ablaze near Toko.

9. Direct support missions continued Luzon; planes 
attacked Corregidor and Bataan.

10. 50 A-20's destroyed or heavily damaged all enemy 
occupied buildings Puerto Princesa Palawan.

11. 6 P-38's bombed Sassa and Matin installations 
Davao.

12. 36 B-24's caused explosion and fires badly 
cratered runways Jesselton airdrome Borneo.

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In the attack on Rabaul on February 19, 1945, the 3rd Division captured its objective, high ground 3,000 yards west of Couringian.

Fourteenth Corps: 37th Division units occupied Bagac without opposition; 503rd Infantry on Corregidor continued reduction stubborn enemy resistance in tunnels, caves, and coastal positions.

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Leyte/Samar:

Eighth Army: Americal Division: Reinforced company established beachhead Biri Island off northwest Samar.

Part 3.

1. A-20’s dropped 308 100 lb bombs, fired 118,450 rounds 50 calibre; B-25’s dropped over 97 2000 lb bombs, fired 90,500 rounds 50 calibre.

2. 29 Corsairs dropped 65 1000 lb bombs.

3. No details.

4. Dropped 48 1000 lb bombs, 13 165 gallon napalms.

5. B-24’s dropped 800 100 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight medium inaccurate antiaircraft fire; Corsairs dropped 54 1000 lb bombs.


7 thru 9. No details.

10. Dropped 24 tons 100 lb bombs, fired 46,000 rounds 50 calibre, met slight, light, inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

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11. Dropped 6 1000 lb bombs.

12. Dropped 162 500 lb bombs, 536 100 napalms from 11,100 to 9,300 feet.

13. B-24's dropped 6 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs; B-25's dropped 12 300 lb bombs.


15. B-25's dropped 13 2000 lb, 14 1000 lb, 30 500 lb bombs; fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre; other planes dropped 44,1000 lb, 30 500 lb bombs, 27 700 lb, 48 325 lb depth charges.

Refer preceding report paragraph 10: 39 B-24's dropped 36 500 lb bombs 600 100 lb frags, 1,080 20 lb frags from 12,000 to 10,000 feet, met moderate to intense heavy some accurate antiaircraft fire.

Refer report operations February 18th Paragraph 13: 33 B-24's dropped 570 90 lb, 1,280 20 lb frags from 13,000 to 9,500 feet, met moderate to intense medium and heavy mostly accurate antiaircraft fire; 25 B-25's dropped 96 250 lb parades, fired 66,600 rounds 50 calibre; Three squadrons P-38's, one squadron P-51's against rolling stock Formosa; P-47's escorted B-25's.

End
CTG 96.1 FLINS ACTION CTF 96 INFO CINCPAC BOTH HOOS CTF 94 CTF 93 CONSOPAC. RRO GUAM PASS INFO TO CINCPAC ADV HOOS. RRO HONOLULU GIVES TO CINCPAC PEARL.

CINCPAC/CINCPAC ADVANCED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 210038.

SEARCHES 20 FEBRUARY, MORNING AND EVENING V 311, V 321 AND V 396 FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE. ALL NEGATIVE.

EXCEPT 1 V 396 REPORTED 1 BURST OF MEDIUM AA FROM SOUTH OF LELE HARBOR KURILE. V 397 SEARCHES FULL DISTANCE 85% COVERAGE, NEGATIVE. MAKE SNOOPER COMPLETE AND NEGATIVE EXCEPT SMALL SHIP APPEARS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BOAT BASIN NEAR HARBOR ENTRANCE, 3 SMALL SAILBOATS SEEN UNDER WAY AND TRUCK OBSERVED MOVING ON AIRFIELD. PONAPI SNOOPER COMPLETE, NEGATIVE. WEATHER CURTAILED OBSERVATION. HUNTER KILLER 110 MILES WEST OF ENIWETOK CONTINUING WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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CTG 73.6 SENDS TO ALL INTERESTED TF 73 SEARCHES COM 5TH FLT ALL TFC AND TG 5TH FLT.

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TIMES POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST.
LEYTE SEARCHES 20TH, SECTORS J AND L EACH WENT 900 MILES COVERAGE 75% SECTOR 6 WENT ONLY 820 MILES DUE TO JO AIRBORNE OVER HARBOR. PESCADORES CLOSED IN 0930. 1 SEA TRUCK AMOY HARBOR AT 1030. SECTOR 9 OUT 1000 MILES COVERAGE 65% SANK 1 SD 23-24 *

Radar failure plus 0 visibility at point. Coverage 75% 2 SD'S IRIAMOTE SHIMA 24-25 123-51 AT 1100. SECTOR 9 OUT 925 MILES COVERAGE 90%. NO CONTACTS. SECTOR 5 950 MILES COVERAGE 65% SANK 1 SD 23-24 *

SECTOR 8 WENT 1030 MILES COVERAGE 85% 6 SC'S 4 SD'S 20 LANDING BARGES 22-16 127-11 COURSE 360 SPEED 4 AT 1240.

ACK ACK MDKG** AND LIGHT INTENSE ACCURATE PREVENTED ATTACK.

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SANK 1 SD 26-32 128-00 DAMAGED 10 WCDBEGADID** WITH TROOPS ALONG
DHOAV AT 1200. SANK 3 SEATRUCKS DAMAGED ANOTHER 26-00 127-50

COURSE 150 SPEED 6 AT 1230. SHOT DOWN 1 ZEKE AND 1 KATE OVER
QANA AIRFIELD OKINAWA AT 1300. 26 BELIEVED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT

M LVOPX**, 1 EMPTY 60 FOOT LIFE BOAT 24-7.
SECTOR 1 FULL DISTANCE 50% COVERAGE 0 CONTACTS. MACAO WEATHERED.
SECTOR 2 OUT FULL DISTANCE COVERAGE 70%. 1 VAL 22-45 115-35 AT
0945. HONGKONG CLOSED IN. SPECIAL SEARCH PLANE WENT 825 MILES
COVERING EAST COAST FORMOSA. SIGHTED LUGGER 22-30 120-47 AT
1335. AIDED RESCUE CONJUNCTION PBM 2 SURVIVORS OF DITCHES B-25
POSITION 21-00 121-55 OF CTFSXMRENX** SECTOR 3 LANDED LINGAYEN.

RADIO REPORT. MANY SMALL LUGGER 23-10 117-00. SECTOR 7 OUT 1000
MILES 70% COVERAGE. NO CONTACTS.

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THIS IS PART ONE OF 20092. *

THIS IS MY DIS SUMMARY FROM 1800 FEB 19 TO 1800 FEB 20, DURING NIGHT OF D-CAY 11 DD'S 2 CAT'S AND 2 LCI MORTAR UNITS SUPPORTED THE CORPS. A TOTAL OF 14500 ROUNDS OF 4.2 MORTAR WAS FIRED. NIGHT ACTIVITY CHARACTERIZED BY INTERMITTENT MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE AT 2315 ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE OUR LINES ON WEST COAST BY LANDING BARGE IN XOK TRX** 28 MARS BUT WERE REPULSED. AT ABOUT 0045 1 BATTALION ENNCL * AIRFIELD NUMBER 1 BUT WERE REPULSED BY RCT 27. DIVS CONVINCED A COORDINATED ATTACK AT EB33 PRECEDED BY AIR, ARTY, AND MGF PREPARATION AND BY 1200 HAD ADVANCED 560 YARDS TO THE NORTH WHILE RCT 29 HAD MADE GAINS OF ABOUT 290 YARDS AGAINST SURIBACH MOUNTAIN TO THE SOUTH INTERMITTENT MORTAR, ARTY AND ROCKET FIRE FELL ON TROOPS DURING THE MORNING, ESPECIALLY

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ON BEACHES GREEN, RED, AND BLUE I. DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON
4TH DIV BEACHES RECEIVED VERY HEAVY CONCENTRATED ARTY FIRE.

OUR ARTY, 120MM AND 4 COMPLETE BNS AND HALVES OF 2 OTHER BNS
WERE ASHORE AND FIRING THE ATTACK. SLIGHT GAINS *

HOON AGAINST INCREASING RESISTANCE. FIGHTING AGAINST HEAVY
RESISTANCE THE TOTAL ADVANCE OF THE DAY WAS APPROXIMATELY

900 YARDS IN 5TH MARDIVS ZONE OF ACTION AND FROM 200 TO
800 YARDS IN THE 4TH MARDIVS ZONE OF ACTION. 11 DD'S

4 CA'S AND 5 BATTLESHIPS SUPPORTED THE ATTACK THROUGHOUT THE
DAY. (*

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COM 7TH FLT GIVES ACTION CINCSWA LEYTE TARCAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT REAR ECH.

MINE SWEEPERS AT ENTRANCES TO MANILA BAY DESTROYED 24 FLOATING MINES ON 19TH TOTAL OF 363 SWEEP THROUGH 19TH. SWEPTING

CONTINUES WITH PT'S, DD, AND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS PARTICIPATING CHANNEL NORTH OF CORREGIDOR NOT CLEARED BY 19TH. AIRCRAFT ARE ATTACKING GUN POSITIONS ON SUNKEN HULKS IN NORTHERN PART OF BAY FROM WHICH ENEMY FIRE IS LIMITING PT ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA. ON 18TH AND 19TH PT'S CONTINUING UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR 2 BOATS IN CORREGIDOR AREA DESTROYED SEVERAL BARGES AND Captured 5 JAPANESE IN THE WATER NEAR LA MONJA ISLAND. OTHER PT'S ON 19TH/19TH RETRIEVED SCOUTS FROM LABANG ISLAND, AND BOMBARDED 50 JAP'S IN SAN CARLOS NORTHERN NEGROS. VENTURAS ON 18TH SHOT UP 2 SHIPS HOUSING LUGGERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON ISLAND AND ON 19TH BOMBED STAFRED AND ROCKETED SUPPLY AREA AT BANAGO ON NEGROS. ON 18TH NAVAY SEARCHES DAMAGED 2 SMALL AK'S OF CAPE ST JACQUES FRENCH INDO CHINA AND NEAR MISS OVERTURNED A PC OFF AMOY.

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PASSED BY CINCPAC CINCPAC ADV TO COMINCH AND 1 BAD CALL
FOR INFO AS 28/3/4

(GTF 51 SENDS, ACTION CON 5TH FLT INFO CINCPAC ADVANCED AND
MED PEARL AND ALL TFC'S 5TH FLT)

TOP SECRET.

SUMMARY NUMBER 3 28/12/4.

OCCASIONAL ACCURATE BURSTS OF ENEMY
ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE ON BEACHES DURING NIGHT. ABOUT

28/22/4X ENEMY NUMBERING 1500 COUNTER ATTACKED DOWN AIRFIELD
NO ONE AGAINST RIGHT TO THE 5TH HARD IV BUT ATTACK BROKE UP 200

RCT 27 AT 28/3/45K. SOME SUPPLIES LANDED DURING NIGHT. 2 CRUISERS
11 DD DELIVERED ILLUMINATION HARASSING AND DESTRUCTIVE FIRES

DURING NIGHT.

AFTER STRONG NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT OUR ATTACK COMMENCED

ABOUT 28/45/4X AGAINST VERY STRONG ENEMY OPPOSITION INCLUDING
INTENSE ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE. AT 12/2X OUR LINES FROM

APPEARED TO BE FROM TA132/4 TO 132F THENCE ALONG COAST TO 162X
THENCE THROUGH 162U 1566 182X 183X TO 166E.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/84
MANY WRECKED BOATS LVT'S DUCKS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENTS ALONG BEACHES YELLOW AND BLUE. DUE TO SUNFIRE AND SOFT SAND YELLOW AND BLUE WERE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC CONCENTRATED ON GREEN AND RED. IN SPITE OF THIS THE CRITICAL SUPPLY SITUATION ABERGE IS SOMewhat IMPROVED.
Samaritan arrived for evacuation severe casualties, Hamlin Chincoteague and certain vessels of Tg 51.5 Arrived others plus TG 51.1 are cruising in waiting areas.
TG 54* Most transports some landing craft retired during night returned daybreak.
Because of very heavy allied expenditure TF 58 will provide additional cruisers during 21st and 22nd 3 or 4 Enemy air raids 2 to 4 planes each approached to 10 to 20 miles last night but all retired on approach of our night fighters.
Red alert from 1911 to 235544. At 0800 TBM from Rudyard back landed in water 18 miles to eastward all 4 occupants rescued.

By Ashland.
*As received.
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**SUMMARY NUMBER 3**

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Red Alert From 1911 To 2015. At 2000K TBM From Rudyard Bay Landed In Water 10 Miles To Eastward All 4 Occupants Rescued

By Ashland.

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SUMMARY Mopping up OPERATIONS FORWARD AREA 11 FEB THRU 17

SAIPAN 48 JAPS KILLED 7 POW OUR CASUALTIES 1 WIA. POW INTERROGATION REVEALED A CONCENTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY

350 MIXED CIVILIANS AND MILITARY IN THE MOUNTAINOUS CENTRAL PART OF SAIPAN. THE AREA WAS SHELLED AND PATROLLED ON

15, 16, 17 FEB RESULTING IN THE KILLING OR CAPTURE OF 131

JAPS NOT ALL CLASSIFIED YET AS MILITARY OR CIVILIANS.

TINIAN 9 JAPS KILLED 2 POW OUR CASUALTIES 2 KIA. GUAM

33 JAPS KILLED 6 POW OUR CASUALTIES 5 KIA 2 WIA.

PELELIU 4 JAPS KILLED. ON 16 FEB AN LCI ON STATION WEST

OF EIL MALK WAS ATTACKED BY 3 JAPS ON RAFT CARRYING

DEMOLITION CHARGE. JAPS RAFT AND CHARGE WERE DESTROYED.

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To: War Department
Nr: C 10680 20 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 10680. Operations report SWSPAC area period 15003/19 to 15002/19 signed MacArthur.

China Coast:
In Amoy area three destroyers two large tankers one small freighter sighted on northeast course February 18, next day two large transports two destroyers reported heading down coast.

French Indo China:
Two medium three small transports reported on southwesterly course off Camranh Bay February 18; next day three tankers three escort vessels with air cover sighted 50 miles south southeast Tournon on Northerly course.

Formosa:
Attacking planes February 18 reported many serviceable aircraft on main southwestern airfields numerous dummies on secondary fields.

Part 2.
Naval:
Allied gunboats supported guerrillas shelled east coast Negros Island February 17; PT boats caused explosions and fires silenced machine guns same area night February 18.

Air:
Enemy action:

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

Date: 20 February 1945

Operations February 17:
1. Refer preceding report paragraph 5:
   45 B 24's against Formosan targets now reported identical with two groups B 24's in report operations February 17.

Operations February 18:
2. B 24's from Mindoro set one seaplane afire probably sank another Cape Saint Jacques.

3. Refer preceding report paragraph 14:
   29 Dauntless hit defense positions northeast Manila; 28 P 47's supported Corregidor operations; 4 B 25's against targets Bataan.

4. 48 Corsairs demolished buildings and fuel dumps Licanan Davao.

5. 18 Beaufighters bombed and strafed Loewoek Barracks, East Central Celebes.

6. 24 RAAF P 40's and six Spitfires raided bivouacs and gun positions Kau and Wasile Bays Halmahera.

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7. 2 RAAF B 24's bombed Banggai Nica Minfa and village Alor Island.

8. 15 Beauforts strafed enemy positions Nambut Hill East Aitape.

Operations February 19:

9. B 24's from Leyte sank seaplane near Hongkong strafed trucks along highway Eastern Formosa; Mindoro patrols strafed gunboats south Cape Padraran and small freighter North Camranh Bay.

10. Two groups B 24's bombed Haiti through adverse weather, started large fires; another B 24 group weathered out Haiti hit barracks and stores Koshun; escorting fighters sank one coastal vessel damaged three others south tip Formosa, 1 P 38 lost; B 25's also struck Koshun started large fires; one fighter sweep destroyed 13 planes Karenco exploded building destroyed 13 boxcars and locomotives; other fighter sweeps weathered out.

11. 16 Dauntless strafed ammunition dump and troop concentrations Lubaugan inland from Vigan; 35 A 20's damaged supplies caused large fires San Augustin Carrangland and Digol in hills southeast Baleda Pass; 16 Dauntless damaged Antipolo buildings north Manila; other planes strafed posi-

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In a northwesterly direction northwest of Stotzenburg; B 25's, P 47's and P 51's supported Corregidor operations; 6 B 25's and 19 P 51's supported Ground Forces Bagbag Road Bataan.

12. Two Venturas bombed strafed and rocketed supplies Negros Island; Ventura patrol destroyed coastal vessel under construction Basilan Island Sulu Archipelago.

13. 32 B 24's of Thirteenth Air Force attacked Miri Airdrome northwestern Borneo scored hits near three planes; one B 24 bombed Labuan runways, another hit Manado Town northeastern Celebes.

14. 2 RAAF B 24's bombed buildings Bangai Archipelago and Viqueque Town Timor; 2 RAAF B 25's bombed Cape Goemoek Slipways North Koepang.

15. 3 B 24's hit supply dumps Bora Plantation Wewak; 3 A 20's harassed coastal targets.

Solomons Forces.

Air Operations February 18:

16. 4 Venturas 18 Corsairs and 16 B 25's attacked targets near Kavieng, 22 Corsairs patrolled Rabaul; eight Venturas 36 Corsairs and seven B 25's bombed personnel areas guns and coastal targets Bougainville.

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Land.
Luzon:
Sixth Army: I Corps:
Elements 33rd Division attacking high ground 3000 yard east Cauitingan (2260) reached line 1000 yards west objective against heavy fire; 32nd and 25th Divisions patrolled respective sectors without major contact.

XIV Corps:
37th Division: High commissioners residence taken, line extended east to observatory, around south edge observatory to north edge medical school, thence diagonally across Philippine General Hospital area, east Comillas Street and north northwest to east edge military hospital on Pasig River;

1st Cavalry Division:
Elements 12th Cavalry occupied Fort McKinley without opposition; Eleventh Airborne units attacked high ground vicinity Nabajoto Point against determined resistance.

XI Corps:
38th Division:
1st Infantry engaged enemy 8700 yards east northeast Bagac. 503rd Infantry on Corregidor took enemy bunkers and tunnel 700 yards southeast Rock Point, encountered stiff opposition Breakwater Point, 1073 enemy counted killed.

Leyte/Samar:

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Eighth Army; American Division; Company of 182nd Infantry landed on Capul Island off northwest Samar with light opposition; elements 164th Infantry encountered strong local resistance Abijao.

Part 3.

Paragraphs one through three no details.

4. Dropped 76 1000 lb bombs, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

5. Dropped 25 500 lb bombs, 12 100 lb napalms.

6. P 40's dropped 46 400 lb frags, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

7. Dropped 6 500 lb, 16 200 lb bombs, fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.


Paragraphs nine through 12 no details.

13. Dropped 162 500 lb bombs, 317 260 lb frags from 10,000 feet.

14. B 24's dropped 9 500 lb, 20 100 lb bombs.

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lb bombs.

15. B 24's dropped 16 1000 lb bombs, 12 500 lb bombs; A 20's dropped 12 300 lb bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude.

16. B 25's dropped 11 2000 lb, 18 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs and two napalms; other planes dropped 56 1000 lb, 12 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 10 285 lb depth charges.

Refer preceding report paragraph nine:

12 B 25's dropped 23 1000 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

Refer report operations February 17, paragraph eight:
36 A 20's dropped 278 100 lb bombs, fired 36,400 rounds 50 calibre; 24 B 25's dropped 286 100 lb bombs, fired 61,500 rounds 50 calibre.

9. 35 A 20's dropped 264 100 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds Fort Stotsenburg Area.

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**COH 5TH FLEET 1945 29 OPERATION JAUBREE AND BY OP ORDER 1-45 ANNEX J1G. LIFEGUARD SUBS REQUESTED AS FOLLOWS ALL DATES INCLUSIVE.**

**STATIONS LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY. TOKYO F TO F PLUS 1. STATIONS 1, 2. NEW STATION DESIGNATED 1 A BEARING EVERY DAYS FOR DISTANCE. 39 MILES FROM REFERENCE POINT H-5. ODD DAYS BEARING P H. DISTANCE 39 MILES FROM H-5. 3, 4. NARVA SUBS F PLUS 2 TO F PLUS 4. 5, 6. KYUSHU SUBS F PLUS 4 TO F PLUS P. STATIONS 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. OKINARA F PLUS 5 TO F PLUS P. STATIONS. 18, 17, 16, 12, 13. CHANGES IN ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ANTICIPATED. CHANGES POSSIBLE. RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION.**

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**REE. BASEMENT AIR SURFACE F MINUS 2 THROUGH F PLUS 6. EXXYXL EAST OF LONGITUDE 146 F. THRU F PLUS 2. FURNACE.**

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**WEST OF LONGITUDE 130° J I OINT F PLUS 2 THRU F PLUS 5, GARAGE AIR SURFACE F PLUS 1 THRU F PLUS 9, STOVE J I OINT F PLUS 2 THRU F PLUS 11, ROASTER J I OINT F PLUS 4 THRU F PLUS 6, E A S H ABANDON EAST PALACE.**

**FAST ABUCT J I OINT F PLUS 4 THRU F PLUS 9, CLOSET AIR SURFACE F PLUS 3 THRU F PLUS 10, CUPBOARD AIR SURFACE F PLUS 5 THRU F PLUS 10.**

**CHURCHYARD AIR SURFACE F PLUS 4 THRU F PLUS 9, CORRIDOR AND ENTRANCE REMAIN J I OINT ZONES AND STABLE REMAINS AIR SURFACE.**

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CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET. RDO QUAM PASS INFO CINCPAC ADV.
RDO NONO GIVE INFO CINCPAC PEARL. INFO ALSO ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET.

CINCPAC/PAC ADV HAD HAS PASSED FOR INFO 21ST BOCOM AT QUAM, CG AAF/CPA
ADV ECH AND COMINCH AS 200858.

SUMMARY NUMBER 205. RCTS 23, 25, 27, 28, AND 2 TANK BATTALIONS
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**HONO INTERCEPT**

(FROM CTF 93 RDO GUAM PASS ACTION TO CINCPAO ADVONS AND INFO TO CTF 94 21 BOMCOM. INFO GOES ALSO TO COMGENAFPO CTF 96 CTG 50.5 7TH BOMCOM 7TH AIR FORCE CONGEN 73 BOMING COMFAIRING 2 COMAIRPAC COMSTFLT. RDO TINIAN PASS INFO CTG 50.5 7TH AIR FORCE COMGEN 73 BOMING COMFAIRING 2 AND 313 BOMING)

OVER 40,000 FEET WENT 44 LBS WITH CENTURIES TO DANGEROUS INSTALLATIONS OF E BOAT BASING AND BIVOUAC AREA

NORTH OF CRATER. 12 LBS PUT 99% BOMBS IN TARGET AREA, 1% UNSEEN, SECOND SQUADRON ON FIRST RUN OVER TARGET AREA

NORTH OF CRATER DID NOT DROP DUE CLOUDS. REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR SECOND RUN DENIED BY SURFACE CONTROL AND PLANES

DIRECTED RETURN TO BASE WITH BOMBS. THIRD SQUADRON ARRIVED LATE DUE FAULTY NAVIGATION DID NOT DROP BOMBS. ONE

NAVY LIB OBTAINED PHOTO AND MOVIE COVERAGE OF BOMBARDMENT AND LANDING. 9 LBS. DROPPED 100 100 POUND ON SUSAKI AIRFIELD

181215Z TO 182012Z. 36 BOMBS HAD 6 HOUR DELAY 36 MORE HAD 12 HOUR DELAY. 1 LIB. BOMBED FIR (6 GROUPS OMITTED FROM CODE)

LTF NIGHT SNIPER LIBS UNSEEN.

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AREA AND NAVAL GUNFIRE ON 18TH COVERED WHOLE FORMER KOROFAND*, CLEARED OUT ENEMY STRONG POINT IN RAMSEY RAVINE ON CORREGIDOR. CONVERSE AND SAUFFLEY REMAINED IN AREA AFTER BOMBARDMENT TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL GUNFIRE IF NECESSARY. SWEEPING OF CHANNEL SOUTH OF CORREGIDOR COMPLETED BY 18TH WITH SWEEPERS ASSISTED BY CRUISER PLANES EXTENDING SWEEP AREA ON 19TH. 4 PT'S PATROLLED INSIDE MANILA BAY NIGHT OF 18/19TH. NO REPORT OF RESULTS. LAND FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED EASTERN SHORE OF BATAAN AND ARE PUSHING WESTWARD OVER THE SINGLE TRANSVERSE ROAD. NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON 17TH BOMBED MEDIUM AK OFF INDO CHINA COAST, LEFT IT BURNING AND BEACHED. DESTROYED A LOADED TROOP BARGE OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF BORNEO.

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**Task Organization TF 58 LESS SARATOGA DESDIV 103 VICE ADML NITSCHER. TG 50-8 REAR ADMIRAL BEARY, TG 50.5 COMMODORE KETCHAM.**

TF 58 MAKE AIR STRIKES ON TOKYO NAGoya/KYUSHU AREAS AND STRIKE AND PHOTO MISSION ON KINASA. TARGET PRIORITIES (1) ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(2) ENGINE AND AIRCRAFT FACTORIES (3) SHIPPER AND SHIPYARDS WHERE APPLICABLE. AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS ARE SECONDARY TARGETS ALL STRIKES USE INCENDIARIES AND/OR NAPALM AS APPEARS PROFITABLE AND PRACTICAL CARRY OUT FOLLOWING SCHEDULE AS PRACTICAL. F MINUS 2 DAY DEPART

(1) JIN MEA FULLY FUELED. APPROACH TOKYO BY ROUTE TO EASTWARD OF NANNSEISHOTO. F DAY PLUS 1 STRIKE TOKYO AREA FROM VICINITY OF LAT 34-35 NORTH LONG 141-20 EAST. RETIRE NIGHT OF F PLUS 1 TO Rendezvous WITH REPLENISHMENT UNIT OF TASK GROUP 56.8 AT 1000K F PLUS 2 IN LAT 28-30 NORTH LONG 141-35 EAST. FUEL AND REPLACE AIRCRAFT PROCEED TO ARRIVE DAWN F PLUS 3 AT LAUNCHING POSITION APPROXIMATELY

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**(USE G. C. T.)**

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**LAT 32-30 NORTH LONG 137-30 EAST FOR STRIKE ON NAQoya-Tora Area**

**F PLUS 3 AND F PLUS 4. RENDEZVOUS WITH UNIT OF TG 56.8 AT 1800K**

**F PLUS 5 IN LAT 28-00 NORTN LONG 140-00 EAST. FUEL AND REPLACE AIRCRAFT. CARRY OUT STRIKE AND MOVEMENT SCHEDULE OF ANNEX K TO**

**CTF 56 OP ORDER 1-45 WITH KYUSHU STRIKES F PLUS 6 F PLUS 7 F PLUS 8 AND STRIKE AND PHOTO MISSION ON OKINAMA F PLUS B. RENDEZVOUS WITH TG 56.8 UNIT 0745K F PLUS 18 IN LAT 22-50 NORTH LONG 130-00 EAST. FUEL AND REPLACE AIRCRAFT. PROCEED TO ARRIVE ULITHI F PLUS 12 FOR UPKEEP UNTIL REQUIRED FOR ICEBERG OPERATION. CTF 56 MUHIN-FUELING AND STRIKE SCHEDULE AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE INFORMING**

**CTG 56.6 MAKE REQUEST TO CINCPAC INFO COMSUBPAC FOR DESIRED LIFEGUARD SUBMARINES AND ZONE NOTICES. THROUGH CINCPAC 21ST BOWCOM**

**IS REQUESTED STRIKE EMPIRE TARGETS WITH FULL STRIKES AS OFTEN AS PRACTICABLE HITTING SAME TARGETS AS TF 58 WHEN VISUAL BOMBING POSSIBLE ALTERNATE TARGETS WHEN ONLY RADAR BOMBING POSSIBLE AND ALSO CONTINUE WEATHER AND HELLING MISSIONS MAXIMUM POSSIBLE**

**THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF OPERATION. CINCPAC ALSO REQUESTED ARRANGE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WEATHER REPORTS FROM SWPA AND SUBMARINES**

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PARTICULARLY VICTIM OF NAZE SHOT, EUPHORIA AND SEAS.

CPT TS. Direct to Chosin, of AD. Available OCE, AT. Appropriate.

PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH AS MODIFIED BY CTF 58. WHEN NOT ENOUGH. IN TF 58, WE ARE LOCATED IN AREA BURGER FANFARE NSALD SHIELD "F" PLUS 9.

TO-545 AS SUCH AS STAGING FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN JIMA. FOR PB ATT.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2. COD 5TH FLEET AT PRESENT IN INDIANAPOLIS.

PARA X: F DAY IS FIRST DAY OF TOKYO STRIKE AND WILL BE SET

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES 26 FEBRUARY.

IN EFFECT BY DISPATCH IN F OR D INTERV.

SEARCH FOR AND DESTROY FLOATING BOATS IN ADVANCE OF TF 58.

FURNISH AT REGULAR UNITS AS DIRECTED BY CTF 58.

CFT 58. WHEN NOT ENOUGH IN TF 58, WE ARE LOCATED IN AREA BURGER FANFARE NSALD SHIELD "F" PLUS 9.

THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT FOR PLANNING AND WILL BE PLACED IN EFFECT BY DISPATCH.

THE PRIMARY RECOGNITION OF NAZE SHOT, EUPHORIA AND "F" PLUS 9.

FOR PB ATT.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2. COD 5TH FLEET AT PRESENT IN INDIANAPOLIS.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
No: 0 10604

19 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff. War Department cite 0 10604. Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/17 to 1500Z/18.

French Indo China:
2 destroyers, 2 tankers with 2 planes covering reported off Cape Padaran, February 17, course 330 degrees, one medium, 6 small vessels anchored Tournay previous day.

Nansei Shoto. One freighter transport, 1 seaplane, 2 barges sighted off Okinawa February 17.

Borneo:
New fighter strip sighted vicinity Miri airfield.

Part 2. Naval:
PT boats destroyed 3 barges east coast Bataan February 17; destroyers shelled Corregidor and Ternate, used star shells at night.

Air. Operations February 16:
1. 18 more Corsairs attacked enemy positions Cebu.
2. 4 B-25's bombed bivouacs destroyed barge, sweeping Soela and Ceram.
3. 6 B-25's raided Wewak targets; 2 Boomeranges strafed Anumb River positions.

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19 February 1945

Operations February 17:
4. 20 B-24's from Mindoro probably damaged medium freighter transport Quinhon, set fire and beached small freighter transport, Tourane sank patrol vessel southwest Miri, destroyed troop filled barge.

5. 13th Air Force B-24's:
22 planes bombed with excellent results aluminum factory Takao, Formosa; 23 planes struck railroad yards northwest Takao; 20 planes caused explosions and fires Davao area Mindanao, one B-24 lost.

6. Refer preceding report, Paragraph 7:
46 F-51's sorties Babuyan Islands.

7. Refer preceding report Paragraph 8:
F-38's and F-47's hit Tuguegarao and Baguio; 35 Dauntless attacked San Fernando.

8. 91 Dauntless struck enemy positions Balete Pass Baguio and north Manila.

9. 8 F-47's supported Corregidor operations; 12 B-25's on similar mission Bataan.

10. 77 Corsairs bombed Nasipit supplies Batuan Bay northern Mindanao.
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11. 13 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak and towards Aitape.

Operations February 18:
12. B-24 search planes from Leyte swept Mansei Shoto bombed Aogari Shima, shot down transport plane, sank a truck and patrol boat near Okinawa, also attacked small freighter off Aomoy.

13. 57 B-24's found adverse weather Formosa, believed bombed Takao, Okayama and Toshien; 65 F-38's provided top cover; 2 fighter sweeps penetrated overcast, destroyed 15 locomotives, 40/50 railcars, hit road transport; 24 B-25's destroyed fuel supplies, exploded barracks and buildings Formosa.

14. Many successful ground support missions reported Luzon.
15. 34 B-24's of 13th Air Force hit Labuan runways and dispersals demolished buildings, destroyed one fighter; 3 other B-24's attacked Lahud, Datu, Manggar and Manado.

16. RAAF B-24 bombed Viqueque Timor.

Wewak: 17. 8 R-24's bombed Muschu Island and villages.

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6 B-25's led by Boomerang raided Balan village dumps west But.

Solomons Forces: Air. Operations February 17:
18. 6 B-25's bombed Kavieng,
3 Venturas, 8 Corsairs and 13 B-25's bombed and
strafed coastal targets New Ireland;
26 Corsairs harassed barges and road traffic Rabaul,
8 Venturas 26 B-25's hit supplies and bivouac Tobera;
20 Corsairs attacked Noegieta area and northern
Bougainville.

Land, Luzon: Sixth Army:

I Corps: Activity consisted of extensive patrolling and
mopping up enemy stragglers.

XIV Corps: Elements 40th Division secured line running north and south from points approximately 7000 yards northwest Fort Stotsenburg to 5000 yards west Sapangbato;
37th Division reported bitter hand to hand fighting in clearing desperately defended positions on Intramuros outskirts;
1st Cavalry Division continued mopping up operations in south Manila;
11th Airborne units occupied Fort McKinley Annex, others reached Laguna De Bay at Mabato point, pushed north to Hagonoy and Tagig.

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XI Corps:
38th Division reinforced:
151st Infantry contacted 1st Infantry units advancing south from Limay, other 1st Infantry elements reached point halfway between Pilat and Bagac;
503rd Infantry (with 3rd Battalion 34th Infantry attached) captured Morrison Hill, continued reduction scattered strong points on Corregidor;
Enemy casualties reported over 800 February 18.

Cumulative casualties to February 18:
Allied, killed 2,621
Wounded 9,482
Missing 230

Enemy, killed
361 Japanese,
505 Formosans
23 Koreans,
7 others captured.

Part 3.
1. Dropped 48 500 lb bombs.
2. Dropped 16 500 lb bombs.
3. B-25's dropped 20 300 lb bombs, fired 6,500 rounds 50 caliber.
Boomerangs fired 1000 rounds 30 caliber.
4. No details.
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5. 45 B-24's dropped 207 500 lb bombs, 54 400 lb, 90 260 lb, 324 90 lb frags from 11,000 feet, met moderate to intense heavy, some accurate anti aircraft fire Takao; 20 B-24's dropped 690 100 lb bombs from 9000 feet Davao.

Paragraph 6 through 9, no details.

10. Dropped 44 1000 lb, 93 500 lb bombs, met intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

11. Dropped 14 500 lb, 2 300 lb, 50 250 lb bombs, 12 through 14, no details.

15. Dropped 180 500 lb bombs, 321 260 lb frags from 10,500 to 9000 feet.

16. Dropped 6 500, lb, 10 100 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

17. B-24's dropped 48 500 lb bombs from 3000 feet; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 7,100 rounds 50 caliber.

18. B-25's dropped 18 2000 lb, 26 1000 lb, 24 500 lb, 30 300 lb bombs, fired 53,000 rounds 50 caliber; Other planes dropped over 11 1000 lb bombs plus 56 325 lb depth charges.

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log
CM-IN-19316 (19 Feb 45) DTG 191052Z m/m
CTF 51 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET AND INFO TO CINCPAC ADV HED CINCPAC HED PEARL AND TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET. RDC MANDP PASS TO ALL.

FOLLOWING INTENSE NAVAL GUNFIRE AND AIR BOMBARDMENT 5TH PHIB CORPS LANDED AS SCHEDULED. 8 BATTALIONS SUPPORTED BY TANKS LANDED BY 0200. LITTLE OPPOSITION WAS MET INITIALLY THOUGH SOME MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE AT LST'S AND BOATS. MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE DEVELOPED ON ALL BEACHES PARTICULARLY ON BLUE AND YELLOW. SEVERAL LVT'S OR TANKS AND LST 74 AND 212 HIT.

XYSOFNYXKS AND ELEMENTS OF THE 27TH MARINES REACHED SOUTHERN EDGE OF AIRFIELD BY 1730. FRONT LINES 1113 TA 163 IX-14 7.

DIO-14 & FBD-16 4 XYT-165 PWN-166 FCD. LEFT FLANK BATTALION 5TH MARDIV TA 132 C TO 144 T. REGIMENTAL RESERVES BEING LANDED.

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES MODERATE. ENEMY STRONG ON RIGHT FLANK. SITUATION CONSIDERED FAVORABLE. GAMBLE AND BLESSMAN HIT LAST.

NIGHT BY BOMBS. CASUALTIES HEAVY. FILL TOW TO SAIPIAN. THIS IS SUMMARY NUMBER 1.
ACTION CINCPAC ADVANCE BASE FROM COM 5TH FLT INFO VIA
RDO WAHIAWA ALL TASK GROUP COMMANDERS 5TH FLT.
RDO HONO INTERCEPT

FIRST REPORT OF TOKYO STRIKE.

TASK FORCE APPROACH COMPLETELY UNDETECTED AND
TARGET AREA WAS NOT ALERTED UNTIL STRIKES NEARED TARGETS.
WEATHER CONDITIONS BOTH DAYS LOW CLOUDS AND SQUALLS OVER
TASK FORCE MAKING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FLYING CONDITIONS.
BAD TO UNSATISFACTORY OVER TARGET WITH MUCH OF TARGET
AREA COMPLETELY CLOSED IN. RESULTS OF 2 DAYS STRIKE
332 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. 177 DESTROYED ON GROUND.
MANY OTHERS PROBABLY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED INCLUDING AT
LEAST 150 FIRST DAY. KLBGAAS SHOPS AND INSTALLATIONS
DESTROYED AT MANY AIRFIELDS AND AIR DEPOTS. OTA AIRCRAFT
PLANT EFFECTIVELY HIT BY ONE SMALL STRIKE. MUSHASHIMO
TAMA AND TACHIKAWA ENGINE PLANTS EACH WELL HIT BY ONE
TASK GROUP STRIKE. BOMBING APPARENTLY EXCELLENT.
16 FEBRUARY 9 LEGAUES VESSELS SUNK 1 DD 2 DE 1 AK. 20
COASTAL VESSELS DAMAGED. TOKYO BAY AREA CLOSED IN MOST
OF TIME PREVENTING LARGE PERCENTAGE OF STRIKES (9 GARBLED
GROUPS).

17 FEBRUARY 1 CVL OR CVE AT YOKOHAMA HIT WITH 6 QUARTER
TON BOMBS SET AFIRE DOWN AT BOW AND ROLLED OVER ON SIDE
APPARENTLY RESTING ON BOTTOM. 2 COASTAL VESSELS DAMAGED;
INCREASINGLY BAD WEATHER 17TH AND FORECAST OR SAME FOR 18TH

DICTATED CANCELLATION OF PLANS FOR CONTINUATION OF STRIKE AND
RETIREMENT WAS STARTED AFTER RECOVERY OF EARLY AFTERNOON SWEEPS.

17TH. TOTAL AIR LOSSES BOTH DAYS. COMBAT 49 AIRCRAFT 40 PILOTS
6 CREWMEN. OPERATIONAL 21 AIRCRAFT 5 PILOTS 4 CREWMEN. NO REPORT
ON LIFEGUARD RECOVERIES. NO ATTACKS REACHED OUR SURFACE FORCES
AND NO DAMAGE TO OUR SURFACE SHIPS FROM ENEMY ACTION. —SPECIAL

COMBAT AIR PATROL STATIONED OVER DESTROYER PICKET LINE BETWEEN
OUR FORCE AND TOKYO DESTROYED THE FEW JAPANESE PLANES THAT
FOLLOWED OUR RETURNING STRIKES. BARTON (DD 722) AND INGRAHAM
(DD 694) IN COLLISION CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO BARTON BOW
LIMITING SPEED TO 12 KNOTS. MINOR DAMAGE TO INGRAHAM, WALDRON
(DD 699) SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE TO BOW IN RAMMING ENEMY PICKET
BOAT NIGHT 17TH. RAMMING NECESSITATED BY RANGE TOO CLOSE FOR
FIRING WITH PICKET BOAT CHANGING COURSE TOWARD CENTER OF TASK
GROUP. DORTRH PREVIOUSLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 3 KILLED 7 WOUNDED
BY GUNFIRE FROM SAME PICKET BOAT. BARTON, INGRAHAM, WALDRON
PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY SAIPAN SOA 12 AS TASK UNIT 58.4.9.
NUMEROUS ENEMY PICKET BOATS DESTROYED DURING NIGHT RETIREMENT
17TH-18TH.

COMMENTS. AIRMANSHIP OF OUR PILOTS UNDER HAZARDOUS
FLYING CONDITIONS SUPERB. JAP PLANES NOT AGGRESSIVE AND AVOIDED
OUR FIGHTERS ABOUT 2000 PLANES OR DUMMIES ON FIELDS IN TOYKO AREA.
NO SHORTAGE PLANES BUT POSSIBLE SHORTAGE PILOTS OR GASOLINE.
TO RIDICULE JAP SUPERSTITION THAT WEATHER IS THEIR INFALLIBLE
FRIEND SUGGEST PUBLICITY TO EFFECT THAT WEATHER OPERATED AGAINST
THEM AND ALLOWED UNDETECTED APPROACH AND 2 DAYS ATTACK BY OUR
FORCES.

WITH (3 GROUPS MISSING) US IN NEAR VICINITY TOKYO.

I HAVE SENT FOLLOWING DESPATCH TO TASK FORCE 58. "CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL HANDS ON A SUPERLATIVELY WELL DONE JOB. ONLY COURAGE
SKILL AND INTELLIGENT TEAM WORK BY EVERY MEMBER OF TASK FORCE
58 COULD HAVE PRODUCED THESE HISTORIC RESULTS IN SPITE OF
OPPOSITION, BY BOTH ENEMY AND WEATHER. I KNOW THAT OUR FUTURE
OPERATIONS WILL HURT THE ENEMY EVEN MORE".

COMMANDER 5TH FLEET AND CTF 58 DESIRE EXPRESS APPRECIATION
FOR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY 21ST BOMBER COMMAND
ALL SUBMARINES PACIFIC AND TASK GROUP 50.5.
TODAYS OPERATIONS. TOPPING OFF DD'S, ANTI PICKET BOAT
SWEEPS. DECK LOAD STRIKE BY 2 TASK GROUPS ON CHICHI JIMA.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESS

ACTION

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CTF 96

CINCPAC (BOTH
HQRS); CTF 94
CTF 93; COMSOPAC

PASSED BY CINCPAC/POA ADVHED FOR INFO TO COMINCH AS 190147

CTG 96.1 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 96 AND INFO TO CINCPAC
(BOTH HQRS) CTF 94 CTF 93 AND COMSOPAC

Searches 18 FEB.

Morning 21. 24. 32. 35 V 311 FULL DISTANCE AND
COVERAGE. NEGATIVE.

Evening 21. 24. 32. 35 V 311 80 PERCENT DISTANCE
NO COVERAGE MILE. DUE WEATHER.

Derelict planes located again. Remainder negative.
V 397 searches full distance 88 PERCENT COVERAGE.
1 V 396 FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE. NEGATIVE.
18. 38. 55 V 214 FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE. NEGATIVE.

Wake snooper negative except same runway obstructions.

MAY 21 1973

By SLK
PONAPE  SNOOPER FOUND CRATERS AT NUMBER 1 FIELD NOT BEING FILLED AND FIELD NUMBER 2 TOO MUDDY FOR OPERATION.

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**ACTION**

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**Urgent**

**Action:**

From 0700K to 1830K today 4 BB and 1 CA delivered uninterrupted fire on and behind eastern beaches and on both flanks at ranges between 1800 and 3000 yards from shoreline. They were assisted in afternoon by 1 CL. It is estimated that the principal defensive installations in these areas are either destroyed or heavily damaged. 4 concrete casemates 3 of which were previously unknown and 3 adjacent magazines in target area 183 VW became clearly visible when stripped of camouflage and received direct hits from major caliber projectiles. These are believed to contain guns which damaged LCI(G) 5's yesterday and from fragments recovered were of at least 6 inch caliber. 3 out of 4 60MM guns probably similar type to 132 KL believed out of action if not destroyed. Other parts of island hammered all day by ships not mentioned above. No ships reported hit though few heavy shells fell close in late afternoon. Specific known priority a

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By RT, NARA, Date
TARGETS OF COAST DEFENSE TYPE WHOSE DESTRUCTION IS UNCERTAIN FOLLOW. CD BTRY AT 219 A WHICH HIT PENSACOLA YESTERDAY WHEN NORTH EAST OF ISLAND MAY NOT BE DESTROYED ALTHOUGH CONCENTRATED ON BY 1 BB TODAY. DP BTRYs AT 201X AND 199 O. RECOMMEND SHIPS ASSIGNED THESE AREAS BE DIVERTED TO ESTABLISH EARLY NEUTRALIZATION OF THESE TARGETS AND MAINTAIN IT AS NECESSARY. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT CONCENTRATED ON AREAS FLANKING SOUTHEAST BEACHES. LIGHT AA ACCURATE VARIED FROM MODERATE TO INTENSE AND DAMAGED NUMEROUS PLANES BUT ALL EXCEPT 1 LANDED SAFELY WITH NO PERSONNEL LOSSES. VERY LITTLE HEAVY AA. SCHEDULED MINE-SWEEPING COMPLETED EXCEPT SMALL PART OF AREA 9 BETWEEN HIGASHI IWA AND SHORELINE AND AREA 10 NORTH OF AND INSIDE KANOKA IWA. RESULTS NEGATIVE. AT CHICHI 16 SMALL SHIPS AND BARGES DAMAGED, 7 SMALL BOATS FUTAMI DAMAGED.

4 PLANES DAMAGED ON FIELD 4 OTHERS SEEN, 3 OF 4 PLANES STRAFED AT SEA-LANE BASE. ALL TYPES AA INTENSE ACCURATE. WHITE PHOSPHORUS BURST AT 6000 FEET AS PLANES BEGAN RUN.

NEW SUBJECT.

TEXAS KINGFISHER RECOVERED PILOT MISSING 16 FEBRUARY UNINJURED FROM 127 MILES AT SEA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 52
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TO CTF 51
CINCPAC ADV HQ
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

ACTION

RDO HONO INTERCEPT

(CTF 52 SENDS ACTION CTF 51 INFO CINCPAC ADV HQ COM 5TH FLT) 

THOUGH WEATHER HAS NOT PERMITTED COMPLETE EXPENDITURE OF ENTIRE

AMMUNITION ALLOWANCE AND MORE INSTALLATIONS CAN BE FOUND AND

DESTROYED WITH 1 MORE DAY OF BOMBARDMENT I BELIEVE LANDING CAN

BE ACCOMPLISHED TOMORROW AS SCHEDULED IF NECESSARY. I RE-

COMMEND HOWEVER SPECIAL ATTENTION BEFORE AND DURING LANDING

TO FLANKS AND EAST COAST OF ISLAND WITH NEUTRALIZING FIRE AND

WHITE PHOSPHORUS PROJECTILES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.

AMPLIFYING REPORT FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
OPENING OF MANILA BAY ENTRANCE CONTINUES SATISFACTORY. MINESWEEPS OPERATED NORTHWARD SOUTH OF CORREGIDOR ON 18TH PROTECTED BY GUNFIRE FROM CLEVELAND ORBANON AND TAYLOR. ON 17TH ADDITIONAL TROOPS LANDED ON CORREGIDOR AGAINST SLIGHT OPPOSITION. AT MARIVELES BAY Hidatsa DAMAGED BY MINE ON 17TH BEING TOWED TO SUBIC. PT'S PATROLING MARIVELES BAY AND BATAAN SHORE. ON THE 17TH TAYLOR BOMBARDED CARAHAO ISLAND WITHOUT RECEIVING RETURN FIRE. DURING THE NIGHT 16/17 ORMOC PT'S DESTROYED 1 BARGE OFF EAST COAST CEBU 18 MINECRO BOATS LANDED SCOUTS ON LUBANG ISLAND. ON 16TH AND 17TH NAVY SEARCH PLANES SET AFIRE A MEDIUM AK AND PROBABLY SANK 2 OCEAN GOING TUGS OFF CAPE ST. JAQUES, BOM ED A 7500 TON TROOP FREIGHTER EAST OF FORMOSA LEAVING IT
DEAD IN WATER AND DOWN BY THE STERN, BOMBED A FACTORY AT KARENKO SOUTHERN FORMOSA WITH UNOBSERVED DAMAGE, SANK 4 SMALL AK AND DAMAGED 3 OTHERS.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippine Islands
To: War Department
Nr: C 10543

18 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff:

War Department cites C 10543. Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 15002/16 to 15002/17.

China Coast: Two tankers one seatrik three destroyers reported heading up coast northeast Amoy February 17.

French Indo China: Two transports two escorts reported leaving Camranh Bay for north February 16, two tankers two escorts sighted south bound in area same day; two transports five escort vessels reported Saigon following day.

Hinsei Shoto: Leyte reconnaissance planes sighted 28 seatriucks off west coast Okinawa 30 planes on Haha air-drome February 16.

Luzon: Transport planes dropping supplies Corregidor February 17 reported small arms fire in morning none in afternoon.

Naval: Allied warships continued support Corregidor operations bombed Garebao Island destroyed barge February 17; Ormoc PT boats destroyed barge Cebu.

Air: Operations February 15:

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18 February 1945

(1) 4 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes sand schooner; 36 RAAF P-40s sorties exploded fuel dumps hit barges bivouacs and supplies Wasile Bay.

Operations February 16:

(2) Mondoro B-24 patrol probably destroyed small freighter north Quinhon.

(3) 32 Corsairs attacked enemy held villages Cebu, 1 Corsair lost.

(4) 11 Beaufighters swept north eastern Celebes destroyed bridge Orontolo; 12 B-25's caused fires Kendari 1 B-25 lost; 2 Spitfires strafed targets Halmahera; 24 RAAF P40's hit gun positions Wasile Bay.

(5) 12 B-25's attacked Mega village western Vogelkop.

Operations February 17:

(6) Night Catalina left transport dead in water and sinking, strafed two seaplanes near Takao; B-24's from Leyte attacked industrial plants Kureko damaged two seaplanes one lugger one coastal vessel off eastern Formosa, strafed radio station sank one seaplane Nansei Shoto.

(7) Two groups B-24's bombed Takao through solid overcast; Fighter sweeps Formosa incomplete due weather; returning fighters demolished Fuga Island Buildings Babuyan Group.

(8) 36 A20's and 48 B-25's bombed and strafed Fernando; explosions and fires resulted from strike Tuguegarao.

(9) 35 A20's scored direct hits caves and dugouts west Fort Stotsenberg; 35 other A20's furnished ground support Merivales operation.
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(10). 32 B-24's of 13th Air Force cratered runways and dispersals Muri, met three intercepting fighters; 3 B-24's bombed Tawao, another hit Namsad northeastern Celebes.

(11). B-24's bombed Labuan airdrome Bombon; 3 P-38's divebombed Sassa field Davao.

(12). RAAP B-24 patrols attacked mica mines Banggay Archepealog and small shipping Flores Island.

(13). 6 B-24's stuck enemy bivouacs but valley; 5 B-25's and 3 A-20's raided but dispersals and village. Solomons forces. Air.

Operations February 16;

(14). 8 B-25's and 8 Corsairs harassed Kaving; 18 Corsairs raided highway traffic Rabaul; 36 Corsairs 8 Ventures plus B-25's struck concentrations near Mosigatta and southern Bougainville.

Land. Luzon. Sixth Army; First Corps:
Active patrolling continued throughout zone of action, minor contacts only reported; 6th Division passed to XIVth Corps control.

XIV Corps: 40th Division captured high ground 1200 yards southwest Snake Hill 24 and 2800 yards southwest World Hill; First Cavalry Division engaged mopping up operations in zone of Action in Manila, repulsed small attacks along Angat/Novaliches Road; 37th Division regrouped for assault on Intramuros.

Xth Corps: 151st Infantry (not First Infantry as previously reported) secured Cabanban February 16, pushed

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north along coast, First Infantry advanced beyond Limey (344520) no reported enemy contact; Malinta Hill on Corregidor secured, physical contact established between 503d Infantry and Third Battalion 34th Infantry February 16, enemy resistance February 17 reported increasing but ineffective.

Leyte: Continued small scattered contacts west coast area; cumulative enemy casualties to February 17: 74261 killed, 710 captured.

Part 3.
(1) P40's dropped 26 by 250 lb, 8 by 100 lb bombs, 30 by 325 lb depth-charges, 4 by 100 lb napalms;
(2) No details.
(3) Dropped 7 by 1000 lb, 72 by 500 lb bombs.
(4) B-25's dropped 132 by 100 lb bombs, net moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire, P40's dropped 38 by 400 lb, 10 by 260 lb frags, net slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(5) Dropped 132 by 100 lb bombs.
Paragrapdo 6 through 9 no details.
(10) Dropped 162 by 500 lb, 448 by 120 lb frags from 11,600 to 9,000 feet.
(11) B-24 dropped 9 by 500 bombs from 7,400 feet; P38's dropped 3 by 1000 lb bombs.
(12) Dropped 4 by 500 lb, 18 by 100 lb bombs.
(13) B-24's dropped 72 by 500 lb bombs from 6000 feet; others dropped 36 by 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired over 9,200 rounds 50 caliber.
(14) 8 B25 dropped 12 by 650 lb depth charges; other planes dropped 44 by 1000 lb, 14 by 500 lb bombs, 56.

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by 325 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 16:
(4) 264 by 500 lb bombs dropped by B24's, 222 by 250 lb paradesmos dropped 63,600 rounds fired by A20's.

End

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To: War Department
Radio, Guam
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft. Shafter, TH
Nr: UX 80750
17 February 1945

From CG USAFFE and MacArthur to AGWAR info CINC ROA
COMGEN ROA cite UX 80750.

Under terms of FILEAS agreement, urad WX 72654 of 5 December, and as agreed to by COMGEN ROA in his radio R5 51268 dated 12 February 45, confirmation of following changes effective 20 February 45 is requested:

(A) Relieve from assignment to ROA and assign to SWPA the following:

- 76th Station Hospital (500 bed)
- 165th Station Hospital (750 bed)
- 184th Chemical Composite Platoon
- 29th Chemical Decontamination Company
- 722nd Engineer Depot Company (less 3rd platoon)
- 1st Battalion of 1322nd Engineer General Service Regiment
- 100th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company
- 177th Ordnance Depot Company
- 355th Ordnance Maintenance Company Antiaircraft
- 509th Ordnance Company (heavy maintenance) (field army)
- 879th Ordnance Heavy Auto Maintenance Company

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 167th Ordnance Battalion (with attached medical)

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3259th Quartermaster Service Company (less 2nd Platoon)
390th Quartermaster Truck Company
393rd Quartermaster Truck Company
599th Quartermaster Laundry Company (less 4th Platoon)
151st Quartermaster Bakery Company (less 4th Platoon)
308th Signal Radar Maintenance Unit (Type D)
Detachment 331st Harbor Craft Company (special T/O and E based on T/O and E 55-500 with strength of 3 officers, 1 warrant officer and 98 enlisted men)
00 Veterinary Detachment (food inspection)
3rd Platoon of 39th Special Services Company
236th Army Postal Unit (Type D)
480th Amphibian Truck Company
823rd Amphibian Truck Company
233rd AGF Band
34th Malaria Survey Unit
606th Malaria Control Unit
739th Medical Sanitary Company.

(B) Relieves from attachment to SWPA and revert to assignment to COP less personnel and equipment (personnel and equipment to be assigned to SWPA by orders originating from headquarters USAFFE):

1 Platoon of Provisional Quartermaster Graves Registration Company

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Company K of 102nd Infantry Regiment
Radio Construction Detachment Number 5 of
3117th Signal Service Battalion
Provisional Company C of 3117th Signal Service
Battalion
Detachment Number 1 of 384th Signal Company
(Aviation).

(C) Following now theater units are relieved from
attachment to PDA and are attached to SWA:

Detachment number 36 of 70th AACS group, and
AACS Construction Detachment number 72 of 70th
AACS region.

(D) Following grades and strength to be deducted
from PDA and added to SWA theater overhead allotment to
account for change in assignment of Headquarters and Headquarters
Company Army Garrison Forces, APO 246:

7 Colonels,
19 Lieutenant Colonels,
18 Majors,
22 Captains,
7 1st Lieutenants
1 2nd Lieutenant
6 Warrant Officers
21 Grade 1,
20 Grade 2,
38 Grade 3
63 Grade 4

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70 Grade 5
64 Grade 6 and
33 Grade 7
Total - 74 Officers
8 Warrant Officers
309 enlisted men
Aggregate - 391

(E) See memo U 67272 of 4 February 45 reference subsequent transfer of APU 238 less personnel from SWPA to POA and transfer of APU 246 less personnel from POA to SWPA.

End.

Footnote: 67272 is CM-IN-8856 (7 Feb 45) OPD
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ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S Gen Somervell
Gen Arnold Adm King
Adm Lesby

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CTF 93 SENDS ACTION. CINCPAC ADVANCED INFO CTF 96 AND 21 BOMCOM (ROG GUAM PASS). INFO ALSO TO CG AAFPOA (BOTH) COMAIRPAC COM FIFTH FLEET CTF 96 COMAF SEVEN 73 WING SEVENTH BOMCOM COMPAY TWO CTG 50.5. RDO TINIAN PASS INFO TO 313 WING CTU 50.5.3 (PASSED BY CINCPAC ADV HED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 180903)

ADD CTF 93 STRIKE RESULTS 16 FEBRUARY.

FOUR LIBS NIGHT SNOOPING SUSAKE AIRFIELD CHICHI JIMA 8-11000 FEET LOOSED CENTURIES BY RADAR RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

17 FEBRUARY:

SKIMMING TWO DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND BIVOUAC AREA NORTH SIDE SURIBACHI YAMA FROM 4300-5000 FEET 42 SEVENTH AF LIBS PACKING 260 LB VT FUZED BOMBS NEATLY LAID 90 PERCENT HITS IN TARGET AREA. OBSERVED TWO LARGE FIRES BETWEEN VOLCANO AND AIRFIELD; 1.2 SMALL FIRES NEAR AIRFIELD 1.5 SINGLE ENGINE AND 5 TWIN ENGINE PLANES ON AIRFIELD.

ALL DAMAGED. A/W FIRE INTENSE ACCURATE TO INACCURATE MAJOR DAMAGE ONE LIB MINOR DAMAGE THREE. AT' INSTALLATIONS...
MARCUS CAUGHT CENTRIFUGES FROM THREE LIBS AT 16500 FEET ALL BOMBS ON ISLAND CUTTING THROUGH EAST END E/W RUNWAY. NO AIRCRAFT OR SHIPPING SEEN. RUNWAYS APPEARED OPERATIONAL. NAVY PB4Y'S SAME TARGET SAME TIME GOT NO PICUTRES DUE 10/10 COVERAGE. FOUR LIBS AND TWO NAVY PB4Y'S OVER TRUK SPOTTED FOUR SINGLE ENGINE OPERATIONAL PLANES SOUTH MOEN FIELD. THREE LIBS DROPPED CENTURIES FROM 21-22000 PUTTING EIGHT ON PARAM, FOUR ON UMAN, THREE ON ETEN, WITH QUARTER TONNERS GOT FOUR OFF EAST COAST UMAN, THREE ON ETEN RUNWAY, TWO ON PARAM RUNWAY AND SIX UNOBSERVED. TWO UNAGGRESSIVE ZEKES INTERCEPTED. ONE NAVY PB4Y GOT GOOD VERTIDAL AND OBLIQUE COVERAGE MOEN, ETEN, AND PARAM AIRFIELDS FROM APPROXIMATELY 21000 FEET.
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TO CINCPAC

FROM CTF 52

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OCTASKFOR 52 SENDS ACTION TASK FORCE 51 (ECHO HOLDERS) INFO CINCPAC ADV HQ CON 5TH FLEET.

AT WORKMAINT. SCHEDULED MINESweepING COMPLETED EXCEPT 25% LANDWARD PORTION AREA B. SCHEDULED AMPHIBIOUS TO DATE FIRED BUT MAJORITY.

KNOWN INSTALLATIONS APPEAR TO BE INTACT. COPIES PHOTOS ARE BEING COMPLETED ACCORDING TO PLAN BUT POOR VERTICALS THIS MORNING STILL.

PREVENT ACCURATE DAMAGE EVALUATION. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT HIT MANY TARGETS DESTROYED 4 TRUCKS IN SUSPECTED TANK PARK AREA 15436D AND 185 H. 3 B 24 SQUADRONS MADE EXCELLENT STRIKES. EVERY LIGHT AA INTENSELY ACCURATE. HEAVY AA INTENSE DURING STRIKES SECOND.

AND THIRD B 24 SQUADRONS WITH INCREASING ACCURACY. NONE SHOT DOWN BUT BELIEVE I WAS HIIT. UNIT RECONNAISSANCE EAST AND WEST BEACHES.

COMPLETED WITH ONLY 1 SHIPPER MENDING. NO UNMETERED OBSTACLES FOUND. SINGLE SHIP IN 6 FEET WATER 15 YARDS FROM WATERLINE SEE.

OCTASKGROUP 52.4 1728831 FOR DETAILS EAST BEACHES. DETAILED REPORT.

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A SHOCKING STRIKE 2 PLANES STRANDED IN GROUND IN MORNING 3 IN AFTERNOON.

ABOUT 15 SHIPS CRAFT SRAFED 3 BURNT. AMMUNITION BARGE EXPLODED.

AT HAHAR ABOUT 15 SHIPS 1 MEDIUM CRAFT SRAFED. ENEMY AA INTENSE

BOTH OBJECTIVES, HALLIGAN SHOT DOWN 1 ENEMY AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING

TWIGS 1 FIFER LARK. WILL DELIVER HEAVY FIRE AND AIR STRIKES

TOMORROW AGAINST EAST RECEIVES AND FLANKS THEREOF WHICH STILL REQUIRE

MUCH ATTENTION.

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CTG 93.2

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313 BOMING

**OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW**

PASS BY CINCPAC/POA ADVISED TO COMINCH CINCPAC-CINCPAC HOOFTS PEARL FOR INFO AS 171621.

CTF 52 ASKS POG GUAM PASS ACTION CTF 93 INFO CTG 93.2 313 BOMING AND 21 BOM COM. CTF 50 CTF 51 ARE INFO ADDRESSES.

THANKS FOR NICE WORK TODAY. TARGET FOR 18 FEB AS FOLLOWS:

FOR LIBS TARGET GUITAR COORDINATED 166 C TO 167 D TO 184 1 TO 183 H.

FOR DREAMBOATS TARGET FLUTE COORDINATES 164 0 TO 165 C TO 181 E TO 181 Q AND TARGETO COORDINATES 183 0 TO 201 S TO 201 A TO 200 Q. WEATHER FORECAST FOR AFTERNOON 18 FEB. BROKEN ALTO CUMULUS AT 9,000 FEET. LOW SCATTERED AT 2,000 FEET.

VISIBILITY 12 MILES. WILL USE NAVAL GUNFIRE INSTEAD OF FIGHTERS AGAINST ENEMY AA FOR SUPPORT PRIOR TO AND DURING BOMBING RUNS. IT WAS OBSERVED THAT 1ST FORMATION RECEIVED NEGLIGIBLE AA DEXITUIDOM AND 3RD FORMATIONS RECEIVED INTENSE
INACCURATE HEAVY AA. A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF BOMBS APPEARED TO BURST AT ABOUT 3,000 FEET.

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CTG 52.4 REPORTS RESULTS OF RECONNAISSANCE OF EASTERN IWO JIMA BEACHES AT 1130Z 17 FEBRUARY. ALL DEPTHS GIVEN AS OF SUCH TIME. APPROXIMATELY HIGH TIDE. SINGLE BURIED MINE REPORTED IN 8 FEET WATER 100 YARDS FROM NORTH FLANK RED 2 10 YARDS FROM WATERLINE. MINE NOT DESTROYED. SINGLE LINE BREAKERS 2 FEET HIGH BREAK DIRECTLY ON SLEEPING BEACH. SOUTHEAST WIND 34.

GROVE 1. MINOR CURRENT TO NORTH STRONGEST AROUND FUTATSUROCK BEACH. FIRM SAND CAN SUPPORT ALL VEHICLES. 3, 2, 1, AND 1/2 FATHOM LINES ARE 150, 75, AND 15, AND 5 YARDS NEARBY RESPECTIVELY. ALL TYPES ON BEACH CAN USE BEACH BUT FIRST SAND TERRACE INLAND MAY BLOCK LCT'S. GREEN 1 SUNken LUGGER IN CENTER AREA 152 J COVERED BY 8 FEET WATER. LUGGER 4 YARDS FROM WATER'S EDGE. ONLY EXIT AT SOUTHERN HALF WHERE 3 FOOT TERRACE 25 YARDS NORTHERN HALF 12 FOOT SAND TERRACE 4 YARDS FROM WATER'S EDGE.

INLAND, RED 1. DANGEROUS LIMITS OUTER FUTATSUROCK BUOYED TO SEAWARD. 3 FATHOM CHANNEL BETWEEN ROCKS AND BEACH, STEEP.

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**TO:**

- **SAND TERRACE** 15 YARDS INSHORE 6 FEET HIGH. RED 2. 4 FOOT TERRACE AT WATERLINE. YELLOW 1 AND 2. SINKFOOT SAND TERRACE 16 YARDS INSHORE. BEST EXIT APPEARS AT BREAVAP TERRACE CENTER YELLOW 1. H/Q FIRE FROM WRECKED LUGGER. SMALL GAS SUFFLES APPARENTLY EMITTED FROM LAVA ROCKS 250 YARDS OF TERRACE CENTER BLUE 1. 10' FOOT SAND TERRACE 3 YARDS INSHORE. BLUE 2.

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**OPERATIONS MANILA BAY PROCEEDING SATISFACTORY. AT CORREGIDOR COLONEL JONES 5/43 PARATROOP REGIMENT ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE RELIEVING RAD STUBLABE AT 1515/1 16. SOME VEHICLES DAMAGED BY MINES IN LANDING AND RESISTANCE DEVELOPED ON NORTH COAST AND OUR WEST FLANK. MALINTA HILL SECURED AFTERNOON 16 WHILE NAVAL FIRE SUPPORT CONTINUES AGAINST STRONG POINTS. RESUPPLY CORREGIDOR AND MARINE LA CONTINUES PT'S WITH COORDINATED AIR SUPPORT EXECUTING PATROLS SOUTH AND EAST COAST BATAAN SUNK 3 BARGES 1 SAILBOAT THRU 16 AND RESCUED 3 PARATROOPERS AND 78 SURVIVORS OF LCS SUNK BY Q-BOAT ATTACK NIGHT 15/16. NAVY PB4Y'S ON THE 15TH SANK 1 AND DAMAGED 5 SMALL AK IN SAKISHIMA-GUNTO AREA ALSO.**

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DAMAGED RADAR STATION ON HIJAKO SHIMA. HASS (DE 424) PROBABLY SANK SUBMARINE WEST OF PANAY ON 16 AFTER ATTACK LASTING ABOUT 10 HOURS.

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To: War Department

No: C 10456 17 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 10456. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/15, 1500Z/16 signed MacArthur.

China Coast:
Destroyer and medium freighter transport sighted heading northeast off Swatow February 15th.

French Indo China:
Three large one medium freighters two destroyer escorts sighted on northerly course off Camranh Bay February 14th, two small tankers three escorts southbound off Tourane next day.

Philippines:
Three enemy submarines contacted recently by Naval Units North Luzon, another west Panay.

Luzon:
Considerable enemy movement reported by guerillas Baguio area, reinforcements and extended defense positions in hills west Clark Field, early reports Corregidor February 15 stated eastern tongue deserted by enemy.

CM-IN-18567 (18 Feb 45)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No.: C 10456 17 February 1945

Celebes:
B-24's attacking Kendari reported three fighters two unidentified planes airborne one bomber four fighters four others in Airdrome.

Part 2.

Naval:
Enemy armoured speed boats attacked Allied vessels with depth charges Mariveles Harbour Bataan night February 15th; Allied PT Boats with fighter cooperaton sank four barges one sailboat east coast Bataan next afternoon.

Air: Operations February 14th:

(1). 11 Corsairs attacked Negros and Cebu Island airdromes, strafed three grounded planes; intense anti-aircraft fire downed one Corsair Silay.

Operations February 15th:

(2). Fighters destroyed 12/15 locomotives Formosa, anti-aircraft downed two planes Taichu; 12 B-25s demolished one bridge damaged another bomber troop concentrations southern Formosa through heavy weather; predawn B-24s weathered out.

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(3). Strikes against Bocaya and Tugeugarao rendered strips unserviceable; 18 A-20's attacked supplies and troop concentrations near Baguio; 64 Dauntless bombed defense positions and guns Fort William McKinley southern Manila.

(4). Eight P-38's, 44 P-47's, 55 A-20's and 22 B-24's struck Corregidor; 18 R-47's attacked Caballo Island.

(5). 24 B-24's, nine A-20's, five B-25's, 16 P-47's and six P-51's harassed Bataan.

(6). 31 Corsairs bombed Butuan northern Mindanao.

(7). RAAF Ventura patrol attacked lugger Flores Island; two Dutch B-25's hit Adocet Village Tanauors.

(8). 20 Beauforts six B-25's raided targets Wewak area; six B-24's cratered Boram airdrome.

(9). Seven Beauforts from Nadzab attacked wide bay targets New Britain.

Operations February 16:

(10). B-24's from Leyte shot down floatplane northeast Wenchow, sank two seatrucks one coastal vessel four smaller craft demolished shore installations Hancei Shoto; Mindoro B-24's sank small freighter transport probably sank.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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two large tugboats Cape Saint Jacques sank two barges met three intercepting fighters Northern Borneo.

(10). 32 P-51's destroyed two locomotives 17 trucks
Southern Formosa; 18 B-25's swept Bataan Bebuyan Islands
bombed landing craft found nil other targets; another swept
destroyed barge Palani Island Northeastern Luzon cratered
Camalaniugan runways south Aparri.

(12). Six B-25's, 30 F-47's hit supplies demolished
buildings Baguio area; P-38's strafed enemy concentrations
Manila, one plane lost to anti-aircraft fire.

(13). 186 Dauntless heavy destruction head-
quarters area near Balete Pass, supported ground forces
Fort McKinley and high ground west Fort Stotsenburg.

(14). 24 B-24's and 111 A-20's bombed and strafed
Corregidor; four P-38's, 12 P-51's and 39 A-20's attacked
nearby Ceballo Island.

(15). Nine P-38's, 24 P-47's, 12 P-51's and 12
B-25's struck targets area Southern Bataan.

(16). Five P-38's bombed Matina and Licanan air-
dromes Davao.

(17). Single B-24 over Macassar Strait bombed
Manggar airdrome; Ventura patrol attacked small vessel

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Northeastern Celebes.


(20). Four A-20's and seven Beauforts bombed and strafed enemy concentrations Wewak area.

(21). Seven B-24's from Nadzab attacked Lakunai air-drome Rabaul.

Solomon Forces.

Air: Operations February 15:

(22). Eight Corsairs three Venturas 21 B-25's bombed Kavieng air-drome strafed coastal targets New Ireland; 12 Corsairs harassed Rabaul, six Venturas 14 B-25's hit Vunakanau plane hide-out; 47 Corsairs provided ground support Bougainville demolished buildings Kieta.
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Land.

Luzon:

Sixth Army:
I Corps: Extensive patrolling continued north
and east Rosario and north along Villa Verde trail.

XIV Corps: Resistance Malate reported broken;
Elements 1st Cavalry Division secured Fort Abad, other ele-
ments patrolled to north and west gates Fort McKinley with-
out contact;

37th Division units pushed north from Remedios
Street to Tennessee Avenue, other encountered continued
 stiff resistance on Intramuros outskirts;

11th Airborne Division advancing east against
moderate resistance reached line along Manila railroad from
Culicui to point 5,500 yards south.

XI Corps: 38th Division reinforced;
151 Infantry at Mariveles secured Cokinco point, held
beachhead 2,000 yards deep 7,000 yards wide;
1st Infantry units advancing south
on east coast Batan occupied Orion in strength, reached
Cabanban, others reach point of Pilár/Sagac road 42 miles
southwest Pilár.

503rd Parachute Infantry dropped
vicinity (320-396) engaged enemy in undetermined strength
south and southwest Corregidor lighthouse;
3rd Battalion 34th Infantry landed
vicinity (334-403) against light opposition, occupied south
half Malinta Hill.

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Part 3.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 no details.

(3) Dauntless dropped 30 tons bombs.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 no details.

(6) Dropped 61 1,000 pound bombs.

(7) Venture dropped three 300 pound bombs, fired 400 rounds 50, 500 rounds 30 calibre; B-25's dropped five 500 pound bombs, fired 5,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(8) Beauforts dropped 32 500 pound, 58 250 pound bombs, 58 40 pound frags, four 250 pound, 90 four pound incendiaries, fired 300 rounds 50, 9,200 rounds 30 calibre; B-25's dropped 24 300 pound bombs; B-24's dropped 72 500 pound bombs one tenth second delay from 9,000 feet.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 no details.

(12) B-25's dropped 60 100 pound parademos; F-47's dropped 43 1,000 pound bombs.

(13) Dropped 88 tons bombs.

(14) 45 A-20's dropped 316 100 pound parademos, fired 55,760 rounds 50 calibre.

(15) No Details.

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(16) Dropped five 1,000 pound bombs.

(17) B-24's dropped nine 500 pound bombs.

(18) Dropped 723 260 pound frags, 234 100 pound napalms from 17,000 to 18,500 feet, met heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(19) Dropped ten 500 pound, 36 100 pound bombs, fired 2,400 rounds 50 calibre.

(20) A-20's dropped 16 300 pound bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3,000 rounds 50 calibre; Beauforts dropped ten 500 pound, 29 250 pound bombs, 65 40 pound frags, 180 four pound incendiaries, fired 1700 rounds 30 calibre.

(21) Dropped 16 1,000 pound, 70 500 pound bombs from 9,000 feet.

(22) B-25's dropped 21 2,000 pound bombs, 27 500 pound incendiary clusters, fired 26,300 rounds 50 calibre; Others dropped eight 1,000 pound, 24 500 pound, eight 250 pound bombs, 40 325 pound depth charges.

Supplementary paragraphs: (26) Leyte Corsairs provided shipping cover February 15, swept Visesayas.

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

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Philippines:

3 enemy submarines contacted recently by Naval units north Luzon, another west Panay.

Luzon:

** noted by guerrillas Baguio area, reinforcements and extended defense positions in hills west Clark Field, early

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To: 

Date: 17 February 1945

Subject: Report on Operations

Part 1. Army:

Corregidor reported 3 fighters 2 unidentified planes airborne 1 bomber 4 fighters 4 airdrome.

Part 2. Naval:

Enemy armoured speed boats attacked B9 * Harbour Bataan night February 15; Allizo PT boats with fighter cooperation sank 4 barges 1 sailboat Coast Bataan next afternoon.

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1500 S/ B 24 Jfoes Village Tanimgara. *

Forhosusemi * B24 swept Babuyan Islands bombed landing area; another sweep westward purge Palau Islands.

McKinley without contact; 37th Division units pushed forth from Remedios Street to Tennessee Avenue, other encountered continued stiff resistance on Intrasurco outkirts; 11th Airborne Division advancing east against moderate resistance reached line along Manila railroad from Culicui

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17th Corps, 38th Division re-inforced; 151st Infantry at Marieleas secured Cochinos Point, held beachhead 2000 yards deep 7000 yards wide; 1st Infantry units advancing south of east coast Bataan occupied Orion in strength, reached Cabahangan, others reach point on Pillar/Bacac road 41 miles southwest Filur. 503 Parachute Infantry dropped vicinity (320-396) *

Corregidor Lighthouse;
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Part 3
Paragraphs 1 and 2, no details
3. Dauntless dropped 30 tons bombs.
4 and 5, no details.
6. Dropped 61 by 1000 lb *

Incendiaries, fired 300 rounds 50, 9200 rounds 30 caliber 8 25's dropped 24 by 300 lb bombs; B 24's dropped 72 by 500 lb bombs one tenth second delay from 9000 feet.

Paragraphs 10 and 11, no details
12. B-25's dropped 60 by 100 lb parademos; P 47's dropped 43 by 1000 lb bombs.
13. 88 tons bombs
14. 45 A-20's dropped 316 by 100 lb parademos, fired 55760 rounds 50 caliber.

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15. No details.
16. Dropped 5 by 1000 lb bombs.
17. B24's dropped 9 by 500 lb. 
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19. Dropped 10 by 500 lb, 36 by 100 lb bombs, fired 2400 rounds * fifteen seconds delay from minimum altitude fired 3000 rounds * caliber; *

Caliber.
21. Dropped 16 by 1000 lb, 70 by 500 lb bombs from 9000 feet.
22. B25's dropped 21 by 2000 lb bombs, 27 by 500 lb incendiary clusters, fired twenty six thousand *

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; ASP; G-2; Adm King; Col Park; Statistic; Log

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SPECIAL WESTERN PACIFIC SUMMARY FOR 16 FEBRUARY, U.S. CARRIER STRIKES AGAINST TOKYO AREA RESULTED IN GREAT VOLUME OF CONTACT REPORTS, OPERATIONAL DISPATCHES, AND ACTION SUMMARIES. NIL INDICATIONS CARRIER FORCE SIGHTED PRIOR RADAR WARNING FROM YOKOSUKA AREA AT 164644. JAP PLANES LATER BELIEVED TO HAVE SIGHTED THIS FORCE IN THE AREA SOUTHEAST AND EASTWARD OF CAPE NOJIMA AT 1642 AND 1813. NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS OF CARRIER FORCES DURING THE DAY NOTED. FULL ALERTS NOTED IN TOKYO AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY BETWEEN 1718 AND 1715 WHEN FINAL ALL CLEAR SIGNAL OBSERVED. NUMEROUS REPORTS OF CARRIER PLANES INDICATE FIGHTER SWEEPS OVER AIRFIELDS IN TOKYO AREA. INDICATIONS SHIPPING IN YOKOSUKA AREA AND SOUTHWARD THERE OF ATTACKED BY CARRIER PLANES. ATSUKI AIR BASE APPARENTLY DIRECTED

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TOTAL AIR DEFENSE. ENEMY COUNTER MEASURES APPARENTLY
CONFINED TO AIR BUT ALL INDICATIONS SUGGEST BLUE STRIKES
SUCCESSFUL. ONE AIR ATTACK UNIT KNOWN ORDERED TO ATTACK
BLUE CARRIER FORCES TAKING OFF FROM UNKNOWN JAP BASE AT
ABOUT 161440 BUT NIL INDICATIONS OBSERVED OF ANY AIR
ATTACKS ON OUR CARRIER FORCES. IN IWOJIMA AREA FIRST
OPERATIONAL DISPATCH FROM IWOJIMA AIR BASE NOTED AT 0551.
TWO PROBABLE IWOJIMA BASED PLANES ORIGINATED DISPATCHES
BETWEEN 0600-0720 AND 0625-0630 RESPECTIVELY. IWOJIMA
UNDER FULL ALERT AT 0650 AND SENT MANY PROBABLE ACTION
SUMMARIES BETWEEN THAT TIME AND 1146 PROBABLY TO ADDRESSEES
OF SEVENTH BASE AIR FORCE ACTION SUMMARIES. SEVERAL
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| BEING AT 1430 IN POSITION 23-57 N 144-52 E, NIL INDICATIONS |
| SIXTEENTH LOCATIONS ANY MAJOR SURFACE FLEET COMMANDER EXPECTED GOMD CARDIV 4 TASK GROUP WHICH GROUP WILL BE IN POSITION 32-10 N 124-25 E. AT 170000. THIS FORCE WILL THEN PASS TO NORTHWARD OF SAISHU (QUELPART) ISLAND AND TSUSHIMA ISLAND FRONTE SHINOMOKI STRAITS. OTHERWISE NIL INDICATIONS MOVEMENT OF ANY MAJOR SURFACE UNITS. COMMUNICATIONS IN PHILIPPINES SHOWN SOME IMPROVEMENT SIXTEENTH. CIRCUITS FROM BAGUO TO TOKYO, MANILA, AND DAVAO WERE OPEN. MANILA HEARD AS LATE AS 2015. CORREGIDOR ORIGINATED OPERATIONAL DISPATCHES AT 1025 AND 1045. AT 1100 CORREGIDOR REPORTED BLUE LANDINGS IN SAN JOSE AREA. DUE TO EXPECTED ATTACKS IN NANSEI SHOTO CORRIGIDOR FIRST AIR FLEET LATE FIFTEENTH |

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**TOP SECRET DISPATCH**

**ORDERED DISCONTINUANCE BATULINAO SUBMARINE EVACUATION RUNS-**
AFTER COMPLETION TRIPS BY RO 112 AND 113 (COMMENT: ENEMY APPARENTLY STILL UNAWARE PROBABLE LOSS THESE BOATS). THREE DISPATCHES FIFTEEN BETWEEN BAGUO, BATULINAO, AND TAKAO MAY BE RELATED THIS OPERATION. PALAO ADDRESSED AIR BASE DAVAO AT 1600. OTHERWISE TRAFFIC IN CAROLINES AREA NORMAL. PAGAN SENT CUSTOMARY WEATHER REPORTS TO IWOJIMA. SUBMARINE BROADCASTS ACTIVE AND CARRIED OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC FROM JAPAN. UP UNTIL 170100 NIL CONTACT REPORTS WITH BLUE FORCES HAD BEEN GIVEN TO JAD SUBS. MALAY AREA SECURED AN ALERT AT 1021 AND WAS ALERTED AGAIN 1136–1154. NANKING UNDER ALERT 1345–1425. INTERESTING EVIDENCE NOW AVAILABLE SHOWN JAP PLANE CONTACT AT 141115 (PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED IN |
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**POSITION 36-20 N 144 E WAS IN FACT A SIGHTING REPORT OF 70-100 BLUE VESSELS ABOUT 70 MILES WEST OR SOUTHWEST OF SAIPAN ON COURSE 330. HOWEVER BELIEVE THIS SIGHTING ONLY SERVED CONFIRM JAP BELIEF THAT BLUE CARRIER ATTACKS AND LANDING OPERATIONS WERE IN PENDING IN NANSI SHOTO-FORMOSA AREA.**

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972

By SLR  Date MAY 4 1973
TOKYO HIT BY FAST CARRIER AIRCRAFT 16 FEBRUARY.
SURFACE UNITS WITH COORDINATED AIR ATTACK ATTACKED
TWO JIMA SAME DATE. TROOPS LANDED LARIVELES HARBOR
BATAAN 15 FEBRUARY. LIGHT OPPOSITION. BOMBARDMENT
CORRIDOR AND SWEEPING ENTRANCE MANILA CONTINUES.
CTF 52 SENDS ACTION TF 51 INFO CINCPAC ADV HQ COM 5TH FLT.

AT WORKMAN BEACH ALL HYDROGRAPHIC INFO AS IN BISMARCK SEA 16200.

NO BEACH OBSTACLES SIGHTED FROM AIR AND BOTH BEACHES APPEARED

SUITABLE FOR USE OF ANY TYPE LANDING CRAFT. SCHEDULED

MINESweepING FOR BAY COMPLETED. RESULTS NEGATIVE EXCEPT

1 GASOLINE AD-EFT SIGHTED AND SUNK BY GUNFIRE. DUE TO

WEATHER SCHEDULED GUNFIRE ONLY PARTIALLY COMPLETED. SLOW

DELIBERATE FIRE WITH PLANE SPOT USED THROUGHOUT. NO PHOTOS

OBTAINED DUE TO POOR LIGHT CONDITIONS UPON COMPLETION GUNFIRE

AND AIR STRIKE. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND LEFT BURNING

AND IN SINKING CONDITION 2 LUGGERS ABOUT 500 TONS. PENSACOLA

SPOTTING PLANE SPLASHED 1 LOCAL ZEKE. 3 BETTYS PROBABLY DESTROYED

ON GROUND. AIR STRIKES LIMITED BY WEATHER. TASK FORCE 93

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PLANES WEATHERED OUT. VHB DID NOT ARRIVE. CHICHI JIMA FIGHTER SWEEP TURNED BACK BY WEATHER. SPORADIC ENEMY FIRE AT SURFACE SHIPS WAS QUICKLY SILENCED. ENEMY HEAVY AA FIRE WAS LIGHT DISORGANIZED AND NOT EFFECTIVE. LIGHT AA WAS INTENSE BUT GENERALLY INACCURATE.

NO SHIPS REPORTED UPHPK* 1 FIGHTER PLANE AND PILOT MISSING DUE TO THICK WEATHER. 1 PLANE OPERATIONAL LOSS. 1 FIGHTER SHOT DOWN BY LIGHT AA. PILOT RECOVERED UNINJURED. LIGHT PLADED ON HIGASHI IWA. SHIPS AND LANES REPORT CONSIDERABLE NUMBER ENEMY INSTALLATIONS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BUT ACCURATE EVALUATION MUST WAIT PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW.

* AS RECEIVED.

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CTF 52 ORIGINATES ACTION TASK FORCE 51 INFO CINCPAC ADV HC AND COM 5TH FLEET.

CINCPAC/CINCPACOA ADV HC PASS TO PAC/POA HEDPEARL AND TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 161812.

AT BORKMAN BEACH AND HYDROGRAPHIC INFO AS IN BISMARK SEA 16028°. NO BEACH OBSTACLES SIGHTED FROM AIR AND BOTH BEACHES APPEARED SUITABLE FOR USE OF ANY TYPE LANDING CRAFT. SCHEDULED MINE-SweepING FOR DAY COMPLETED. RESULTS NEGATIVE EXCEPT ONE OLD MINE ADrift RIGHTED AND SUNK BY GUNFIRE DUE TO WEATHER SCHEDULED GUNFIRE ONLY-PARTIALLY COMPLETED SLOW DELIBERATE FIRE WITH PLANE SPOT USED THROUGHOUT. NO PHOTOS OBTAINED DUE TO POOR LIGHT CONDITIONS UPON COMPLETION GUNFIRE AND AIR STRIKE. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND LEFT BURNING AND IN SINKING CONDITION TWO LUGGERS ABOUT
S-11 TO 5. PENSACOLA SPOTTING PLANE SPLASHED ONE LOCAL ZEKE. 3 BETTYS PROBABLY DESTROYED ON GROUND. AIR STRIKES LIMITED BY WEATHER. TASK FORCE 93 PLANES WEATHERED OUT. VMB DID NOT ARRIVE. CHICHI JIMA FIGHTER SHREW TURNED BACK BY WEATHER. SPORADIC ENEMY FIRE AT SURFACE SHIPS HAS QUICKLY SILENCED. ENEMY HEAVY AA FIRE WAS LIGHT DISORGANIZED AND NOT EFFECTIVE. LIGHT AA IS INTENSE BUT GENERALLY INACCURATE. NO SHIPS REPORTED HIT. ONE FIGHTER PLANE AND PILOT MISSING DUE TO THICK WEATHER. ONE PLANE OPERATIONAL LOSS. ONE FIGHTER SHOT DOWN BY LIGHT AA PILOT RECOVERED UNINJURED. LIGHT FLARED ON HIGASHI IWA. SHIPS AND PLANES REPORT CONSIDERABLE NUMBER ENEMY INSTALLATIONS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BUT ACCURATE EVALUATION MUST WAIT PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW.

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CTF 77 GIVES ACTION CINCSWPA TARLAC AND LEYTE INFO TO COMINCH.

CINCPAC GUAM COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT.

REOCCUPATION OF CORREGIDOR COMMENCED AT 0839/1 16TH WITH DROP OF ELEMENTS OF THE 503 PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION FOLLOWED AT 1328/1 BY THE LANDING OF THE 3RD BATTALION 34 RCT. NO OPPOSITION IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF BEACHES BUT SOME MORTAR FIRE RECEIVED FROM HILLS. PARA TROopers MET SHARP ENEMY FIRE AT 1130. LANDING PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. AT 1407/1 ON 15TH BRIGADIER GENERAL CHASE ASSUMED COMMAND AShORE AT MARIVELES BAY RELIEVING REAR ADMIRAL STRUBER. PERIMETER IS BEING EXTENDED AGAINST LIGHT ENEMY RESISTANCE. TOTAL OF OVER 272 JAPANESE MINES HAVE BEEN SWEEP. EXISTENCE OF CONTROLLED MINES SUSPECTED. LSM 169 SUNK.

MINE WAS BURNED AND BEACHED ON 15TH. DURING NIGHT 15/16 3 LOR

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**NEWSPAPER**

**PATROLLING MARIVELES BAY WERE DESTROYED BY ENEMY SUICIDE CRAFT. A FOURTH WAS BEACHED. ON NIGHT 14/15 SUBIC BAY SUBJECTED TO ATTACK BY 3 JAPANESE SUICIDE CRAFT. 1 ENEMY CRAFT DESTROYED 2 ESCAPED. SEVERAL BARGES SUNK. SAN PEDRO BOATS ATTACKED SMALL CRAFT.**

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PAUCITY OF NEWS IN COMSUBPAC SERIAL 62E. THE TENDER PROTEUS JOINED OUR HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY IN GUAM AND RUSSKEFAUVER* CONNED THE SPRINGER INTO APRA HARBOR TO PICK UP HIS OP-ORDER. BOTH ARE FROM PEARL. NO DEPARTURES ARE REPORTED. FOR INFORMATION OF THOSE NOT HOLDING MY LATEST OP-PLAN OUR CARRIER TASK FORCES ARE GIVING TOKYO AREA A HEAVY BLASTING TODAY. THE NAVY BASKETBALL TEAM IS ROLLING ALONG TOWARD AN UNDEFEATED SEASON WHILE THE NAVY GRUNT AND GROAN ARTISTS CAPTURED THE EASTERN TITLE ONCE MORE.

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To: War Department
Nr: C 10392 16 February 1945

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French Indo China:
14th Air Force photographs showed 23,000 tons
merchant shipping Saigon February 14th; local sources following
day report four transports two schooners at Saigon, large
transport Quinhon Bay, transport and escort heading south
off Nhatrang.

Luzon:
* over Bataan reported enemy concentrations
along Baja/Pilar road.

Part II Naval
Subic Bay PT boats sank one of three attacking
speedboats possibly destroyed two barges southeaster Bataan
night February 14; San Pedro boats with cooperating Corsairs
straffed enemy shore positions north western Samar fired small
craft and atked Capul Island San Bernadino Strait during
day;
Naval units supported landing southern Bataan
February 15.

Air. Operations February 13:
(1) 35 A 20's weathered out from Bataan, attacked
concentrations near Aparri. Operations 14th:
(2) Reper grending report paragraph 10; later
information reveals 8 B25's, 22 P47's, 16 P51's and 45
dauntless on ground support missions.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Nr: 0 10392 16 February 1945

(1) 11 B 24's bombed Mariveles area Bataan.
(4) Three RAAF B24's from Darwin attacked two coastal vessels damaged large two Soemba Island.
RAAF Ventura left coastal vessel blazing same area.

Operations February 15:
(5) B24 patrols from Leyte damaged radar station attacked 17 coastal vessels, sank one damaged at *
(6) 13th Air Force B24's * planes struck Corregidor; one plane bombed La Carlota on Negros.
(7) Ventura strafed grounded planes sank *
Panay Island.
(8) Two RAAF B24's hit amongst buildings Alor Island, bombed Mica Mines Bangagal Archipelago.
(9) 4 A20's raided Anumb River * Bougainville attacked barge around coast.

Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 15002/14 to 15002/15 signed MacArthur.

Land. Luzon:
6th Army; I Corps: no change.
XIV Corps: 40th Division reported continued strong resistance Snake Hills area Guim: elements 37th Division encountered automatic weapons and mortar fire from upper stories on treeline approaches, necessitating systematic reduction enemy positions by close in fighting, other elements to south reached Manila Bay vicinity Remedios Street; First Cavalry Division units reached Manila Bay near Harrison Park, crossed Toft Avenue and Circle, right flank reached Florida Street. XII Corps: 38th Division: 151st Regimental Combat Team landed Mariveles Bay captured airstrip, troops reported 2,000 yards inland on left, 600 yards east Mariveles River on right.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines
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16 February 1945

First Infantry reached Bataan Grande Southeast
Balanga. * report February 16; 503 Parachute Regiment *
Corregidor.

Part III
(1) Dropped 2,122 by 23 lb parachute, fired unstated number rounds, set slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(2) No details.
(3) Dropped 44 tons bombs.
(4) B 24's dropped 10 500 lb bombs one tenth second delay, 20 100 lb bombs; Ventura dropped 3 300 lb bombs five seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 500 rounds, 50, 400 rounds 30 calibre.
(5) No details.
(6) Dropped 295 250 lb bombs, 505 260 lb frag from 10,400 to seven * 500 feet.
(7) No details.
(8) Dropped 5 500 lb, 10 100 lb bombs.
(9) Dropped 16 3 * 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 2,200 rounds 50 calibre.
(10) 56 B25's dropped 18 2000 lb, 8 1000 lb, 19 500 lb, 24 250 lb bombs, 18 650 lb depth charges, fire 31,000 rounds 50 calibre; other planes dropped 32 1000 lb, 33 500 lb, 12 300 lb, 15 250 lb bombs, 2 650 lb, 38 325 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 13; paragraph 12:
Total 30 B 25's dropped 1,730 23 lb parachute, fired 87,000

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COM TASKFOR 94 SENDS ACTION LOCALLY TO CINCPOA ADV HQ. ACTION ALSO CINCPOA PEARL INFO CTF 93 COM 5TH FLEET.

PASSED BY CINCPCAC/CINCPOA ADVHD TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 160148.

OPERATIONS 15TH. 3 NITE HELLCATE 31 CORSAIRS 2 AVENGERS USED BOMBS ROCKETS NAPALM ON BABELTHUAP RESULTING LARGE FIRE EXPLOSIONS BARGE SUNK WHALE-BOAT DAMAGED. 8 CORSAIRS BOMBED PEKEL ISLAND TOMIL HARBOUR YAP.

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ROD HONO INTERCEPT

SGD KRUEGER CG 6TH ARMY CITE WL 2447 TO COM 7TH FLT ACTION INFO CINC SWPA LL92 PASS TO COM 7TH PHIB G2 ADV ECH.

REFERENCE RECEIVED CASIGURAN SOUND YOUR 131244Z NO US GARRISON AT PRESENT LOCATED BALER BAY, HOWEVER OUR PATROLS HAVE SEARCHED BALER AND FOUND NO ENEMY ACTIVITY. LT CHANDLEY WITH BLANCO SCOUT TEAM OF 9 MEN AND SEVERAL GUERRILLAS FAMILIAR WITH CASIGURAN AREA WILL BE READY TO COME ABOARD AT TOWN OF BALER BEGINNING 19 NOV AND ACCOMPANY TASK UNIT TO CASIGURAN AREA. CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE. NO INFO AVAILABLE FROM GUERRILLA SOURCES ON ENEMY STRENGTH OR DEFENSES CASIGURAN AREA. JAP GARRISON IN THAT AREA IF ANY NOT BELIEVED TO EXCEED 50 TO 100.

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PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT 14TH FAILED TO WIPE OUT ALL JAPANESE GUN POSITIONS IN CAVES ON CORREGIDOR. SWEEPING MANILA BAY ENTRANCE DELAYED BY ACCURATE ENEMY SHORE BATTERY FIRE. ABOUT 115 ENEMY MINES SWEEP SO FAR. SWEEPING CONTINUES. RADFORD (DO 446) HIT MINE FLOODED FORWARD RETIRING AT 10 KNOTS. LAVALLETT (DO 448) HIT MINE CAUSING CONSIDERABLE FLOODING AND DAMAGE. PROCEEDING ON 1 ENGINE. ABOVE DD'S RETIRING SUBIC BAY. PLETCHER (DO 445) HIT BY 6 INCH SHELL SUSTAINED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. 3 KILLED, 48 SET AFIRE BY MEDIUM CALIBER FROM CORREGIDOR AND LATER SUNK BY BLUISH TORPEDOES. 3 MEN MISSING. HOPEWELL SUSTAINED SHELL HIT ON STACK AND ANOTHER IN OFFICERS COUNTRY. AT 1000 1 ON 15TH FIRST WAVE LANDED AS SCHEDULED AT MARIVELES HARBOR. VERY LIGHT OPPOSITION.

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FOX HOLES AND TRENCHES DUG IN AIR STRIP. TROOPS ASHORE ADVANCING RAPIDLY INLAND. BERKEY REPORTS BELIEVES 2 OF THE 3 GUN TARGETS NORTH COAST CORREGIDOR NOW OUT OF ACTION. UNLOADING DELAYED BY BAD BEACH CONDITIONS. LINGAYEN AND MINDORO PT'S ENGAGED IN LANDING SCOUTS AND CONTACTING GUERRILLAS. ECHELONS RETURNING FROM SUBIC BAY AND LINGAYEN BAY ARRIVED LEYTE.

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FROM COM 7TH FLT
RELEASED 16 FEB 1945
TOR CODEROOM 16-D4
DECODED BY STORM
TYPED BY STORM/STEEN
Routed by

COM 7TH PHIBFOR

ACTION: COM 5TH FLT CINCPAC (BOTH) COMING ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 7TH FLT CINCSWPAC (LEYTE AND TARLAC) CG 8TH ARMY CG 8TH ARMY COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 3RD BOMING COM 5TH FLT CINCPAC (BOTH) COMINCH

DESP OP PLAN 2-45. AS SOON AS CURRENT OPERATIONS PERMIT FORM TASK UNIT DESIGNATED CASIGUARAN SOUND RECO.

UNIT COMPOSED OF 2 DD OR DE 2 AMS EQUIPPED FOR SWEEPING 1 LOI.

ENEMY OCCUPIES IN MINOR STRENGTH POINTS ALONG EAST COAST OF LUZON. ENEMY AIR ON LUZON IS NOW NEGATIVELY.

SCATTERED ENEMY SUBS ARE OPERATING IN PHILIPPINE WATERS. THERE ARE NO KNOWN ENEMY MINEFIELDS COAST.

DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS OR TROOPS IN THE CASIGUARAN SOUND AND BAY SECTION OF EASTERN LUZON ALTHOUGH BALER.

BAY AND DINGALAN BAY ARE BELIEVED TO BE MINED. ELEMENTS OF THE 6TH US ARMY HAVE OCCUPIED BALER AND DINGALAN BAYS. NO FRIENDLY SUBMARINES ARE OPERATING IN EASTERN LUZON WATERS.

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THIS FORCE WILL INVESTIGATE CASIGURAN BAY AND SOUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF ENEMY FORCES OR INSTALLATIONS AND SUITABILITY AS A FLEET ANCHORAGE.

ASSEMBLE TASK UNIT AT LEYTE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE. WHEN RFS PROCEED RALER BAY CONTACT LOCAL 6TH US ARMY COMMANDER AND AS ARRANGED WITH HIM EMBARK JPYUTSOI'LX/YIKTER PRUMERS. PROCEED CASIGURAN SOUND LAND SCOUTS AT POINTS AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED WITH 6TH ARMY TO DETERMINE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ENEMY FORCES OR INSTALLATIONS CASIGURAN SOUND AREA INCLUDING PREWAR EMERGENCY LANDING FIELD ON WEST SIDE OF SOUND. MAKE EXPLORATORY WINE SWEET IN CASIGURAN SOUND AND BAY. INFORM COM7/FL by DISPATCH PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS OF MISSION. WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH PRIMARY MISSION DESTROY ANY ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED. RETURN TROOPS TO DESTINATION ARRANGED WITH 6TH ARMY AND UPON COMPLETION DEBARKATION RETURN LEYTE. TASK UNIT DISSOLVED ON ARRIVAL. ARRANGE AIR COVER REQUIRED WITH ALLIED AIR FORCES. IN ORDER AVOID ACCIDENTAL ENGAGEMENT KEEP ALL INTERESTED COMMANDERS INFORMED OF MOVEMENTS. LOGISTICS AT LEYTE. COMMUNICATION FLY IN ACCORDANCE CANF COMM PLAN 5-44. COM7/FL AT TOLOSA. FLY COM7/FL FOR INFORM COM7/FL AND ALL INTERESTED THE NAMES AND RADIO CALLS OF VESSELS IN TASK UNIT AS SOON AS ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE.

*AS RECEIVED, POSSIBLY "PREPARATORY ENTER WATERS."

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The CINCPAC ADV & PEARL has passed to COMINCH for info as 171007.

Summary:opping up operations forward area 4 February through 12 February: Saipan 33 JAPS KILLED, 2 FOW. Tinian 6 JAPS KILLED; our casualties 1 KIA, Guam 34 JAPS KILLED, 13 FOW; our casualties 1 KIA. Peleliu 1 FOW. On 9 February USS HYDROGRAPHER anchored in Schonian Harbor, Palau, was attacked by 3 rafts containing 2 JAPS each. 1 raft carried a mine. The Hydrographer exploded the mine and with gunboats destroyed all rafts and personnel.

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To: War Department

Nr: 10325 15 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department C 10325. Operations report SWPA ESC area period 1500Z/13 to 1500Z/14.
Formosa: Tanker and two large freighters sighted Takao Harbour night February 12.

China coast: Enemy convoy last reported as two battleships one heavy one light cruiser four destroyers 60 miles west Hong Kong midday February 14.

Hanset Islands: 2000 ton freighter 10 seatrucks sighted anchored off Okinawa, 30 operational aircraft on Naha airbase two fighters airborne February 14.

Luzon: Three guns reported in tunnels north coast Corregidor used against minesweepers.

Part 2. Naval:

Allied Naval units continued bombard Corregidor February 14; Ormoc PT boats rocketed and strafed shore positions northeastern Cebu and western Leyte.

Air:

(1) 60 barges sighted wrecked along eastern coast Bataan following fighter strikes February 11 through 13.

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Operations February 12:

(2) Six B 25's swept Ceram bombed personnel areas Salawati western Vogelkop.

Operations February 13:

(3) 10 F 40's divebombed bridge and approaches northeast Rosales through unfavorable weather; nine Dauntless hit gun positions east Nichols Field; other Dauntless raided supplies and bivouacs west Fort Stotsenberg.

(4) B 24 patrols bombed Puerto Princesa on Palalan, scored direct hits two unidentified vessels Macassar Strait, demolished buildings Talaud Islands.

(5) Six Beaufighters strafed supplies and buildings northeastern Celebes; two Spitfires 16 RAAF F 40's raided personnel areas and guns Halmahera.

(6) Three RAAF B 24's attacked small shipping through lesser Soenda.

(7) Six Beauforts attacked Marienburg Sepik River; 16 others hit concentrations near But.

Operations February 14:

(8) B 24 patrols from Leyte strafed radio tower destroyed warehouses set coastal vessel afire CN-IN-15428 (15 Feb 45)

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damaged two others Mansei Radio, damaged coastal vessel eastern Formosa, hit lighthouse Fadadores, sank lugger near Hongkong.

(9) 5th Air Force missions including 38 B 25's against warships China coast destroyed 49; weather also turned back missions against Bataan Island and Formosa; one fighter sweep reached Formosa damaged bomber, Kato airfield burned rolling stock; other aircraft destroyed three camouflage planes Tuguegarao airfield northeastern Luzon.

(10) Unreported number ground support missions silenced guns west Clark Field caused heavy enemy casualties north and east Manila; other planes destroyed two barges Manila Bay.

(11) 47 B 24's of 13th Air Force scored excellent results Corregidor; 23 other B 24's plus 8 P 38's and 58 P 47's hit same target.

(12) 96 A 20's bombed and strafed southern Bataan.

(13) Three P 38's strafed Matina runways Davao; 8 B 25's attacked barges Zamboanga.

(14) One RAAF B 24 demolished large building Manets Island radio station southeastern Celebes; another B 24 hit Atamboe airfield Timor; two RAAF B 25's bombed allways north Koepang.

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Subject: Air Operations February 13:

(15) Six B-25's led by boomerang hit assigned target west But.

(16) 10 B-24's from Madzab attacked Tobra and Lakunal airfields Rabaul.

(17) Four Corsairs three Venturas bombed Kaviang, 12 B 25's strafed coastal targets New Ireland; 16 Venturas 40 B 25's struck bivouac fired supplies Tobra, 24 Corsairs harassed Rabaul; 20 Corsairs patrolled Bougainville exploded ammunition dumps bombed troop concentrations.

Land: Luzon: I Corps:

Activity consisted of regrouping, consolidation and extensive patrolling.

XIV Corps: 1st Cavalry Division units secured Calumpang (south outskirts Marikina) reached high ground southeast edge Mandaluyong airfield (east), 12th Cavalry (attached 1st Cavalry Division) cleared Malate circle and half college campus (1400 yards east seaplane basin); 37th Division made further progress toward Intramuros, reached Taft Avenue on left; elements 11th Airborne Division repulsed night counter attack in force on high ground east Nichols Field, others secured Canacao Bay (Cavite).

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XI Corps: 38th Division reported organized resistance highway number 7 broken, quantities supplies captured; 1st Infantry reached Balanga (5000 yards south Abuoy), no resistance encountered.

Cumulative casualties: Allied: 224 killed 8,095 wounded, 203 missing;

Enemy: 31,597 killed 312 captured.

Preliminary report February 15:

Elements XI Corps affected landing vicinity Mariveles in southern Bataan, opposition very slight.

Part 3. (1) No details.

(2) Dropped 24 500 pound bombs.

(3) P 40's dropped 10 500 pound bombs.

(4) Four B 24's dropped 4 1000 pound, 18 500 pound, 15 300 pound bombs.

(5) No details.

(6) Four 500 pound, 14 300 pound bombs 1/10th second delay, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre.

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(7) Dropped 26 500 pound, 88 250 pound bombs, 80 40 pound frags, fired 900 rounds 50, 9700 rounds 30 calibre.

Paragraphs 8 through 10 no details.

(11) 47 B 24's dropped 36 500 pound bombs, 809 260 pound frags from 10000 to 8000 feet; 23 B 24's dropped 230 500 pound bombs.

(12) No details.

(13) P 38's dropped 3 1000 pound bombs; B 25's dropped 96 100 pound bombs, met moderate light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(14) B 24's dropped 8 300 pound, 10 100 pound bombs, one 500 pound incendiary; B 25's dropped 8 500 pound bombs.

(15) Dropped 24 300 pound bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude.

(16) Dropped 80 1000 pound bombs 1/10th second delay from 11,000 feet.

(17) Dropped 70 1000 pound, 10 500 pound bombs, 100 650 pound, 96 325 pound depth charge.

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Refer preceding report paragraph 12:

19 B-25's dropped 112 23 pound parafrag from minimum altitude.

Weather. Adverse conditions Formosa and China coast, clear over Luzon and Visayas.

Supplementary paragraph: 309th Bomb Wing reported operating February 14 from San Marcolino 28 P 51's of 3rd Air Commando Group, 38 B 25's of 345th Bomb Group on ineffective shipping strike, 27 P 51's and 46 P 47's of 348th Fighter Group on sweeps over Bataan.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/3; CC AAF; ASF; G-2; Adm King; Col Park; Statistics; Log

CM-IN-15428 (15 Feb 45) DTG 150855Z hgr
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines  
To: War Department  
Nr: C 10275  
14 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cts C 10275. Operations report SWESPAC Area. 1500Z/1200 to 1500Z/13.

Formosa: Leyte reconnaissance plane sighted two medium freighter transports 1 freighter 13 small vessels Keelung.

French Indo China: Two battleships 2 cruisers 2 destroyers on northern course shadowed to position 230 miles East Tourane at 0545Z/13.

Luzon: Warships shelling Corregidor February 13th reported no return fire.

Part 2. Naval: Lingayen PT boats destroyed 1 seatruck 5 barges 6 speedboats San Fernando hit shore positions toward Vigan; Ormoc boats destroyed 1 seatruck 2 supply filled barges Cebu, strafed shore positions Cebu and Leyte; light cruisers and destroyers fired 1200 6 inch and 2500 5 inch shells against entrance Manila Bay and Corregidor February 13th.

Air. Operations February 10th: (1) 2 B24's started fires Surigac Mindanao; 6 B24's and 2 Beauforts raided Wewak New Guinea.

Operations February 11th: (F) 1 B24 bombed Cabalo Island Manila Bay; 9 B25's attacked Busuan and Coron Islands

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

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Camillian Group, set buildings afire silenced machine gun posts, rendered three barges, one launch unserviceable.

(3) 13 Beauforts struck Marienburg on Sepik River and supported ground force West Wewak.

Operations February 12th: (4) B-24 patrol from Mindoro shot down fighter North Camranh Bay.

(5) Over 12 B-25's destroyed bridge, strafed trucks along Santa Fe Bayombong Highway.

(6) Seven P-47's sank six ammunition and fuel laden barges East Coast Bataan, strafed island concentrations and trails; 24 more B-24's hit waterfront installations, ammunition dumps Corregidor.

(7) Two P-38's bombed Matina dispersals Davao.

(8) Patrol B-24 met two intercepting fighters Miri Northwestern Borneo; another B-24 set warehouses afire Manado; Beaufighters attacked barracks Banggai Archipelago.

(9) Three Spitfires strafed barges Halmahera; eight RAAF P-40's destroyed ammunition dumps Wasile Bay; single B-24 bombed personnel area Djailolo.

(10) RAAF Ventura strafed observation post, sank barge Soembawa Island, hit lugger further east.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines

No.: C 10275 14 February 1945

Operations February 13th: (11) B-24's from Leyte shot down two bombers south Pescadores, sank small boat, strafed radio station and three coastal vessels Namei Photo; search planes strafed passenger steamer Amoy; missions against warships China Coast weathered out.

(12) B-25's struck Kagi Airdrome Formosa, killed many personnel, destroyed two planes, damaged many others; fighters escort shot down six planes probably destroyed two others.

(13) Coastal sweeps East and Northern Luzon destroyed one coastal vessel, three barges; four P-47's and 91 A-20's attacked Batan throughout day, destroyed one barge.

(14) 46 B-24's of 13th Air Force scored excellent results Corregidor.

(15) RAAF Ventura destroyed barge Timor; three RAAF B-24's attacked buildings Banggai Archipelago, barracks and barge centre Timor.

(16) Five B-25's attacked enemy occupied village southeast But; six P-47's hit targets Kairiru Island; 12 B-24's bombed installations Wewak.

Solomons Forces, Air. Operations February 12th:

(17) 12 Corsairs, six Venturas and six B-25's bombed Kavieng area; 24 Corsairs, eight Venturas set supply dumps afire and harassed Rabaul; 36 Corsairs furnished ground support Bougainville and bombed Kieta.
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Nr.: C 10275

14 February 1945

Land. Luzon. Sixth Army: I Corps: No change, 33rd
Division relieving 43rd Division and 158th Regimental Combat
Team.

XIV Corps: Elements 37th Division mopping up northwest
outskirts Manila reported strong resistance North Dampalit
Crossroads, others continued westward advances South Pasig
River involving vicious street fighting, fired heavy artillery
concentrations on Intramuros, main enemy center of resistance;

1st Cavalry Division units contacted 11th Airborne Divi-

cion San Roque, Southwest Culicul, engaged strong pocket at
intersection Manila suburban electric line and highway 57.

XI Corps: 38th Division: Patrols from east and west
on highway 7 made contact high ground South East Santa Rita
Bridge; elements 1st Infantry (attached XI Corps) reached
Abucey (2701) without contact.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 80 100 lb napalm Surgiao; B-24’s 16 1000
lb, 48 500 lb bombs Wawak.

(2) B-24 dropped 20 260 lb frags; B-25’s dropped 2½
100 lb paradesos, 48 100 lb napalm, fired 30,000 rounds 50
calibre.

(3) Dropped 18 500 lb, 50 250 lb bombs, fired 700
rounds 50, 5,000 rounds 30 calibre.

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Paragraphs 4 and 5 - no details.
(6) B-24's dropped 60 tons bombs.
(7) Dropped 2 1,000 lb bombs.
(8) B-24 dropped 15 100 lb bombs; Beaufighters 4 300 lb bombs.
(9) P-40's dropped 4 500 lb bombs, 10 325 lb depth charges; B-24 dropped 15 250 lb frags from 8,000 feet.
(10) Dropped 3 300 lb bombs, fired 1,000 rounds 50, 1,000 rounds 30 calibre.

Paragraphs 11 through 13 - no details.
(14) Dropped 198 500 lb bombs, 447 260 lb frags from 12,000 to 9,000 feet.

(15) Ventura dropped 1 300 lb bomb five seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 400 rounds 50, 500 rounds 30 calibre; B-24's dropped 21 300 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, fired 1,400 rounds 50 calibre.

(16) B-25's dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 6,500 rounds 50 calibre; P-47's dropped 6 1300 lb napalms from minimum altitude; B-24's dropped 144 500 lb bombs from 8,000 feet.

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(17) Eight B-25's dropped 30 260 lb frags; other planes dropped 34 1,000 lb, 34 500 lb, 12 300 lb, 8 250 lb bombs, 8 560 lb, 8 325 lb depth charges.

Refer preceding report paragraph 3: 26 B-24's dropped 312 500 lb bombs, 25 other B-24's dropped unstated number same type.

Refer report operations February 11th: Paragraph 7: 32 B-25's dropped 118 500 lb bombs, fired 8,400 rounds 50 calibre, one B-25 lost to anti aircraft fire.

Paragraph 8: 47 B-24's dropped 350 1,000 lb bombs; A-20's dropped 45 500 lb, 476 250 lb paradesmos, 104 100 lb napalms, fired 167,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraph 16: B-24's dropped 144 1,000 lb bombs; A-20's dropped 430 250 lb paradesmos, 106 100 lb napalms, fired 134,800 rounds 50 calibre.

Airdrome status report: Lingayen 7,000 foot strip one taxiway 55 hardstandings matted, others completed February 20th; Mangaldan Airdrome complete; San Marcelino Airdrome 5,000 feet 40 hardstandings completed (345th Bomber Group operating February 13th); Mindoro Airdrome, Hill and San Jose Fields no change, Camina runway 46 hardstands complete, Murtha estimated date completion runway March 3rd.

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INFO: CG/3, CG AAF, ASF, G-2; Statistics, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Log
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FLEET REAR ECHENON.

BOMBARDMENT OF CORREGIDOR AND MINESweepING OF ENTRANCE
TO MANILA BAY CONTINUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN. 7
JAPANESE AND 26-2 BLUE MINES SweePT. GOOD BOMBARDMENT
DISTRIBUTION OBTAINED. ALL ENEMY FIRE UNTIL 0945 1
14TH WHEN JAPANESE POSITIONS ON CORREGIDOR, CABALLO,
CARABAO AND CALUNCPANG POINTS TOOK BLUE MINES WEEPERS
UNDER FIRE. THESE POSITIONS WERE IMMEDIATELY SUBJECT
ED TO HEAVY FIRE BY BLUE COVERING FORCE. PT'S FROM
SUBIC BAY, LINGAYEN AND ORMOC STREADED SHORE TARGETS IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. AIR FOIKOS SUPPORTED GROUND
ADVANCES ON BOUGAINVILLE AND CARRIED OUT ROUTINE BOMB
NING OF RABAUL, NEW IRELAND AND NEW BRITAIN TARGETS.
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(CTF 93 SENDS, RDO GUAM PASS ACTION CINCPOA ADVON AND INFO CTF 94 AND 21 BOCOM. RDO WAKAJALE IN PASS INFO TO CTF 96. RDO TINIAN PASS INFO TO CTU 50-5-3. OTHER INFO AIDES ARE COMGENAAFPOA (BOTH) COM 5TH FLT CTG 50-5, COMAIRPAC 7 BOCOM 7 AF COMFOL 2 CONGEN 73 WING AND CONGEN 313 WING)

ADD 12 FEB STRIKES.

OVER SUSAKI AIRFIELD CHUGU JIMA 3 LIBS UNLOAD UNFRA GRAD CLUSTERS BY RADAR FROM 5 - 10,000 FEET WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS DUE UNDERR). MYDIS 1300 Nhetics 10 SNOOPERS OVER IWO TO 5 WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

13 FEB. IWO RADAR AND AA DEFENSES NORTH EAST AIRFIELD 3 TOOK 23 TONS CENTURIES FROM 13 LIBS AT 13,000 FEET. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 12 LIBS AT 16,000 FEET RADAR TOGGLED 22 TONS CENTURIES IWO AIR INSTALLATIONS AIRFIELD 2 AND AA DEFENSES TO EAST. 10/10 CLOUD COVER PREVENTED OBSERVATION. TO OKIMUR. TOWN HAHAJIMA WENT 10 LIBS AT 14,000 FEET BOMBING BUILDING. AREA WITH INCENDIARY CLUSTERS. ALL HITS EAST OF TARGET AREA, 5 SNOOPING LIBS OVER IWO 10 - 12,000 FEET LOOSED FRA GRAD CLUSTERS

BY RADAR ON INSTALLATIONS NORTH AND WEST OF AIRFIELD 2.
3 LIBS GOT 100 PERCENT BOMBS IN TARGET REST UNOBSERVED. ALL THESE STRIKES BY PLANES OF 7TH ARMY AIR FORCE. SINGLE NAVY PBAY GOT PHOTOS MOEN ETEN PARAM ISLANDS TRUK FROM 18500-23000 FEET. ALL AIRFIELDS OPERATIVE PARAM FIELD BEING EXTENDED TO 6100 FEET. 7 FILTERS ON MOEN.

LONE NAVY PBAY OVER MARCUS GOT GOOD PHOTO COVERAGE FROM 20,000 FEET. 5 ROCKET PACKING MARINE MITCHELLS SEARCHING BOMBS ATTACKED NO TARGETS.

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BOMBARDMENT GROUP OF LIGHT CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS COMMANDED BY RAD BERKEY COMMENCED PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT ENTRANCES MANILA BAY AT 1115/1. THE OPERATION IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN WITH CRUISERS CLOSING TO 8000 AND DESTROYERS TO 5000 YARDS CORREGIDOR, AS YET NO RETURN FIRE. MOROTAI PT'S ON 10/11 CAPTURED HEAVILY ARMORED BARGE SANK ANOTHER AND PROBABLY SANK A THIRD. LINGAYEN PT'S DESTROYED 5 BARGES 6 SUICIDE BOATS AND 1 SEA TRUCK ON SAN FERNANDO ALSO STRAFED SHORE TARGETS. ORMOC BOATS SANK SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT. OTHER Pt's FROM SUBIC AND MINDORO DELIVERED AND RETRIEVED SCOUTS. RESUPPLY ECHELONS PROCEEDING UNMOLESTED.

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To: War Department

No: C 10203 13 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA agd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department C 10203.

China coast: Local report February 12 states present
in Amoy Harbor 3 destroyers, 1 aircraft transport, 2 tankers,
2 freighters, 1 transport;

Large transport, 2 small vessels sighted on northerly
course off Hongkong previous day.

French Indo China: 2 enemy battleships (Ise and
Hyuga from Singapore), 1 heavy cruiser last sighted 100
miles southeast Camranh Bay on northerly course at 15 knots
1042Z/12.

Borneo: Sightings February 11. Jesselton 2 fighters
on airdrome 2 bombers airborne, Labuan 2 fighters, Miri 2
fighters on airdrome 4 fighters airborne.


Leyte Gulf Area: Enemy submarine attacked landing
ship tank 260 miles southeast Siargao Island morning February
11.

Air. Operations February 9:

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1 and 2:
18 B-25's found no shipping Formosa Strait demolished buildings Salamagie Harbor on return;
16 B-25's swept eastern coast Luzon.

Operations February 11:
(2) B-24's from Mindoro shot down floatplanes probably sank small freighter off Camranh Bay, left coastal vessel sinking heavily damaged small freighter near Quinhon, badly damaged coastal vessel to northeast;
Leyte: B-24 forced coastal vessel ashore near Hongkong.

(3) 49 more B-24's struck Corregidor.

(4) Three B-24's bombed Bogo Northern Cebu;
Two P-38's swept Davao bombed Padada, one P-38 lost;
Eight B-25's swept Zamboanga exploded warehouses and fuel dumps set gunboat afire probably sank coastal vessel destroyed two barges.

(5) B-24 patrols bombed Manggar Airdrome and Manado; 59 RAAF P-40's and 28 Beaufighters caused widespread fires Tondano town Northeastern Celebes.

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(6) One B-24 bombed Djalolo;
Two Spitfires, four RAAF P-40's supported ground forces Morotai;
Four B-25's raided Mago Village bivouacs western Joggolop.

Operations February 12:

(7) Preliminary reports state fighter sweeps Formosa destroyed trucks and locomotives;

Leyte: B-24 patrol sank 4,000 ton transport Amoy Area.

(8) Many ground support missions throughout day Bataan and Nichols Field;

Other planes battered port installations and town San Fernando.

(9) Single B-24 harassed Bataan concentrations before dawn;

12 A-20's squadrons each averaging nine planes bombed and strafed southern Bataan also sank 30 barges heading there from Manila and laden with personnel supplies and ammunition.

(10) 47 B-24's of 13th Air Force scored excellent results Corregidor;

Another B-24 group struck same target.
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(11) Patrol Venturas destroyed two luggers under construction, damaged two others, set sheds afire Sangihe Islands.

(12) One RAAF B-24 left coastal vessel ablaze Postilion Islands Flores Sea and bombed barge Timor; another B-24 raided Mica mine Banggai Archipelago.

Operations report SOWESTPAC area period 1500Z/11 to 1500Z/12, signed MacArthur.

(13) Eight P-40's from Nadzab bombed bivouac Wide Bay; Six B-24's attacked Tobera and Vunakanau Airdromes, Rabaul, Solomons forces.

Air. Operations February 11:

(14) Nine Corsairs, six Venturas, six B-25's raided plantations New Ireland;

33 B-25's attacked plane hideout Vunakanau, 24 Corsairs, eight Venturas and seven B-25's harassed Rabaul, caused large fires truck pool area;

40 Corsairs attacked enemy concentrations and defence positions Bougainville.
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Land, Luzon:
Sixth Army: I Corps:
Extensive patrolling by all units resulted minor
contacts only;

6th Division patrol Vaxed Baler Bay;
33rd Division concentrated Manacog area, passed to
I Corps control.

XXIV Corps:
Elements 40th Division captured Snake Hill number
23 against heavy fire;
37th Division units, clearing extensively mined
streets and strategically emplaced gun positions, reached line
from Ayala Bridge South along Marque De Comillas and 2200
yards along San Marcelino Street;

1st Cavalry Division: 12th Cavalry units crossed
Estero Triba just South San Andres Street, continued attacks
to southwest;

50 Cavalry elements reached Lice extending from
Manila Bay at point 1,000 yards north Liberatad Avenue to
point 1,000 yards north Culiculi thence through Neilson Field
to Guadalupe, Neilson Field secured, forward company contacted
511 Infantry at Polo Club;

11th Airborne Division elements captured Nichols
Field against strong resistance, still receiving artillery
fire from Fort McKinley, others occupied Cavite against

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moderate resistance.

XI Corps:

38th Division: 151st and 149th Regiments advancing east and west respectively in area of Santa Rita River bridge on highway seven reduced several enemy strongpoints.

Cumulative casualties to February 12:

Allied: 2014 killed
7363 wounded
136 missing

Enemy: 28510 killed
295 captured

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 68,500 lb bombs Salomague, dropped 21,500 lb bombs fired 12,300 rounds 50 caliber eastern Luzon.

(2) No details.

(3) No details.

(4) B-24's dropped six tons bombs;
P-38's dropped two 1,000 lb bombs, met slight light accurate anti aircraft fire;
B-25's dropped 18,500 lb, 86 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

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(5) Two B-24's dropped nine 300 lb, 15 100 lb bombs; P-40's and Beaufighters dropped 14 500 lb, 24 300 lb, 63 250 lb bombs, 58 100 lb napalms, 38 325 lb depth charges, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) B-24's dropped 15 250 lb bombs from 8000 feet; P-40's dropped two 500, six 400 lb frags; B-25's dropped 18 500 lb bombs.

(7) No details

(8) No details

(9) No details

(10) 47 B-24's dropped 15 250 lb bombs, 680 260 lb frags from 10,000 to 8,000 feet.

(11) No details

(12) Dropped 14 300 lb, ten 100 lb bombs, one 500 lb incendiary fired 1,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(13) P-40's dropped eight 1300 lb napalms from minimum altitude; B-24's dropped 36 1000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs from 8000 feet.

(14) 33 B-25's dropped 93 650 lb depth charges; other planes dropped 38 1000 lb, 12 500 lb, 12 300 lb, 26 250 lb bombs, 12 650 lb, 48 325 lb depth charges.
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Refer report operations February 10 paragraph 3:
48 B-24's dropped 384 1000 lb bombs from 8,900 to 3,000 feet Corregidor;
17 others returned due weather.

End

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: 0 10149 12 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department site C 10149. Operations rpt SWWESPAC area period 1500Z/10 to 1500Z/11 signed MacArthur.

China Sea: Large transport 3 small freighter transports sighted by Leyte reconnaissance plane off Hong Kong February 11, 2 freighter transports 2 destroyer escorts in area south Paracel Islands previous day.

French Indo China: Local sources report large convoy assembling Nhatrang February 10; same day 3 tankers 1 destroyer 4 destroyer escorts sighted on southerly course 200° north.

Singapore: Comprehended February 11 showed departure battleships Ise and Hyuga 1 light cruiser 2 destroyer escorts, same day 2 battleships 1 unidentified vessel sighted to northeast.

Luzon: Nil anti aircraft fire reported Corregidor since February 8.

Manila: Photographs February 7 showed many barricades and road blocks Dewey Boulevards.

Part 2.

Naval: Morotai PT boats captured 1 barge probably.
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sank 2 others northeast Halmahera night February 10.

Air: Operations February 7:
(1) 16 B-25's hit installations and small craft east coast Luzon.
(2) 20 B-24's demolished Siluy and Talisay buildings Negros Island; 4 more B 24's hit Opon Airdrome and targets Cebu.

Operations February 8:
(3) 18 B 25's swept eastern Luzon destroyed barges and lugger.

Operations February 9:
(4) 6 B 25's bombed Boela and radio station Ceram.

Operations February 10:
(5) Mindoro B 24's shot down floatplane Camranh Bay, damaged 1 of 2 seaplanes with near misses Quincon harbour, probably sunk destroyer transport 230 miles east Camranh Bay.
(6) 3 B 24's set planes afire Huito dispersals before dawn; 6 P 47's on fighter sweep Formosa shot down 10 planes probably destroyed 2 others; 4 P 51's shot down 2 Dinahs destroyed 3 Tonys Basco Airdrome Batan Island towards Luzon, 1 P 51 lost to anti aircraft fire.
(7) 14 P 38's demolished Naguilian Bridge near San Fernando;

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B 25's destroyed barriers and truck hideouts along
* * * close ground support missions east Rosario, northwest
Stotesburg and northeast Manila.
(8) 48 B 24's, 43 dive bombers and 145 A 20's
caused heavy destruction southern Bataan Peninsula through-
out day.
(9) One group B 24's demolished gun positions
Corregidor.
(10) 3 P 38's swept Davao attacked Sassa Air
drome.
(11) 6 Beaufighters attacked small craft northeastern
Cebes: 12 RAP F 40's and 5 Spitfires raided barge hideout
exploded fuel ammunition dumps Halmahera; 2 B 24's hit
Djailolo on west coast; 4 B 25's attacked coastal targets
Soela Ceram Island.
(12) 8 P 47's and 1 B 25 harassed Wewak.

Operations February 11:
(13) Leyte B 24's fired small freighter with direct
hit Amoy, left picket boat burning towards Formosa; Night
Catalinas caused explosions escort vessel north Pescadores,
attacked large unidentified ship to south resulting in
brilliant flashes; dispersals.
(14) B 25's plus minimum 34 P 47's escort found nil
shipping destroyed motor transport and rolling stock southern
Formosa; fighter sweeps between China coast and Formosa
shot down 1 bomber.
(15) Principal fighter strength plus B 25's
furnished direct ground support Luzon; 108 Dauntless

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supported ground forces near Manila and Cavite destroyed barracks and Headquarters buildings Bacuo/Santa Fe; 6 P 51's demolished guns started many fires destroyed 40 motor vehicles northeast Manila.

(16) Strikes against southern Bataan included 24 B 24's, 104 A 20's plus fighters; B 24's weathered out during afternoon.

(17) 45 B 24's of 13th Air Force struck gun positions Corregidor.

(18) Ventura patrols damaged barge Tawi Tawi, sank lugger northwestern Celebes; B 24 attacked unidentified vessel Sandakan.

(19) RAF B 24 patrols from Darwin hit mica mine installations Banggi Archipelago, strafed radio station Manoei Island, bombed coastal towns Timor; Ventura attacked barges Soembawa Flores Islands; 2 Dutch B 25's destroyed 2 barges Timor coast.

Solomons Forces, Air Operations February 10:

(20) 5 Ventures 8 Corsairs 20 B 25's strafed enemy positions through New Ireland; 8 Ventures 28 Corsairs 1 B 25 patrolled Rabaul hit guns vivuacs and supplies Keravat; 40 Corsairs attacked defence positions and concentrations Bougainville.

Land Luzon: I Corps

25th Division patrolled mountains east Lupao-San Jose, repulsed small counter attacks; 6th Division strong

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reconnaissance patrols reached Dingalan Bay and point 3,000
yards west San Luis (436-017).

XIV Corps: 37th Division units cleared Provisor
excepting small pocket, advanced west from Estero tongue in
stubborn street fighting, eliminated strong point Paco
railroad station and crossed Estero de Paco, Polo in north-
west outskirts cleared;

1st Cavalry Division: 8th Cavalry reached Mielson
Field, engaged estimated company;

11th Air-Borne Division: Polo club secured, lines extended
from club east to Taft Avenue extension then south to south
and Nichols field thence east to Manila railroad, resistance
continued heavy.  End of part 2.

Part 3.
(1) Dropped 23 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number
rounds.
(2) Dropped 1,124 100 lb bombs from 11,000 to 8,000
feet.
(3) Dropped 40 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number
rounds.
(4) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs, met slight heavy
inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 5 through 9 no details.

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(10) Dropped 3 1000 lb bombs.

(11) Beaufighters dropped 4 100 lb bombs fired
unstated number rounds; A P 40's dropped 8 500 lb
depth charges; B 24's dropped 10 1000 lb bombs from 11,000
to 6000 feet; B 25's dropped 8 500 lb bombs.

(12) Dropped 4 500 lb; 4 300 lb bombs; 4 1300 lb
Napalm, fired 6,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 13 through 16 no details.

(17) Dropped 670 250 lb bombs from 12,000 to 9,000
feet.

(18) B 24 dropped 2 1000 lb general purpose, 1
1000 lb torpedo bomb.

(19) B 24's dropped 18 300 lb bombs, fired 1700
rounds 50 calibre; Ventura dropped 3 300 lb bombs 5 seconds
delay, fired 900 rounds 50, 500 rounds 30 calibre; B 25's
dropped 12 100 lb bombs fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.

(20) B 25's dropped 53 1000 lb, 7 250 lb bombs;
other planes dropped 44 1000 lb, 58 500 lb bombs, 56 325 lb, 2
650 lb depth charges.

Refer report operations February 7th:

Paragraph 8: 23 B 24's dropped 6,500 by 20 lb
frags from 14,300 to 12,000 feet Heito, met slight heavy
inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 18 B 25's against Formosa
shipping also bombed San Fernando Lingayen area. dropped
44 500 lb bombs.
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Paragraph 9: 39 A 20's dropped 82 250 lb paradesmos, 39 100 lb Napalm, fired 31,500 rounds 50 calibre, 5 other A 20's made no attack.
Paragraph 10: 6 B 24's dropped 240 100 lb bombs from 8000 feet Licanan.

Refer report operations February 9th:
Paragraph 2: All 18 B 25's hit San Fernando, dropped 72 500 lb bombs.
Paragraph 4: 49 A 20's dropped 8 500 lb, 8 250 lb bombs, 4 100 lb Napalms, 170 250 lb paradesmos, fired 71,300 rounds 50 calibre.

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From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department c/o C 10066. Operations report SOWESPAC area
period 1500Z/9 to 1500Z/10 signed MacArthur.

Formosa: 2 medium freighter transports 2 freighters
(5000 tons) numerous small vessels sighted in Keelung
Harbour, 2 destroyers 1 medium transport 1 small freighter
transport 1 tug on southwesterly course 20 miles to Northwest
morning February 10.

French Indo China: 6 small freighters 12 sub chasers
and escorts sighted vicinity Cape Saint Jacques February 9.

Luzon: Enemy concentrations reported Montalban area,
some evidence enemy forces were departing Port McKinley east-
wards towards Antipolo; heavy traffic by motor transport
reported Bago Pass night February 8.

Part 2. Air. Operations February 9:

(1) 4 B 24's started fires Takao dispersal destroyed
undetermined number planes before dawn; Catalina evaded 2
intercepting fighters Takao, bombed radio station Southern
Tip Formosa; planes on shipping strikes Formosa sank 1 sea-
truck 1 destroyer weather hampered mission.

(2) 8 barges 1 lugger destroyed or damaged by planes
sweeping Luzon Coast through adverse weather; additional
strikes exploded and set afire supplies Baguio, bombed enemy
positions Central Luzon.

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(3) 1 B 24 group hit Corregidor guns both morning and afternoon.

(4) 78 A 20's bombed and heavily strafed Mariveles to Bataan Airdrome along Southern tip of peninsula during morning; 68 A 20's attacked same target afternoon.

(5) 2 P 38's on Davao sweep bombed Matina.

(6) 1 B 24 bombed Manggar Airdrome Balikpapan; another hit shipyards Tarakan.

(7) 4 RAAF P 40's attacked bivouacs Balmahera; 2 B 24's bombed Djailolo and Mitil.

Operations February 10:

(8) B 24 patrols from Leyte damaged launch Sakishima Group, sank coastal vessel south east Formosa shot down 1 of 2 intercepting fighters towards Pescadores damaged lugger south Hong Kong.

(9) 14 P 51's raided airdrome Northeast Tugtagarao; 9 Dauntless attacked Marikina town East Manila; 73 Dauntless dive bombed and strafed gun positions and troop concentrations to Northeast.

(10) 42 B 24's of 13th Air Force caused explosions amongst guns Corregidor.

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(11) RAAF B 24 patrols from Darwin bombed mice mines, Bangkok Archipelago, Caisu town, Timor and Kabiirat in Tanimbar.

(12) 3 B 24's and 8 P 47's raided plantations and concentrations high ground West Rabaul; 5 B 24's bombed Tobara Airdrome.

Solomon Forces: Air Operations February 9th:

(13) 8 B 25's bombed Kavieng Airdrome, 12 Corsairs 2 Victors attacked other targets New Ireland; 26 B 25's harassed Vunakanau bombed personnel area and supplies Tobara, 18 Corsairs patrolled Rabaul; weather restricted activity Bougainville where 1 Catalina bombed coastal target 6 Corsairs on patrol.

Land. Luzon: I Corps: 43rd Division patrolled extensively in zone of action, destroyed numerous small enemy parties; 32nd Division elements attacked estimated battalion 10,000 yards North of northeast San Nicholas; 6th Division units reached Bitulok (18-7-722) Kalaaman (094).

XIV Corps: Elements 1st Cavalry Division crossed Pasig River secured Philippine Racing Club, others crossed Pasig North Makati, no reported opposition; 37th Division units advancing toward Intramuros continued encounter heavy fire, reported strong resistance Paso railroad station. 11th Airborne Division passed to 6th Army 14th Corps control February 10, continued reduction individual bunkers Nichols Field area.

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XI Corps: 38th Division elements vicinity Santa Rita bridge engaged reduction numerous cave and underground fortifications.

Part 3.

Paragraphs 1 through 3 no details.

(4) Dropped approximately 55 tons 250 lb bombs, fired 165,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(5) Dropped 2 1000 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 6 1000 lb bombs.

(7) P 40's dropped 8 250 lb frags; B 24's dropped 15 300 lb, 14 100 lb bombs from 7000 feet.

(8) No details.

(9) P 51's dropped 28 tons type unstated; Dauntless dropped 44 1000 lb, 8 500 lb, 88 250 lb, 36 100 lb bombs.

(10) Dropped 110 1000 lb bombs, 1 500 lb, 340 250 lb bombs from 12,000 to 8,000 feet.

(11) 2 B 24's dropped 18 300 lb bombs, fired 1300 rounds 50 calibre.

(12) B 25's and P 47's dropped 12 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay and 8 napalsms from minimum altitude. fired

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2400 round 50 calibre; B 24's dropped 40 1000 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(13) 24 B 24's dropped 60 500 lb, 58 300 lb, 4 250 lb bombs, 30 260 lb frags, 27 650 lb depth charges; other planes dropped 8 1000 lb, 15 500 lb, 4 250 lb bombs.

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ON THE 9TH LINGAYEN PT'S WITH EXCELLENT AIR COOPERATION SANK
TYPE A BARGES, 1 LUGGER, 7 SUICIDE BOATS AND 1 ML AND STARTED
OIL FIRES ALL IN SAN FERNANDO AREA. DELAYED REPORT NIGHT 57
BLUE SUBS SANK 1 LARGE AND 2 MEDIUM AK'S OF A NORTHBOUND
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THESE ARE CTF 93 STRIKE RESULTS FOR 9 FEBRUARY: 14 LIBS 17,000 FEET OVER IWO RAINED 28 TONS 500 LB FRAG CLUSTERS ON AA, RADIO AND RADAR INSTALLATIONS NE OF AIRFIELD 3. ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA. 8 MORE LIBS 14,000 FEET OVER IWO DROPPED 16 TONS 1000 LB GP ON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND BIVOUAC AREA N SIDE OF SURIBACHI YAMA. ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA. 10 LIBS SNOOPING IWO AT NIGHT LOOSED 21 TONS FRAGS FROM 9999-14,000 FEET ON AIR INSTALLATIONS AIRFIELD 2 AND AA DEFENSES NORTH OF AIRFIELD. 50% HITS TARGET AREA FOR 3 PLANES; REST UNOBSERVED DUE CLOUDS. THESE STRIKES WERE BY BOMBERS OF THE 7TH ARMY AIR FORCE.
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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Advance Echelon, San Miguel, P. I.

To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, P. I.

Nr: CAX 50401

10 February 1945

From Adv GHQ to Chief of Staff War Department info to GHQ SWPA cite CAX 50401 your W39 ARGONAUT 59 7th.

Considering hostile strength and dispositions in the Philippines the troop and cargo movements that this headquarters must carry out and shortage of shipping under current allocations, taken together with our commitments for interdiction of sea routes and support of operations to the north, it is estimated that all the ground and air forces available to me will be required to clear the Philippines and that it will take at least six months. It is deemed essential that the strength of the SWPA remain unimpaired.

Current plans contemplate the employment of Australian forces in operations to the southward. The purpose of the request for ship retentions contained in my C 57530 was to expedite those operations in order to coordinate them with the Central Pacific offensive in the north. Further it would be highly advantageous to secure early employment of these AIF Divisions because Australia is showing definite signs of restiveness due to the inactivity of their troops and the minor role the Australians feel they are now playing in the eyes of the world in the offensive campaign. Using the Australians and the resources now available we shall be able to great advantage to the south but the definite establishment of a time

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Advance Echelon, San Miguel, P.I.

Nr: CAX 50401 10 February 1945

schedule depends upon the development of the campaign in the Philippines, and is not at the moment possible to forecast. It is anticipated that the action to the south can be initiated at some time during the course of the Philippine operations. Whatever rate of advance may be attained will be expedited by any additional shipping that may become available to me.

With reference to Hainan a separate message is being sent.

End

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Footnote: W 39 ARGONAUT 59 is CM-IN-6681 (7 Feb 45) Gen. Hull
0 57530 is CM-IN-3346 (3 Feb 45) Gen. Hull

ACTION: Gen. Hull

INFORMATION: JC/3
Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
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To: War Department

Nos: OAX 50401

10 February 1945

From Adv GHQ sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department info to GHQ SWPA cite OAX 50401, your W 39

ARGORAUT 59 7th. TOP SECRET

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Advanced, San Miguel, Philippines

No: CAX 50401 10 February 1945

Using the Australians and the resources now available we shall be able to operate to great advantage to the south but the definite establishment of a time schedule depends upon the development of the campaign in the Philippines, and is not at the moment possible to forecast.

It is anticipated that the action to the south can be initiated at some time during the course of the Philippine operations.

Whatever rate of advance may be attained will be expedited by any additional shipping that may become available to me.

With reference to Hainan a separate message is being sent for your eyes alone.

End

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-9888 (10 Feb 45) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S Gen Somervell
Adm Leahy Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold Adm King

CM-IN-10850 (11 Feb 45) DTG: 10/0848Z pa
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department

9 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff, War Department C 57926. Operations report SWESPAC Area period 1500Z/7 to 1500Z/8 signed MacArthur.

Nansei Islands: Two large merchant vessels, two tankers, eight seaplanes, three destroyers, four destroyer escorts reported near Nisako by reconnaissance plane February 8.

Formosa: One large, eight medium freighters, ten seaplanes sited Keelung same day, photographs Keito February 2 showed 70 single engined planes, six twin engined.

French Indo China: Two medium freighter transports, three destroyers reported approaching Camranh Bay from Eastward February 7.

Borneo: Tanker sighted in Brunei Bay February 7.

Part 2: Air. Operations, February 5th:

(1) 17 A-20's furnished ground support San Isidro and Nichols Field; 30 A-20's detailed similar mission returned without attacking; 14 A-20's raided targets Bataan and Bicol Peninsula. 45 A-20's swept Iolillo Islands, Eastern
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
       Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 57926 9 February 1945

Luzon and Palawan on shipping reconnaissance; 16 A-20's
raided Negro airdromes.

Operations February 7th.
(2) RAAF Ventura damaged lugger Flores Island.

Operations February 8th:
(3) B-24 patrols from Leyte strafed seatruck and
two small vessels Hong King area.

(4) 18 Dauntless divebombed and strafed enemy
bivouacs North Rosario; 17 other Dauntless hit San Fernando.

(5) 13th Air Force B-24's: 21 planes cratered
Manggar airdrome Balikpapan, met four intercepting fighters;
six planes bombed nearby Seppinggan Field; five planes
caused explosions many fires Manado, Northeastern Celebes.

(6) Four RAAF B-24's scored direct hits Sourabaya
power plants, met two intercepting fighters; three RAAF
B-24 patrols hit barge Soembawa Island; bombed Viqueque
town, Timor; RAAF Ventura destroyed barge attacked coastal
vessel Soembawa.

(7) 10 Beauforts attacked But and nearby barge
hideout, destroyed one barge; six A-20's raided village
to West; nine P-47's hit installations Wewak; six B-25's

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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ATTACKED HEADQUARTERS AREA.

(8) Four B-24's from Nadzab cratered Vunakanau air-

Operations February 7th:

(9) Four B-25's harassed Kavieng area, eight
Corsairs three Venturas demolished buildings around New
Ireland; 22 B-25's struck plane park Vunakanau, eight
Venturas 12 Corsairs and 7 B-25's attacked supplies and
personnel areas Tobera and Rabaul; 40 Corsairs raided
bivouacs and headquarters area Bougainville.

Land, Luzon:

I Corps: 32nd Division units on Villa Herde trail
reached point five miles Northeast San Nicholas; 25th
Division completed capture Lupao; elements 6th Division
occupied Bongabong.

XIV Corps: 40th Division: Strong enemy defense
Snake Hill area continues; 37th Division bridgehead South
Pasig River 1,500 yards deep 2,000 yards wide, advancing units
encountered heavy fire, 1st Cavalry Division units reduced
enemy strong point Saint Joseph Academy, occupied New
Manila and Rosario Heights subdivisions.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte, Philippines

To: C 57926

9 February 1945

XI Corps: 38th Division elements vicinity Santa Rita River bridge (04/4966) continued eastward advances against organized positions.

Eighth Army:

11th Airborne Division continuing Nichols Field attacks reduced enemy bunkers with artillery and flame throwers.

Leyte: Cumulative enemy casualties to February 8th:

73,527 killed, 684 captured.

Part 3.

(1) 47 A-20's dropped 156 250 lb parasols, 24 100 lb napalm, fired 41,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(2) Dropped 3 500 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 1,100 rounds 50, 600 rounds 30 calibre.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 18 1000 lb, 17 500 lb bombs from 9,000 to 2,100 feet.

(5) Dropped 158 1,000 lb bombs from 15,000 to 11,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire SuppingGAN.

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(6) B-24's dropped 24 500 lb bombs from 1,200 feet, fired 3,800 rounds 50 calibre Sourabaya; three B-24's dropped 27 300 lb, 10 100 lb bombs, 1 500 lb incendiary; Ventura dropped 3 300 lb bombs, fired 1,200 rounds 50, 1,000 rounds 30 calibre.

(7) Beauforts dropped 4 500 lb, 18 250 lb bombs, 4 40 lb frags; A-20's dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5,500 rounds 50 calibre; P-47's dropped 9 napalms; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(8) Dropped 24 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs from 11,000 feet.

(9) 33 B-25's dropped 25 1,000 lb, 136 500 lb bombs, 16 100 lb frags and incendiaries; other planes dropped 37 1,000 lb, 16 500 lb bombs, 6 650 lb and 48 325 lb depth charges.

22nd Bomber Group (B-25's) operating from Guianan Navy airdrome Southeast point Samag Island.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO/8, CO AAF, ASP, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Statistics, LOG

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Withdrawal by water of the 7th and 77th Divisions from Ormoc area continues. Convoy from Lingayen and Mindoro departed for Subic Bay. Resupply echelon arrived Lingayen from Leyte. Mindoro peetees successfully landed scouts in Puerto Princesa area Palawan. Morotai peetees evacuated 81 natives from Boeli Kay. No report of enemy air attack on naval forces last 24 hours.
CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND TARLAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM 5TH AND 7TH Fleets.

OVERWATER WITHDRAWAL FROM ORMOC AREA CONTINUES.
RETURNING CONVOY DEPARTED MINDORO FOR LEYTE. SLOW CONVOY DEPARTED LINGAYEN FOR LEYTE. CONVOY DEPARTED LINGAYEN FOR SUBIC BAY. RESupply CONVOY DEPARTED LEYTE FOR MINDORO. SUBIC BAY, AND LINGAYEN. RESupply CONVOY ARRIVED MINDORO TODAY. NO REPORT OF ENEMY AIR ATTACKS ON NABTS* SHIPPING LAST 24 HOURS.

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AT THIS TIME, SUBJECT TO AMOUNT OF ENEMY GUNFIRE FROM CORREGIDOR AND BATAAN BELIEVE MINESWEEPING AND BOMBARDMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED TO PERMIT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION ON TARGET DATE. RECOMMEND TASK UNIT 77.2.5 OF HEAVY CRUISERS ARRIVE SUBIC NOT LATER THAN AFTERNOON OF 9TH FOR INCLUSION IN BOMBARDMENT FORCES. IF PROVIDED WILL HAVE HEAVY CRUISERS ON STATION ON MINUS 2 BUT WILL NOT EMPLOY THEM UNLESS NEEDED. USE OF 6 YMS'S NOW LINGAYEN RECOMMENDED FOR CLEARANCE WORK MANILA ENTRANCE IF AVAILABLE. DUE TO HEAVY RESISTANCE EAST OF OLONGAPO ON HIGHWAY TO DINALUPIHAN CONGEN 11TH CORPS MAY RECOMMEND TARGET DATE OF 14TH.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
LEYTE PHILIPPINES

To: War Department

Nr: C 57857 8 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 57857. Operations report SWMPAC area period 1500Z/6 to 1500Z/7

China Coast:

Two medium freighter transports, one seatrik, three escorts sighted by reconnaissance planes on southerly course 200 miles north by east Formosa, two large freighter transports one large tanker two seatriks, two escort vessels south Amoy heading northeast February 7.

French Indo-China:

Two large transports, two cruisers, three destroyers reported by local source southbound off Quinhon night February 6; 11 freighter transports reported heading northeast 40 miles southeast Camranh Bay February 7; at Saigon photographs February 6 showed 15,000 ton merchant shipping, 15 twin engined, 17 single engined planes on Tan Son Nhut Airdrome.

Thailand:

Planes of 20th Bomber Command report sighting vicinity Bangkok one battleship, one light cruiser, one destroyer, eight merchant ships.

Borneo:

Five fighters intercepted B-24's over Balikpapan February 6, photographs showed three fighters Manggar four.

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at Seepinggan, next day 12 Zeke, 2 Dimsah sighted Labuan; 
vessel reported as small carrier sighted heading west south, 
Tawi Tawi February 5.

Part 2,

PT boats sweeping entrance Manila Bay probably sank 
1 of 2 enemy boats encountered night February 5.

Air.

Operations February 3:

(1) Beaufighters destroyed two bridges demolished 
buildings northeastern Celebes; 30 RAAF P-40's bombed 
Wasiyo Bay guns Halmaheira; 5 B-25's damaged seaplane Pierce 
Bay hit radar station Boela bombed village Salavati Island 
Dutch New Guinea.

Operations February 6th:

(2) Leyte B-24 exploded another coastal vessel 
Nansei Shoto.

(3) 4 B-25's over east coast Luzon bombed barracks 
and supplies; 16 B-25's on coastal sweep bombed storage 
tanks Hondagua Lopez Bay hit floating crane.

(4) 9 B-25's struck Libby supply dumps Davao, 
started many fires.

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(5) Patrol B-24 bombed warehouses near Miri northeastern Borneo; four Beaufighters attacked bridges northeastern Celebes.

(6) 24 RAAF P-40's exploded fuel dumps hit supplies Wailo and Kau Bays; 4 Spitfires strafed Djailolo western Halmahera; 4 B-25's swept Ceram destroyed two barges damaged others.

Operations February 7:

(7) Leyte B-24's along China Coast through Formosa strait sank picket boat attacked two coastal vessels strafed two seatricks left one sinking forced coastal vessel ashore; Mindoro B-24's shot down two float planes near Camrath Bay, set intercepting fighter afire Miri strafed ground installations destroyed two planes probably destroyed one Labuan.

(8) 5 predawn B-24's caused many large fires explosions Takao; day B-24 strike Formosa found primary targets obscured, demolished barracks underground supplies caused fires explosions Heito, 15 enemy planes airborne nil interception; F-38's escort shot down reconnaissance plane destroyed many railcars and motor trucks sank one coastal vessel one barge damaged one coastal vessel four barges; B-25's on shipping strike shot down reconnaissance plane southern Formosa sank submarine left seatrick burning destroyed road transport.

(9) Three squadrons A-20's gave direct support Ground Forces approaching Manila from south; three other squadrons struck enemy positions high ground west Clark Field.

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(10) One B-24 group bombed enemy concentrations Bogo northern Cebu; no report other group detailed strike Licanan Mindanao.

(11) 13th Air Force B-24’s: 15 planes bombed supplies, bivouacs and Lutong refinery Miri; 19 planes cratered Tavao strip northeastern Borneo.

(12) Four RAAF B-25’s left barge blazing Alor Island; RAAF B-24 bombed Laga village Timor and Manoel Island northeastern Celebes.

(13) Four B-24’s bombed plantation Wewak; Five A-20’s raided villages Kairiu Island; 22 Beauforts attacked enemy positions inland from But.

Solomons Force.

Air.

Operations February 6:

(14) 22 B-25’s, three Venturas and eight Corsairs started fires Kavieng hit enemy concentrations New Ireland; 24 Corsairs plus Venturas patrolled Rabaul bombed hideout and personnel Duke of York Island; eight Venturas 48 Corsairs and seven B-25’s supported ground forces hit concentrations destroyed or damaged nine barges Bougainville.

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Nr: C 57857

Date: 8 February 1945

Land,

Luzon:

Sixth Army:

I Corps: 43rd Division captured high ground 1,500
yards west Labayog area; 32nd Division units advanced against
machine gun fire to point 3,500 yards northeast Santa Maria,
others reached point 12 miles north San Nicolas without
contact; 25th Division: three quarters Lupac occupied, tank
supported defense remained stubborn, San Isidro taken;
elements 6th Division completed capture Munoa (wpt Munos),
reported probably destruction of Tank Regiment and Infantry
Battalion, other elements occupied Rizal.

XIV Corps:

37th Division: Battalion 148 Infantry effected
crossing Pasig River at Malacanan Palace, other units con-
tinued clear pockets north of river; First Cavalry Division
secured Balara filters (10,000 yards east Grace Park Airfield),
continued heavy street fighting Quiapo and San Miguel districts;
XIV Corps Command Post opened 1000 yards west Bonifacio
Monument, north Grace Park; 40th Division units launched
coordinated attack enemy position * Hill (2140), others
advancing west from Dinalupihan reached Bulate (095971).

XI Corps:

36th Division: 158 Infantry reduced strong resistance
* west Bulate continued eastward.

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Cumulative casualties to February 7th:

Allied:
   Killed:  1,654
   Wounded: 5,561
   Missing: 197

Enemy:
   Killed:  19,909
   Captured: 223

Eighth Army:

11th Airborne Division fighting on Nichols Field
made progress against entrenched enemy supported by auto-
matic weapons mortar and artillery fire.

Cumulative casualties to February 7th:

Allied killed: 61
   Wounded: 265

Enemy: Killed: 756
   Captured: 11

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Beaufighters dropped 20 500 lb bombs; P-40's
dropped 58 100 lb incendiaries; B-25's dropped 20 500 lb
bombs.

(3) B-24's dropped one ton bombs; B-25's dropped
10 tons.

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(4) Dropped 106 100 lb Napalms from minimum altitude, met slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(5) B-24 dropped 9 250 lb bombs; Beaufighters dropped 4 100 lb bombs.

(6) P-40's dropped 14 260 lb frags, 24 100 lb Napalms; Beaufighters dropped 4 100 lb bombs; B-25's dropped 4 1,000 lb, 16 500 lb bombs; slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 7 through 9 no details.

(10) Dropped 446 250 lb bombs Cebu.

(11) Dropped 225 300 lb, 95 1,000 lb bombs from 13,000 to 9,000 feet.

(12) B-25's fired 5,200 rounds 50 caliber; B-24 dropped 12 300 lb bombs 1 500 lb incendiary.

(13) B-24's dropped 48 500 lb bombs from 8,000 feet; A-20's dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5,300 rounds 50 caliber; Beauforts dropped 36 500 lb, 68 250 lb bombs, 12 40 lb frags, 80 4 lb incendiaries, fired 9,000 rounds 30 caliber.

(14) 22 B-25's dropped 82 500 lb bombs plus five tons incendiaries; remainder dropped 36 1,000 lb, 36 500 lb bombs, 102 325 lb depth charges plus four tons bomb type unstated.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

Nr: 0 57857 8 February 1945

Airdrome status:
San Macelino runway completed to 6,000 feet; concrete strip Clark Field useable for transports February 14.

Supplementary report:
Additional fighter sorties February 4 through 6, patrols by 31 RAAF P-40's, 16 F-61's, 19 Spitfires; no details Fifth Air Force.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/3
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LINGAYEN 1200. SLOW CONVOY DEPARTED LINGAYEN AT 1300 FOR 
SUBIC. RESUPPLY CONVOY ARRIVED NOVEMBER 6 AT 0800 TO RETURN 
MINDORO 1500. LINGAYEN BLACKCATS ON NIGHT 5/6 SANK LARGE 
SC IN POSIT 24-26 NORTH 12-14-07 EAST. ORMOC PTS ON 5/6 
SANK 70 FOOT LUGGER 3 MILES EAST TINIAN ANCHORAGE CEBU 
KILLED 31 JAPS CAPTURED 4. NO REPORT OF ENEMY AIR ATTACKS 
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War Department cite C 57775. Operations report SWESPAA
area period 1500Z/5 to 1500Z/6 signed MacArthur.

China Coast:
2 destroyers 1 tanker 1 freighter transport 2 sea-
trucks sighted on northeasterly course off Swatow February 6.

Hansel Shoto:
11 seatrucks sighted on southerly course off north-
west coast Okinawajima February 6.

Formosa:
Photographs February 2nd showed 292 single engine
planes 31 twin engined on 8 airdromes.

French Indo China:
3 tankers sighted vicinity Quinhon Harbour February
6th.

Luzon:
Manila:
Enemy reported to have destroyed all bridges over
Pasig river from mouth to San Juan River junction, fires in
city largely restricted to enemy supplies.

Part 2

Naval:
Ormoc PT boats rocketed enemy positions northern
Cebu, Morotai boats shelled coastal hideout night February 4;

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Mindoro boats sank troop filled barge destroyed another on beach Verde Island passage. Ormoc boats sank troop filled luger Cebu following night.

Air: Operations February 3rd:
1. 6 P-38's, 15 P-47's and 2 B-25's attacked gun positions and villages Vewak.

Operations February 5th:
2. Allied fighters destroyed 1 enemy fighter Laeag; 1 B-25 group swept eastern Luzon destroyed 7 barges damaged 21* and 2 motor boats.
3. Patrol Ventu as scored * vessel under construction Zamboanga damaged floatplane several barges strafed radar station Sulu Archipelago, damaged luger probably destroyed 2 coastal vessels started large fire Sangihe Island; sin * 24* bombed Bintulu aerodrome northwestern Borneo damaged lone intercepting fighters.
4. 7 Beaufighters 12 RAAF P-40's and 2 B-24's attacked highways and bridges northeastern Celebes.
5. 12 RAAF P-30's raided Halmahera supplies; 7 B-25's covered Boeroe Ceram Islands bombed radar station sank 2 barges.
6. 4 RAAF B-24's over Sourabaya bombed Mendalan and Simanpir power installations; single RAAF B-24 sank coastal vessel strafed 2 barges Rec Flores Island.
7. RAAF Catalina strafed villages Sepik river; 6-B24's demolished buildings Vewak; 8 Beauforts struck enemy positions *

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Operations February 6:
8. Night Catalina sank large seatruck *: Day B-24's sank 2 seatrucks 1 plooket boat damaged 2 seatrucks shot down 1 bomber strafed radar station same area, strafed salvage vessel southwest Amoy; weather cancelled predawn B-24's Formosa.
9. 5th Air Force planes all categories furnished maximum ground support Luzon; B-25's and P-38's caused further destruction enemy headquarters * in Cagayen Valley; 16 P-38's struck enemy camps Rosario Baguio road; 6 A-20 squadrons supporting ground forces south Manila hit fortifications and guns Nichols Field; 50 B-24's struck Corregidor defences with 204 tons bombs; 6 A 20's raided Cabagio Island Manila Bay.
10. * caused extensive destruction in attack on Fabrica airdrome Negros Island.
11. Ventura patrol damaged whaleboat Tavi Tavi; H6-B24's of 13th Air Force caused explosions and fires through Namgag and Seppinggan bivouacs supplies and installations near Balligupan; P-38's escort probably destroyed 1 of 5 intercepting fighters.
12. 3 RAAF B-24's damaged luggers Flores Island, exploded fuel barge Kendari-hit Laga town Timor.
13. 4 A-20's, 5 B-25's and 6 Beauforts struck enemy positions south east Aitape.
14. 6 B-24's from Nadzabo bombed Tobera airdrome Rabaul.

Solomons Forces; Air:
Operations February 5th:
15. 3 Venturas 8 Corsairs bombed personnel areas New Ireland; 6 Venturas 6 Corsairs and 7 B-25's attacked

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truck pool Rabaul and harassed area; 24-B25's struck plane *
38 Corsairs 2 boomerangs demolished headquarters area *
strafed barges caused explosions northern Bougainville.

Land:
Luzon: Sixth Army, 1st Corps;
43rd Division repulsed small scale counter and
infiltration attacks Rosario Sector, 8 in * patrolled to
* without contact.
32nd Division continued overrun enemy positions Villa
Verde trail northeast Santa Maria, established road block
Minini (743-471)
25th and 6th Division units made continued slow
progress in heavy fighting Lepac and Munos.

14th Corps:
Elements 1st Cavalry and 37th Division engaged
heavy street and house to house fighting area North Pasig
river, 1st Cavalry units secured Novaliches Dam captured
San Francisco Del Monte bridge over San Juan river.
11th Corps:
Elements 38th Division made gains against organized
positions in zigzag pass 11,000 years west Dinalupihan, others
reached point 6,000 yards north east Dinalupihan.

Eighth Army, 11th Airborne Division:
All Infantry reached south edge Nichols Field *
Part 2

1. Dropped 21 napalm bombs from minimum altitude,
   fired 17,100 rounds 50 calibre.
2. No details.
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3. B-24 dropped two 1000 pound bombs.
4. B-24s dropped 36 200 pound frags from 12,000 feet; P-40s and Beaufighters dropped 38 250 pound bombs.
5. P-40s dropped 24 100 pound napalm; B-24s dropped 26 500 pound bombs.
6. Dropped 24 500 pound bombs 1/10 second delay from 1200 feet Sourabaya, nine 300 pound bombs, fired 1800 rounds 50 calibre PXrea.
7. Catalina fired 1100 rounds 30, 1900 rounds 50 calibre; B-24s dropped 48 1000 pound bombs; Beauforts dropped 13 *

12. Dropped 30 300 pound bombs, one 500 pound incendiary, fired 2,400 rounds 50 calibre.
13. Beauforts dropped 12 500 pound, 16 250 pound bombs; * 300 pound eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 7,500 rounds 50 calibre.
14. Dropped 48 1,000 pound bombs 1/10 second delay from 11,000 feet, fired 1,000 rounds 50 calibre.
15. 24 B-25s dropped 172 250 pound bombs; others dropped 40 1,000 pound bombs, * 650 pound, 48 325 depth charges plus 12 tons bombs types unstated.

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Statistics; Log
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**Para 9.** The remaining 4 of the 8 battleships which I sent to the 7th Fleet for temporary duty to provide fire support for the Leyte and Lingayen assault are required for the same purpose in operations to be conducted in the Pacific Ocean areas, under the terms of our agreement (Fivesome) they were to arrive ULTHY by 16 Jan but were made available to the 7th Fleet for about 3 weeks by 6183G.

**Para 2.** On 16 February the Pacific Fleet will attack Honshu and Iwo Jima and will thereby make fully effective its naval strategic support of the Philippines position.

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**PARA 3.** VICE ADMIRAL OLDENDORF'S REPORT SHOWS THAT PENNSYLVANIA MUST BE DOCKED AND MISSISSIPPI AND COLORADO MUST HAVE EXTENSIVE BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRED PRIOR TO SAILING FOR ICEBERG. ALL 4 SHIPS ARE BADLY IN NEED OF UPKEEP.

**PARA 4.** REQUEST YOU DIRECT COM 7TH FLEET TO RETURN MISSISSIPPI, COLORADO, AND WEST VIRGINIA TO ULIHTI AND PENNSYLVANIA TO MANUS ALL TO ARRIVE 16 FEBRUARY.

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CONFIRMING ORAL INSTRUCTIONS CTF 78 WILL INITIATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR INCLUDING NECESSARY PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT AND MINESweepING.

TENTATIVE TARGET DATE 12 FEBRUARY FOR LANDING ON COAST IN VICINITY MARIVELES HARBOR. 13 FEBRUARY FOR LANDING ON CORREGIDOR. RADM STRUBBLE DESIGNATED ATTACK GROUP COMMANDER BY CTF 78 WILL BE DIRECTED TO HAVE HIS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO CG 6TH ARMY WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE COORDINATION OF PLANNING. CTG 77.3 RADM BERKEY WILL BE DIRECTED TO REPORT TO THE ATTACK GROUP COMMANDER AND PROVIDE BOMBARDMENT AND FIRE SUPPORT BY

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ALL NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THOSE OF ALLIED AIR FORCES AND ARMY THROUGH CRUISER 6TH ARMY.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
        Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 57724 6 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 57724. Operations Report SOWESPAC Area period, 1500Z/4 to 1500Z/5 signed MacArthur.

China Coast:
Three freighter transports 30 barges sighted Amoy February 4.

French Indo-China:
Four tankers, five escort vessels with four fighters covering sighted Camraoisonway February 5.

Luzon:

Air patrols reported enemy troop movement Las Pinas northward morning February 5, many fires burning in Manila; enemy pillboxes and barricades reported along road south from Nichols Field.

Part 2. Air.

Operations February 5th:

(1) Eight fighters swept Cagayen River valley destroyed seven barges fired fuel truck; fighter bombers hit Calingatan Airdrome southern Luzon.

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(2) Four Spitfires strafed targets through I Amhara; five B-25's raided supplies Boeroe Island hit Boela radar station Ceram.

Operations February 3:

(3) Patrol B-24 attacked Louise Oil Balikpapan.

(4) 15 RAAF P-40's bombed dispersals Lolobata; 8 others swept Halmahera, one P-40 shot down by anti-aircraft.

Operations February 4:

(5) 2 B-24's harrassed Tainan before dawn.

(6) B-25 mission east coast Luzon weathered out; 6 B-25's caused large fire enemy mechanized concentration San Jose and Munoz; 12 A-20's attacked Ipo Town north Manila; P-47's supported Ground Forces approaching Manila from south; three groups B-24's struck Corregidor.

(7) 17 B-25's and 12 P-38's attacked airdromes and highways Davao area; two B-24's demolished buildings Pasonanca north Zamboanga.

(8) Patrol B-24 bombed fuel center Balikpapan.

(9) Eight Beaufighters rocketed and bombed targets northeastern Celebes.

(10) 32 RAAF P-40's attacked bivouacs and gun positions Wasile Bay; 2 Spitfires strafed villages through Halmahera; 3 B-25's bombed village Soela Island and Liang.

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(11) Four Dutch B-25's destroyed barge near Koepang attacked Guger Atamboes; RAAF B-24 bombed gun positions and barge Lauten.

Operations February 5:

(12) Leyte B-24 patrols bombed Okino *, strafed merchant vessel four barges, set small freighter afire Nansel Shoto, shot down dive bomber Miri northwestern Borneo, damaged two fighters several motor trucks Bintulu Airdrome * southwest.

(13) Two predawn B-24's attacked Keelung Harbour northern Formosa, three others bombed Tainan airstrome.

(14) Usual close support missions Luzon Ground Forces; 60 B-24's struck Corregidor with 180 tons bombs.


(16) RAAF Ventura strafed Wokam sawmill Arce Islands.

Solomons Forces. Air.

Operations February 4th:

(17) 11 Corsairs, six Venturas, four B-25's attacked New Ireland plantations started fires bombed personnel areas; seven Venturas, 32 Corsairs, one B-25 bombed gun positions and

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TO: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
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Radio station Rabaul area; 38 Corsaires harassed villages
destroyed pillboxes Bougainville.

LAND.

5TH ARMY:

1st Corps: Late report 43rd Division received three
night counter attacks Rosario area February 3/4; elements
32nd Division attacked enemy positions 1,000 yards northwest
Santa Maria (587-462) engaged heavy fire fight; 2nd Division
units attacking Lupao from north and south reported stubborn
resistance; 5th Division: San Jose secured, units at Munoz
made small gains against concrete emplacements Chu repulsed
counter attack destroying four tanks but suffering heavy
casualties.

X1 Corps: 37th Division elements reached *
encountered intense rifle fire; First Cavalry Division
engaged house to house fighting, with center enemy resistance
just south of Chinese cemetery.

X1 Corps: Elements 38th Division contacted X1 Corps
3rd, established road block Lupao (203-073).

8th Army: Airborne Division; 511 Inf advancing against
heavy mortar and machine gun fire from concrete pillboxes,
ocrossed Paranoaque River, reached point 300 yards south road
junction at (815-562).

End of Part 2.

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(1) Dropped 14 500 lb bombs Calingaon.
(2) B-25’s dropped 20 500 lb bombs.
(3) Dropped 4 1,000 lb bombs.
(4) Dropped 11 400 lb, 19 260 lb bombs moderate medium some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 5 and 6 no details.

(7) B-25’s dropped 20 100 lb bombs; P-38’s dropped 8 1,000 lb bombs *.

(8) Dropped 4 1,000 lb bombs.

(9) Dropped 6 250 lb bombs, fires twenty * fifty lb rockets, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(10) P-40’s dropped 16 100 lb napalm, 15 100 lb incendiary clusters, 30 400 lb and 2 260 lb frags, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; B-25’s dropped 12 500 lb bombs.

(11) B-25’s dropped 11 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired 1,100 rounds 50 calibre; B-24 dropped 12 300 lb bombs, 1 500 lb incendiary.

Paragraphs 12 and 13 no details.

(14) 60 B-24’s dropped 360 1,000 lb bombs.

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(15) Dropped 768 260 lb frags from 13,000 to 10,000 feet; moderate to intense accurate anti-aircraft fire *, slight inaccurate meager.

(16) Fired 300 rounds fifty, 300 rounds 30 caliber.

(17) Four B-25's dropped 6 500 lb, 8 250 lb bombs; other planes dropped 18 1,000 lb, 26 500 lb bombs, 46 325 lb depth charges plus 10 tons bombs and depth charges.

Airdromes status:

Mindoro: Hill San Jose and Camina Airdromes operational, last mentioned 7,000 feet coated with dust palliative, Grabong * Airdrome.

Luzon:

Lingayan 5,900 feet mat surface, Mingal and 6,400 feet, San Marcelin strip estimated complete February 3.

Air status:

43rd Bomber Group (B-24's) now operating from Leyte.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: CPD
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       CG AAF                              Col Park
       ASF                                Statistics
       G-2                                Log

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RESUPPLY CONVOYS DEPARTED LEYTE THIS DATE FOR LINGAYEN, MINDORO. M-6 AND M-7.

29 NAVY AND 1 ARMY SURVIVORS RECOVERED FROM BEACH 2 MILES SOUTH TALIN POINT. (M-6)

ALL IN GOOD CONDITION.

1 OFFICER AND 1 MAN KILLED BY GUN FIRE AND 2 MEN MISSING FROM PT'S 77 AND 79 SUNK ON NIGHT 1/2 FEBRUARY. SEARCH CONTINUES.

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By SLR Date MAY 21 1973

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Nr: C 57644 5 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 57644. Operations report SWESPC area period 1500Z/3 to 1500Z/4 signed MacArthur.

Formosa:
Photographs January 29 and 31 showed 192 fighters 26 bombers on Takao Hito Okayama and Chosu airdromes.

Hainan:
Three tankers with three destroyers reported on Southernly course South Hainan February 2.

Hong Kong:
Photographs February 1 showed 27 ships in harbour totalling 44,600 tons, another 32,600 tons shipping in dry docks, on Kai Tak airdrome 26 planes.

Luzon:
Forces approaching Manila from South report enemy resistance consisted of small suicide groups guarding bridges and strong points.

Further North night February 3.

Air:

Part II:

Naval: * * * * *

Enemy action: MELASSIFIED

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Nr: C 57644

5 February 1945

Leyte:
Light raid caused slight damage Tacloban strip
same night.

Operations February 2:
(1) Two B-24's bombed Cebu town Visayas.

Operations February 3:
(2) Predawn B-24's started fires in attack on Takao.
(3) B-24's dropped 56 tons on air-drome Aparri and Tuguegarao.

(4) 35 Marine Dauntless included in many ground support missions assisting rapid advance Luzon; 12 A 20's failed to make contact on ground support Bataan.

(5) B 24's scored direct hits wharves and gun positions Corregidor; 14 B-25's attacked coastal area set barrack afire North Subic Bay; 6 A 20's demolished barracks started fires Lips air-drome; 7 A 20's caused heavy damage Calingatan air-drome.

(6) Two B-24's started fires Cebu town.

(7) RAAP B-24 patrol set afire small camouflaged freighter previously damaged Flores Island.
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Operations February 4:
(8) Predawn search plane attacked four Northbound vessels near Hong Kong one large explosion resulted; Leyte, B-24's patrols caused explosions on seatruck Northern Formosa, sank coastal vessel Hansel Shoto.

(9) 13th Air Force B-24's: 12 planes bombed Cavite; 22 planes struck Corregidor; two planes attacked Cagayan shipyards; one plane bombed personnel areas and supplies La Carlota Negros Island.

(10) Three RAAF B-24's further damaged small camouflage freighter strafed two barges Flores Island; another B-24 bombed Lorent in Tenimbers; 4 RAAF B-25's set afire probably destroyed three barges Wetar Island North Timor.

(11) Five NADEAB A 20's raided enemy positions Rabaul; five B-24's bombed Tobera airdrum.

Solomons Forces.

Air:
Operations February 3:
(12) Six Ventures eight Corsairs raided bivouacs New Ireland; 23 B-25's bombed plane park West Vunakanau; 8 Ventures 24 Corsairs and 7 B-25's attacked truck park bivouacs and guns Rabaul; 40 Corsairs furnished ground support hit guns and personnel areas Bougainville, one Corsair lost.

Land: Luzon:

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Br: C 57644 5 February 1945

Sixth Army:
I Corps:
Elements 25th Division launched coordinated attack
Lupac from North, others cut Lupac-San Jose highway at point
6000 yards Northwest San Jose; Sixth Division reported
heavy fighting Munoz, attacked San Jose from South captured
three fourths of town against stiff resistance, cut road
vicinity Sibul (823-115).

XIV Corps:
1st Cavalry Division captured Santo Tomas University
at 0125Z/4; advance elements 40th Division reached Caloocan
(7872), others patrolled from Dinalupihan toward Hermosa;
37th Division units captured Naboilo (7680) after artillery
preparation on prepared positions.

XI Corps:
34th Infantry reached point 1100 yards West Dinalupihan.

Our cumulative casualties to Feb 3:
1350 killed, 4507 wounded, 223 missing; total enemy
casualties to February 4;
16,528 killed, 207 captured.

Eighth Army:
Elements 11th Airborne Division reached Las Finaas
against light resistance.

Cumulative casualties to February 4:
Allied:

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25 killed, 116 wounded; enemy: 157 killed, 8 captured.

End of Part II.

Part III:

(1) Dropped 2½ tons frags.
(2) No details.
(3) Dropped 56 tons bombs.
(4) No details.

(5) B 24's dropped 36 tons bombs from 8400 to 7500 feet, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; B-25's dropped 42 100 lb parademos, 36 100 lb NAPALMS, fired 20,000 rounds 50 calibre; 8 A 20's dropped unstated number 250 lb parademos, fired 11,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(6) Dropped 2½ tons frags.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 no details.

(9) Dropped 179 1000 lb, 19 500 lb bombs from 13,000 to 11,000 feet.

(10) B-24's dropped 303 300 lb, 9 500 lb bombs, 1 500 lb incendiary, fired 3700 rounds 50 calibre; no
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details B-25's.

(11) A 20's dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5300 rounds 50 calibre; B-24's dropped 40 1000 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(12) 23 B-25's dropped 132 500 lb bombs; other planes dropped 46 1000 lb, 38 500 lb bombs, 48 325 lb depth charges, plus 9 tons bombs and depth charges.

Refer report operations February 1 Paragraph 9: 21 P-51's dropped 42 500 lb bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay made 72 strafing passes, met intense light and medium anti aircraft fire; subsequently 8 B-25’s with 4 P-38's escort against same target returned due poor visibility.

End

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ACTION: CPD

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

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CENTURIES WITH UNOISED RESULTS DUE TO LOUD NOISE, IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK.

LIS WITH QUARTER TOINS HITTING NAVAL INSTALLATIONS NE SHORE FUTAMAVKO FROM 19,000 FEET. 10/10 CLOUD COVER PREVENTED OBSERVATION. ONE FIRE OBSERVED SOUTH OF TARGET AREA AND SOME HITS ON SHORE TATSURY WDN. 20

ADD 2 FEB STRIKES.

18 SNOOPING LIBS RAINED 500 POUNDERS BOTH AIRFIELDS AND DISPERSED AREA WNW 55% IN TARGET AREA REST UNOBSERVED.

5 FEB. 11 LIBS HIT 1400 FROM 15-19,000 FEET DROPPING CENTURIES WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS DUE CLOUD COVER.

INTERCEPTION BY 2 ZEKES 1 POSSIBLE TOJO. TO CHICHI W.

10 LIBS WITH QUARTER TOINS FRAGS HITTING NAVAL INSTALLATIONS NE SHORE FUTAMAVKO FROM 19,000 FEET. 10/10 CLOUD COVER PREVENTED OBSERVATION. ONE FIRE OBSERVED SOUTH OF TARGET AREA AND SOME HITS ON SHORE TATSURY WDN. 20
P-38's escorting 5 F-5 photo planes hit IWO JIMA in 2 waves taking pictures and strafing A/F positions. In first wave of 12 P-38's and 4 F-5's intense accurate AA severely damaged single Lightning which returned safely. 1 P-38 crashed 70 miles due east in Yamami rock reason unknown. Rafts dropped to survivor seen in water. Search being conducted. 1 F-5 hit over target crashed in flames off shore. On second wave of 3 P-38's and 1 F-5 single P-38 damaged when releasing belly tank returned safely. Preliminary examination shows F-5's got excellent low obliques of area covered. 3 Marine Mitchells over bombing attacked no targets. 4 Navy photo B-24's over Iwo intercepted by 7 aggressive S/E fighters. 2 Zeke's 1 Oscar possibly damaged. Photos obtained. Iwo airfield 2 and dispersal areas caught quarter ton frags from 9 snoops. Results 6 planes unobserved, fires started. Radar mocked up single enemy A/C which trailed snooper to target from Yamami rock.

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

To: War Department

DTG: 041303Z 4 February 1945

Operations report SOWESPAO area period 1500Z/2 to 1500Z/3 signed MacArthur

Part I being serviced.

Naval:

Mindoro PT boats bombarded town Masbate Island in support guerillas night February 2.

Air:

Operations February 2:

1. Five predawn B 24's caused explosions, fires Okayama and Takao; 24 B 24's struck Okayama airdrome during day, destroyed 16-20 planes, met intense heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

2. A 20's raided Baler Bay East Central Luzon; Rosales; numerous missions supported ground forces through Luzon.

3. Preliminary report two groups plus four additional B 24's struck Corregidor.

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5. Six Beaufighters attacked bridges Northeastern Celebes; two B 24's bombed Djailolo Western Halmahera; 24 RAAF P 40's struck Wesile Bay supplies.

6. 12 Darwin B 24's met adverse weather against Malimpoeng, Southwestern Celebes; 3 planes bombed revetments at target, met one intercepting fighter;
7. 6 RAAF B 24's scored direct hit and near miss on small freighter Flores Island.
8. Three Boomerangs, 14 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak and Sepik River, supported ground forces southeast Aitape.

Operations February 3:
9. B 24 patrols from Leyte sank two coastal vessels off A moy attacked air drome probably destroyed one bomber, strafed 7 planes Swatow, shot down floatplane to east, sank fuel laden lugger southwestern Formosa.
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10. 13th Air Force B 24's:
   - 16 planes demolished buildings San Roque seaplane base and Cavite;
   - 15 planes bombed seaplane base and slipways at Cagaysia;
   - explosions and large fires resulted all targets.

11. Patrol Ventura damaged lugger and patrol boat south Tarakan, Northeastern Borneo.

12. RAAP B 24 bombed Cape Chater Timor.

13. 11 B 24's, 5 F 51's and 5 A 20's attacked supplies and motor trucks Wewak.

Solomons Forces:

Air. Operations February 2:

14. 3 Venturas, 8 Corsairs, 26 B 25's, started fires bivouacs New Ireland; 8 Venturas, 26 Corsairs, 1 B 25, fired fuel and ammunition dumps Rabaul; 26 Corsairs struck headquarters and bivouac areas Bougainville.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army: XIV Corps: 1st Cavalry Division:

8th Cavalry Regiment entered Manila at Grace Park.

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(800-717) at 0935Z/3, resistance negligible;
37th Division elements reached Tinajeros
(7875);

XIV Corps reported many fires in Manila through-
out night February 3/4;
40th Division unit established road block
Dinlupihan.

I Corps:
6th Division neared San Jose;
43rd Division strengthened positions North
Damorsis-Rosario road.

Eighth Army:
Reconnaissance elements 11th Airborne Division
reconnoitered to Government House (763-065) and North to
Silang (7921) without contact;
2nd Echelon 511 Parachute Infantry dropped
vicinity 6805.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

1-3. Paragraphs 1 through 3. No details.

4. Dropped 15 300 lb bombs.

5. B 24's dropped 60 100 lb Napalms from 10,000 feet;

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5. P-40's dropped 46 100 lb Napalm's from minimum altitude, fired unstated number rounds.

6. Dropped 360 100 lb bombs from 13,000 to 8,600 feet.

7. Dropped 60 500 lb bombs 1/10 second delay from 7,500 to 6,000 feet.

8. Beauforts dropped 34 500 lb, 46 250 lb bombs, fired 1,800 rounds 30 calibre.

9.  No details.

10. Dropped 159 1000 lb bombs from 12,000 feet.

11.  No details.

12. Dropped 12 300 lb bombs, 1 500 incendiary.

13. B-24's dropped 88 1000 lb bombs from 8,000 feet; others dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 11,800 rounds 50 calibre.

14. 28 B-25's dropped 42 1000 lb, 12 250 lb bombs, 10 325 lb depth charges, 6 100 lb incendiaries; other planes dropped 28 1000 lb, 52 500 lb bombs, 56 365 lb depth charges.

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Weather:
Adverse conditions forming, equatorial front
Northern Luzon with heavy rain extending South to Leyte.

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(COMMOR PAC SENDS ACTION CINCPAC HQ PEARL AND ADV HQ INFO COMINCH NORPAC FOR, RDO HONO PASS INFO TO COMAIRPAC AND CONSUBPAC)

AT 0025Z 3 FEB 4 FLEET AIR WING 4 VENTURAS ATTACKED KURABU SAKI AND SOUTHEASTERN SHIMUSHI WITH ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS. ROCKET HITS AMONG BUILDINGS AND RADAR INSTALLATIONS. PERSONNEL STRAFED. LIGHT INACCURATE AA. 2 FIGHTERS SIGHTED DID NOT ATTACK. MINOR DAMAGE 1 VENTURA. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY.

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PART 1 HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(LONGEST ACTION TO ALL SEARCH ADEES AND ALL TASK GROUP COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET)

LEYTE SEARCHES 3RD. SEARCHERS WERE 11 PB24 Y'S 5 PYS. TIMES POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST.

SECTORS J AND K WENT 560 AND 600 MILES BOTH NEGATIVE ON 90 PERCENT COVERAGE. SECTOR L 570 MILES, 70 PERCENT. SECTOR X 555 MILES, 70 PERCENT. Y 590 MILES, 80 PERCENT ALL NEGATIVE. SECTOR W WENT 950 MILES 70 PERCENT COVERAGE. SAW 3 SC'S.

2 SD'S 24-18 124-08 ANCHORED 1135. 1 SD 24-18 124-12 ANCHORED 1137. SECTOR 1 WENT 930 MILES, 70 PERCENT COVERAGE. NEGATIVE.

INCLUDING MACAO BY RADAR EXCEPT FOR 1 PB Y IN WATER 13-27 121-08 AT 1625. SECTOR 4 OUT 1000 MILES, 60 PERCENT. SAW

2 SD 24-28 118-13 CSE 090 SPEED 8 AT 1145. SANK BOTH FIRST BLEW UP SECOND BURNED TO WATER. 1 SC 1 SB 23-35 119-36.

ANCHORED PESCADORES AT 1229. SUNK 1 LUGGER APPARENTLY CARRYING OIL AT 23-05 119-55 CSE 1.50 SPEED 10 AT 1302. 26 SEA TRUCKS.

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23-05 120-04 CSE 000 SPEED 8 AT 1306. 1 FA ANCHORED 22-40 120-10
AT 1309. 3 FB 1 SB 1 FA 22-38 120-06210 ANCHORED AT TAKAS 1314.

SECTOR 5 WENT 950 MILES, 50 PERCENT COVERAGE. NEGATIVE. SECTOR 7 WENT
955 MILES, 95 PERCENT. NO CONTACTS. SECTOR 3 WENT 850 MILES, 70
PERCENT COVERAGE. SHOT DOWN 1 JAKE 23-27 117-28 AT 1023. SAW 1 FTC
SWATOW HARBOR ANCHORED 1045. DROPPED 3 1000 POUND BOMBS CARRIED FOR
SPECIAL MISSION ON SWATOW AIRSTRIP. 1 HIT NORTHEAST END OF TUNWAI.
PROBABLY DESTROYED 1 BETTY. 2 HITS ON ADJACENT BUILDINGS. STRAFED
FIELD UNOBSERVED DAMAGE ON 6 TWIN ENGINE 1 SINGLE ENGINE PLANE. ACK
ACK MEDIUM MEAGER INACCURATE. SECTOR 2 WENT 900 MILES, 65 PERCENT. SAW
1 DD UNDERWAY COURSE 120 SPEED 12. 1 DD 3 SA 6 LARGE UNIDENTIFIED
SHIPS ANCHORED ALL 22-18 114-10 AT 1230. 2 SC 22-34 114-53 ANCHORED
1300. SECTOR 8 WENT 821 MILES, 80 PERCENT. NEGATIVE. SECTOR 5 LANDED
MINDORO. NO T DIO FEP'D A SPECIAL BORNEO SECTOR PIONEER. 75
PERCENT COVERAGE. NEGATIVE. LATER REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED ON SECOND
SPECIAL NIGHT SECTOR TO CHINA COAST.

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DATE: 3 FEB 45
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(CTF 77 SENDS TO CINCSWPA (CARLAC AND LEYTE) INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COMIFTHFLT COMSEVENTHLFT)

RETURNING FAST AND SLOW CONVOY FROM M-7 ARRIVED LEYTE RESUPPLY CONVOY AND PT'S ARRIVED M-7 AT 0700.

YESTERDAY THE EVACUATION OF 7TH AND 77TH DIVISIONS BY SEA FROM ORMAC AREA TO DULAG WAS BEGUN.

NIGHT OF 31ST GROUP OF 25 TO 30 SMALL ENEMY POWER BOATS WERE DETECTED OFF TALIPPT APPROACHING M-6 BEACHED AND WERE ENGAGED BY OUTER SCREEN.

PC 1129 WAS SUNK WHEN SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED BY 4 BOATS. REMAINDER WERE SUNK OR RETIRED. NO AIR ATTACKS WERE REPORTED ON NAVAL FORCES DURING PAST 24 HOURS.

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MY 010855 CHANGE "BOMBARDMENT NOT NEEDED" TO "BOMBARDMENT CONDUCTED AS PLANNED".

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General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

War Department

3 February 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department C 57512. Operations report SOWSPAC area period
500Z/1 to 1500Z/2 signed MacArthur.

China Coast:

Local reports state carrier two destroyers arrived
Amoy from north January 31 making total three destroyers,
one carrier, two tankers, two medium freighters, one trans-
port in harbour; same night shipping concentration reported
by Catalina off Quemoy Island.

French Indo China:

Two escort vessels, two transports reported arriving
Cape Saint Jacques January 30, two laden tankers with two
others empty left Saigon next day.

Luzon:

Enemy resistance in Malolos Flaridel area reported
disorganized and sporadic; one destroyer, one escort vessel
sighted southbound 110 miles north Aparri midday February 1st.

Singapore:

Photos February 1st indicated departure two heavy
cruisers, one light cruiser, 25,500 tons merchant shipping,
13 fighters, one bomber Seabawang.

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Part 2.

Naval:

Lingayen PT boats attacked seven beached barges Salomague night February 1st.

Air:

Enemy action:

Anti-aircraft fire shot down dive bomber Lingayen, two planes raided strip north Subic Bay night February 1st; five planes intercepted photos P-38's southern Borneo, one P-38 lost February 1st.

Operations February 1st:

(1) Leyte B-24 patrols strafed set afire two coastal vessels one lugger near Camranh Bay, bombed fuel installations southwest Brunei Bay; Morotai B-24 hit Balikpapan.

(2) 23 RAAF P-40's, two Spitfires, 16 Beaufighters attacked personnel areas and coastal targets northeastern Celebes, two Beaufighters lost.

(3) Three RAAF P-40's, two Spitfires attacked assigned targets Morotai; four Spitfires strafed targets Helmehoro; six B-25's bombed Namlea Boeoe Island, village Ceram and Samato Dutch New Guinea.

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(4) RAAF B-24 hit small freighter coastal vessel and
    barge through lesser soundas.

(5) Seven B-24's and 12 Beauforts raided villages
    damaged barge Newak.

Operations February 2nd:

(6) Night Catalinas hit shore targets Pescadores
    left seatreuck sinking west Formosa attacked six luggers
    Yonakuni Island Nansei Shoto group; day B-24's sank one
    coastal vessel damaged another left one seatreuck sinking
    strafed others Nansei Shoto group; net afire fuel laden
    coastal vessel near Cape Saint Jacques.

(7) 13th Air Force B-24's: 33 planes caused many
    fires Cavite, 10 others hit Corregidor.

(8) RAAF B-24 patrols from Darwin damaged launch
    bombed small freighter camouflaged Flores Island, left
    seatreuck sinking Lucipara Island Banda Sea, caused substantial
    fires Pul lororo Timor.

(9) Seven B-24's from Nadzab hit Tobera and Kabanga
    plantation Rabaul; six A-20's fired fuel tanks hit dock
    facilities Simpson Harbour; three F-35's and 8 F-47's
    weathered out from Tobera, three planes hit Rabaul targets.

(10) No report received 5th Air Force operations.

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Solomons Forces.

Air.

Operations February 1st:

(11) 12 Corsairs, 11 Venturas raided bivouacs New Ireland; 20 Corsairs caused explosions bivouacs Rabaul, 12 Corsairs, two B-25's bombed Tobera; 42 Corsairs bombed coastal installations and supported ground forces Bougainville.

Land.

Luzon:

Sixth Army:

I Corps: 32nd Division captured Santa Maria (587–452), San Eugenio (583–430), Bachelor (6142); 25th Division: 35th Infantry captured Umingan; 6th Division units occupied Tasama (820–075) reached Bicos (880–944).

XIV Corps: Elements 37th Division by-passed resistance Plaridel reached San Juan (705–925), others reached Santa Ana (6889); 1st Cavalry Division advancing south occupied Baluag (7009) in force, captured Plaridel, reached Santa Maria (7893).

XI Corps: Elements 38th Division reached point 12,000 yards northeast Olongapo.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

Nr: 0 57512

3 February 1945
Eighth Army:

11th Airborne Division: Preliminary report First
Echelon 511th Parachute Infantry dropped vicinity (6705); 183rd Infantry meeting slight resistance captured Aya reached Cagayan (609-094).

Approximate front lines:
North Emeron-Rosario Road to Udiao thence south and east including San Manuel, Santa Maria (587-462), Umingan, Lupi, Tumana, Bisac, Obanatuan, Baliug, Paredes, Santa Maria (6889), San Juan and Santa Ana; thence to Porao, north including high ground west Stotsenburg and Bamban, thence north and northwest including line Tarlac, Santa Ignacia, Mangatarem, Aliminos, Bolinao, and south to Santa Cruz.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

1. Dropped five incendiary clusters Brunei Bay, four 1,000 lb bombs Balikpapan.

2. P-40's and 8 Beaufighters dropped 24 100 lb napalms, 18 100 lb incendiaries, 8 500 lb frags, 8 325 lb depth charges, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

3. B-25's dropped 20 500 lb bombs.
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(4) Dropped nine 300 lb bombs, 1,000 rounds 50 caliber.

(5) B-24's dropped 84 500 lb bombs from 8,500 feet; Beauforts dropped 16 500 lb, 60 250 lb bombs; fired 3,500 rounds 30 caliber.

(6) No details.

(7) Dropped 1,290 100 lb napalm containers from 13,000 to 9,000 feet.

(8) Three B-24's dropped 33 300 lb bombs, two 500 lb incendiaries, fired 2,900 rounds 50 caliber.

(9) B-24's dropped 56 1,000 lb bombs from 11,000 feet; A-20's dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 6,000 rounds 50 caliber; others expended 8 1,300 lb napalm.

(10) No details.

(11) B-25's dropped 10 250 lb bombs; other planes dropped 32 1,000 lb, 19 500 lb, 6 300 lb, 10 250 lb bombs, 8 650 lb depth charges, fired unstated number rounds.

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INFO: CO/S; CO AAF; ASF; G-2; Adm King; Col Park; Statistics; Log
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FOLLOWING 2 REPORTS FROM CINCEIS ARE PASSED TO YOU TO SHOW CNO: BEGIN

(A) 1. OPERATION MERIDIAN

FORCE 63 AS IN MY 131024 LEFT TRINCOMALEE UNDER COMMAND OF R.A.A.B.P.F. 16TH JANUARY. OBJECT LARGEST POSSIBLE AIR STRIKE PALEMBANG OIL REFINERIES TO DESTROY PANDOJOE AND SEENG GERONG DISTILLING PLANTS ON THE TROER.

2. FORCE 63 MADE RENDEZVOUS WITH FORCE 69 20TH JANUARY IN POSITION 07-DEG SOUTH 95 DEG EAST AND REFUELLED. FORCE 69 CONSISTED OF H.M.S. CEYLON, H.M.S. URCHIN AND 3 TANKERS FROM TRINCOMALEE, 4TH TANKER FROM FREEMANTLE JOINED 23RD JANUARY.

3. FORCE 63 PROCEEDED TO FLYING OFF POSITION VICINITY ENGANO ISLAND DAWN 22ND. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED STRIKE UNTIL 24TH WHEN 47 AVENGERS 10 FIREFLIES, 48 FIGHTERS ATTACKED PANDOJOE. 24 FIGHTERS SWEEP ENEMY AIRFIELDS.

4. PRELIMINARY PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CONFIRMS HITS ON 1 POWER HOUSE, 3 CRUDE DISTILLERIES, 2 DISTILLATION AND 2 OTHER UNITS.
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| Many other buildings hit or damaged. |

5. Fighter and anti-aircraft defenses were alert. Striking force intercepted some miles short of target. 13 Japanese fighters shot down with 6 probables. 34 aircraft destroyed and 25 damaged on the ground. Our losses 9 aircraft.

6. Force was sighted but composition incorrectly reported.

7. Force is expected to refuel 26th and 27th as at Para 2. Further strikes in period 29th to 31st may be carried out.

8. Press communiqué is not being issued for the present.

(B) 1. OPERATION MERIDIAN

Force 63 returned to flying off position A.M. 29th January and flew off 48 Avengers 12 Fireflies 40 fighters to attack Song Gerong.

2. Bombing conditions good. Photographs show hits on large cracking plant and fractionary columns. RE running Mills burnt.
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**MANY OTHER BUILDINGS HIT. EXTENSIVE FIRES SPREADING THE DAMAGE.**

**4. FIGHTER OPPOSITION LESS THAN PREVIOUS STRIKE. 8 JAPANESE SHOT DOWN, 3 PROBABLES, 4 DESTROYED ON GROUND. OUR LOSSES 15 AIRCRAFT BUT 8 CREWS RECOVERED.**

**5. OIL FUEL SITUATION DID NOT PERMIT FURTHER STRIKES. FORCE 69 ARRIVES FREEMANTLE 8TH FEBRUARY. 2 TANKERS ARRIVE FREEMANTLE 8TH FEBRUARY.**

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Formosa:

Three medium freighter transports sighted northbound east of Keelung January 31st; several destroyer escorts sighted Pasacúes by Lingayan Catalina same night; 15 enemy fighters reported over Toko by B-24s February 1st.

French Indo China:

Two freighters reported on northerly course north of Tourene January 31st, four destroyers, two transports leaving Cape Varella for north, large transport departing Saigon next day.

Celebes:

Photographs Macasser airdomes February 1st showed three bombers on Limboeng.

2. Naval:

Lingayan PT boats destroyed 15 barges, five speed

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boats damaged, four others San Fernando area night January 31st.  

South Manila Bay:  
25-30 small power boats attacked Allied shipping near Nasugbu night January 31st, outer screen sank some forced remainder to retire.  

Air:  
Enemy action: Light ineffective raid Lingayen predawn February 1st.  

Operations January 31st:  
(1) Night Catalinas attacked medium tanker west Formosa, damaged six small ships, one lugger to east; 24 day B-24s with P-38 escort struk Hanto airstole southern Formosa, destroyed 25-30 planes.  

(2) 12 B-25s sank one, left one burning, seriously damaged another of three enemy destroyers heading south from Formosa; escorting P-47s shot down five enemy fighters covering convoy.  

(3) Many direct support missions assisted Lingayen forces; 20 P-51s attacked Baguio and Bayombong caused large explosions; two B-24s started large fires, demolished many buildings Camp John Hay Baguio; eight B-25s destroyed supplies  

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and three trucks Baler Bay east central Luzon, wrecked 75 mm gun Verde Island on return; two P-38 Squadrons, three squadrons A-20s supported ground forces east Masugbu southwest Manila.

(4) Two Beaufighters raided Togid Village northeastern Celebes.

(5) Dutch reconnaissance B-25 strafed bomber Semarang Airdrome central Java.

(6) One Beaufort, two more Boomerangs attacked Wewak targets.

Operations February 1st:

(7) Night Catalinas attacked shipping Peacelores, caused large explosions and fires Kurekko industrial plants eastern Formosa, bombed Yonakuni Island to east; B-24 petrols strafed scored one direct bomb hit, three Seatrucks left two coastal vessels burning north Formosa shot down floatplane near Hong Kong.

(8) Five predawn B-24s caused fires explosions Tainan Airdrome; 24 day B-24s met bad weather over Formosa, 18 planes caused heavy damage Toko Seaplane Base

(9) Allied planes hit another convoy attempting reach Luzon, left one destroyer burning and listing, one destroyer escort ablaze, two P-51s lost to anti-aircraft fire.
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10 Numerous missions supported Lingayen ground forces; four B-24s demolished buildings fired dumps San Fernando and Camp John Hay near Baguio.

11 Seven squadrons plus four additional B-24s struck personnel area Corregidor.

12 13th Air Force B-24s: 22 planes hit warehouses Cavite; 22 planes bombed shipyards, radio station and seaplane base Cemaco Peninsula; explosions and fires resulted both targets.

13 23 B-25s and 18 A-20s caused heavy destruction Puerto Princesa seaplane base and waterfront Palawan Island.

14 Two RAAP B-24s bombed Cape Chater guns Timor and Laret in Timor.

15 Four P-38s, seven P-47s, one P-51 and four A-20s attacked Kainir Island and strafed targets.

Solomons forces.

Air. Operations January 31st:

16 Four B-25s bombed Borpop personnel areas, 10 Corsairs, three Ventures hit bivouacs Kavieng; 21 B-25s struck floatplane hideout Simpson Harbor, eight Ventures, seven B-25s raided Plane Park Vunakan, 24 Corsairs, one Ventura harassed Rabaul; 32 Corsairs attacked bivouacs Bougainville.

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Aircraft under Solomons forces this and future reports Royal New Zealand Air Force except B-25s.

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Luzon:

I Corps: 25th Division encountered heavy resistance western outskirts Umingan; 6th Division attacking toward San Jose struck stiff opposition line Munoz-Rical to south.

XIV Corps: 37th Division: World Hill captured, attacks west and north continued, division elements reached point 2,000 yards northwest Malolos (5096); 1st Cavalry Division attacking east seized Cabanatuan, patrolled south to Tabuating (758-628) without contact.

XI Corps: Elements 38th Division reached line from point on Olongapo-Dinalupihan Road due south Mount Kalakian (018-000) southeast to foothills Mount Santa Rita.

11th Airborne Division: 188th Infantry captured Mount Aiming (555-055), attacked estimated battalion at (555048).

Total enemy casualties to February 1st:

13380 killed.
153 Japanese captured.

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Our cumulative casualties to January 31:
1,203 killed,
3,881 wounded,
215 missing.

Part 3.
(1) B-24's dropped 288 500 lb fragmentation clusters, met moderate to intense heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.
(2) No details.
(3) No details.
(4) Dropped 4 325 lb depth charges.
(5) Fired 500 rounds 50 caliber.
(6) Beaufort dropped 2 250 lb bombs, 9 40 lb frags, boomerangs fired 60 rounds 20 MM, 800 rounds 30 calibre.
(7) thru (11) No details.
(12) Dropped 218 1,000 lb, 2 500 lb bombs from 16,000 to 14,000 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Cavite.
(13) B-25's dropped 254 100 lb demos from minimum altitude, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(14) Dropped 24 300 lb bombs, 2 500 lb incendiaries.

(15) Dropped 16 300 lb bombs 3 to 15 seconds delay, 11 1300 lb napalm from minimum altitude, fired 19 400 rounds 50 calibre.

(16) New Ireland: B-25's dropped 24 250 lb bombs, 6 100 lb incendiaries, other planes dropped 6 500 lb, 14 300 lb bombs, met medium accurate anti aircraft fire;

New Britain: 21 B-25's dropped 160 300 lb bombs, other planes dropped 35 1,000 lb, 6 500 lb, 48 300 lb bombs, 6 325 lb depth charges;

Bougainville: Corsairs dropped 4 1,000 lb, 36 500 lb bombs, 4 325 lb depth charges.

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China Coast: Nine large vessels reported southbound northeast Amoy January 28; Leyte reconnaissance planes sighted three tankers, two small freighter transports, three escort vessels covered by three planes heading south off Hongkong January 31.

Singapore: Photographs January 29 showed four heavy cruisers of which two damaged, one light cruiser, four medium freighters, one destroyer.

Java: Darwin reconnaissance B 25 reached Tjilatjap report 3,000 ton vessel in bay.

Luzon: * at Calumpit reported both bridges destroyed, air patrols over Batangas January 31 sighted nil enemy activity.

Part 2. Naval:

Lingayen PT boats strafed buildings south Vigan; Mindoro boats patrolled Luhang Straits Balayan Bay destroyed lugger; Ormoc boats sank two seatrucks, one barge killed estimate 200 enemy aboard Bohol Strait night January 30.
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Air: Operations January 29:

(1) Three B-24's struck fuel stores Takao, three others bombed Yagi Airdrome before dawn, large fires started both targets; fighter sweeps over Formosa shot down six planes, probably destroyed two, damaged two others.

(2) Nine A-20's raided administration buildings and barracks Aparri; nine A-20's set stores afire Loobao silenced machine gun posts, hit coastal guns Carabeo Island Manila; four P-38's bombed batteries Corregidor.

(3) 30 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak; six Beauforts struck Matupi Island Rabaul.

Operations January 30:

(4) Four predawn B-24's raided Sagi dispersals, another bombed Yakaq; four night Catalinas strafed coastal vessels Amoy, set large tanker afire with two direct hits south Pescadores, attacked shipping northeast Formosa, damaged seaport, strafed one lugger, four barges further south' fighters shot down ten planes over Formosa.

(5) A-20's destroyed few targets sighted northern Luzon, bombed Cabaiban Manila Bay; fighters sweeps sank eight barges, destroyed two troop filled trucks Cagayan Valley; two B-24's exploded large fuel and ammunition dumps new Headquarters area Bayombong southwest Bagabag.
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17 P-51's supported ground forces hit personnel and guns  
Labayug northeast Pozorrubio; two squadrons A-20's attacked  
speedboat hideouts Batangas B.Layan Bay area; 18 B-24's  
caused large fires explosions Corregidor; all missions from  
Leyte weathered out.

(6) Six B-25's attacked Licanan supplies Davao.

(7) Two B-24's bombed Balikpapan before dawn.

(8) Ten Beaufighters, 29 RAAF P-40's destroyed  
warehouses Tomohon and Tetok Bay northeastern Celebes.

(9) Lip hint Kau; ten B-25's attacked Akelamo  
        village destroyed bridge northeastern Halmahera.

(10) Six B-25's swept Ceram bombed radio station  
schooner and coastal villages; 15 P-38's supported ground  
forces Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea.

(11) Three B-25's and seven Beauforts attacked  
        Kairiru Island and villages near Wewak.

Operations January 31:

(12) 13th Air Force B-24's:

25 planes caused large fires explosions Cavite;  
20 planes scored similar results Canacao; one B-24 bombed  
Bacolod Negros Island.

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(13) 16 B-25's hit repair shops demolished buildings Basco, CEBU.

(14) Two B-24's patrolled Macassar Strait before dawn, attacked Balikpapan and large "

(15) Two RAAF B-25's started fires Puiloro, three RAAF B-24's bombed other towns Timor.

(16) 11 B-24's set fuel dumps afire Wewak; six A-20's, one B-25, three P-38's, eight P-47's, two Boomerangs and 22 Beauforts attacked Wewak and Sepik river villages.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations January 30:

(17) Six Venturas, 22 Corsairs and four B-25's attacked Kavieng and bivouacs Borop and eight Venturas, one B-25 hit Tobere supplies Rabaul; 20 Corsairs bombed jetty's around Bougainville, exploded supply filled barge.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army:

I Corps: 32nd Division attacking east captured San Nicholas (5554), Payug (5539), San Quentin (6134) without opposition.

XIV Corps: 40th Division reported crumbling resistance west Bamban; elements 37th Division captured high ground west Fort Stotsenburg attacked positions paralleling Sacobia river to northwest, other elements secured Calumpit

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patrolled area along Quingua river without contact.

60th Ranger Battalion, scouts and guerrillas liberated 511 American prisoners from Cabanatuan prison camp behind enemy lines.

Eighth Army: 11th Airborne Division; Wawa, Nasugbu and airfield secured by 0100/11; troops advanced to points 34 yards west Calungan (532-033), slight opposition encountered.

Part 3.

(1) Three B-24's dropped 138 20 lb frags, two 136 lb incendiary clusters.

(2) P-38's dropped eight 1,000 lb bombs.

(3) Dropped 44 500 lb, 99 250 lb bombs, seven 250 lb incendiaries, eight 40 lb frags, fired 24,900 rounds 30 calibre Wevak; ten 500 lb, ten 250 lb bombs Rabaul.

(4) No details.

(5) Two B-25's dropped 80 100 lb bombs; 18 B-24's dropped 136 1,000 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft, fired.

(6) Dropped 60 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(7) Dropped nine 300 lb, nine 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(8) Dropped 59 100 lb napalm, 12 325 lb depth charges from minimum altitude.

(9) F-38's dropped 14 500 lb bombs; B-25's dropped 120 100 lb bombs.

(10) B-25's dropped 24 500 lb bombs.

(11) B-25's dropped 12 300 lb bombs, eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 4,500 rounds 50 calibre; Beauforts dropped 12 500 lb, 24 250 lb bombs, fired 3,700 rounds 30 calibre.

(12) Dropped 250 1,000 lb bombs from 16,000 to 9,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) Dropped 60 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(14) Dropped eight 1,000 lb bombs.

(15) B-25's dropped seven 500 lb bombs, five seconds delay from 9,000 feet; B-24's dropped 33 300 lb bombs, two 500 lb incendies, fired 1,000 rounds 50 calibre.

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(16) B-24's dropped 54 1000 lb, 25 250 lb bombs from 9000 feet; Beauforts and Boomerangs dropped 36 500 lb, 94 250 lb bombs, 4 250 lb incendiaries, fired 200 rounds 20 mm, 23600 rounds 30 calibre; others dropped 28 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay, 11 1300 lb napals from minimum altitude, fired 14,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) Dropped 35 1000 lb, 18 300 lb, 24 250 lb bombs, 6 650 lb depth charges, 10 100 lb incendiaries plus over 6 tons bombs type unstated.

Additional sorties: Patrols from Morotai by 17 Spitfires, 20 P-40's, 7 P-51's January 28 and 30; no reports available from 5th Air Force.

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