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**AT CEBU ALL MINESWEEPING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LIBERTY SHIPS ARE UNLOADING AT THE DOCK. UNLOADING CONTINUED SLOWLY AT NEGROS DURING 30TH. PT'S SANK A LAUNCH AND BARGE IN ZAMBOANGA AREA ON 29/30. NAVY SEARCHES SANK A SMALL AK OFF CHINA COAST ON 29TH. ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE A PRIVATEER AND A TRACER* WERE JUMPED BY 8 AGGRESSIVE OSCARS COVERING ENEMY SHIPPING IN SWATOW AREA. PRIVATEER MADE FORCED LANDING ON TRITON ISLAND WHERE 12 SURVIVORS WERE LATER RESCUED. SEARCH PLANE LOST 1 ENGINE. 1 OSCAR SET AFIRE. OFF FORMOSA 7 LOADED LUGGERS WERE DAMAGED BY PB2Y.**

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
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(COMTASKFOR 52 GIVES ACTION COM 5TH FLEET COMTASKFOR 51 INFO TASKFOR 51 (ECM HOLDERS))

CONSIDER PREPARATIONS AND PROSPECTIVE WEATHER WILL PERMIT SUCCESSFUL LANDING ON OKINAWA TOMORROW IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREFERRED PLAN. KEISE SECURED THIS MORNING AND LANDING OF ARTILLERY COMMENCED. FURTHER DETAILS IN MY 1800 (1) SUMMARY.

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CINCPOA ADV HQ SENDS, DEPMAF 20 HAS INFO LOCALLY.

BLUE SUMMARY 30TH.

RYUKUS.
MINESWEEPING PROCEEDING SATISFATORILY AROUND OKINAWA WITH
2500 SQUARE MILES SWEEP TO DATE. UDT RECONNAISSANCE AND
DEMOLITION WORK CARRIED OUT WITH ONLY SMALL ARMS OPPOSITION.
THANKS TO EXCELLENT AIR AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT, NO SHIP DAMAGE
AND ONLY ONE MAN REPORTED WOUNDED. CLOSE RANGE BOMBARDMENT
OF BEACH DEFENSES, ALL SEAWALLS BREACHED. AIR SUPPORT PLANES ALSO ATTACKED AIRFIELDS GUN POSITIONS BRIDGES AND
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TORPEDO ATTACKS ON OUR SHIPS ON NIGHT PATROL OFF WESTERN
OKINAWA BUT INFLECTED NO DAMAGE AND WERE DRIVEN OFF WITH
1 SURE 1 POSSIBLY SUNK.
TF 57 RESUMES ATTACKS ON SAKISHIMA GUNTO TODAY.

NEUTRALIZING ATTACKS CONTINUED ON HAHA JIMA, PALAUS, TRUK, AND ROTA.

SOWESPAC.

5TH AIR FORCE REPORTS TOTAL SINKINGS OF NORTHBOUND CONVOY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AS 35,000 TONS MERSHIPS AND 6,000 TONS WARSHIPS INCLUDING THOSE REPORTED YESTERDAY. ALSO 14 ESCORTING FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN.

SUBS HIT LARGE AP WHICH REACHED. MORE SUB AND AIR ATTACKS PLANNED TODAY. ON LUZON EXTENSIVE AIR SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS CONTINUED. IN CASIGURAN BAY PATHFINDER (AGS 1) DROVE OFF 2 ATTACKING SONIAS AND WILL SOON COMPLETE SURVEY WORK.

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SOWESPAC'S 5TH AIR FORCE REPORTS TOTAL SINKINGS OF NORTHBOUND CONVOY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AS 35,000 TONS MERSHIPS AND
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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines.
To: War Department
Nr: 0 13285 31 March 1945

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur Chief of Staff War Department. O-13285. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/29th to 1500Z/30th signed MacArthur.

Part 1. China Coast:
One freighter 2000 tons three destroyer escorts sighted heading southwest off Amoy afternoon March 30th.

Formosa:
Search planes March 30th reported destroyer escort and 10 seaplanes west Tainan, two medium one small freighter transport three escort vessels Keelung with medium transport entering harbour; photographs March 25th showed 28 single engined planes six twin engined Taichu, 55 single engined (50% trainers) five bombers Toyohara.

Hainan:
Reconnaissance plane reported in Yulin harbour March 30th at midday two destroyers six destroyer escorts one tanker three small freighters one other Freighter with 12 Oscars covering.

New Guinea:
Enemy submarine reported vicinity Cape D'Urville.

Part 2. Naval:
PT boats with Corsairs destroyed barge and motor launch Dumamquilles Bay Mindanao March 30th.

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Air. Operations March 28th:
(1) 18 B 24's cratered Alicante and Malogo airdromes Negros Island.
(2) 14 RAAF P 40's and 10 Spitfires attacked personnel and installations Halmahera; eight Beaufighters strafed airdromes Cerean Amboloa; six RAAF P 40's strafed bivouacs guns and supplies Vogelkop Peninsula.
(3) RAAF B 24 from Darwin bombed Bebo and Sagan airdromes; two Beauforts raided enemy targets Wevak.

Operations March 29th:
(4) Refer paragraph six preceding report; Letter details state 31 B 25's sank one tanker three medium freighters one seaplane two destroyers two destroyer escorts one patrol craft Indo China coast; 17 P 38's escorted B 25's; 4 P 38's met 11 enemy fighters shot down five probably destroyed two, damaged another.
(5) Three B 24's caused explosions at night Keelung waterfront Northern Formosa, sank small freighter Shanghai.
(6) 19 B 25's destroyed five subchasers scored direct hits one unidentified vessel near missed another, caused fires and explosions Toshien waterfront, Formosa.
(7) 13 B 24's attacked Camalaniugan concentrations south Aparri; Eight B 24's bombed Balete Pass; 25 P 38's dive bombed ammunition and supply dumps Santa Fe.
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To: C 13285 31 March 1945

(8) Six B 24's cratered Fabrica airdrome Negros Island; 18 B 25's on ground support Cebu hit ammunition dumps barracks and gun emplacements;
Two B 24's and 10 P 61's on patrol in area.
(9) 18 B 24's reported excellent bombing pattern Licanan airdrome, Devao.
(10) One RAAP B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airdромe at night.
(11) Nine Beauforts attacked enemy positions Wewak; Four Beauforts hit Leningi villages north wide Bay New Britain.

Operations March 30th:
(12) Patrol planes damaged one of 12 intercepting fighters southern Hainan Island, damaged small freighter transport east Hong Kong, destroyed seven luggers damaged bomber northern Formosa.
(13) 18 B 25's damaged one destroyer escort one medium freighter one subchaser one coastal vessel one large schooner two barges Yulin Harbour. Sink large trailer off Hainan coast, met 12 intercepting fighters;
Six other B 25's caused fires and explosions shore targets;
One B 25 downed by anti aircraft fire, another lost due bomb blast;
10 P 51's detailed escort forced return.
(14) Two B 24's caused tremendous explosions fuel
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storage tanks Keelung harbour Formosa before dawn;  
23 day B 24's bombed Matsuyama airdrome and Des- 
persals three planes set afire 6/10 others hit;  
18 B 25's destroyed three large factories Toyohara 
town, hit sugar refineries Taihu and Kobi, also hit rail-
yards and barracks Taihu strafed three seatrucks barges 
and rolling stock.  
(15) 17 B 24's destroyed large ammunition dump 
Balete Pass;  
40 B 24's bombed Little Bataan, Legaspi Fort area.  
(16) 72 Dauntless left Sovec town in flames hit 
gun positions and dumps Baguio Balete Pass;  
4 B 25's and 53 A 20's caused fires Baguio with 
smoke over 5,000 feet;  
34 A 20's raided personnel areas Legaspi and hit 
ground support targets Batangas area.  
(17) 83 P 30's divebombed defense positions Balete 
Pass, West Stotsenburg and near Termate;  
153 P 51's and 20 P 47's destroyed bridges Cagayan 
Valley and radio station Vigan supported ground forces Villa 
Verde Trail Marikina Batangas and Laguna De Bay areas;  
30 P 38's, 62 P 47's, 32 P 51's, five P 61's, six 
A 20's and one B 25 on petrol and escort.  
(18) 30 A 20's and four P 47's raided dumps bivouacs 
and gun emplacements Negros Island.  
(19) 5 A 20's and 6 B 25's raided camps and enemy 
held village Wawak.  
(20) 12 B 24's from Madzob bombed Tobosa and

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Date, MAY 21 1973  

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

Mr: C 13265  31 March 1945

Vunamanau airdromes Rabaul.

Solomons Forces, Air. Operations March 29th:
(21) Five Venturas eight Corsairs 15 B 25's attacked
    gun positions bridges and personnel areas New Ireland;
    24 B 25's bombed possible plane hideouts Vunamanau,
    Six Venturas, 4 Corsairs and nine B 25's hit other
    targets Rabaul area;
    41 Corsairs demolished huts around Bougainville.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army: First Corps:

33rd Division occupied Santiago (106958), secured
    high ground vicinity Galliano, 6100 yards northeast of Pugo,
    and 3500 yards south and south southeast of Burgo, patrolled
    East of Bagup (183 128) without contact;
    32nd Division captured high ground 4200 yards
    west northwest Imugan repulsed counter attack, attacked
    enemy position 8000 yards west northwest of Imugan;
    25th Division reorganised for resumption of advance
    north, repulsed enemy attack east of highway number 5,
    encountered heavy fire 3800 yards east of Kapintalan.

XI Corps:

36th Division continued reduction of enemy positions
    vicinity Mount Dorst, eliminated all resistance Gab-
    ello Island except two isolated positions;
    6th Division advance north and northwest to positions
    2600 yards northwest Mount Beytangan and 2000 yards

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Cc: 13th AAF

Sr: C-13265 31 March 1945

southeast Mount Mataba where heavy enemy mortar fire forced withdrawal to cover; 43rd Division seized high ground 3500 yards north-east of New Rosoboso, mopped up Mount Quitago area.

XIV Corps:
1st Cavalry Division killed 165 enemy west of Malvar remainder pursued, destroyed enemy road block 1500 yards south Mount Oiila, captured San Andres (0760110) 11th Airborne Division repulsed two counter attacks southwest of Dita, patrols moved to Old Rosario (068787) and contacted 1st Cavalry Division near Lipa.

Cumulative casualties to date:
United States: killed 4581, wounded 16,664, missing 247;
Enemy: killed 96,563, captured 946,

Cebu: Eighth Army:
American Division against heavy resistance, holds line from race course to (288519) to position (275531) knocked out 99 pillboxes, gained slowly against strong positions 2700 yards north of Fardo, reconnoitered to Consolacion (340552) and along Butuanon River.

Cumulative casualties to date:
United States: killed 35, wounded 115, missing 4;
Enemy: killed 160, captured 10.

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War: 40th Division secured Bacolod and airfield pat- 
rolled to Matamang River bridge (148565) and six miles 
southeast of Sumag (099875), additional division units 
unloading on beachhead.

Cumulative casualties to date: 
Enemy: killed 64, captured 3; 
United States: (incomplete): killed 1, wounded 1.

Mindanao: 
41st Division encountered strong enemy position 
2300 yards north of Pitogo River mouth (992394), repulsed 
night attacks, patrolled from San Ramon (508462) to 5000 
yards northeast of Kawit.

Cumulative casualties to date: 
United States: killed 126, wounded 570, missing 18; 
Enemy: killed 1845, captured 9.

Masbate: 
Guerrilla forces following naval bombardment landed 
Masbate town, together with other guerrilla forces secured 
town and high ground to the south.

Part 3. (1) Dropped 216 by 500 lb bombs from 8000 feet 
(2) No details. 
(3) B-24 dropped 6 by 500 lb bombs;
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, Philippines.

Date: 1 March 1945

Beauforts dropped 2 by 250 lb bombs fired 4700 rounds 30 calibre.

(4) Dropped an additional 53 by 500 lb bombs, fired 40,000 more rounds 50 calibre.

(5) No details.

(6) Dropped 144 1 lb bombs by 1000 lb bombs from 12,000 feet.

(7) From 8,000 feet; P 38's dropped 48 by 1000 lb bombs from 9000 to 2000 feet.

(8) B 24's dropped 72 by 500 lb bombs from 8000 feet; B 25's dropped 196 by 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, met moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) Dropped 360 by 250 lb bombs from 8000 feet.

(10) Dropped 10 by 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles. Paragraphs 11 and 12 no details.

(13) 18 B 25's dropped 67 by 500 lb bombs, fired 38,600 rounds 50 calibre, met moderate to intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(14) Two B 24's dropped 16 by 1000 lb torpe bombs; 23 B 24's dropped 5540 by 20 lb Frews from 10,000 feet, moderate to intense heavy same accurate anti aircraft fire; B 25's expenditure included 9 tons bombs 12,700 rounds 50 calibre.

(15) Dropped 133 by 1000 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Balete Pass; dropped 160 tons demolition Legaspi.

(16) Dauntless dropped 36 tons bombs; A 20's dropped 51 tons Balete Pass; other A 20's dropped 22 tons parabolas, 50 by 35 gallon napalms, fired 75300 rounds 50 calibre.

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(17) P 38's dropped 99 by 1000 lb bombs, 38 by 165 gallon napalmis plus 8 tons type unstated; P 47's dropped eight tons bombs; P 51's dropped 134 by 500 lb bombs, 286 by 100 lb napalmis plus 28 tons type unstated, fired 117,600 rounds 50 calibre.

(18) A 20's dropped 21 tons bombs, fired 16,600 rounds 50 calibre.

(19) Dropped 44 by 300 lb bombs.

(20) Dropped 24 by 2000 lb, 48 by 1000 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(21) B 25's dropped 138 by 1000 lb, 6 by 500 lb bombs; Ventura dropped 50 by 500 lb bombs; Corsairs dropped 18 by 1000 lb, 28 by 500 lb bombs, 4 by 100 lb napalmis 16 by 325 lb depth charges.

March 29th:

443 Fighters
325 Bombers
53 others of which 390 Fighters, 236 bombers, 27 others flown in Philippines.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: GG/S; CO AAF; ASP; G-2; Statistics; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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By DBS Date: MAY 21 1973

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CINCPAC/CINCPAC ADV HED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 310104.

SUMMARY AS OF 301800/1. LAST NIGHT SEVERAL BOGEYS IN AREA BUT ONLY 1 ATTACK REPORTED. IN THIS ADAMS (DM 27)

IN AREA W REPORTED SPLITTING 1 BOGEY. THIS DECREASE IN ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY MAY PROBABLY BE DUE TO NIGHT

INTERDICTION OF OKINAWA FIELDS BY NIGHT INTRUDERS FROM TG 52.1 AND MORE EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE ON FIELDS SINCE SHIPS COULD USE CLOSER RANGES. SHIPS ON NIGHT PATROL OFF WESTERN OKINAWA ENGAGED 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY MTB'S WHICH

APPARENTLY PROCEEDED SOUTH FROM NAGO WAN AND AFTER FIRING TORPEDOES AT OUR SHIPS OFF PREFERRED BEACHES WERE TURNED BACK. 1 ENEMY MTB SUNK POSSIBLY 1 SUNK. NO DAMAGE REPORTED TO OUR SHIPS. FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE BEEN SWEPT:

A 1, A1A, A1B A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A6A A7, A8 A9 B1 TO 5 INCLUSIVE BC3 C2 C4 C5 C6 C7 D3 V1, V2 V3

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
V4, V5, K1, N2. Sweeping in progress K5, C1, D2, Q4, Q5, F4, W. Planes being encountered in D2. Occasional floaters still being sighted and sunk. Over 2500 square miles swept thus far. UDT's conducted demolition preferred beaches and detonated charges though no obstacles on demonstration beaches. On preferred beaches over 90% of posts were removed except on blue beaches where shot failed and posts will be removed tomorrow morning. Sporadic small arms fire on preferred beaches no opposition demonstration. 1 minor wound no damage to ships. Excellent support by ships and planes following UDT operations ships vigorously attacked known and suspected defenses from close range throughout the afternoon.

All seawalls were breached in several places. Close range bombardment will continue tomorrow after underwater demolition. In addition to covering UDT operation aircraft attacked airfields and gun positions and made specially briefed strikes on midget sub base at Unten KJ and special bridges desired taken out by 10th Army. 4 sub pens hit and burned and 2 MTB's loaded with torpedoes destroyed. AA intense over NAHA. Our plane losses 1 VF by AA 1 VF by collision with another VF which returned safely. 2 pilots lost. Considerable quantities stores captured Xamami Tokashiki. Total enemy casualties 331 KIA.

100 POW own casualties 29 KIA 78 WIA 1 MIA. 310 suicide boats accounted for. Army equipment estimated lost from floating Wyandott 42 vehicles and trailers 55 tons small arms ammo 5000 rounds artillery ammo considerable QM class 2 and rations.

Ammunitioning and fueling progressing well but somewhat.
HAMPERED BY SOUTHERLY SWELL. WORK COMPLETED. LANDING ON KEISE DAYLIGHT TOMORROW. WEATHER MILD. CLOUDY. GENTLE EAST SOUTH EAST WIND. 3 UNDERWATER CONTACTS TODAY 1 IN AREA W 2 OFF PREFERRED BEACHES. SURVIVORS OF HALLIGAN STATE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND ECM EQUIPMENT DEFINITELY IN PART OF SHIP WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION AND SANK.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
BY 1013 ON 29TH THE SECOND ASSAULT WAVE HAD LANDED ON NEGROS BUT UNLOADING WAVES WERE BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY TIDAL CURRENT ACROSS BOAT LAND. AT 1408,1 COMGEN 40TH DIV ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE. YESTERDAY MORNING TWO LCS'S AND TWO LCI'S BOMBARDED MASBATE TOWN PRIOR TO OCCUPATION BY GUERRILLAS. PT'S ON 26/29 ST RAFTED CARABAO ISLAND WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. CLEARING OF HULKS AND DEBRIS FROM MANILA HARBOR CONTINUES. 160 FOOT ENTRANCE CHANNEL CLEAR TO DEPTH OF 30 FEET. ONE MARINER SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE DURING AIR ATTACK LAST NIGHT ON A SEVEN SHIP JAPANESE CONVOY SOUTH OF HAINAN OF WHICH ONE ENEMY DESTROYER WAS DAMAGED. OTHER PLANES ON 26/29 SANK THREE JUNKS AND SET THREE AFIRE IN PESCADORES AREA. SEARCH PLANES ALSO SANK A SMALL AK OFF THE CHINA COAST SAME NIGHT.

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BLUE SUMMARY 29.

RYUKYUS. ALL ISLANDS IN KERAMA RHYTE SECURE. ENEMY KIA 306 POW 99 ESTIMATED SEALED IN CAVES 140. OWN CASUALTIES 24 KIA 61 WIA. FUELING AND AMMUNITIONING IN ANCHORAGE UNDERWAY. MARINES FROM SEAPLANE BASE NOW EXECUTING ASP OPERATIONS. AT OKINAWA MINESWEEPING AIR SUPPORT FIRE SUPPORT AND UDT RECONNAISSANCE APPROXIMATELY AS SCHEDULED. BETTER PROGRESS IN REDUCING DEFENSES REPORTED. 290 SUICIDE BOATS DESTROYED. ENEMY REACTION LIMITED TO UNCOORDINATED PLANE ATTACKS AND SMALL BOATS. 32 JAP PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND AND IN AIR OF WHICH AT LEAST 4 WERE SUICIDERS. 4 OR 5 BOATS DESTROYED. LSM(R) 188 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. WYANDOT (AKA92) HAS MINOR DAMAGE FROM NEAR MISS. LCI(G) 558 OUT OF ACTION. TOTAL CASUALTIES REPORTED 11 KIA 3 MIA 42 WIA. SURVIVORS FROM HALLIGAN NOW TOTAL 1 OFFICER 150 MEN OF WHOM 1 AND 20 WIA.
TF 58 OPERATED IN EMPIRE WATERS, NO DETAILS AVAILABLE.
TF 57 REPLENISHED. PROSPECTIVE ADDITIONS WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS
ARE 1 ILLUSTRIOUS CLASS CV 1 UGANDA CLASS CL AND 5 DD.
DELAYED REPORT FROM CTG 50.8 STATES AYLWIN (DD355) AND THORN
(DDG47) IN COORDINATED ATTACKS ON 25TH PROBABLY SUNK JAP SUB
AT 21-45N 128-14E.

SOWESPAC. SUCCESSFUL LANDINGS MADE ON 27TH ON CABALLO ISLAND
SOUTH OF CORREGIDOR TABLAS ISLAND NEAR MINDO AND AT BOBO RIVER
IN SOUTH HALMAHERA, ON 28TH ON MACTAN ISLAND NEAR CEBU, ON
29TH ON WESTERN NEGROS. ATTACKS ON FORMOSA BY VHB FROM LUZON
CONTINUE. PLANES SANK 2 AO 2 DD AND 5 SMALLER SHIPS IN SOUTH
CHINA SEA. SUBS AND PLANES ARE COORDINATING ATTACKS ON NORTH-
BOUND CONVOY. FULL RESULTS TOMORROW.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 58
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 31 MARCH 1945
TOR CODE ROOM: 2003/31
DECODED BY: STEEN MCKENNA

TO: COM FIFTH FLEET
INFORMATION:
PRIORITY: 1
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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TREATED WITH DEFENCE POSITION AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

ON MARCH 27/28, THE TASK GROUP 58.3 HIT MINAMI WITH A HEAVY STRIKE. THE GUN POSITIONS, BARRACKS, THREE WAREHOUSES, AND RADIO STATION WERE DESTROYED. AMMUNITION DUMP AND SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED. TASK GROUP 58.1 IN ADDITION TO MISSIONS AT OKINAWA AS DIRECTED BY COMMANDER AIR SUPPORT FLEW SEARCH AND ATTACK GROUP ALONG EASTERN KYUSHU AS FAR NORTH AS SAEKI WAN. SIGHTED NO MINESweepERS BUT SANK ONE DE, PROBABLY SANK THREE FTC AND DAMAGED ONE DE, FOUR SD ALL OFF EAST COAST KYUSHU. ALSO SANK ONE FTC AT ANAMI. SHOT DOWN NINE PLANES PLUS GLIDER TOWED BY ONE OF THEM AND DAMAGED TWO PLANES IN THE AIR. DESTROYED ON GROUND 11 PLANES WITH NINE PROBABLY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

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DAMAGED BUILDINGS AT TOKUNO, AMAMI, AND YAKU AND ONE HANGAR AND TWO SHOPS AT KANOYA. COMBAT LOSSES WERE FOUR PLANES AND TWO PILOTS.

TWO PILOTS LOST OPERATIONALLY IN MID-AIR COLLISION ON 29 MARCH TASK FORCE CONDUCTED UNSUCCESSFUL BADGER HUNT ALONG EAST AND WEST COASTS OF KYUSHU, SIGHTED ONE CA, ONE CL, NINE DD AT 132-02N 132-20E AND MUCH SHIPPING AT SASEBO INCLUDING SEVERAL DD OR DE AND POSSIBLY A CRUISER, STRIKES SANK ONE DE, THREE SB, FOUR FTD, TWO SC, ONE SD, FOUR LUGGERS, PROBABLY SANK SIX FTD, FIVE SD. DAMAGED ONE FTC, ONE SB, THREE SC, FIVE SD, WEATHER PREVENTED HEAVY STRIKES ON KANOYA KUSHIRA AND KANOYA EAST. OUR AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 19 PLANES INCLUDING ONE SNOOPER BY NIGHT FIGHTER ALSO GOT TWO PROBABLES.

GUNFIRE SPLASHED ONE PLURAL ENGINE JUDY, FIVE PLANES WERE DESTROYED ON GROUND AND 19 PROBABLY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. HANGARS, SHOPS AND BARRACKS WERE BURNED OR DAMAGED AT KAGOSHIMA, KANOYA, KUSHIRA, CHIRAN, TOJIMBARI AIRFIELDS AND IBUSUKI SEAPLANE STATION. THREE HITS ON MINAMATA CHEMICAL PLANT AND FIRES STARTED IN IBUSUKI RR DEPOT FOUR CARS. OUR LOSSES ABOUT EIGHT PLANES AND THREE PILOTS AND THREE CREWMEN IN COMBAT. FIVE PILOTS AND FIVE CREWMEN LOST OPERATIONALLY. TWO OF THE PILOTS WERE SHOT DOWN BY FRIENDLY AA WHILE CHASING JUDY INTO TASK GROUP 58.4 AND OTHER THREE PILOTS AND FIVE CREWMEN WERE LOST AS RESULT OF FIVE PLANE MIDAIR COLLISION.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

Nr: C 13231 30 March 1945

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 13231. Operations report SWESPAC Area 1500Z/28 to 1500Z/29th signed MacArthur.

China Coast:

Large transport 5 small freighters reported AMOX March 28th, medium freighter transport anchored off coast east Mingpo following day.

Formosa:

Four freighter transports 1,000 tons to 3,000 tons anchored Keelung March 26th.

French Indo China:

Medium freighter transport reported on southwesterly course midday March 29th northeast Touregn, same time 12 vessel convoy attacked by B-25's, 50 miles northeast Quinhon, 3 hours later 4 escort vessels, 3 large unidentified ships reported by search plane 100 miles southeast Touregn, 7 vessels located at midnight northbound 75 miles southwest Sama (Hainan).
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

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Reconnaissance aircraft March 28th reported 20 fighters on airdrome near Tourane new strip under construction nearby.

Celebes:

B-24 petrol sighted 8 planes Mandai strip, 3 taking off Limboeng, tanker and 6 small freighters reported in Gulf of Bone March 28th.

Southern Borneo:

Six ship convoy sighted on southerly course southwest Lacet Island March 29th, 4 fighters airborne Golin Airdrome.

Part II

Naval:

PT boats strafed caves entrances and buildings Carabao Island Manila Bay night March 28th.

Air.

Operations March 28th:

(1) Patrol B-24 destroyed 5 planes on airdrome Tourane; 2 other B-24's sank large tanker, 3 luggers damaged 1 of 2 interceptors near Nhatrang; 20 P-38's shot down 9 of 20 fighters encountered same area, 1 P-38 lost, another

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missing.

(2). Predawn B-24's caused large explosion Keelung docks northern Formosa; 24th day, B-24's bombed Tainan Airdrome and town probably destroyed planes Luzon strip adjoining.

(3). 18 B-24's over Luzon bombed Balete Pass; 38 P-38's hit motor pool supplies and ammunition and gun positions Santa Fe.

(4). 12 B-24's on shipping strike southwestern Celebes left seaplanes listing badly and abandoned, damaged 2 schooners, 3 coastal vessels West Pometan, sank 1 destroyer exploded and probably sank another destroyer damaged small freighter Macassar area.

Operations March 29th:

(5). Search planes damaged freighter transport Hongkong, sank 3 junks set 3 others afire north Pescadores, blew stern off small freighter transport east Mindo.

(6). Preliminary report B-25 noon strike convoy 50 miles northeast Quinhon Indo China; sank 2 destroyers 1 destroyer escort 2 large freighters 1 large tanker or whaling type vessel 10,000 tons probably sank 1 destroyer 1 destroyer escort damaged another large freighter; 4 Mariners at night damaged 1 destroyer in

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By RT, NARA, Date: 04/21/94
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, 
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convoy 80 miles south Hainan, 1 Mariner lost.

(7). 16 B-25's damaged barracks caused explosions Byoritsu Oil Refinery near Koryu northwestern Formosa, 1 B-25 missing; 18 A-20's raided Eiko Sugar Refinery southwestern Formosa demolished storage tanks and railcars adjoining.

(8). 24 B-24's bombed Legaspi Beach defenses Bicol Peninsula, 23 other B-24's caused explosions and fires Daraga town.

(9). 1 B-25 and 26 A-20's started many fires assigned targets Batangas area; 76 Dauntless exploded ammunition dumps Balata Pass fired fuel dumps near Vigan.

(10). 152 P-38's and 139 P-51's dive bombed targets Balate Pass Itaip and Tuguegarao areas, supported ground forces Villa Verde trail west Stotsenburg northeast Manila and southwestern Ternate, hit gun positions Camalig Daraga and Legaspi, caused explosions and fires Napu Rapu Island east Legaspi; 16 other P-38's weathered out; 31 P-30's, 26 P-47's, 26 P-51's, 3 P-61's and 3 B-25's on escort duty and patrols.

(11). 33 A-20's raided airdrome and supported ground forces Negros Island.

(12). 15 B-24's bombed Oelbin Airdrome southern Borneo, met 2 intercepting fighters; 1 B-24 near missed and strafed seaplane west Makassar; 2 B-24's bombed Manado.

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town northeastern Celebes.

(13). RAAF B-24 patrol from Darwin near missed 
ocastal vessel sank barge Flores Inland.

Solomons Forces:

Air. Operations March 28th:

(14). 24 B-25's bombed gun positions Kavieng, 
4 Venturas, 4 Corsairs, 3 Venturas raided personnel areas 
New Ireland; 5 Venturas 10 B-25's bombed Matupi bivouac, 
2 Venturas 10 Corsairs harassed Rabaul; 6 B-25's attacked 
personnel eastern Buka, 35 Corsairs raided targets of 
opportunity Bougainville.

Land.

Luzon:

Sixth Army: I Corps: 32nd Division secured high 
ground 6,000 yards northeast of Yugo advanced to points 
1,500 yards southwest and 1,200 yards west of Galliano 
(008000):

65th Philippine Infantry passed to control Command- 
ing General I Corps attacked to 33rd Division occupied 
positions 4,000 yards west of Kapangan (352050), and 
vicinity of Burgos; 32nd Division repulsed 2 enemy counter 
attacks Viitfuferde hill proceeded by artillery, intensive
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patrolling elsewhere; 35th Division at Kapintalan eliminated all resistance on ridge 900 yards to the south southwest, made slight gains 2,000 yards southwest.

XI Corps: 38th Division continued reduction of positions and enemy groups in the Mount Dorst area, killed 400 enemy, secured all but west tip Caballa Island where 124 enemy were killed our losses 7 killed, 44 wounded;

5th Division secured positions 2600 yards northwest Mount Baytangan and 2300 yards southeast Mount Matao against heavy resistance; 43rd Division advanced 2,500 yards northeast of New Bolo Boso captured ammunition dump, patrolled 6,000 yards northeast from Mount Quitago.

XIV Corps: 5th Cavalry Division secured Lipa, enemy force which counter attacked Malvar now contained that area, contact established at San Agustin (058009), advanced from Los Banos secured bay (152152) patrols continued 1,600 yards southeast; 48th Airborne Division attacked Bukel hill from the south and east against heavy enemy fire.

Cebu:

Eighth Army: American Division cleared Go Chang hill, captured ridge northeast of hill against heavy resistance, seized high ground north of Guadalupe (275505), patrolled along Butuanon River (331515), secured Mactan Island.

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Negros:

40th Division northeast Pandan Point crossed Magsungay River (1998883) against intense small arms fire to area 1,000 yards south and east of Bascoled, to south entered Valladolid (992658) and occupied Pontovedra (0455).

Mindanao:

41st Division astride highway 8,100 yards north and seized positions 5,100 yards northwest Pasananka, enemy night attack against Kavit (968412).

Part III

(1). 2 B-24 dropped 17 500 lb bombs.

(2). Dropped 12 1,000 lb bombs, 5,000 and 700 20 lb frags from 12,000 feet, met moderate heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(3). B-24's dropped 144 1,000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet; P-38's dropped 76 1,000 lb bombs.

(4). Dropped 108 500 lb bombs.

(5). No details.

(6). B-25's dropped 53 500 lb bombs, fired 34,400 rounds 50 calibre.
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(7). B-25's dropped 7 tons bombs, fired 25,800
rounds 50 calibre; A-20's dropped 108
100 napals, 3 tons paradesmos, fired 20,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(8). Dropped 127 tons bombs.

(9). Dauntless dropped 38 tons bombs; other
planes dropped 16 tons bombs, fired 25,200 rounds 50 calibre.

(10). Expenditure included 128
500 lb bombs,
292 napals, 32
165 gallon napals, 100 tons type unstated,
2,430 rounds 20 MM, 111,200 rounds 50 calibre.

(11). Dropped 25 tons demo's, 10 33 gallon
napals, fired 43,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(12). Dropped 144 500 lb bombs from 8,900
feet.

Oelit: others dropped 9 500 lb, 12 250 lb bombs.

(13). Dropped 5 500 lb bombs.

(14) B-25's dropped 123
1,000 lb, 6 500
lb bombs; other planes dropped 25 1,000 lb, 69 500 lb
bombs 4 325 lb depth charges.

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INFO: GC/8; SG AAF; ASF; G-2; Statistics; Adm King;

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CTF 52 SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET CTF 51 INFO CINCPAC ADVHD TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS ONLY).

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SUMMARY AS OF 291800/1.

LAST NIGHT ENEMY PLANES WERE REPORTED LANDING AND TAKING OFF FROM FIELDS ON OKINAWA BY SHIPS ON PATROL WHOSE INTERDICTION FIRE AT LONG RANGE DUE TO MINIEFIELDS WAS INEFFECTIVE. ESTIMATE 20 TO 30 PLANES MADE UNCOORDINATED ATTACKS ON SHIPS ON PATROL STATIONS AND IN RETIREMENT AREAS. ABOUT 14 PLANES DESTROYED BY AA AND CRASH ATTACKS. OF THESE AT LEAST 4 SUICIDERS. IN THESE ATTACKS LSM(R) 188 HAD SERIOUS DAMAGE BEYOND CAPACITY OF REPAIR IN THIS AREA AND IS NOW IN KERAMA ANCHORAGE. OTHER SHIPS HAD LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE. WYANDOT (AKA92) IN NIGHT RETIREMENT SUSTAINED UNDERWATER DAMAGE FORWARD FROM NEAR BOMB MISS. AT LAST REPORT FLOODING UNDER CONTROL AND SHIP ENTERING KERAMA.

H A WILEY OBSERVED SARGENT BAY VF SHOT DOWN BY AA AT 0615/1 AND RESCUED PILOT APPARENTLY UNINJURED. 4 ENGAGEMENTS

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CINCPAC ADVHD TF 51 (ECM HOLDERS ONLY)

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 30(b) and 30(c)

MAY 21, 1973
BETWEEN SHIPS ON NIGHT PATROL AND JAP BOATS. 4 BOATS DESTROYED PLUS 1 POSSIBLE. OF THEM 3 WERE ATTEMPTING TO REACH MACE SHIMA FROM TOKASHIKI AND BLEW UP WHEN HIT. 1 SURVIVOR OF A SUNKEN BOAT WAS TAKEN PRISONER. LCI (G) 558 WAS SHAKEN BY DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS BY JAP BOATS AND 2 ENGINES PLACED OUT OF COMMISSION. LSM(R) CASUALTIES REPORTED 11 KIA 3 MIA 37 WIA. OTHER CASUALTIES IN ALL ABOVE ACTIONS REPORTED AS 5 WIA NONE SERIOUS OF WHOM 3 INJURED BY OWN LCM FIRE. HALICAN SURVIVORS NOW TOTAL 1 OFFICER 150 ENLISTED OF WHOM 1 OFFICER 20 MEN WIA. DISPATCH TO ALL SHIPS PRESENT TO REPORT SURVIVORS ON BOARD FAILS TO DISCLOSE MORE.

KERAMA RETTO HAD SEVERAL AIR ALERTS LAST NIGHT. 1 BOMB DROPPED ON ZAMAMI ISLANDS ALL SECURED. TROOPS LESS 1 BATTALION PATROLING TOKASHIKI AND GARRISON ZAMAMI RELOADED. ARMY CASUALTIES TOTAL 24 KIA 61 WIA NONE MIA. ENEMY 306 KIA 99 POW. ESTIMATED 140 SEALED IN CAVES. LCI (G) 462 580 NONOPERATIONAL DUE N**

FUELING AND AMMUNITIONING SCHEDULE UNDERWAY AT KERAMA RETTO. PLANES FROM SEA PLANE BASE NOW EXECUTING ASP OPERATIONS. BUOYS IN SHIP LANE AND INSTALLATION LIGHT ON AWARE COMPLETED. 290 SUICIDE ATTACK BOATS DESTROYED IN KERAMA RETTO 2 RETAINED FOR INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS GIVING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TOTAL NUMBER THESE BOATS THIS AREA AND PLAN FOR USE IN DEFENSE OKINAWA CAPTURED. POSSIBLY 700 MORE IN GUNTO MOSTLY ON OKINAWA. JAP 2ND LIEUTENANT SPECIALIST IN THESE BOATS ALSO CAPTURED. BOATS APPEAR IDENTICAL TO DESCRIPTION JCPOA WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN VOLUME 1 NBR 3326 FEB 45. MINESWEEPING NOW SUBSTANTIALLY ON SCHEDULE. MINES REPORTED BEING SWEEP IN AREA W. APPROXIMATE TOTAL 123 SWEEP AND DESTROYED. MOST FOUND IN AREA C2 UDT RECONNAISSANCE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ALL PREFERRED BEACHES DEMONSTRATION BEACHES AND KETSE SHIMA. NEGLECTIBLE ENEMY REACTION ON PREFERRED BEACHES. DETAILED REPORTS NOT YET RECEIVED BUT NO CASUALTIES OF SHIPS OR PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REPORTED. DEMOLITION
ON PREFERRED BEACHES SCHEDULED TOMORROW. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED UDT OPERATIONS AND STRAFED AND BOMBED Naha Kadena AND Yontan Fields as well as gun positions. Cap splashed K V. 2 enemy planes shot down over airfields. 17 destroyed on ground and others strafed. Underground hangars discovered at Yontan. 2 boats and several guns destroyed. Unsuccessful search for ANZIO plane which failed to return from night asp. Planes report complete lack of observable activity on ie Shima. Airfield still trenched and barricaded. Fire support ships successfully covered UDT operations. Reports and photos show ships beginning to locate and hit defenses with increasing effectiveness. Arrivals objective Bocochitch Sheldrake. Weather partly cloudy slight sea no swell off western okinawa. Wind nine 8 knots.

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COM7THFLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA (TARLAC AND LEYTE). INFORM COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM7THFLT.

TODAY AN ATTACK FORCE UNDER THE COMMAND OF RADN A D STURBLET, LANDED ELEMENTS OF THE 105TH INFANTRY 40TH DIVISION ON NEGROS ISLAND. THERE WAS NO OPPosition UP TO 1100/1. VENTURAS ON 28TH BOMBED MURCIA IN NORTHWEST NEGROS.

WAREHOUSES AND HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS WERE HIT. IN THE CEBU AREA ON THE 26TH NAVAL FORCES SUPPORTED AN ARMY LANDING ON MACAN ISLAND. NO NEW MINES FOUND IN CEBU HARBOR. PT'S ON 27TH ASSISTED ARMY LANDINGS ON CABALLO ISLAND SOUTHWEST CORREGIDOR.

TABLAS ISLAND NEAR MINDORO AND AT BOBO RIVER IN SOUTHERN HALMAHERA. IN THE FORMOSA AREA NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON 27/28 SANK 2 MEDIUM AK BLOW UP A BETTY AND SHOT UP 4 LOCOMOTIVES DERAILED THE CARS.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
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(COMSUBPAC GIVES ACTION CTF 73 CTG 73.2 CTG 73.8 AND CTU 73.8.2. INFO GIVEN CTF 71 COMSEVENTH FLEET AND LOCALLY TO CINCPAC ADV HDQS)

COMSUBPAC HAS OLD SUBMARINE TIGEONE PATROLLING ALONG EAST COAST OF HAINAN. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN NORTH OF 20-00 NORTH OR EAST OF 112-00 EAST UNTIL AFTER YOUR ATTACKS ARE COMPLETED.

RETIREMENT COURSE DEPENDS UPON PRESENT POSITION.
REQUEST YOUR AIR CREWS BE BRIEFED AGAINST MAKING ATTACKS ON A SINGLE DETACHED SHIP. GIVE THEM HELL TONIGHT AND WE WILL GO AFTER THE REMNANTS.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTG 78.3)

VIA PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. NATIVES ON BEBCY*. BAGO RIVER BRIDGE SECURED BY DETACHMENT SENT ASHORE AT MINUS 3 AND 1/2 HOURS. WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE.

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FROM: CINCPAC ADV HQ
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 29 MARCH 1945
TOR CODE ROOM: DORSEY
DECODED BY: DORSEY/DOERR

FOR ACTION:
ALL COMMANDS INTERESTED IN COMBAT REPORTS
UNLISTED CALL (L3X) DEPCHM AF 20 CINCSWA COMINCH COM 5TH FLT
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CINCPAC ADV HQ TALKS. DEPCHM AF 20 HAS FOR INFO. RDO LUZON PASS INFO TO CINCSWA.

BLUE SUMMARY 28TH.
RYUKYUS. OPERATIONS IN KERAMO RHETTO PROCEEDING WELL. MOST ISLANDS SECURED. INCOMPLETE REPORTS ENEMY KIA 292 POS 49 OWN CASUALTIES KIA 24 WIA 65. NETS PARTIALLY INSTALLED. SEAPLANE BASE ESTABLISHED AND PLANES ARRIVED TODAY. OILERS AND AE START REPLENISHMENT TODAY.

MINESWEEPING GOING SLOWLY. SKYLARK (AM 63) STRUCK MINE AND SANK BUT 11 OFFICERS AND 90 MEN PICKED UP.

AIR SUPPORT ATTACKED GROUND TARGETS AND SMALL CRAFT SINKING 2 MTB AND BARGES. 4 OF OUR PLANES LOST BY COLLISION. YORKTOWN PILOT RESCUED BY ELLISON (DD 864) AND VO FROM SAN FRANCISCO AFTER 3 DAYS IN AN OKINAWA CAVE. NIGHT 27/28 TOLMAN (DM 28) ENGAGED 832 KNOT

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MTB SINKING 2 SURE 4 POSSIBLE WITHOUT DAMAGE. MORRISON (DD 560) AND SHEA (DM 38) MAY HAVE SUNK SUB XRAY H & A WILEY (DM 29) AND ADAMS (DM 27) EACH SPLASHED 2 PLANES. 1 CRASHED ON ADAMS CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE. NO OTHER DAMAGE REPORTED. WEATHER GOOD.

TF 58. DURING 25 THRU 27 MARCH PLANES IN ATTACKS FROM TANEGA SHIMA TO MIYAKO SHIMA SHOT DOWN 13 PLANES DESTROYED 13 ON GROUND AND HIT SHIPPING WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. 1 MIDGET SUB DESTROYED 1 DAMAGED. 3 DD OR DE DAMAGED. 6 LUGGERS BURNED AND MANY SMALL CRAFT WRECKED. GROUND TARGETS THROUGHOUT RYUKYUS ATTACKED. WE LOST 6 PLANES BUT RECOVERED 1 PILOT. MURRAY (DD576) SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN AIR ATTACK MORNING OF 27. FORCE NOW IN COVERING POSITION SOUTH OF KYUSHU.

TF 57. ON 26 AND 27 574 SORTIES FLOW AGAINST MIYAKO AND ISHIGAKI. ALL AIRFIELDS THOROUGHLY BOMBED AND STRAFED. AT LEAST 20 PLANES SHOT UP ON GROUND SOME POSSIBLY PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED. ONLY 1 JAP PLANE AIRBORNE WAS SPLASHED. SEVERAL SMALL AK HIT 1 BLEW UP. LOSSES 17 PLANES 5 PILOTS 4 AIR CREWMEN. FORCE SNOOPED 26 BUT NOT ATTACKED. RETIRED TO MIDGE LATE 27 TO REPLENISH. NOW PLANS TO RESUME ATTACKS 31.

JAPAN. 97 VLR PLANTED 817 MINES OF 1000 AND 2000 POUNDS IN SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS AND APPROACHES NITE 27/28. 3 B-29 MISSING. CENPAC. AT IWO TO 51.21 DISSOLVED AND COMDESRON 4 NOT SOPA. SUB REPORTED BY MERSHIP NEAR MAJURO NOW EVALUATED AS PC OR SC.

NORPAC. 26 AND 27 2 PV AND 6 B-24 ATTACKED TARGETS IN SHIMUSHU AND PARAMUSHIRO.
SUBMARINES. FINDING NO SHIPPING TARGETS OFF SOUTH CHINA COAST
SUBS BOMBARDED RADIO STATION ON PRATAS REEF AND DOCKS AT
BATAN ISLAND.
SOME SPAC. VF AND VBM PLANES FLEW MORE THAN 700 SORTIES OVER
FORMOSA AND IN GROUND SUPPORT OVER LUZON. ON 27 SEARCH
PLANES SANK 2 AK OFF FORMOSA 2 OFF HONGKONG.

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
No: C 13175

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department C 13175. Operations report SOWESPAC area
period 15002/27 to 15002/28

China Coast: Reconnaissance plane March 27 reported
3 medium freighter transports 1 small freighter Hong Kong.

Formosa: One large 2 medium freighter transports 1
sea truck 3 escort vessels sighted heading west off Shinchiku
afternoon March 28th.

French Indo China: Convoy reported entering Camranh
Bay March 27 estimated as 2 destroyers 4 destroyer escorts
6 freighter transports, following afternoon convoy described as
2 light cruisers 4 destroyers 3 destroyer escorts 1 whaling
ship 1 transport reported heading north 30 miles south Finnon.

Borneo: Patrol B 24 intercepted by 5 fighters over
Celin airdrome near Banjermasin March 28th. Photographs March
28th show 18 twin engined 2 single engined planes Tangi Point,
10 twin engined 2 single engined planes (partial cover) Kalang.

Part 2.

Naval:

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

Re: 13175 29 March 1945

Allied Naval units supported landing operations
Caballo Island Manila Bay and Cautit Island Cebu March 27th.
Air. Operations March 26th.

(1) 8 Spitfires & Beaufighters and 8 RAAF P 40's
strafed targets of opportunity Halmahera.

Operations March 27th:

(2) Six predawn B 24's bombed Hoihow docks Hainan
Island, sank medium freighter transport Luaichow, sank coastal
vessel Hong Kong, caused explosions and fires Keelung water-
front northern Formosa; day patrols sank coastal vessel east
Wenchow, damaged lugger Pescadores, sank 2 large luggers 3
coastal vessels damaged 6 coastal vessels Formosa strafed 3
troop trains destroyed 2 planes Koshun revetments.

(3) 17 B 24's scored excellent coverage assigned
targets Balete Pass; 70 B 24's caused explosions and fires
Legaspi, Bocol Peninsula; 1 B 24 group held for maintenance
and training.

(4) 3 B 25's and 69 A 20's raided Legaspi, central
Bicol and Batangas areas demolished ammunition and supply
dumps started large fires.

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(5) 111 P 38's hit Santa Fe in Bulata Pass, supported Ground Forces Marikina east Manila divebombed Legaspi and Camalig town; P 47's attacked targets Batangas area; 35 P 47's on patrol.

(6) 18 B 24's cratered Sily and Carolina airbases Negros Island; single B 25 strafed 3 barges Cabolod 6 P 38's and 29 B 25's supported Ground Forces Cebu; 9 P 61's on patrol and convoy cover.

(7) 16 P 38's demolished building and two radio stations Itu Aba Island 250 miles west Puerto Princesa, 1 P 38 lost; Corsairs flew 170 sorties against gun positions supplies and personnel Zamboanga, also destroyed buildings started fires Jolo Island.

(8) Four Spitfires 14 RAAF P 40's attacked supplies and bivouac Halmahera; 11 RAAF P 40's on reconnaissance MacCluer Gulf area Dutch New Guinea.

(9) RAAF B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airbases at night.

(10) 18 Beauforts raided enemy positions Wewak.

Operations March 26th:

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29 March 1945

(11) Patrol planes damaged lugger Hong Kong, strafed 3
    seatrucks Swatow, seriously damaged freighter transport
    east Poochow, damaged seatruck Wenchow, destroyed
    Betty Giran airfield Formosa exploded 4 locomotives
derailed rolling stock sank launch Formosa, left large freighter
    sinking Takao.

(12) 33 B 25's found nil shipping Indo China Coast,
    raided shore targets Phanrang and Camranh Bays caused
    violent explosions amongst warehouses damaged railtracks
    and bridges, 1 B 25 missing; 3 other B 25's returned early;
    rescue Catalina damaged lone intercepting fighter.

(13) 24 B 24's bombed Takao through cloud; 24 B 24's
    weathered out Okayama started large fires Taoman dispersals.

(14) 124 Dauntless bombed enemy concentrations
    exploded ammunition dumps Sovie Bay hit gun positions
    started many fires Bagabag and Balote Pass area.

(15) 2 B 25's and 31 A 20's raided troop concentrations
    Baguio and Iligan; 56 A 20's caused heavy destruction
    on ground support Batangas area.

(16) 49 P 38's and 34 P 47's supported Ground Forces
    Baguio Balote Pass and Villa Verde trail; 71 P 38's, 96 P 47's
    and 99 P 51's struck defence positions west Sotsungburg,
    northeast Manila, Batangas area, towards Laguna de Bay and
    Ternate; minimum 111 fighter sorties on escort and patrol.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
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        C 13175

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(17) Single B-25 bombed radio tower Sily, Ventura hit other targets Negros Island; 26 B-25's on ground support Cebu bombed guns and defence works; Corsairs furnished 162 sorties against troop concentrations gun positions and supplies Zamboanga; 8 Corsairs cooperated with PT boats caused many fires explosions Malangas Dumenguillas Bay Mindanao; 10 P-61's I B-25 on patrol.

(18) 17 B-24's cratered Jesselton runway, another B-24 bombed Manado; 4 patrol B-24's scored near misses strafed destroyer escort bombed grounded vessels southern Macassar Strait, bombed Celin air-drome damaged 2 of 5 intercepting fighters.

(19) RAAF B-24 from Darwin attacked coastal vessel Flores Island; 2 RAAF Venturers sank coastal vessel damaged barges western Soembaw.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations March 27:

(20) Three Venturas, eight Corsairs, 36 B-25's attacked Kavieng and personnel areas New Ireland; 10 Corsairs strafed motor trucks and small craft Rabaul; 2 Venturas, 60 Corsairs, 4 B-25's exploded fuel dumps raided villages Bougainville, 1 Corsair lost.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army: I Corps:

33rd Division (with 129 Regimental Combat Team attached)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Layte Philippines

To: C 13175

29 March 1945

secured high ground 5500 yards and 4000 yards northeast of Pugo, redeployed units, secured trail junction and water point 1200 and 1700 yards south of Camp 3;

32nd Division advanced 300 yards east along Villa Verde trail against strong opposition after repulsing night counter attack, now 4000 yards West Imugan;

25th Division regrouped, met strong resistance 7500 yards northeast of Kapintalan, mopped up ridge 900 yards south southwest of Kapintalan.

XI Corps:

36th Division killed 184 enemy 4500 yards northwest of Mount Dorst, other units seized enemy motor pool 4200 yards northeast Mount Dorst, engaged entrenched enemy 200 yards southwest of that point, continued advance West on Caballo Island without opposition;

6th Division reached point 2000 yards northeast of Mount Baytangan against automatic weapons and heavy mortar fire, killed 35 enemy 4000 yards southeast San Matio;

43rd Division advanced 1400 yards northeast of New Boso Boso and 3300 yards northeast Mount Balidibiran.

XIV Corps:

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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11th Airborne Division attacked north from Dita to seize Bukel Hill (900855) against strong opposition results not reported, force from San Jose occupied positions 2800 yards east northeast of Dita, elements from Batangas secured Rosario;

1st Cavalry Division from Cebu occupied San Juan (052014) and Mount Olila (070030), advanced from Malvar to San Isidro (03500) and San Lucas (035958), and from Los Banos secured high ground 800 yards west of the College of Agriculture (105138) Batacing Malak (105152) and high ground 1000 yards south of Mayordan Point (098175), patrols from Payapa reached north outskirts of Lipa and Los Banos patrols reconnoitered 8000 yards southwest.

Cumulative casualties to date: United States:

Killed 4383, wounded 16203, missing 208;

Enemy: Killed 93906, captured 933.

Cebu: Eighth Army:

American Division seized Lahug airstrip, encountered resistance north end of field, advanced two miles beyond Mabolo on Highway Number 1, patrols reached Manadue (326498) encountered resistance Go Chang Hill (275955) and 2000 yards northwest, secured provincial capital (263485) Naga town (105352) and Portland Cement Plant (095340) landed Mactan.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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Island, occupied Opon (385430) advanced south southeast toward airfield.

Cumulative casualties to date:
United States: Killed 10, wounded 49, missing 3;
Enemy: Killed 132, captured 6.

Negros: Preliminary report:
40th Division landed according to plan vicinity Pulupandan morning of 29th March, small forces secured bridge over Bago River (005721) prior to main landing; one battalion field artillery ashore at 1000 hours.

Mindanao:
41st Division now generally 4000 yards north Pasanana meeting strong opposition and 3200 yards north Masilay with light resistance.

Cumulative casualties to date:
United States: Killed 121, wounded 560, missing 19;
Enemy: Killed 1754, captured 9.

Part 3.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 013175 29 March 1945

(1) No details.

(2) Four predawn B-24's dropped 12 1000 lb, 16 500 lb torpedo bombs.

(3) Dropped 146 1000 lb bombs plus 162 tons type unstated Legaspi.

(4) Dropped 51 tons bombs, fired 95,500 rounds 30 calibre.

(5) P-38's dropped 128 1000 lb bombs plus 19 tons type unstated.

(6) B-24's dropped 201 500 lb bombs from 9000 feet; others dropped 6 1000 lb, 324 100 lb bombs.

(7) P-38 dropped 16 1000 lb bombs; Corsair dropped 60 tons bombs.

(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.

Paragraphs 10 through 12 no details.

(13) Dropped 96 tons general purpose bombs Takao, 48 tons 20 lb frags Tainan.

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(14) Dropped 62 tons bombs, fired 29,500 rounds
50 calibre.

(15) Dropped 67 tons bombs, fired over 54,700 rounds
50 calibre.

(16) Expenditure included 148 500 lb bombs, 110 260
lb frags, 24 napalm, 26,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) B-29's dropped 248 100 lb bombs, 24 100 lb
parafrags, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire;
Corsairs dropped 70 tons bombs.

(18) Dropped 162 500 lb, 30 250 lb bombs from 8,800
feet.

(19) Venturas dropped 4 250 lb, 2 100 lb bombs,
fired 800 rounds 50. 1,100 rounds 30 calibre.

(20) Venturas and B-29's dropped 33 2000 lb, 12
1000 lb, 24 500 lb bombs, 8 500 lb incendiaries; Corsairs
dropped 32 1000 lb, 40 500 lb bombs, 1 165 gallon napalm,
16 325 lb depth charges.

Allied Air Force preliminary sortie summary March 28:
347 fighters 212 bombers of which 314 fighters
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AND TASKFORCE 51 (ECM HOLDERS).)

SUMMARY AS OF 281800 (1) DURING NIGHT 27/28 MARCH MORRISON AND SHEA OFF EASTERN OKINAWA MADE GOOD ATTACKS ON SUB CONTACT.

TOLMAN WHILE ON PATROL OFF NAGO WAN ENGAGED JAP MTBS HAVING ESTIMATED SPEED 32 KNOTS WHICH SORTED THEREFROM AND MADE TORPEDO ATTACK ON HER. 2 MTBS DEFINITELY SUNK POSSIBLE 4 OTHERS. NO DAMAGE TO TOLMAN. H A WILEY AND ADAMS ON NIGHT PATROL AT OBJECTIVE EACH SPLASSED 2 PLANES WHICH ATTACKED THEM. NO DAMAGE TO WILEY SLIGHT DAMAGE TO ADAMS WHO REPORTED PART OF FIRST PLANE AND MOST OF PILOT LANDED ABOARD. AFTER PART HALLIGAN IS GROUNDED EASTERN SHORE TOKASHIKI. CTF 51.1

INVESTIGATING. FURTHER DETAILS INCLUDING DISPOSITION CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND ECM EQUIPMENT WHEN KNOWN. TOKASHIKI SECURED MORNING OF 27. ONLY SNIPERS REMAIN AKA. SPORADIC FIGHTING STILL CONTINUED ZAMAMI THIS MORNING. AWARE UNINHABITED.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS OWN TOTAL CASUALTIES KIA 24 WIA 65 ENEMY KIA 292 POW 49 INCLUDING 1 OFFICER. MORE SUICIDE ATTACK BOATS

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CAPTURED SOME WITH BOOBY TRAPS. 12 WOMEN FOUND STRANGLING AND 1 BABY ALIVE IN CAVE. TG 51.20 ARRIVED AND ESTABLISHED SEAPLANE BASE.

PLANES WILL ARRIVE COMMENCING TOMORROW MORNING. NORTHERN NET INSTALLED AND SOUTHERN NET INSTALLATION NEARING COMPLETION. TG 50.18.34 ARRIVED.

TANKERS COMMENCE FUELING OPERATIONS AND REAMMUNITION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE TOMORROW. MINESWEETING PROGRESS EXPECTED TO PERMIT UDT.

RECONNAISSANCE ON PREFERRED AND DEMONSTRATION BEACHES TOMORROW. UDT RECONNAISSANCE COMMENCED AT KEISE. DURING MINESWEETING OPERATIONS.

SKYLARK (AM 63) STRUCK MINE AND SANK IN LAT 26-20.5 NORTH LONG 127-41-3 EAST. TOLMAN REPORTS RECOVERING 11 OFFICERS 90 MEN OF WHOM 5 AND 20 WIA RESPECTIVELY. EVIDENCE THAT ENEMY IS LAUNCHING FLOATING MINES OFF WESTERN OKINAWA POSSIBLY FLOATING DOWN BASHIWANA. INCREASING NIGHT PATROL OFF BEACHES TONIGHT. NAVAL GUNFIRE PROCEEDED ON SCHEDULE BUT AT RANGES 8 TO 11,000 YARDS BECAUSE OF UNSWEPT WATER. EXPECT TO GET IN TO CLOSE RANGE TONIGHT. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT VERY ACTIVE ON OKINAWA 2 MTBS DESTROYED AND PROBABLY BASE AT TONACHI HEAVILY HIT. 5 LANDING BARGES STRAFED 3 SET AFIRE. MANY GUN POSITIONS ATTACKED. SEVERAL PLANES ON YONTAN FIELD STRAFED ABOUT 6 APPARENTLY STILL SERVICEABLE THERE.

YORKTOWN PILOT WHO HAD SPENT 3 DAYS IN CAVE OKINAWA RESCUED OFF MACHINATO TOWO BY COMBINED EFFORTS ELLISON AND VO'S FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

PILOT STATES JAPS FIRE OWN GUNS FROM CASES INTO GROUND TO CONFUSE OUR SPOTTERS. 2 OF OWN PLANES COLLIDED OVER OBJECTIVE NO SURVIVORS SEEN.

DURING AIR ATTACKS YESTERDAY MORNING ONE OWN* VF AND 1 VT CRASHED PROBABLY HIT BY OWN AA NO SURVIVORS. 2 VF HAD WATER LANDING PILOTS RECOVERED. WEATHER GOOD FOR ALL TYPES OPERATIONS TODAY AND SAME WEATHER FORECAST TOMORROW.

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3rd MARDIV Summary:

A total of 28 Japs were killed during the night.

9th Marines outposts killed 13 on 18/4be 185b 201p 202a. 147th Infantry killed 15 in 235v 235ehi 234j 251kx.

9th Marines patrols during the day killed 7 Japs in 185mr 219l. Patrols from 147th Infantry killed 43 and captured 2 Japs during the day in 2190 233mn 234ab 250l 251l.

Enemy reported killed during the period were 78. Total estimated killed to date is 7510. Total POWs to date are 142. 95 ambushes were established during the hours of darkness. 11 of these ambushes had contact with the enemy. 55 patrols ranging from 8 men to a reinf platoon covered the entire island. Following is estimate of...

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CASUALTIES TO DATE (INCLUDES CASUALTIES FROM 8TH FIELD DEPOT).
KIA 10 OFFICERS 8243 ENLISTED. WIA 146 OFFICERS 3129 ENLISTED.
MIA 1 OFFICER 17 ENLISTED. TOTAL CASUALTIES 4176. SUPPLY
LEVELS IN DIVISION DUMPS. AMMUNITION SMALL ARMS 1/5 U/F
60 MM HE 1/2 U/F 60 MM MORTAR ILLUM NONE* 81 MM MORTAR LIGHT
1 AND 1/4 U/F 81 MM MORTAR HE 1/2 U/F 81 MM MORTAR SMOKE 6 U/F
75 MM HOWITZER 1/6 U/F 105 MM HOWITZER 1/2 U/F. RATIONS (B)
21 DAYS. LANDING 20 DAYS. EMERGENCY 1/50. FUEL 9 DAYS. WATER
8 DAYS IN RESERVE. LOADING OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT RETARDED
BY THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT LANDING CRAFT. GENERAL SUPPLY
SITUATION SATISFACTORY EXCEPT FOR 60 MM ILLUMINATING. CP
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COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND LUZON INFO COMINCH.

IN THE CEBU AREA NAVAL FORCES ON THE 27TH FURNISHED FIRE SUPPORT AGAINST SHORE TARGETS AND COVERED A LANDING ON CAUIT ISLAND. NO FURTHER SUBMARINE CONTACTS, 1 ENEMY PLANE DROPPED 2 OR 3 BOMBS. NO DAMAGE. ALL LSMS UNLOADED AND PROGRESSING FAVORABLY WITH LSTS. OLANGO CHANNEL HAS BEEN SWEPT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 MINES WERE SUNK IN THE

ZAMBOANGA AREA ON 27TH. NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON 27TH BOMBER AND SET AIRE A SMALL AK OFF HAINAN. HUNDREDS OF JUNKS SIGHTED ALONG CHINA COAST IN SWATOW AREA. VENTURA BOMBED BIVOUAC AREA ON WEST COAST OF NEGROS DESTROYING BUILDINGS AND STRAFING WHOLE AREA. 2 SMALL CARGO SHIPS SUNK NEAR FOOCOW AND 1 IN PESCADORES. PLANES SHOT UP A TROOP TRAIN ON FORMOSA.

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BLUE SUMMARY 27TH. RYUKYUS. FURTHER LANDINGS IN KERAMA RHETTO PROCEEDING SATISFACTORIZY. MINESWEEPING AT OKINAWA CONTINUES OFF BEACHES. UDT OPERATIONS POSTPONED TO L MINUS 3. BOMBARDMENT ON SCHEDULE EXCEPT OFF NAHA.

AIR SUPPORT ATTACKS PHOTO AND HYDRO MISSIONS CARRIED OUT AS PLANNED. 12 OF 15 JAP PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR ATTACK NIGHT 26/27. 6 WERE SUICIDES. NEVADA TURRET 3 OUT OF ACTION. BILOXI (CL 80) PORTERFIELD (DD 663) DORSEY (DM 1)

FOREMAN (DE 633) SKIRMISH (AM 303) ALL HIT BUT OPERABLE. O'BRIEN (DD 725) HAS EXTENSIVE SUPERSTRUCTURE DAMAGE BUT CAN MAKE 25 KNOTS. MIDGET SUB PENS DESTROYED, POSSIBLY 2 OR 3 SUBS SUNK. HALLIGAN (DD 584) NOW BELIEVED BLOWN UP BY MINE. SUBS RESCUED 3 AVIATORS.

KYUSHU. 152 B-29'S DROPPED 519 TONS VISUALLY FROM 14 TO 18000 FEET ON TACHLARAI AND OITA AIR BASES AND ON OURA.

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AIRCRAFT FACTORY WITH GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY. NIGHT 27/28 OTHER B-29'S BEGAN MINING SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.

CENPAC. NEUTRALIZING ATTACKS ON MILLE WAKE PALAUS YAP AND MARCUS CONTINUED ON 26TH AND 27TH.

TF 58 DELAYED REPORT. 341/2 16 S/E JAP PLANES DESTROYED DURING ATTACKS ON 21 WITH LOSS OF 3 BLUE VF. FEW PLANES REACHED TASK FORCE AND CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

SOWESPAC. CEBU LANDINGS PROCEEDING WELL. NEWNAN (APD 59) PROBABLY SANK MIDGET SUB. 25TH/26TH FORMOSA TARGETS STRUCK BY 77 TONS FROM 2½ B-24's. ON 25TH A PAY FROM MINDORO AT SAIGON SANK 2 MEDIUM AND 2 SMALL AK DAMAGED 12 OTHERS AND SPLASHED A JAKE. OTHER SEARCH PLANES ON 26TH AND 27TH SANK 3 AND HEAVILY DAMAGED 2 SMALL AK ALONG EAST CHINA COAST.

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Formosa:
Search plane over Talao morning March 27th reported large tanker one medium one smaller freighter transport several seatrucks two destroyers, ten seatrucks also sighted along West coast.

China Coast:
One transport two medium freighter transports five freighter transports 3000 tons sighted Hong Kong Harbour March 26th.

Hainan:
Photographs Sama Airdrome March 21st showed nine fighters one bomber.

French Indo China:
Search plane reported twelve vessels entering Camranh Bay afternoon March 27th.

Borneo:
Patrol B-24 reported two medium freighters two others 2000 tons three seatrucks approaching Balikpapan from South, three freighters 2000 tons three seatrucks in river near Banjermsak two fighters airborne.

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No: 013104

Date: 26 March 1945

PART 2.

Naval:

PT boats destroyed one barge one native Cratt Panay Island March 27th.

Air:

Enemy action:

Single plane bombed Allied beachhead Cebu evening March 27th.

Operations March 25th:

1. Three predawn B-24's bombed Ishigaki town Nansei Shoto, caused explosions Keelune waterfront Northern Formose; three day B-24's on negative search China Coast.

2. Ten B-24's demolished buildings started fires Camalaniuan airrome South Aparri; two squadrons B-24's weathered out Balete Pass; other B-24's held for maintenance and training; 40 P-38's hit concentrations on Ipo Northeast Manila through unfavourable weather; four B-25's damaged buildings Naga Town Bicol Peninsula.

3. 18 RAAF P-40's an 8 Spitfires raided Halmahera targets; 10 Beaufighters swept Ceram strafed two planes Haroeke one plane Liang.

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Part 3.
Operations March 26:

4. Search planes sank one medium freighter transporting one coastal vessel damaged another East Foohow; five predawn B-24's bombed dock installations Yulin Harbour Hainan Island, caused large explosion similar target Keelung Northern Formosa, started large fires Ishigaki Town Nansui Shoto.

5. 19 B-24's caused fires and explosions amongst warehouses and docks hit ships under repair probably sank one freighter damaged another Takao.

6. 11 P-38's, 56 P-47's and 61 A-20's attacked defense positions and enemy held towns Batangas area; 28 P-38's and 59 B-24's demolished buildings caused explosions Legaspi.

Part 4,
36 other P-38's weathered out same target; 4 B-25's and 32 P-47's hit arsenal and supplies Camalig Town near Legaspi; 48 P-38's on escort and patrols.

7. 24 Corsairs, 32 A-20's, 28 B-25's and 17 B-24's hit gun positions and buildings Cebu City area; 12 Corsairs, 9 P-61's and 2 B-24's on patrol.

8. 22 Beauforts raided assigned targets Wewak.

Operations March 27th:

9. Search planes set coastal vessel afire North
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Heinan Island, left small freighter transport Gosing damaged patrol craft Hong Kong.

10. 15 B-25's against Kinsui Casing Head plant Northwestern Formosa; 4 planes hit target demolished installation believed destroyed two planes Koryou airdrome attacked on locomotive and rolling stock nearby; two planes bombed targets Luzon.

11. 77 Dauntless exploded dumps and buildings Solvec Bay and Baguio; 54 A-20's struck installation started large fires Mankeyan North Northeast Baguio; 47 P-38's and 121 P-51's attacked Northern and Central Luzon hit Balete Pass targets struck Ipo area Northeast Manila, 1 P-38 lost; 9 B-25's and 34 fighter bombers raided Caballo Island Manila bay; 15 P-38's and 71 other fighters on escort duty and patrols;

12. Patrol Ventures attacked village Western Negros.

13. 9 B-24's hit supply dumps demolished buildings Sang Sanga near Tawi Tawi; 9 B-25's bombed shipbuilding installations fire coastal vessel offshore Sandakan Northern Borneo; 2 patrol B-24's scored near misses large freighter near Belikpapans.

Solonas Forces:

Air:

Operations March 26th:

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14. 8 Corsairs 17 Venturas 40 B-25's raided Kavieng
gun positions and Bogan personnel area; one Ventura
10 Corsairs harassed Rebeul, strike against Vunakanau weathered
out; one Ventura 34 Corsairs hit troop concentrations and
targets of opportunity Bougainville.

Land:
Luzon:
35th Division regrouped units, occupied San Fernando
and positions 2500 yards South West Naguilian; 36th Division
overran enemy positions 4000 yards West Northwest Lelican,
continued to drive Killa Verde trail with unreported results,
reemployed forces; 25th Division South and Southwest of
Kapintalan gained 300 and 200 yards against stiff resistance;

XI Corps:
Elements 33rd Division supported by Naval bombardment
secured East half Caballo Island against heavy small arms
fire, other elements moppped up West Fort Stotsenburg killed
380 enemy; 37th Division regrouped in preparation for further
attacks; 36th Division mopped up vicinity New Boso Boso,
sent patrols East to San Andres (2370) and Southeast to
Quisao (2146).

LV Corps:
11th Airborne Division established road block Pinag-
tongolan (336852) seized Lipa Hill (027025) against unreported

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opposition, patrols from Batangas reached Rosario (0574) without contact; 1st Cavalry Division attacked point 7000 yards north of Lipa without opposition, secured high ground 2000 yards southwest of Los Banos.

Approximate front lines 27th March:
Northern Zone:
San Fernando/Haguillian/Burgos/Bagbag (0793)/Bilibil Mountain (228205)/map 35/41656/Itogon/Tebbo/Maleo (7154) / Kapintalan/7951/9147 /Casiguran point.

Eastern Zone:
Area west and northwest of Mount Yabang/ Benchmark 21/ benchmark 25 (1967)/ Quisao.

Southern Zone:
Batong Malak (1015)/Mount Bijiang/Cabaong/San Isidro (0300)/ Payapa (0195)/ Balete. Then from Papanayang Point (8688)/ Benaybanay (9568)/San Jose/Lipa Hill/Rosario/Arenes point.

Cebu:
American Division secured Buhisan reservoir (213480) and (229468), captured Cebu City and turned north on Leyte airfield. Encountered abandoned road blocks and pillboxes on highway number one and many mines, road blocks and booby traps in the city which was virtually destroyed.

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Caulit Island (2543) reconnoitered without contact.

Front lines as of 27th March:

- Cebu city at 2846/Lahug at 2847/2149/1746/1938.

Mindanao:

- 11st Division captured hill at (091438) against increasing resistance and engaged in heavy fighting that area, extensive patrolling area sectors against light opposition.

- Front lines Manicahan/1945/1245/1243/0943/0649/0343/0041/Tinub.

Panay:

- 40th Division killed 22 enemy Masin, patrol contacts throughout southeastern Panay.

- Unsan Island south Guimaras clear of enemy.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 12 1,000 lb, 8 500 lb bombs.

(2) 10 B-24s dropped 73 1,000 lb bombs from 4,500 feet; 2 B-30s dropped 70 1,000 lb bombs.

(3) No details.

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(4) Dropped 11 1,000 lb bombs Keelug, 8 500 lb bombs Ishigaki.

(5) Dropped 144 1,000 lb bombs from 13,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) B-24s dropped 8 1,000 lb, 220 300 lb bombs plus 151 type unstated, jettisoned another 36 tons; A-20s dropped 33 tons bombs, fired 59,500 rounds 50 calibre, fighters dropped 33 tons bombs, fired 16,400 rounds 50 calibre.

(7) A-20s dropped 122 250 lb bombs, 47 100 lb napalms; B-25a dropped 288 100 lb bombs, 12 500 lb frags; B-24s dropped 126 1,000 lb bombs, two 250 lb bombs from 8,000 feet.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 no details.

(10) Dropped unstated number bombs, fired over 17,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(11) Dauntless dropped 38 tons bombs; A-20s dropped 28 tons paradesmos, ten tons napalms, fired 36,000 rounds 50 calibre; others dropped 18 1,000 lb, 84 500 lb bombs, 24 165 gallon plus 40 other napalms plus 65 tons bombs type unstated, fired 128,800 rounds 50 calibre.

(12) No details.

(13) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs, 710 100 lb napalms from 7,200 to 1,500 feet.

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(14) B-25s dropped 35 2,000 lb bombs, 10 500 lb incendiary clusters; Venturas dropped 8 2,000 lb, 12 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb, 4 300 lb bombs; Corsairs dropped 22 1,000 lb, 12 500 lb bombs, 16 325 lb depth charges.

Allied Air Force corrected summary of sorties March 19th through 25th:

1944 fighters, 2937 bombers, 377 others of which 1468 fighters, 2336 bombers, 178 others flown in Philippines.

Preliminary summary March 27th:

187 fighters, 265 bombers of which 165 fighters, 244 bombers in Philippines.

Part 4. G-2 Intelligence summary:

Cagayan Valley:

Despite effort to defend South Cagayan Valley approaches enemy has not diverted thereto any major combat strength from north Cagayan Valley. 103rd Division has not noticeable displaced from northern Luzon area bounded on south by general line Cervantes-Bontoc-Bagabag-Edague and along the upper axis of highway 5; 103rd Division orders dated mid-January fixing this area as unit zone of responsibility, are probably still in force.

Enemy's intention to use highway 5 as principal operational axis is further apparent from road construction activity. Lateral communications between Baguio and Cagayan Valley

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I.E., Bontoc-Bagabag road and Baguio-Aréteo trail are being improved, accompanied by intensified local security measures against guerrilla harassment.

Bantangan-Lagun:

In early March Guerrillas reported "thousands" of Japanese moving nightly from Laguna De Bay area via Famy to Infanta. Enemy evidently secured coastal toehold, in vain expectancy of evacuation by sea or attempt from the empire to "retrieve the Luzon situation".

Disintegration of positions east of Manila has evidently forced shift on defensive emphasis as on 19th March, credible Guerrilla sources reported transfer of an estimated 4,000 well-equipped troops from Infanta toward Laguna De Bay. This reinforcement effort probably comprised bulk of Infanta garrisons. Current tactical developments however have definitely isolated Marikina watershed from Sampaloc-Similiban-Tiguian area.

The Infanta peninsula may develop into another suicide refuge sector for enemy remnants trapped in west central and south Luzon.

On the south, rear-guard actions are expected to continue on Route 19 and San Pablo-Alaminos approaches.

General Luzon: For overall trends, seem enemy capabilities, Luzon area, 15th January 1945, the decisive character and size of our landing and advances may result

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in splitting all enemy contingents and complete the withdrawal of segments to isolated sectors' relative probability then discussed have been realized, viz:

(A) Denial of Baguio roads,
(B) Denial of entry roads to Cagayan Valley,
(C) Defense of Amnial,
(D) Withdrawal to northern Luzon,
(E) Defense of isolated sectors; Cagayan Valley,

East Bulacan, Batangas,

Cebu area: Negligible opposition in initial beachhead. Identifications shot elements of the 102nd Division and old 31st INB its parent unit. Previous estimates are maintained including possibly 78th Brigade and miscellaneous service elements-aggregate ranging from 6/10,000. Guerrilla estimates higher. Enemy capability protracted suicidal defense of city area or dispersal into western mountains.

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AT 281831/1 HALLIGAN IN USS IMPEL

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LIGHT OPPOSITION TOKASHIKI. MORTAR FIRE AND COUNTER ATTACKS EXPERIENCED ON ZAMAMI AND AKA AND INFILTRATION ATTEMPT ON KERIMA LAST NIGHT WERE REPULSED. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON AKA, KERIMA, ZAMAMI. MANY LIGHT SUICIDE BOATS CAPTURED IN Coves AKA AND ZAMAMI.
BOATS DESCRIBED AS 26 FEET LONG 6 FEET WIDE CONTAINING MINE OR BOMB AND 1 MAN CREW. ALL PERSONNEL GARRISON BATTALION LANDED ZAMAMI AND SUPPLIES BEING LANDED. RECO KEISE NIGHT 26-27 SHOWED ABSENCE PERSONNEL OBSTACLES. AT 261831/1 HALLIGAN IN UNSWEPT
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WATER BEARING 298 DISTANT 14 MILES FROM BLDU BLEW UP AS RESULT UNDERWATER EXPLOSION PROBABLY MINE. 75 SURVIVORS ENLISTED OF WHOM 14 INJURED. DURING NIGHT 26 AND EARLY MORNING 27 MARCH ABOUT 15 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED OUR SHIPS. NEVADA TURRET 3 AND BOTH PLANES INOPERABLE. BILOXI, PORTERFIELD, DORSEY, FOREMAN, SKIRNISH DAMAGED BUT OPERABLE. O'BRIEN DD725 ALSO HIT WITH EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO SUPERSTRUCTURE AND 1 FIRE ROOM OUT. CAN MAKE 25 KNOTS NIL UNDERWATER DAMAGE. NO CAP ON STATION EARLY PART THESE ATTACKS. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RESULTING 46 KIA 3 WIA 19 RIA. ESTIMATE 12 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED 3 BY AA 2 BY CAP 1 BY STRIKE GROUP 6 SUICIDES. MINES STILL BEING SWEPT IN AREA B5 AND OFF PREFERRED AND DEMONSTRATION BEACHES. SCHEDULED UDT OPERATIONS FOR L MINUS 4 THEREFORE POSTPONED TO L MINUS 3 BOMBARDMENT IS ON SCHEDULE EXCEPT OFF NAHA WHERE UNSWEPT WATER PREVENTS WINDS IN ENTRY area 15, 20 KNOTS.

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ENTRY FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS. SHIPS ARE REPORTING MANY TARGETS HIT.

CLOSE INSPECTION TOCHCHI* FROM AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS CONFIRM PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE NO CD GUNS. AIR SUPPORT CONTINUED ATTACKS OKINAWA AND FLEW PHOTO HYDRO AND PROPAGANDA MISSION. 4 OR 5 SUB PENS CLAIMED DESTROYED AND 2 MIDGET SUBS DAMAGED AT UNTEN KO 3 SUCCESSFUL AIR SEA RESCUE MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED. 3 SUBMARINE ATTACKS REPORTED BY FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS TODAY. GOOD EVIDENCE CALLAGHAN SANK 1 MIDGET. WEATHER SOUTHEAST WIND 23 KNOTS MODERATE SEA AND SWELL. OVERCAST. VISIBILITY 16 MILES. ARRIVALS AT OBJECTIVE INDIANAPOLIS AND ST LOUIS ON 25TH. NEW YORK LEUTZE ENGLAND SOLACE 27TH. DEPARTURES LEUTZE WHITEHURST ENGLAND 27TH.

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BLUE SUMMARY 26TH.

77TH DIVISION LANDED IN KERAMA RHETTO AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION PRECEDED BY EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE AND AIR SUPPORT. MINESWEEPING CONTINUED AS SCHEDULED. 15 MINES SWEEP OFF OKINAWA WEST BEACHES.

IN PREDAWN AIR ATTACK SUICIDE PLANE STRUCK KIMBERLY (DD 521) WRECKED AFTER BATTERY KILLED 3 WOUNDED 30. SHIP OPERABLE.

ANOTHER HIT GILMER (ABD 11) CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE KILLED 1 WOUNDED 2. 2 OTHERS CRASHED. 1 SPLASHED BY CAP 2 BY AA.

ENEMY SUBS REPORTED IN AREA. HALLIGAN (DD 504) TORPEDOED AND BADLY DAMAGED.

8 NIP PLANES IWO BOUND GOT NO CLOSER THAN 40 MILES. P-61'S SHOT DOWN 2 OR 3 BETTYS. IWO P-51'S SHOT UP SUSAKI AIRFIELD AT CHICHI JIMA, 100 JAPS KILLED ON IWO 40 IN BANZAI CHARGE IN SOMESPAC.
AMERICAN DIVISION LANDED SOUTH OF CEBU CITY AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION.

MOVEMENTS REAR AREA. MOBILE (CL 63) ETA ULITHI 28TH OAKLAND (CL 95) ETA ULITHI 30TH BOTH FOR DUTY 5TH FLEET. RANDOLPH (CV 15) EST RFS ULITHI 31ST. ENTERPRISE (CV 6) EST RFS ULITHI 4 APRIL. WASP (CV 18) FRANKLIN (CV 13) SANTA FE (CL 60) RETURNING PEARL OR WEST COAST FOR REPAIRS OR OVERHAUL.

COPY TO 20-G.
ON 27TH NEWMAN, APD 59, OFF CEBU CITY SIGHTED A SURFACED MIDGET SUBMARINE AFTER RADAR CONTACT. ATTACKED WITH GUNFIRE ATTEMPTED TO RAM AND USED DEPTH CHARGES. SUBMARINE DEFINITELY DAMAGED POSSIBLY SUNK. COMMANDING GENERAL AMERICAN DIVISION ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE AT CEBU AT 16151 YESTERDAY. LIGHT MORTAR FIRE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN ANCHORAGE AREA. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPPING REPORTED. UNLOADING OF LSM'S AND LST'S PROCEEDING SLOWLY BECAUSE OF BEACHING DIFFICULTIES. ON 25TH PT'S AND CORSAIRS STAGED A COORDINATED STRIKE AGAINST BONGAO ISLAND IN THE TAWITAWI AREA. INTENSE ACCURATE RETURN FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED RANGING FROM 50 CAL TO 75 MM. BOATS RETIRED UNDER SMOKE COVER HAVING SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE CASUALTIES AND 1 MAN KILLED. MINES OBSERVED IN AREA. VENTURAS ON 25TH BOMBED STRAFED AND ROCKETED WOODED DISPERSAL AREA ON NEGROS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. PBY'S SANK 4 SMALL AK'S AND DESTROYED 1 JAEK OFF INDO CHINA COAST. MINES sweeping IN BATANGAS BAY COMPLETED. NO MINES ENCOUNTERED.

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From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 13048. Operations report SWMPAC area period 1500Z/25 to 1500Z/26.

China Coast: Photographs by China based planes March 24 showed 50 planes plus 27 trainers 9000 tons merchant shipping Shanghai, 40 planes Nanking; 2 freighters 1 unidentified vessel 3 destroyer escorts reported on Northwesterly course North of Formosa night March 25.

French Indo China: Mindoro search Liberators over Saigon March 25 reported 4 medium freighter transports 6 others 3000 tons 1 destroyer at least 12 steamers; Cape Saint Jacques, Camranh Bay, Quinhon, Tournon empty.

Borneo: 7 fighters 2 bombers 2 transports sighted Oelan Airdrome near Banjermasin March 26.

Philippines: Eighth Army reports 3 Oscars on Fabrica airdrome (Negros) March 24.

Part 2. Naval: PT boats with cooperating Corsairs attacked Bongao Island Twi Tawi and with B 25s attacked Pandan Island South Palawan March 25; Ormoc boats destroyed fuel laden barge Cebu at night; next morning Allied cruisers and destroyers bombed Cebu Island prior landing operations. Allied units believed sank enemy submarine Cebu towards midnight.

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Air. Operations March 24:
(1) 12 Corsairs swept Panay and Negros Islands, strafed two boats; 32 other Corsairs on patrol and convoy duty from Leyte.

Operations March 25:
(2) B 24 patrols from Mindoro shot down 1 float-plane sank 2 freighter transports 2 coastal vessels damaged 2 freighter transports 10 coastal vessels Saigon.

(3) 21 B 24's bombed Legaspi Bicol Peninsula, 27 other B 24's weathered out same target; 20 A 20s attacked Betangas and San Pablo areas.

(4) 31 P 47s strafed targets of opportunity Cagayan Valley, hit defense positions Northeast Antipolo and gun emplacements Naga Bicol Peninsula; 4 P 38s raided San Pablo area, 46 P 38s divebombed gun positions Legaspi airdrome 29 other P 38s weathered out same target; 84 P 47s on cover and escort duty.

(5) 69 B 24s and 41 A 20s struck Cebu city area caused explosions and fires.

(6) 49 Corsairs on ground support Zamboanga hit designated targets; 27 Corsairs destroyed buildings Bongao Island near Tawi Tawi; 12 B 25s bombed defense positions Pandakan Island South Palawan; 20 Corsairs 6 P 61s on patrol and convoy duty.

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(7) RAAF B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airfields at night.

Operations March 26:
(8) Search planes damaged 4 seaplanes Southwest Hong Kong.

(9) 9 B25s on negative shipping sweep Indo China Coast; 2 other B 25s escorted rescue Catalina.

(10) 16 B 25s weathered out Baguio, 1 flight bombed Solvay Bay; 5 other B 25s raided enemy held town Northeast Laguna de Bay; one B 25 and 47 A 20s fired fuel dumps hit troop concentrations Northern Luzon; 82 Dauntless demolished pillboxes Solvay Bay struck concentrations Villa Verde trail.

(11) 12 B 25s and 48 fighter bombers on ground support Marikina Northeast Manila.

(12) 27 P 38s bombed and strafed enemy positions near Tuqugarao; 81 P 5ls divebombed targets South Aparri demolished bridges fuel and ammunition dumps Bayombong and Santa Fe; 12 P 5ls attacked Caballo Island; 11 P 38s, 34 P 47s and 16 P 5ls on escort and patrol duty.

(13) 3 Venturas raided Negros Island; 18 B 24s bombed Cebu city.

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(14) 2 B 24s hit barracks buildings destroyed one transport plane damaged one intercepting fighter Gelling airdrome southern Borneo, sank small freighter transport off Cape Lojar.

(15) MAAP B 24 harassed Kendari airdromes at night; 2 MAAP ventures strafed coastal vessel bombed bridges Western Soembawa.

(16) 5 A 20s bombed coastal targets Wewak; 6 B 25s attacked islands offshore.

Solomons forces. Air Operations March 25:

(17) 2 Ventures 6 Corsairs 32 B 25s bombed bivouacs and gun positions near Kavieng; adverse weather Rabaul and Bougainville permitted only 1 Venture 6 Corsairs on patrol.

Land. Luzon: Sixth Army: 1 Corps: 33rd Division secured high ground 1700 yards northwest and 2000 yards southwest of Burgos (188990) without opposition. 129 Regimental Combat Team (37th Division) in Bauang area pass to control Commanding General I Corps attached to 33rd Division; 32nd Division secured high ground 3000 yards northwest of Laviican, repulsed enemy counter attack on Villaverde trail, killing 56, 25th Division cleared enemy from area 3700 yards north of Mimuli continued North. Also repulsed 10 enemy attacks in force against positions 3000 yards east southeast of Kapintalan.

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Xl Corps: 43rd Division crossed Payna River secured positions 1500 yards north of Mount Balidibiran against automatic weapons fire and patrolled from Mount Tanawin to New Bosoboso without contact; 6th Division patrols reached Bosoboso River against scattered resistance, destroyed isolated enemy pockets 2500 yards west of Mount Yabang; 36th Division advanced to point 4500 yards north Mount Cutino and 5000 yards north northwest Mount Dorot against slight opposition to envelop strong enemy pockets.

XIV Corps: 11th Airborne Division established road block 1400 yards southwest of Lina and redeployed elements; 1st Cavalry Division south Tanaun secured Malvar (004990) without opposition, found Los Banos unoccupied.

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: Killed 4320, wounded 15956, missing 205.

Enemy: Killed 29407, captured 919.

Sibuyan: 8th Army: American Division reached Lagtang (195425) without opposition met organized opposition 400 yards east of Pardo (220440).

Cumulative casualties to date:

United States: Killed 2, wounded 15.

Enemy: Killed 88, captured 10.

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Panay: 40th Division patrols encountered small groups in the Pavia/Mount Tiquian area. Cumulative casualties

Cumulative casualties to date.

United States: Killed 9, wounded 38
Enemy: Killed 859, captured 16.

Mindanao: 41st Division consolidated lines along (038439) to (046438) and (092453) to (100433) against light to moderate resistance, intensified patrolling all sectors.

Cumulative casualties to March 25:

United States: Killed 121, wounded 555, missing 19.
Enemy: Killed 1630, captured 7.

Part 3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 no details.

3. B 24s dropped 78 tons bombs, A 20s dropped 15 tons bombs, fired 22900 rounds 50 calibre.

4. Bombs dropped included 42 tons type unstated.

5. B 24s dropped 150 300 lb, 589 250 lb, 690 100 lb bombs from 11,000 to 6,000 feet; A 20s dropped 17 tons demos, 75 100 lb napalm, fired over 29,800 rounds 50 calibre.

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6. Corsaire dropped 28 tons bombs; B-25s dropped 48 500 lb bombs.

7. Dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.

Paragraphs 8 and 9 no details.

(10) B-25s dropped 24 500 lb bombs plus 4 tons bombs type unstated, fired 11,700 rounds 50 calibre; A-20s dropped 30 tons parsedoms plus unstated number 100 lb napalms, fired 16200 rounds 50 calibre; Dauntless dropped 41 tons bombs.

(11) Dropped 22 1000 lb, 93 500 lb bombs, fired 91,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(12) Expenditure included 64 500 lb bombs 16 tons bombs type unstated, 90 75 gallon napalms, 22 other napalms. 1104 rounds 20 mm, 56400 rounds 50 calibre.

(13) B-24s dropped 138 1000 lb bombs from 7000 feet.

(14) Dropped 20 250 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(15) B-24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles; Ventures dropped 4 250 lb, 2 100 lb bombs, fired 400 rounds 50, 100 rounds 30 calibre.
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(16) Dropped 48 300 lb bombs, fired 3700 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) B 25A dropped 27 2000 lb, 2 1000 lb bombs, 34 500 lb incendiary clusters; Corsairs dropped 12 325 lb depth charges.

Air status: Marine Air Group 12 (Corsairs) now operating from dry weather strip Moret Field Zamboanga.

Allied Air Force preliminary sortie report March 25 and 26: 263 fighters 361 bombers 38 others of which 237 fighters 253 bombers 9 others in Philippines.

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DURING MORNING TWILIGHT 26 MARCH ABOUT 8 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED SHIPS NEAR KERAMA RETTO. 1 SPLASHED BY CAP 2 BY SHIPS GUNFIRE. 2 SUICIDERS MISSED SHIPS AND CRASHED. 1 HIT KIMBERLY CAUSING CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WITH 2 5 INCH GUNS 1 40 MM MOUNT BEYOND REPAIR. OTHERWISE SHIP OPERABLE.

SUCCESSFUL LANDING SUPPORTED BY EFFECTIVE GUNFIRE AND AIR SUPPORT MADE ON AKA* GERUMA ZAMAMI HOKAI YAKABI. OPPOSITION LIGHT. BY NOON KOKAJI GERUMA REPORTED SECURED.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDICATE OAP*KIA 71 POW 5 CIVILIANS TAKEN 200. LANDINGS ON KUBA AMURO TOKASAIQC* SCHEDULED TOMORROW.

MINE-SWEEPING APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE 3 MOORED MINES SWEEP IN SOUTHERN B 5 AND 15 IN SOUTH B 3 OTHER AREAS NEGATIVE.

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SHIPS GUNFIRE ACCOMPLISHED AS SCHEDULED. CAREFUL AIR OBSERVATION
DISCLOSED NO IMPORTANT DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS TONYCHI.**
NO ENEMY FIRE USVLYG** BOMBARDMENT OR AP** MINESWEEPERS PASSING
CLOSE ABOARD. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING LANDINGS
ATTACKED MANY INSTALLATIONS OKINAWA INCLUDING PROBABLE DAMAGES
TO BASE UNTEN KO. 3 SMALL LUGGERS BEACHED AND DESTROYED.
1 TONY SPLASHED BY CAP OF CVE 1 OF OWN PLANES REPORTED SHOT
DOWN NOT CONFIRMED. WICHITA AND TERROR WHILE OFF VREFERREG**
BEACHES REPORTED SUBMARINE ATTACKS AND TORPEDOES PASSING CLOSE
* GNCB** LARGE OIL SLICK AFTER ATTACK ON 1 ENEMY SUB.
CTG 52.2 AT 1913(1) REPORTED HALLICAN DD 584 TORPEDOED AND
BADLY DAMAGED. CTG 52.11 WITH SEVERAL SHIPS STANDING BY.
NO FURTHER DETAILS.
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(COM 7TH FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND LUZON INFO COMINCH)

AFTER NAVAL BOMBARDMENT THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIV OF THE 8TH ARMY WAS PUT ASHORE SOUTH OF CEBU CITY BY AN ATTACK GROUP UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN A T SPRAGUE. THE 1ST WAVE LANDED AT 0830 TODAY MEETING LIGHT OPPOSITION INCLUDING SOME MORTAR FIRE. 9TH WAVE ASHORE BY 1006. SOME LCI UNLOADING INTO BOATS DUE BAD BEACHING CONDITIONS. TROOPS INLAND 600 YARDS ON RIGHT FLANK. LEFT FLANK ADVANCING UN-KNOWN DISTANCE. LAND MINES ENCOUNTERED AT EDGE OF COCONUT TREES NEAR BEACH. MINESWEEPS ON 25TH CONDUCTED SWEEP OF GUIMARAS CHANNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PT'S ON 24/25 DESTROYED 2 FREIGHT CARS ON CEBU CITY DOCKS ALSO LANDED AND RETRIEVED GUERRILLAS AT BROOKES POINT PALAWAN. NAVY PLANES STRAFED FLOTILLA OF SEA TRUCKS DRIVING 2 ASHORE SOUTH OF FORMOSA AND SETTING ANOTHER AFIRE ON 25TH.

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CTF 58 REPORTS THAT PHOTOGRAPHS DISCLOSE WHOLE ISLAND OF
OKINAWA APPEARS TO BE HONEY COMBED WITH CAVES, TUNNELS AND
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CARS SEEN ENTERING CAVES.

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