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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 6 TO 11 AUGUST INCLUSIVE:

BOMB TONNAGE ON ENEMY BASES: Wille 124, Truk 81, Nauru 42, Ponape 33, Iwo Jima 26, Jaluit 18, Taroa 18, Total 214. AA mostly meager to moderate except moderate to intense 1 strike each at Iwo Jima and Nauru. Interception at Truk by 8-12 VF on each of 2 daylight strikes of which Army Liberators got 1 surf 2 damaged and Navy Liberators got 2 probables. Interception at Iwo Jima by 5-7 unaggressive VF 1 daylight strike. Our casualties: 1 Corsair and Pilot lost Jaluit, 12 planes damaged. 1 PBY of VB-116 lost engine on takeoff Enretok and crashed into parked carrier pool planes, several killed, about 50 planes destroyed. 1 Corsair and pilot lost operationally ROl.

Searches: Negative contacts. Navy Liberator strafed 3 small
CRAFT WAKE LEFT 1 AFIRE. SAY AND NIGHT RECCO AND HARASSMENT
MARSHALLS, WAKE, PONAPE AND NAUPU PLUS NIGHT SHIP RECCO TRUK
CONTINUED, BOMBS INCLUDED IN TOTALS ABOVE.

PASSED BY CINCPOA TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

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(CTF 59 ORIGINATES. RADIO WAHIMA PASS ACTION TO CINCPAO AND INFO TO COMAFF 5 GMAFF 13 ALL IFG 5TH FLT AND COMSUBPAC)

3 SQUADRONS LIBERATORS TO STRIKE TRUK 1ST, 4TH, 6TH, 10TH, 12TH, AND 15TH AUGUST (E LONG DATES) ALL DAYLIGHT.

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 302108.
CTF 59 ORIGINATES AND GIVES ACTION TO CINCPAC WITH INFO TO CINCSOWESPAC COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET.

ON SPECIAL ANTI-SHIPPING STRIKE 2 NAVY LIBERATORS FOUND ONLY 4 SMALL COASTAL CRAFT IN TRUK LACCOON, WHICH WERE STRAFED. 2 OF 5 INTERCEPTING FIGHTERS WERE DAMAGED. PROCEEDING TO PONAPE, HQS BUILDING AND A GUN POSITION WERE TARGETS FOR 7 HALF TONNERS AT 282250.

HYDRAULICS OF 1 LIBERATOR KNOCKED OUT BY ACCURATE MEDIUM AND HEAVY FLAK. PLANE CRASH LANDED AT BASE.

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PREOCCUPATION AUTHORITIES WITH OTHER PROBLEMS HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON ATTITUDE NEW GOVERNMENT TOWARD THEIR NAVY ITS MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TO JUSTIFY RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME THAT ANYTHING BE TRANSFERRED TO EQUADOR OVER AND ABOVE EXACT TERMS AGREEMENT. OR SERIAL 5416538 MAY 30. WILL ADVISE FURTHER SOON AS POSSIBLE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DATE: 9 JUNE 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1264

ACTION: CINCPAC

INFO: CINCPAC, COMCINCH, COMSOCA

INFORMATION: CINCPAC, NZAS

TEXT:

DURING 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDED MID-AFTERNOON 2ND ANOTHER FIJI INFANTRY ON FURTHER EXPANDED TOKELA PERIMETER BY LANDINGS ON SOUTH BANK JABA RIVER. NO JAPS ENCOUNTERED, ONLY EXTENSIVE ABANDONED FORTIFICATIONS. OTHER BOUGAINVILLE GROUND PATROLLING NEGATIVE. Recon PARTY TO DYaul ISLAND FOUND NIL NIPS, LOOKED OVER RADAR STATION WRECKED BY BLUE AIR. EMIRU MB'S OFF NORTH CENTRAL NEW IRELAND NIGHT OF 1ST SHOT UP DIVOUC AREA, KILLED 30 JAPS ACCORDING NATIVES. GREEN CUNBOATS SHIELDED TROP GAME NIGHT WHILE TREASURY PT'S WORKED OVER SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE COASTAL TARGETS. IN THE AIR 1ST, SOPAC FIGHTERS DAMAGED BARGE OFF NATOM ISLAND, OBSERVED CONSIDERABLE BARGE TRAFFIC INTO RABUAL. WEATHER HAMPERED OTHER OPERATIONS, BUT

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MIDDLELESS HIT TOBERA, SEDS SMACKED VANAPAPOE AND AVENGERS DOUNED DUKE OF YORK AND CAPE SAINT GEORGE. ADDITIONAL FIGHTERS FOUND SUPPLIES AT TALILI AND SILENCED MEDIUM AA ON SOUTHEASTERN NEW IRELAND. 1 WARHAWK CRASHED IN SEA.

NZ VENTURAS ATTACKED CAPE SAINT GEORGE-DUKE OF YORK AREA.

ALSO ON 1ST, COBRAS FIRED LARGE BARGE IN DUKA PASSAGE AND FIGHTER PATROLES CONTINUED COVERAGE OF VARIOUS COASTAL TARGETS.

1 COPY OP-230
(COMSPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSOSREPAC INFO CINCH COMSOSREPACSEAFRON NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OPERATIONS.)

DURING EARLY MORNING OF 30TH BLUE DD'S AND DE'S DEVELOPED SUB CONTACT 200 MILES NORTH KAVIENG ATTACKED WITH DEPTH CHARGES HEDGEHOGS SCORING DEFINITE HITS. OIL Slick APPEARED AND TARGET REMAINED MOTIONLESS DURING MOST OF DAY. EVENING 30TH 7-8 VIOLENT UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED. SUB CONSIDERED PROBABLY DESTROYED ALTHOUGH COMPLETE REPORT NOT YET RECEIVED.

NIGHT 30TH 2 GREEN PT'S ENGAGED DAMAGED TRIO OF HEAVILY ARMED ARMORED BARGES OFF WESTERN NEW IRELAND. SHORE BATTERY SUPPORT PLUS BOMBS FROM PROBABLE JAKE FORCED OUR BOATS WITHDRAW.

TOROKINA PATROLLING CONTINUED ACTIVELY 30TH AND FIJI BN LANDED 500 YARDS EAST TEKESI RIVER MOUTH ADVANCE INLAND WITH NIL OPPOSITION.

MITCHELLS CONTINUED RABUAL HECKLING NIGHT 29TH - 30TH.
MIDMORNING 30TH DAUNTLESSSES AVENGERS SMACKED KAVIENG, AGAIN
DECOMMISSIONED NIPS STRIP. 3 SBDs DOWNED BUT 2 PILOTS 1 GUNNER SAVED.
SAME DAY 23 MITCHELLS 43 FIGHTER BOMBERS CONTINUED RABAUL ASSAULT
ADDING NEW DESTRUCTION. TOTAL 41 COBRA WARHAWK FIGHTERS PATROLLED
OFFENSIVELY OVER BUKA BOUGAINVILLE KAYOED AT LEAST 3 MORE BRIDGES.
OTHER FIGHTERS STRAFED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.
MORNING 31ST SOPAC SEARCHER SHOT DOWN BETTY 150 MILES SOUTH TRUK.
PHOTOS 31ST SHOWED LAKUNAI VUNAKANAU SERVICEABLE.

DETERMINED TO 29G....
COM 3RD FLEET SENDS. ACTION HOGGATT BAY, CONAIRSOPAC, INFO CINCPC, COM 7TH FLEET, CINCSOESPAC, COM 5TH FLEET, CTF 57, CONAIRSOL, COMAIRMONDA, AIPROS EMIRAU, CONDES- RUN 47, COMINCH, COM 5TH AFDVGN, COM 13TH AIR TASK FORCE.

HERE COMES MY OP-PLAN 11-44. INFORMATION AS IN CINCPC 1822, and MY 191457 and 241155, none to all addresses, and as changed or added to my dispatch. COMAIRMONDA in HIS 191457 HAS ESTABLISHED A CONTINUOUS AIR PATROL WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 1958 26 MAY. AT THIS TIME, DAY SEARCHES WILL BE DISCONTINUED BUT DUTY TO DAILY ORDER CONTINUED. 3 DETS SEARCHING AREA OF LINE FROM DAWN 21 MAY WILL BE RETIRED UPON ARRIVAL THIS TASK GROUP. FORM TASK GROUP 3/4 UPON RECEIPT THIS MESSAGE. TASK GROUP COMDR CAPTAIN H V SAUNDERS IN HOGGATT BAY WITH CONDESRON 47 WITH RECORD, HAZELWOOD, HERMAN, HOEL, NIGHT AIR SEARCH PLANES AS ASSIGNED BY CONAIRSOPAC, GENERAL TASK.
TASK GROUP 37.4 CONDUCT EXTENSIVE ANTI-SUB SEARCH IN AREA bounded by latitudes 32-\(\phi\) N and 31-\(\phi\) S and longitudes 147-\(\phi\) and 152-\(\phi\) E. DESTROY ALL ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED. AREA WEST OF LINE JOINING 32-\(\phi\) S. 149-\(\phi\) E, EQUATOR 149-\(\phi\) E, 35-\(\phi\) N 156-\(\phi\) E IS CINCPAC AREA. IF NECESSARY TO PROCEED INTO CINCPAC AREA TO SOUTH OR WEST OF ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA WHILE IN HOT PURSUIT IMMEDIATELY BREAK RADIO SILENCE TO NOTIFY COM 5TH AF ADVISOR OF YOUR MOVEMENTS. LIMITED LOGISTIC REPLENISHMENT AVAILABLE SMLADLER HARBOR, MANUS ISLAND. MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY. DAILY REPORTS MAY BE TRANSMITTED VIA NIGHT SEARCHERS OR AIRCRAFT LANDING EXHAI. TASK GROUP GUARD NXZ (RADIO NOUHEA) LOTE. TASK GROUP COMMANDER IN ADDITION GUARD RPM (RADIO HONOLULU) BUT DESIGNATING IF NECESSARY HIS SHIP TO MAINTAIN THIS GUARD. SHIP TO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AS DIRECTED BY COMAIRSOPAC. TASK GROUP COMMANDER WILL DECIPHER ALL MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO 2ST (ALL CÖVERS CINCPAC AND SUPAC CONCERNED AIR OF INT). COM 3RD FLEET AT NOUHEA.
WITH THE ISOLATION OF LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS IN THE BISMARCK SOLOMOS NEW GUINEA MARSHALLESE AND EASTERN CAROLINAE THE ENEMY HAS BEEN FORCED TO RE-BORT TO SUBMARINES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD STUFFS AND SUPPLIES TO HIS BELEAGERED FORCES. DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HE WILL BE COMPELLED TO SEND FOOD VIA SUBMARINES TO MANY OF ABOVE GARRISONS OR HIS FORCES THERE WILL SUFFER STARVATION. THIS PROVIDES US WITH AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY MANY OF HIS SUBMARINES THAT OTHERWISE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST OUR OWN SUPPLY LINES AS THEY CROWN LOWER. SINCE LATE LAST YEAR RESULTS OF ANTI SUBMARINE OPERATIONS (B) AGAINST OUR OWN SUPPLY LINES AS THEY CROWN LARGER NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS.
OPERATIONS OF SURFACE AND AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC HAVE BEEN CRATIFYING. IT IS HOPED THAT ALL HANDS ENGAGED IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK WILL MAINTAIN THIS STANDARD AND CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY HUNT OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINES.

1 COPY TO 23G
CTF 58 REQUESTS RDO HONOLULU - NPM - PASS ACTION TO CINCPOA

TRUK HAD 2 DAY AIR ALERT. JAPS NET FIRST DAYS STRIKE WITH ENTHUSIASTIC PLANES, INTENSE ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE AND WEAK DETERMINED BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST TASK FORCE BY JUDYS AND KATYS. AT LEAST 60 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN BY OUR PLANES AND AT LEAST 5 BY SHIPS AND GUNFIRE. ABOUT 60 GROUNDED PLANES DESTROYED. 2ND DAY, 1 ENEMY PLANE ENCOUNTERED IN AIR AND LIQUIDATED. ANTI AIRCRAFT INTENSE, MANY FIRES ALL ISLANDS. CONSIDERABLE DESTRUCTION SHORE INSTALLATIONS. APPROXIMATELY 800 TONS BOMBS DROPPED IN 2 DAYS. UNHAPPY JAPS STILL LIVING TRUK WILL REQUIRE MUCH SHIPPING TO REESTABLISH BASE. NO IMPORTANT SHIPS ENCOUNTERED. DESTROYER MACDONOUGH SANK JAP SUB PROBABLY PROVED.
KILL BY RECOVERED ARTICLES. OLENDORFS CRUISERS BOMBARDED ENRICH FOR 2 HOURS CAUSING HAVOC. LEES BATTLESHIPS AND BATTLE LINE CARRIERS WORKED OVER ARTIST RESULTS UNKNOWN BUT CERTAIN. NO DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS. ABOUT 20 PILOTS AND 15 MEN MISSING SOME OF WHOM RECOVERED BY COURAGEOUS AND EFFICIENT TANG TO WHOM WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. PLANE LOSSES LIGHT. FEW BOMBS LEFT. LOW CEILING AND HEAVY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR MAJORITY PLANES SHOT DOWN. LAST DAY OFF BEWITH AT CONVERGENCE OF JAP SEARCH AREAS FROM 3 BASES SHOT DOWN 5 ENEMY SEARCH PLANES. JAP AVIATION PERSONNEL RECOVERED WITH SOME IMPORTANT PAPERS.

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONOLULU'S 020935 1 TO 20G

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DATE: 26 APR 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 0704
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(RADIO STATIONS REQUESTED PASS ACTION CINCPAC INFC CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 FROM CTF 58)

COMPLETED DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONS ON D PLUS 2 DAY. WAKDE NEUTRALIZED EACH DAY BY DAILY COMBING AND MAINTAINING FIGHTER PATROL OVER AREA. 1 PLANE BOMBED LETTEPRESS* NIGHT 23/24 APRIL FROM BASE. YOUR INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SUPPLIES ON BEACH. ALL COMBING BY PLANES THIS FORCER AUTHORIZED BY CONTROL ASHCORE. TASK FORCE ATWL TO STANDING BY IN GENERAL AREA EQUATOR 140 EAST. UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED WILL ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION OF ENEMY FLIGHTS TOWARD FRIENDLY OBJECTIVES CA ** COVER AGAINST ENEMY SURFACE FORCES. NO DAMAGE OUR SHIPS SO FAR.

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RDC HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFC AS 280235

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By DBS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

FROM COM 7TH FLEET, COM 7TH ADMN PASS TO ACNB.

AITAPE FORCE CAPTURED RADIO STATION, 13 TRUCKS, MANY OTHER STORES (ADJ 22ND). 25 DESTROYED EARLY PLANES ON STRIPS. UP TO 1630K 23RD TAHLEO PATROL STILL MEETING OPPOSITION FROM 1 HILL. HOLLANDIA TOWN CAPTURED 23RD. AT 1400K 23RD OUR TROOPS 3 MILES ALONG PAV-CYCLOPS DROME ROAD. SEVERAL AMMUNITION AND SUPPLY DUMPS CAPTURED. TANAHMERAH TROOPS (1ST GROUPS MISSING FROM CODE) MANDOK HARBOR. NIL ENEMY ACTIVITY LISTED. PHOTOS MANDOK 22ND SHOW ALL SERVICEABLE GUNS REMOVED FROM GUNPITS. NO SIGNS HABITATION OR ACTIVITY. WORKING 22ND 48 SOPAC BOMBERS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED KAVIENG RUNWAY. SAME DAY RABAUL SUBJECT...
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TED TO USUAL HEAVY AIR ATTACKS. PB4Y OVER MANOKHARI 23RD OBSERVED NO SHIPS OR PLANES. 389, 23RD 5 USUAL FREIGHTERS, 1 ESCORT SOUHBOUND IN DAYAO GULF. 6 SMALL AK'S, 3 ESCORTS OBSERVED NORTHBOUND SAME PLACE 1935K.

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CTF 58 originates and sends. Action to CINCPAC info to CINCSOESPAC and CON 7TH FLEET SHORE RADIO STATION. Please pass to all ADEES.

Summary: D and D plus 1. continued air support missions. met but negligible resistance and no targets missions. planes in standby status on D plus 1. continued intermittent strikes bandar sarar. close reconnaissance indicates hollandia fields abandoned. many wrecked planes all fields. TG 58.1 fueled D plus 1 TG 58.2 fuels D plus 2. dent 3 DD's in geadler for general upkeep on 24* notice excessive fuel consumption.

Passed by RDO hono to Coninuch for info as 241713. delivered to 21G. * as received.
MONO INTERCEPT

COM 7TH FLEET SENDS.

AITAPE FORCE MADE UNOPPOSED LANDINGS ON TUNLEO AND SELEO ISLANDS FOLLOWING NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT MORNING 23RD. ESTIMATE TADJI NORTH STRIP PTURCB EARLIER WILL BE COMPLETED SAME DAY. ATTACK GROUP LST'S LEFT HUMBOLT AND TANAHMERAH COMPLETELY UNLOADED @6@K 23. REINFORCEMENT ECHELONS ARRIVED ALL BEACHES ON SCHEDULE 23RD. TANAHMERAH FORCE ADVANCING SOUTH DEP REP ELY FROM DENY PEY SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY. NIL ENEMY AIR REACTION. BLUE COVERING FORCE HAS DESTROYED 6 BARGES 1 SMALL SHIP TANAHMERAH BAY 1 BARGE AITAPE. MIDDAY 22ND PB4Y SHOT DOWN BETTY @4-74 NORTH 141-31 EAST SAME PLANE DAMAGED SMALL FREIGHTER OFF MAPIA STRAFED

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**ANOTHER SHIP SAME VICINITY 4 SMALL AK'S PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED SIGHTED ON REEFS. AFTERNOON 22ND 13 LIBERATORS ATTACKED NAMBER FIELD NOELFOO ISLAND 1 PLANE UN SUCCESSFULLY BOMBED 1 AK 1000/1500 TONS. SAME TIME 9 B24 STRUCK KAMIRI 5 VF'S INTERCEPTED HARMLESSLY 1/2 AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ON GROUND. 2 SMALL VESSELS 15 BARGES SIGHTED SOUTH ROEMBOI BAY (....... ...) EAST EARLY AFTERNOON 22ND.**

**1/2 CODE GROUPS MISSING. 1 COPY DELIVERED TO 2ACS.**
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HONO INTERCEPT

COMAIRSOLS SAINS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC INFO COMSOPAC COMSENSOPAC ALL TFC SOPAC COMAFADVON 5 ATTENTION A-2 ADVON 5 CONCENPAC COMAIR GENPAC.

PART 1 OF 2. FINAL IS 230025.

TRUK: 21 BOXCARS LEFT SQUAREPEG BETWEEN 222' AND 2352L 22ND FOR ETEN DUBLON. RESULTS STRIKE NOT YET KNOWN.

KAVIENG: 9936. 38 SQUAREPEG DAUNTLESSES WITH HALF TONNERS 2 AVENGERS EACH WITH 4 QUARTER TONNERS REPORTED GOOD COVERAGE RUNWAY. FAIR ON GUN POSITIONS. AA MEAGRE INACCURATE.

RABUAL: 9940 TO 1149. 43 FIGHTER BOMBERS DROPPED 39 QUARTER TONNERS 22 EIGHTH TONNERS RAPPOPO WHERE AA GENERALLY MEAGRE HEAVY INACCURATE. 1135. 53 DAUNTLESSES 24 AVENGERS FINDING VUNAKANAU OBSCURED.

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By RT, NARA, Data

By DBS, Date: MAY 21 1973
UNLOADED 51 TONS QUARTER AND 6TH TONNERS CENTURIES
RAPAPO EXCEPT 4 PLANES WHICH HIT VUNAPOPE.
RAPAPO RUNWAY REVETMENTS REPORTED WELL COVERED WITH 2
POSSIBLE OIL FIRES KINDLED AND SEVERAL BUILDINGS HIT
AT VUNAPOPE. AA ALL TYPES MOSTLY MEAGRE INACCURATE
HOLED 2 AVENGERS. PHOTOS AT 1152 SHOWED RAPAPO
UNSERVICEABLE WITH 34 NEW CRATERS. SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED
PLANE CROSSED RUNWAY AT 1970 FEET DURING ATTACK. 5 OR 6 UNIDENTIFIED PLANES SEEN AT 9000
FEET OVER EAHKI* POINT 9935.

*AS RECEIVED

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THIS COMES FROM COMTASKFOR 58 FOR ACTION TO CINCPAC INFO CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLT. SHORE RADIO STATION REQUESTED TO PASS TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

CONDUCTED D MINUS 1 STRIKES AS SCHEDULED AGAINST HOLLANDIA WAKDE AND SAWAR. THESE FIELDS CONSIDERED NEUTRALIZED. LITTLE AIR OPPOSITION. SHOT DOWN 9 TWIN ENGINE 4 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES OVER TARGET AREAS. 7 OF THESE PLANES TWIN ENGINE ARMY TYPE LATE AFTERNOON HOLLANDIA AREA INDICATING THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF OUR PRESENCE THIS AREA. DESTROYED 67 PLANES ON GROUND HOLLANDIA FIELDS, MANY WRECKED PLANES ON GROUND RESULT PREVIOUS RAIDS. DESTROYED 21 DAMAGED 17 ON GROUND WAKDE - SAWAR. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FUEL AMMUNITION DUMPS BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES HOLLANDIA AREA. SANK 2 SMALL AK'S BARGES AND SMALL CRAFT SAME.
AREA. CONDUCTED SUCCESSFUL NIGHT SURFACE BOMBARDMENT BY CL'S AND DD'S AT WAKDE - SAWAR FIELDS. HIGH OPERATING SPEEDS REQUIRE EARLY FUELING IN OPERATING AREA. D DAY NIL AIR OPPOSITION AIR SUPPORT LANDING OPERATIONS ON SCHEDULE.

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(CINCSWPA sends action CINICHD CNO INFO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.)

WITH NEGLIGIBLE OPPOSITION AT BEACH HEADS LANDINGS HOLLANDIA
MADE ON SCHEDULE TANAHMERAH BAY HUMBOLT BAY AND AITAPE
MUCH FRIENDLY NIL ENEMY AIR REPORTED. MACARTHUR

Mudway between Hollandia and Wewak. 150 batts of Hollandia

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(Passed by Radio Honolulu to Cominch for Info as (Action CINCPAC, COMFORWARD AREA GENPAC Sends. INFO ATCOM MWAJALEIN.)

Captain Maruhara

Atolls Eri ku b and Aur cleaned up No Japs. Atoll in progress. First follow up visits to other atolls now going on.

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    Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Number H-7417, 20 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMHERSONPAC H-7417.

One four B-24's dropped 135 - 500 pounders on Satawan at 1246L scoring 16 hits on runway and many other hits on taxways, no AA or interception.

Twelve B-25's hit Tobems at 0952L with 66 quarter tonsners adding 13 craters to runway, one plane damaged by flak.

Same time 12 B-25's dumped 66-500 pounders on Keravat with 8 hits runway and the rest in dispersal areas. At 0940L 9 P-39's hit Keravat with 13 - 250 pounders starting one fire.

Three nine fighter bombers at 0945L dropped 44 quarter tonsners on Vunakanuca causing 3 large explosions and starting 2 large fires, intense barrage type AA encountered.

Three P-38's scored direct hit on coastal gun at Buka, also caused land slide which destroyed other guns.

One large fire started by 3 P-38's bombing, strafing Katsinkoveri, northeast Bougainville.
From: CG U. S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Holmeas, New Caledonia
Number N-7417, 20 April 1944

 Twelve P-39's bombed, strafed targets southwest Bougainville with unobserved results.

Action 18th April, no photos 19th April.

Air and ground summary.

Bougainville April 18th to 19th.

Three seven Division: Patrol saw 2 Nip groups upper Laruma River.

American Division: Nip company located 1200 yards north hill 65.

One platoon tanks landed on east bank of Navaia River to support operations being carried out by 24 Infantry.

Numa Numa Plantation bivouac and supply area bombed and strafed.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
O-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

CM-DH-14474  (20 Apr 44)  1018Z
From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Hr: H 7362, 17th April 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMENSOPAC H7362.

Blue Snoop hit Truk at 0355L with 6 quarter tonners, results unobserved. At 0940L 24 B-25s hit Talili Bay with 465 Centuries starting several fires in ammunition dump area, 3 planes damaged by flak. 3 F36s struck Yenapope at 0915L with 6 quarter tonners starting 1 large and several small fires, Talili Bay struck by 22-500 pounders from 11 F36s at 1010L, unobserved results.

Action 15 April photos 16 April. 1 Fighter on unserviceable Lakunai, Yenakanau serviceable with 1 fighter and 1 light bomber, Tobera serviceable with 3 fighters, Mips repairing Kavieng, 13 barges and 1 boat Kavieng Area. 60% coverage Simpson Harbor showed 103 barges and 1 FP, 80 barges Keravie Bay.

Air and Ground summary: Bougainville April 15 to 16: 37th Division:

Patrol Atsamia Bay negative. Trail block established junction Lescipe-Keravie Trails.

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P-R-I-O-R-I-T-Y

From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

American Division:

Hill 500 occupied. 50 Nips contacted between
hills 500 and 501, 43 killed. We had 6 KIA, 8 WIA. Third
Battalion FIR, light contact west hill 65, 10-75 MM shells
on Magine Island. Destroyer shelled mouth Tekessi River.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
U.S. NAVAL BASE MANUS ESTABLISHED APRIL 4 SEADLER HARBOR ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. APPROXIMATE POSITION LAT 32 DEGREES SOUTH. LONG 147-20 EAST. COMMANDER J & E BOAK USN COMMANDING. REQUEST PERTINENT AIDES NOTIFY OFFICES CONCERNED.
(CINCPAC SENDS FOR ACTION TO COSOPAC WHILE CINC SoRES PAC AND COMINCH GET INFO. COMTHFLT (NOT AN ADEE) PASS INFO CINC SoRES PAC.)

WARP-2294-14TH REQUESTS ESTIMATES SOPAC ARMY STRENGTH WHICH WILL DEPEND ON RATE AT WHICH ARMY FORCES ARE TRANSFERRED TO SORES PAC. REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH INFO ADEE AND THEN SUBMIT ESTIMATES TO ME. CONSIDER ALL BASES WEST OF PUSSLE AS SORES PAC AND EXCLUDE THEIR ARMY PERSONNEL FROM YOUR ESTIMATES.
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From: OI, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Mornea, New Caledonia.

To: War Department.

Nr: H7268  14 April 1944

COMDEPSOAC H7268 to AGWAR replying to your
War 20530 April 8.

Before opening of March offensive enemy contacted
on all fronts appeared clean, well fed, well clothed and
healthy enemy supplementing his ration with fresh and
locally grown fruit and vegetables. Prisoners and documents
indicate discontent occasioned by inadequacy and unequal
distribution of rations. Clothing supplies adequate but
limited. Attack order segregated 1 month's rations for use
in attack and held out an incentive the plentiful supplies
of food and equipment to be captured. Attacking enemy troops
were healthy, well clothed and well equipped and individuals
carried food and medical supplies. Front line troops at
times united because cooking rice and barley rations impos-
sible. Repulse of attacks and artillery concentrations
scattered units and disorganized supply and evacuation
resulting in inadequate rations and medical attention for
forward elements.

CM-IN-10051  (14 Apr 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
Prisoners reported field hospitals adequate before attacks but loss of personnel, equipment and supplies in approach marches aggravated existing difficulties and resulted in partial breakdown of evacuation system especially in west and north sectors. Few seriously wounded believe successfully evacuated except from east sector. No evidence of mass starvation but combat efficiency no doubt reduced in later phases by food shortages. Malaria incidence reported highest 3 months after Japs arrived Bougainville declining thereafter. Quinine regularly used, atabrine also. A few malaria deaths reported, principal other ailments were ringworm, dysentery and beri beri. Although future enemy operations on Bougainville will undoubtedly be seriously restricted by limited supplies and rations there is no indication of overall breakdown such as existed later stages Guadalcanal operation.
CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC. INFO COMSOPAC, COMAIRPAC. ATCMM KIAJALEIN HAS INFO.

ENIETOK ATTACKED BY 8 TO 10 BOMBERS 1215 TO 1500Z 14TH ABOVE 20,000 FEET. CAME FROM AND RETIRED SOUTH-WEST. 4 NIGHT FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED; CLAIM DESTROYED 2, PROBABLE 1. WE LOST 2 FIGHTERS. NO BOMB HITS GUANDA.

*Radio Honolulu passed to COMINCH as 153946 for INFO

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(CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC COMCENPAC. THIS INFO TO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRPAC 7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM CTG 57.2 57.3 57.4)

21 ARMY LIBERATORS TRUK 62 TONS FROM 6000 TO 16000 FEET IN 2 WAVES FROM 131428 TO 1128Z AND 131414 TO 1550Z ON MOEN, FEFAN, DUBLON, UMAN, PARAM. EXPLOSION SMALL FIRE MOEN. LARGE EXPLOSION PARAM. FIRST WAVE NO INTERCEPTION 2ND WAVE SAW 3 SINGLE ENGINES AND WAS FOLLOWED FOR 45 MINUTES. SEARCHLIGHTS INACCURATE. AA MEAGER INACCURATE. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

1 LIBERATOR 3 TONS (LD AIRFIELD PONAPE FROM 8000 AT 131227Z FIRE STARTED). NO AA. 1 LIBERATOR 2 TONS UJELANG AT 131150Z NO AA.

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P-R-I-O-R-I-T-Y

From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Roumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Mr. H7277

14 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMENSOPAC nr H7277. Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville April 12 to 13.

23 B25's dumped 437 centuries on Rabaul at 1018L causing several fires, 2 damaged by meager flak. 23 fighter bombers hit Vunakanau with 23-1,000 pounders and 10-500 pounders at 1032L. 5 craters south end of strip, runway serviceable 2,200 feet. Report AA generally accurate. At 1035L 11 P-39's hit Rabaul with undisclosed bomb load, several fires started. Tonolai Harbor hit by 10 P-39's at 1045L dropping 7 quarter tonners and 3 half tonners with unobserved results. Rums Ruma bombed and strafed by 2 P-35's with results unobserved. Blue Snooper over Truk night 11-12 is missing. Action 12 April photos 13 April. One fighter on serviceable Lakunai, concrete runway serviceable Vunakanau with 1 light bomber, Rappo serviceable, 4 fighters on unserviceable Tobora, 12 barges and 2 boats in Kavieng area, Simpson Harbor has 180 barges, Rabaul and Matupi harbor each have 1 float plane, 60% coverage Keravia Bay showed 46 barges.

37th Division: no change.

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P-R-1-O-R-I-T-Y

From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
       Noumea, New Caledonia

Nr.      14 April 1944
H7277

American Division: Patrols contacted dug in
Nips 5,500 yards north east hill 600. Patrol, Hill
150 and 165 negative.

Third Battalion: Fiji contacted Nips 4,000
yards east hill 260. Nip shells on Fiva, gasoline
dump, CP132 Infantry (130.5-013.2) some plane
damage, 600 barrels gasoline destroyed. Heavy counter-
battery fire on suspected Nip guns. LCI shelled
Mosiga. PT strafed Furiata, 4 heavy explosions.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
       G-2
       Admiral King
       General Vandegrift
       Colonel Park
       LOC

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From: CO US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
       Ft. Shafter, Territory of Hawaii.

To: War Department
       CO Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area,
       Brisbane, Australia
       CO US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea,
       New Caledonia

No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

This is daily operations from Richardson HQGS to
        Marshall MacArthur and Harmon, Srl Nbr RJ 13282 14th.

Highlights of searches 10 Apr west longitude time
follow. Small vessel and escort anchored west of Ulul
Island (Hannumtto) unsuccessfully attacked. Searchplane
over Orik Island strafed and dropped 5 centuries and 2
incendiary clusters. At Wake 2 small vessels observed
in Lagoon. Snooper over Truk reported Jap radar tracking
him at range of 80 miles.

Now some daylight strikes for 10 Apr west longi-
tude time. Heavy ack ack positions southeast shore Wotje
took 4.5 tons from 10 Marine Dauntless following strafing
of same area by 15 Marine Corsairs. 1 Corsair damaged
by moderate flak. 2.5 tons dropped Mille through overcast
by 5 Marine Corsairs; no AA received. 6 tons from 6 Mit-
chells were concentrated on old airfield and runway areas
Fonape. Moderate flak caused slight damage 1 Mitchell.
12 Mitchells and 12 Hellcats dropped 14 tons at Taroa. Mea-
gen AA was received. Destroyer rescued pilot of Hellcat
down off Majuro. The 12 Mitchells engaged in Taroa strike
rearmed for Jaluit to hit Jabor town with 3 tons and Emidj

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No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

with 9 tons. Meager AA caused minor damage 1 Mitchell.

Here are highlights of searches 11 Apr west longitude time. 5 centuries and 2 incendiaries dropped Fonape; fire observed. 2500 pounds dropped on beached ship Oropuk. Radio area U1U received 2 tons; no shipping observed there. Enemy submarine sighted west of Tarawa. 2-500 pounders dropped scoring 1 near miss and 1 direct hit. Aa SS went down under water, explosion followed by oil slick and debris observed.

Now for daylight strikes 11 Apr west longitude time. Wotje hit by 3 waves.

1st wave: 10 Corsairs and 2 Venturas strafed gun positions and runway and dropped 10.5 tons. Moderate AA damaged 2 Corsairs; no personnel casualties suffered.

2nd wave: 10 Dauntless hit gun positions with 4.5 tons. Meager AA caused slight damage 1 plane but no personnel casualties.

3rd wave: 12 Helloats and 10 Dauntless dumped 10.5 tons on runway and gun positions; AA was meager.

Emidi and Jabor targets for 12 tons from 12 Mitchells; radio station Emidi damaged but no AA received. These same Mitchells then dropped 12 tons on gun positions Taraa receiving meager AA. 6 Mitchells and 8 Corsairs strafed Fonape airfields and small boats and dropped 5.5 tons incendiaries on storage buildings and radio station. AA was intense Taraa at 0010Z

CH-IN-10082 (14 Apr 44)
From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Ft Shafter, T.H.
No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

12 Apr possible enemy submarine sound contacted 450 miles northeast of Hilo, Hawaii. Reliability G. 12 depth charges dropped with no results apparent.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CG AAF
G-2
Adm Kink
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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From: CO, US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
       Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
No: H 7225 11 April, 1944
Chief Staff from CONGEMOPAC H 7225.

23 B25's hit Lakunai at 1106L scoring 65 hits on runway, AA damaged 2 planes. 22 P-39's and 9-38's dropped 37 quarter ton incendiaries on Halum at 1130L, 5 large fires and smoke column 7000 feet high. Mosigeta bombed by 2 P-38's. Vunakanau only Bismark Field serviceable with 1 light bomber, 3 fighters on Tobara, 1 fighter on Lakunai, 60% coverage Simpson Harbor showed 102 barges, 52 barges Kaviary Bay with 80% coverage, 4 barges Kaviang with count incomplete. Shortland Faisi area has 4 barges, 2 barges Ballale.

Photos 10 April action 9 April. Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville April 9 to 10. 37 Division: Negative patrols to 13000 yards North hill 700 and Kuraio mission.

American Division: 25 Infantry patrols found 75 MM gun, much equipment 1200 yards East hill 1111. 24 Infantry established defense Navatia to Torokina mouth. FIVA U received 1215 centimeter shells from Sua river area with some planes damaged before gun was silenced by counter-battery.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAF
       G-2
       Adm. King
       COE, Park
       Gen. Vandegrift
       Log

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NIGHT 8TH-9TH EMIRAU PT'S LANDED RECOO PARTY MUSSAU ISLAND RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. NIL JAP ACTIVITY REPORTED ON ISLAND. SAME NIGHT SOPAC BLACKCATS BOMBED PORTLAND ISLAND WEST NEW HANOVER, BORPOP EAST CENTRAL NEW IRELAND, STRAFED POSSIBLE BARGE SIPOSAI ISLAND CHOISEUL BAY SAW KAHILI LANDING LIGHTS BURNING BOMBED STRAFED AITARA MISSION SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE.

EARLY MORNING 8TH B-25'S STARTED FIRES NORTHWEST KAVIENG RUNWAY AND REVENTMENTS. VF SWEET STRAFED 2 PLANES KAVIENG CAUSED SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS SUPPLY AREA NORTHEAST FIELD. 1 PLANE WENT DOWN PILOT RESCUED.
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SIVOUAC AREA NORTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER, ATTACKED KIETA GUN POSIT. 4 B-24'S STARTED FIRE MONOITU MISSION. CRASH INTELLIGENCE PARTY LANDED NUGURIA ISLAND ABOUT 60 MILES NORTH NORTHEAST GREEN ISLAND 8TH FOUND FRIENDLY NATIVES STATE NIL JAPS THERE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. 152L/8TH-154L/9TH BLUE TROOPS OCCUPIED AREA EAST TOROKINA RIVER TO NAVAVIA. 46 JAPS KILLED IN ENGAGEMENT HILL 165 EAST TOROKINA FORKS. BLUE CASUALTIES 11 KIA 7 WIA 3 MIA. TOTAL COUNTED ENEMY DEAD 8 MARCH-8 APRIL 5,373.

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From: CG U S Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Houma New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: H7084 5 April 1944

H7084 Chief of Staff from COMENSBOPAC.

23 B-25's hit Rabaul at 1040L with 435-100 pounders, no close observation due to clouds but smoke rose 1,500 feet from 3 large fires, encountered heavy inaccurate flak.

9 P-38's carrying 2-500 pounders and 44 P-39 and P-40's carrying 4 tonsners hit Erawia Bay underground fuel stores at 1800L causing 3 fires at entrances with many more in general area, inaccurate AA. Final count of air planes destroyed 2 April over Truk not completed but at least 25 destroyed for sure. All searches weathered out. Air and ground summary.

Bougainville covering period 1500 April 3 to 1500 April 4. Americal Division:

Patrol killed 4 Nips 1000 yards Southeast of hill 111 and a further 10 enemy dead were found 1000 yards West of Naviaia. Patrols to Peko village and from hills 500 to 501 to Sua River were negative.

37th Division:

Pursuit of Nip continued and Ruma trail has been cut. Many dead Nips, graves and considerable 90 MM mortar ammunition found between our perimeter and Laruma River; count of Nip

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dead during the period exceeds 300. Fighter bombers and destroyers started fires and large explosion in vicinity Gavutu Lagoon, Namurata River Road and Mouth of Japa River.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: COAAF
O-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Gen. Vandegrift
Log

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**INTERCEPT**

(TO AOIC AND COMM1, AND COM 7TH FLt PASS TO COM 5TH FLt AND CINCPAC FROM COMAFADVON 5 CITE P7398D)

CARRIER STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF HOLLANDIA OPERATIONS

67 HEAVIES DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 449 TONS OF BOMBS ON HOLLANDIA DROMES, SPECIFIC TARGET BEING ENEMY AIR PLANES. THE ATTACK BOMBERS STRAFED INTO CODE WITH OVER 25,000 CALIBRE 50 AND 25,000 CALIBRE 30. OUR FIGHTERS SCORED ESTIMATED 24 ENEMY PLANES IN COMBAT AND BOMBERS ADDED 2. ACK ACK MEDITATE TO MEAGER, OUR LOSS 1 FIGHTER. BELIEVED, SUBJECT TO PHOTO CONFIRMATION, THAT OF 288 ENEMY PLANES PRESENT MORNING OF MARCH 30TH, PRACTICALLY ALL HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR PERMANENTLY DAMAGED. ENEMY

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From: OC, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea
New Caledonia

To: War Department

NR: H 7038, 3rd April 1944

H 7038 Chief of Staff from CONCENSOPAC.

Snooper dropped 6-500 pounders on Dublon from 14,000 feet at 0630L, fire started visible 50 miles, 3 or 4 searchlights ineffectively encountered. Twenty four B-25's hit Vunakanu supply area with 144-500 pound incendiaries at 1030L. Much smoke many fires. AA damaged 7 planes. Twelve F-38's unable to reach Rabaul dropped 2 quarter ton incendiaries each on Momotu mission starting many small fires. Twelve F-39's hit Toboi area (Northwest Bougainville) at 1050L with quarter ton incendiaries each, inaccurate feeble flak received, pillars of smoke rose around oil and coal wharves.

Action 1st April, photo 2nd April. Truk has 2 AK's and 50 barges at Dublon, nil aircraft on unserviceable Btwn. many small buildings destroyed or damaged, one hangar damaged; all Cunamarok fields unserviceable, one fighter Lakunai, 1 fighter Tobera; 1 barge Duke of York; Haviang has 7 barges; 1 barge Balliale; Kehili has 1 barge, 1 small boat; 3 barges Shortland Faisi area, 3 barges Matchin Bay.

Air and Ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 April 1st to 1500 April 2nd. Americal Division: Active patrolling in progress near upper forks of Torokina river and N's retreating across river near hill 250 subjected to

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea
       New Caledonia
Mr: H 7038, 3rd April 1944

Artillery and machine gun fire. Hill 1111 now being cleared
of Nip force located there. Patrol from 182 Infantry en-
countered number of Nips approximately 2500 yards East of
Hill 260; no Nips reported near hills 500 and 501.

Thirty Seventh Division: Estimated Nip company con-
tacted 3500 yards northwest of Lake Kathleen. Scattered
minor contacts reported on west of division front. Air hit
hostile installations and supply areas while our destroyers
bombed supply area East of Tekessi River. Our casualties
for April lst killed in action 9, wounded in action 26.

Green Island: Somber Field cleared for 8,000 feet of
which 85% is rough graded.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF
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       Adm. King
       Col. Park
       Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: H 7019 2 April, 1944

Chief of Staff from CON hinterland, the following:

No Retaval supply area hit by 23 B-25's from 11700 feet, armed with quarter ton incendiaries, many N's started, 31 buildings destroyed, 4 planes damaged by heavy AA. 14 F-38's and 18 F-39's dumped 40-500 pound incendiaries on Rabaul starting numerous fires. 2 F-38's and 23 F-39's dropped 500 pounds each on Numa Numa plantation results unobserved. 2 B-24's hit Momolu mission with 24-300 pounds, results unobserved. All action 31 March.

Photos 1 April: Enemy fields on New Ireland, New Britain all unserviceable; Lakulai has 21 light bombers; Tobara has 3 fighters; Kavieng has 1 fighter and 1 light bomber; 135 barges Simpson Harbor; 6 barges Vunakanu; Escapia Bay has 83 barges.

Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 31 to 1500 April 1. American Division: an unestimated number of Nips fired on by a patrol from 132 Infantry on hill 501 causing Nips to withdraw. Several hostile groups moving east across upper Torokina River were shelled by our artillery. 37 Division: intensive patrolling and reconnoissances in force reports area between our perimeter and Lucuma river cleared of Nip concentrations. Our patrols pushing north along Numa Numa trail. On 129 Infantry front Nip foxholes for at least 2 regiments found. Nip burials indicate, impossible to estimate number of Nips killed here. Air and Naval support continues against enemy supply and Bivouac areas. Indications point to complete defeat of enemy with remnants withdrawing to North and East. Our casualties for March 31 RFAA 10 WIA 21.

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No: H 7019 2 April 1944 Page 2.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF
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Adm King
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Gen Vandegrift
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SINGLE SB 24 AT 0535L 1ST FROM 14000 FEET TO LARGE FIRE VISIBLE 50 MILES. 3-4 INEFFECTIVE SEARCHLIGHTS NO AA.

SPECTACULAR EXPLOSION SENDING SMOKE

3000 FEET FLAMES 300 FEET MAIN RESULT ATTACK BY 28

DAUNTLESSES 25 AVENGERS ON RATAVAF SUPPLY AREA AT

15. ALL PILOTS HEARD EXPLOSION WHICH ALSO REPORTED

BY OTHER STRIKES OVER RABAUL. 37 TONS BOMBS STARTED

OTHER FIRES LEFT WHOLE AREA REPORTED SOLID MASS

FLAMES. 4 QUARTER TONS DROPPED CAPE SAINT GEORGE

RAISED 3 300-500 FOOT COLUMNS WHITE SMOKE MODERATE

HEAVY INTENSE LIGHT AA RATAVAF DAMAGED 1 AVENGER.
24 ARMY MITCHELLS AT 1030 STRUCK SOUTH PART VUNAPOPE
SUPPLY AREA WITH 144 QUARTER TON INCENDIARIES WHICH
LEFT ENTIRE AREA COVERED MANY FIRES MUCH SMOKE.

HEAVY ACCURATE AA DAMAGED 7 RAIDERS, 6 WHEN 1ST SQUAD-
RON CAUGHT ACCURATE HEAVY BARRAGE DURING APPROACH.
BETWEEN 1030 AND 1115 DOZEN COBRAS 26 HAWKS WITH
QUARTER TON INCENDIARIES HIT AREA ROUND TOBOI AND OIL
COAL WHARVES. HAWKS REPORT HUGE PILLARS SMOKE TOBOI
AREA 1 THICK COLUMN BROWN SMOKE OIL AND COAL WHARF
LOCALITY. AA MOSTLY MEASURE INACCURATE TO ACCURATE.
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Further Information 5th Air Force Strikes 30th and 31st: Pictures Indicate 138 Jap Planes Destroyed Hollandia Drones, but Estimate 165 Destroyed or Damaged; Also 25 Shot Down in Combat. Our Losses 1 Lightning; Also Large Fuel Fires Sought. 99 Mitchells and Bostons Bombed Weak and Taiji Areas 31st. SOPAC Aircraft 30th Continued Pounding Rabaul. Recent Blue Naval Activity Indicated to Have Increased Jap Naval Air Searches 30/31 From Philippines, Palau, Olean and Truk. Extensive Army Air Patrols Observed From Tagala, Hoenfoor and Waikake Bases.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
To: War Department
No: H5997  1 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMHISSPAC H5997 Air and Ground Summary, Bougainville covering period 1500 March 30 to 1500 March 31.

Eleven B-24's reached Moen Island Truk at 1255L, report L46 hit cruising 1 fire south of strip, inaccurate meager AA, running fight with 30-40 Zekke Tanyo and 1 Tojo for 45 minutes resulted loss 1 B-24, 11 enemy fighters destroyed 2 probable, 8 crew members of missing plane rescued 175 miles northwest Green Island, 1 plane landed Green with 1 dead 1 wounded, 5 other planes damaged, 18 fighters, 4 dive bombers, 20 medium bombers photographed on Moen Field. 2 Snoopers dropped 15 frag clusters each on Amblo and Moen at 0515L, 1 plane sought after by 2-3 searchlights, unidentified plane trailed other B-24 from Truk to Manusuk.

24 B-45's dropped 1200-500 pound incendiaries on Vunakanu at 1208L from 11,000 feet, 5 large numerous small fires, probable ammo dump seen exploding, 2 planes damaged by heavy meager flak.

10 F-38's at 1210L hit Rabaul with 20 quarter ton incendiaries starting 3 large many small fires, ack-ack was light moderate.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
No: 26997 1 April 1944

Supply area at Mupaka River (Empress Augusta Bay) hit by 4 P-38's with unobserved results.

1 B-24 hit Mosaitu mission with unobserved results.

Puriata Namaregu rivers (south of Empress Augusta Bay) strafed by 2 P-38's with unobserved results.

2 B-25's strafed with 75MM and 50 caliber targets at Tarenc and Tikai, north central Bougainville. Above action on 30 March.

Photos 31 March:

Usual 2 AK's, 1 PB, no barge count in Simpson Harbor;

30 buildings and supply piles burned out in strikes of 30 March at VUNAPOPE;

Lahuna unserviceable with 2 fighters, field being repaired;

3 fighters on unserviceable Tobera.

Late count on Truk strike of 29 March showed 31 fighters destroyed, 12 probables, 10 damaged, 15 of our planes hit by Jap fighters with casualty total 20 killed, 10 wounded.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
No: HQ977

1 April 1944

American Divisions:

Hill 250 and 600 now occupied by our forces. Dis-
tant patrolling active with negative reports from Peko
village, hill 800, hill 500. Patrol reported enemy wound-
ed being moved south of trail from Foroguna River fork.

37th Division:

1st Battalion Fijian Infantry still working on Jap
pocket in front of 129 sector approximately 250 yards
from perimeter.

The 3rd Battalion Fijian Infantry encountered enemy
approximately 2000 yards from perimeter along Buna Buna
trail.

Other units report no contacts.

Air support was effective against Jap bivouac areas
and road nets while destroyers bombarded installations at
Magotol River mouth with good effect.

Our casualties for March 30 were 7 killed in action
and 5 wounded in action.

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INFO: CG AAF
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Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia.
To: War Dept.
No.: H 6963
31 March, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMSOUTHPOAC H 6963.

24 H-25's at 1210L hit Vunapope with 138 quarter ton incendiaries, causing numerous fires, 1 plane damaged by ack-ack. 5 F-38's weathered out from Ratavol, strike hit targets Kibo River area with unknown results. 4 P-38's strafed targets Huma Huma Trail, unobserved results. 20 B-24's hit Eten Island Truk with undisclosed number of 500 and 100 pound bombs at 1250L, 200 hits scored on runway, parking aprons and hangar area, 49 aircraft on runway believed destroyed, photos-16 planes exploding, many large fires on runway and surrounding hills, 1 crane destroyed, flak from ships and shore installation was heavy moderate, 90 Tojos, Tony's and Zekes intercepted, battled our returning planes 90 miles, Japs lost 5-20 planes in running fight, 1 B-24 downed possibly. Aerial bombs with 5 open chutes strafed by Hips, another B-24 crashlanded Green Island, with 4 dead, 5 wounded, 8 planes landed Turekina on return with 3 planes having 7 wounded each, photos showed 3 large 2 small AK's, 2 DD's, 1 YO, 214 barges, 37 FF's, 3 PB's, and 1 cruiser underway. 2 subs, 6 DD's and 5 AK's visually reported.

Rabaul bombed by 1 B-24 failing to reach Truk. 2 B-24's at 0515 and 0520L hit Dubvon Island Truk with 15 - 120 pound frag clusters each, 2 large fires visible 50 miles, with smoke column 6,000 feet started in oil storage area, second plane received heavier AA.

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Photos 30 March: 2 fighters on unserviceable Lakunai; Vunakanau concrete strip serviceable, coral strip unserviceable, 1 light bomber; unserviceable Tobura has 3 fighters; 2 medium bombers and 1 fighter on unserviceable Kavieng; 166 barges, 1 FP, 1 FB in Su Harbor.

**Air and ground summary.** Bougainville covering period 1500 March 29 to 1500 March 30. 37th Division: 1 Battalion 148th Infantry now located at Laruma River mouth and has patrols working towards Atsina Lagoon; no contacts made. First Fiji Battalion making sweep in front of 129th Infantry located a pocket of Nips; these are being liquidated. The 3rd Fiji Battalion encountered resistance along Numa Numa trail 2000 years in front of our MLN.

American Division: Reinforced company from the 132nd Infantry engaged Nips estimated at Battalion on hill 501; contact was broken and artillery fire placed on hill after which our force found 30 dead and balance gone. In north-east sector an estimated enemy company was encountered by patrols from 164th Infantry, approximately 2,000 yards northeast of hill 260, which is now occupied by 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment.

Air support hit barge hideouts while the Naval support hit enemy installations in the Reini and Masaragi River areas.

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      Admiral King
      Colonel Park
      General Vandegrift
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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia.
To: War Dept.
Nr. H 6960 30 March, 1944
Chief of Staff from COMUSPAC H 6960.

24 B-25's dumped 142 - 500 pounders on Tobura at 1016L, 50 hits on runway, inaccurate heavy flak encountered. At 1015L, 11 P-38's dropped quarter ton incendiaries each on Fubaal, several small, 1 large fire, moderate AA. 9 B-39's and 12 P-40's at same time hit Ratisa supply area with 500 pound incendiaries each, starting 3 large fires.

1 B-25 with 75 MM cannon strafed and bombed 5 barges and warehouses Ataviklikun Bay, results unobserved. 2 P-38's strafed possible barge hideouts mouths Tekaseg, Heini, and Mariope rivers. 1 B-24 hit Monoitu with 12 - 300 pounders, one fire started with smoke column 1,000 feet.

Action 23 March. Night 27-28 March Namatanai hit by snapper with 5 - 1,000 pounders, same time another snapper dropped 4 - 1,000 pounders on Eaviang.

Photos of 29 March: 5 barges Shortland Pilot area; 1 barge Ballale; 1 small boat at Kahili. All other searches weathered out.

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 28 to 1500 March 29. American Division positions on hill 260 consolidated with 202 dead Nips not previously reported, considerable Ordnance equipment captured. Our aggressive patrols made minor contacts vicinity of hill 600.

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and east of hill 260.

37th Division: Estimated 100 Nips encountered 1500 yards in front of 2nd Battalion, 129th Infantry. First Fiji Battalion patrolling 150 yards west of Numa Numa trail contacted Nips 200 yards from Perimeter, while 3rd Fiji Battalion advanced 500 yards along trail and bivouacked, preparatory to continuing advance in morning.

Air and Naval support carried on with good effects.

Known enemy dead since March 8 now totals 4350.
Our casualties for March 26 were 1 killed in action and 23 wounded in action.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF
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       Admiral King
       Colonel Park
       General Vandegrift
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From: CO, U.S. Forces in South Pacific
Area Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
No: H6930  29th March 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMINCHOPAC H6930.

At 1114L 27th March 23 B25's hit Vunakanu supply area with 132 quarter ton incendiaries, target area left in smoke visible 73 miles, 8 planes damaged by heavy AA.

3 1/2 bombers (P38's, P39's and P40's) followed above strike with 5100 pound incendiaries each, smoke columns 2000 feet high, pilots report area a flaming mass, photos at 1445L showed 23 buildings destroyed with 12 still burning, AA was intense.

Five B25's dropped 66100 pounders on Rabaul between 2000 L 26th March until 0455 L 27th March, numerous fires north Rabaul and Talili Bay, 25 fires in Vunakanu area. Unidentified planes followed our aircraft, flak damaged 1 plane.

Two B25's strafed and bombed targets Cape Lambert to Atalikikiam Bay.

Night 26/27 March Kavieng and Namatama received 2 each from 2 Snoopers.

28th March photos:

- Lakunai unserv
- unserviceable Tobora has 3 fighters;
- concrete strip Vunakanau serviceable, Coral strip unserviceable
- 1 dive bomber present; Kavieng has 1 fighter and 2 medium

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       Area Noumea, New Caledonia
No: H9630
       29th March 1944

bombers on unserviceable runway; other fields unserviceable
nil aircraft: Incomplete count Keravia Bay showed 30 barges;
158 barges, usual 2 Ak's and 1 FB Simpson Harbor; Vunapope
fires still burning, 13 barges in area

Air and ground summary:

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 27th to 1500
March 28th. Mill 260 now cleared of Nips; intensive patrolling
positions throughout entire east sector. First Battalion
Fiji Infantry resisted area in front of 129 Infantry covered
with large numbers of uncounted enemy dead. Indications
are that the Nips have broken close contact in the west sector
and may be withdrawing, also that Nip losses are far greater
than counted dead indicate Nip artillery has been fired
into perimeter since 0500 March 24th

Air and Naval support were effective against enemy
supply areas and barge hits undoubtedly. Our casualties for March
27th killed in action 8 wounded in action 4.

ACTION: OFP
INFO: OGAFF
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       General Vandegrift
       Admiral King
       Colonel Park
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PRIORITY

From: US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Humes
New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: 6879 27 March 1944

Chief of Staff from COMENSOFA Air and Ground

Summary:

23 B-25's hit Rataval supply area with 405 centurie
at 1111 L, while area in smoke with largest columns 7500
feet, 14 buildings destroyed, 3 planes damaged by barrage
type AA, twin engined fighter noted over Simpson Harbor.

B-25 on large hunt destroyed radar shack at Adler
Bay, Cape Saint George radar also strafed.

14 F-39's and 10 P-40's bombed Mibo Frither Bridge
and Bivouac Area, 4 hits in clearing causing black smoke.

34 fighter bombers dropped 33-500 pounders Koravia
Bay fuel stores, 1 large fire heavy black smoke reported.

Action above, all 25 March.

Photos 26 March:

Vumakanai coral strip unserviceable, concrete strip
serviceable, plane count incomplete;

3 fighters on unserviceable Tobera;

Lahai serviceable with 2 fighters;

Kavieng unserviceable with 1 fighter 2 medium bombers;

Panajai, Rapopo, Koravat, Borpop and Duke of York
unserviceable nil aircraft;

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Noumea, New Caledonia

Mr: 6879 27 March 1944

60 percent coverage Simpson Harbor showed 1 float bomber
and 177 barges;
Same percent coverage Kunavia Bay showed 77 barges;
3 barges Kavieng Harbor, only 70 percent coverage.

Night 24-25 March
Snooper dropped 4-1000 pounders Kaviengs Southeast
Revet Area.
Bougainville covering period 1500 March 25 to 1500
March 26.

Americal Division:
Increased activity in vicinity of Navavia.
No change on West Division front.

37th Division:
New concentrations continue to build up in front of
129th Infantry small slight increase of patrol activity on
148 front, other fronts quiet.
Air and Naval supporting missiles caused many fires.
Counted enemy dead now numbers 2384.
Our casualties for 25 March were 11 killed in action
and 55 wounded in action.

ACTION: OPD
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INFO: CG AAF, General Vandegrift, G-2, Admiral King,
Colonel Mathewson, LOG

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea, New Caledonia.
To: War Department.

No. 6858 26 March 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMVNSOPAC Air and Ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 24 to 1500 March 25.

Two one B-25's hit Tobera with 100-500 pounders at 1216Z, scored 20 hits on runway, others in revet area, 500 foot smoke column in revet area, heavy FLAK damaged 1 plane. 3 B-25's unable locate Tobera dropped 18 quarter tonners north of Vunakanau with unobserved results. 37 P-40's, P-39's and P-38's dumped 9 tons incendiary clusters on Vunakanau at 1230L, 50 fires and heavy black smoke over whole area, 1 P-38 hit by medium ack ack. 2 B-25's on barge hunt New Ireland, Feni Island, Kilinailau (north east of Buka Island) Island and Bougainville received intense AA from positions at East Cape New Ireland. Above action 24 March.

Night 23-24 March blue snooper dropped 4-1000 pounders on Kavieng, hits on south west side of runway. Same time another snooper dropped same load on Namatanai with unobserved results. Snooper dropped 4 quarter tonners targets northwest Uhoiseul island causing black smoke column 1200 feet high. Photos of 25 March: Namatanai, Borpop and Keravat unserviceable nil aircraft; Weather prevented coverage of Vunakanau and Lakanai; incomplete coverage of Tobera showed 2 fighters; serviceable Kavieng has 1 fighter 2 medium bombers; work continues on Duke of York Field; 9 barges Kavieng; 2 barges Balgoi Bay. 37th Division; count of Nip lead in area of

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No. 6858  26 March 1944.

Company F 129 Infantry totals 376; considerable number of Nips still in this area close to perimeter. No change remaining front of west sector.

American Division: Clean up operations continue on hill 266. No change in other sectors. First Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment: Close in reconnaissance in front of 2nd Battalion 129 Infantry resulted in 15 Nips killed, 30 dead Nips found, capture of 177MM field piece and destruction at least 1 heavy machine gun. Air and naval support continued throughout. Show total count of Nips killed since 9 March 218. Our casualties for 24 March 24 killed in action 92 wounded in action.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF
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Admiral King
Colonel Mathewson
General Vandegrift
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SHORE GUNS LANGER THAN 46 MM SOUTH BANK REINU RIVER AND KUJARIIS DRIVE TOPKINA PT’S OUT AFTER RETURN FIRE NIGHT 24TH-25TH.

DELAYED REPORT KAVIENG BOMBARDMENT 27TH STATES BLUE COVERING PLANES SHOT DOWN 1 TONY CHASED ANOTHER ATTEMPTING SHADOW RETIRING SURFACE FORCE.

NIGHT 23RD-24TH SOPAC SNIPERS BOMBED KAVIENG RUNWAY KAMATANAI.

BLACKKIDS HITT CHOISETH BAY.

AFTERNOON 24TH: 74 SBD’S TBF’S ATTACKED YUNAKANAU RUNWAY GUN POSITS. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 3 SBD’S 2 TBF’S. AT 510 FEET BETWEEN YUNAKANAU AND TOBERA ABOUT 15-25 SMALL WHITE PARACHUTES SEEN DRAGGING FIRE WHICH NICKED PROP 1 PLANE.

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P-39'S STRAFED BUILDINGS MATCHBAY AREA.
AFTERNOON'S 24TH SINGLE JAP SHELL LANDED NEAR PIVA Y,
12 COPE NORTHEAST TOKIKA STRIP NIL DAMGE CASUALTIES.
COASTWATCHER ESTIMATED 233 JAPS REMAIN IN KISEUL BAY AREA.
NIGHT 25/26TH TREASURY LCP GUNBOAT SHELLED AND BLACKCAT.
BOMBED TOISHA SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE.

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From: CO, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Mouneua, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No. 6839, 25 March 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMZENSOPAC.

B-24's hit Ratavol supply area, northwest Rabaul, with 380 centuries at 1200L, 177 hits in area causing 3 small, 1 large fires, 10 buildings hit, heavy flak damaged 4 planes.

7 B-24's turned back by weather from Ratavol strike dropped their load on Kahili with results unobserved, another same type plane bombed Buka.

24 B-25's scheduled for Ratavol hit Buka with unreported number centuries, good coverage Chinatown, revetments and runway, 2 columns smoke observed in revet area. Possible radar sighted by 1 barge hunting B-25 at Baniu Harbor, northeast Bougainville.

14 P-39's dumped 12 bombs Komalai Point, Shortland Island, AA received from Baliana. 5 barges and 1 motor launch heading west from Fauro Island at 1650L. Above action 23 March.

Night 22/23, 2 Snoopers dropped 4 1000 pounders respectively on Kavieng and Namatanai.

Photos 24 March:
Lakanai unserviceable with 2 fighters, 1 dive

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bomber;
50% coverage showed concrete and west coral strips unserviceable at Vunakanau with 1 light bomber and 1 dive bomber;

Rapopo, Keravat, Namatanai, Bocpop and Ponapal all unserviceable nil aircraft;

Kavieng serviceable with 1 fighter 2 medium bombers;
169 Barges, 1 float bomber Simpson Harbor;
71 barges Keravia Bay;

Vanapore has 18 barges; 4 buildings destroyed Ratavol.

Air and Ground Summary:

Bougainville covering period from 1500 March 23 to 1500 March 24:

No change in the American Division Sector; Units carrying on long range patrolling. Determined attack launched against Company F, 129th Infantry repulsed after slight break through; estimated 300 Kip dead inside our lines. Attacking Unit identified as 2nd Battalion 45th Infantry. All our lines completely restored. Kips still in force in front of 2nd Battalion 128th Infantry indicating further major attacks. Minor contacts reported in front of 145th and 148th Infantry. Air and Naval support continued throughout the period. Our casualties for 23 March killed in action 4, wounded in action 47, missing in action 1.

ACTION: OPD


Colonel Mathews

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PRIORITY

From: OG., U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
To: War Dept.
Nr. 16818 24 March, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMENSOPAC

Laksmi hit at 1157L with 34 tons from 23 B-25's, scoring 30 hits strip, and 102 hits dispersal area, heavy black smoke followed by explosions from probable burning planes in revetment area, 4 planes damaged by heavy ack ack. 10 B-24's hit Tobere at 1157L, weather prevented observation, AA was meager, inaccurate. Same time, single B-24 hit Buka with results unknown.

3 B-24's bombed Fousitu, causing 400 foot smoke column. 3 same type planes hit south and Kara runway. Kohili hit by 6 B-24's, bombs dropped on runway, revetment area, and possible AA positions. 34 P-39's, P-38's, and F-40's bombed and strafed Laruma River area, with unobserved results. P-39's carried 500 pounders, P-38's carried 2 - 500 pounders, while F-40's carried 1000 pounders.

50 small barges reported along coast Fauo Island, afternoon 22 March. 8 medium bombers at Vunakanau, 4 same type in Rapopo Revets, no other fields covered. All above action and photos 22 March.

Night 21-22, Blue Snooper dumped 4 - 1000 pounders on Kavieng, results unobserved. On 23 March search plane destroyed Jetty 210 miles northeast Kavieng.

Air and Ground Summary.

Bougainville covering.
1500 March 22 to 1500 March 23. Considerable enemy force encountered by patrols from American division in vicin-
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From: CG., US Forces in New Caledonia Nr. 6618
March 24, 1944

ity of southeast slope of hill 250. Aggressive patrolling continues on all fronts in the east sector. Patrol contacts in the west sector indicate large Nip force near our perimeter in front of 3rd Battalion, 129 Infantry, and junction between 129 and 145 Infantry Regiments. Fiji Battalion encountered many Nips while making a reconnaissance in force in front of 129 Infantry. A major Nip attack expected on 24 March on fronts of 129 or 145 Infantry, or both. Air and Naval support continued throughout.

Our casualties for 22 March: Killed in action - 1, wounded in action - 21.

Green Island:
Bomber strip cleared for 7000 feet with 70% rough graded, 3100 feet sown seed for 150 feet wide.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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GEN. VANDEGRIFT

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From: CG US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area Fort Shafter TH
To: War Department
No: 6794, 23 March 1944
Chief of Staff from COMENSOPAC.

24 B-25's at 1128L dumped 352-100 pounds on Lakunai, 100 hits on runway remainder in revetment area, 4 planes damaged by heavy moderate flak.

8 F-35's, 11 F-39's and 12 B-24's hit Lakunai at 1130L with quarter tonners each, 5 hits on runway, 6 on taxiway and 14 in revetment area; medium AA knocked 1 F-39 down, report 2 Bettys in Revet Area, 22 B-24's dropped 575 centuries Vunakanau at 1130L, intense accurate and ack dam-
aged 10 planes, good coverage of runway and revetment area, 3500 feet of paved strip still serviceable. 14 F-39's bombed targets Vunakanau, results unobserved. 4 F-39's bombed bridge south of Maio, unobserved results. 3 B-24's bombed Momototo with 33-500 pounders, 1 fire started. Blue Streaker dumped 5-1000 pounders on Kavieng. All action 21st March. Weather prevented marches. Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period from 1500 March 21st to 1500 March 22nd. Minor patrol con-
tracts in front of 129 Infantry. Results of patrolling indicated no large enemy forces within 1500 yards of our perimeter. Pat-
trol from 164 Infantry contacted estimated Nip company in vic-
inity hill 250 killing 13. Patrol from 182 Infantry encountered 20 Nips north hill 260 and killed all. Air support continued throughout period. Our casualties for 21st March killed in action 7 wounded in action 46. Emireau Island completely occu-
pied by 21st March; no enemy activity.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: COAAF, G-2, Adm. King, Col Mathewson, Gen Vandegrift

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From: 30 US Army Forces in South Pacific Area  
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: 6767 22 March, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC.

24 B-25's dropped 144-100 pounders and 566-500 pounders on Lakunai at 1125L. IAA position silenced by direct hit north east of Sulphur Creek Mouth, 2 planes seriously damaged, 4 slightly damaged.

At 1135L 23 B-24's struck Vunakanau with 276 quarter tonners, 5 ack ack positions bracketed by bombs, coral strip out of commission, concrete strip serviceable for 3400 feet, 7 planes damaged by heavy accurate AA.

12 P-38's at 0950L followed by 12 P-39's at 1135L hit Rabaul supply area with 500 pounders each, causing 1 large fire, inaccurate flak was medium right. 4-39's bombed strafed target Bougainville coast. All action 20th March.

Night 20th-21st March Blue Skooper dropped 5-1000 pounders Kavieng, another Skooper dropped same load Namatanai, unobserved results. Photos of 21st March. 1 fighter, 1 dive bomber, 1 light bomber on Vunakanau, concrete strip unserviceable but cratering being filled, west coral strip serviceable; serviceable Lakunai has 2 fighters and 1 dive bomber; Tobera unserviceable with 3 fighters. Nips replying convey; Rapopo, Borop, Namatanai and Kaviang unserviceable all aircraft; Simpson Harbor has 1 FF, 1 PE, 173 barges plus 9 AK's 50% coverage of Kaviang Bay shelled 56 times. Returning planes from B-24 strike report sighting Sun Tukeanapi Harbor.

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From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Houmea, New Caledonia

No: 6768
22 March, 1944

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 20 to 1500 March 21st. American Division patrols report no major contacts except on hill 260. In 37 Division Sector enemy in force in front of 129 Infantry. Patrols report indications that major Hip strength concentrating on 37 Division front. 51 more dead Hips found. No hostile artillery fire in perimeter during period. Air and Naval support continued. Our casualties 20 March killed in action 8 wounded in action 45 missing in action 2.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAAF
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Adm, King
Col Mathewson
Gen Vandegrift
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From: CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
To: War Department

Number 6751, 21 March 1944

COMGENSOPAC to Chief of HDAPP

22 B-24's hit Panapai with 222 quarter tonners at
1127L, photos showed 39 hits on runway, 28 hits and 2 fires
in south dispersal area, probably burning fuel dump produced
large column black smoke, 1 building damaged, 1 plane
damaged by heavy flak.

Early morning single B-24 harassed Rabaul dropping
15-100 pounders, 15 searchlights caught plane.

24 B-25's at 1130L dumped 288-100 pounders on
Vunapope Area, 3 large fires started with smoke columns
500 feet high, numerous smaller fires started, 9 planes
damaged by heavy accurate AA, uneasy Val Trailer formation
possibly giving correct altitude to ack ack.

10 P-38's at 1117L dropped 1 quarter tonner on
Tavui Point, 9 other bombs same size dumped in vicinity
Gunan (southeast Tavui Point) 2 planes damaged by heavy
moderate ack ack.

12 P-39 dropped quarter tonners each 1 Tavui Point
ammo dump at 1135L, no AA received 2 P-39's strafed house
Skotolan Mission (South West Buka Island) also strafed barge

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Houmae, New Caledonia
To: War Department
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1 mile off Tsimba Mission on Bougainville.

1 P-38 dropped quarter tonner on Shortlands with unobserved results. All action 19 March.

Might 18-19 Blue Snooper bomber Kavieng with unobserved results.

Another Snooper bombed Namutani with results unknown.

Photos of 20 March. 50% coverage of Yungakanau showed 1 medium bomber and 4 light bombers, runways serviceable

Lakunai has 3 fighters and 1 dive bomber, runways serviceable

All aircraft on unserviceable Rapopo or Keramat ** percent coverage Tobra showed 3 fighters, runway serviceable

work continues on Duke of York Airfield

Rapopo to Raluana show 22 barges with 15 other inoperative

5 barges Ambiuwe, 1 barge Feni.

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From: 09 U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Houma, New Caledonia
To: War Department
Number 6751, 21 March 1944

Air and Ground Summary:

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 19 to 1500 March 20.

Patrol from American Division located Nip bivouac area approximately 800 yards south west of hill 250 containing 11 dead Nips, 1 light machine gun, 5 rifles and 2 carbines. Clean up operations on hill 260 accounted for 98 dead Nips; Nips still present in vicinity of hill. Patrolling continued in area forward of 145th and 148th Infantry Regiments with an estimated Nip platoon contacted in the 145th Sector. Nips in considerable force contacted in front of the 129th Sector. No hostile artillery received within perimeter during period.

Air and Naval support continued. Our casualties for 19 March killed in action 17 wounded in action 95 missing in action 2.

Green Island:
Bomber strip 6000 feet cleared, 85 percent rough graded and 2000 feet covered 150 feet wide.

Emireau Island:
Marines made successful unopposed landing at 0830 L

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From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
Number 6751, 21 March 1944

March 20: no Mips contacted as of 1200 March 20.

Light opposition met in landing on Elomusibo Island, off south east coast; no casualties sustained.

Reconnaissance of all roads completed. All areas to be occupied 21st with defenses being established.

No Sig

* Being Serviced

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
SOS
Colonel Mathewson
Admiral King
General Vandegrift
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KAVIENG PROVED A RICH TARGET. THEBombARDMENT PRODUCED LARGE FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS OVER ENTIRE PERIOD 3 1/2 HOURS. PILOTS REPORT CHINATOWN LEVELED AND FEW BUILDINGS LEFT IN KAVIENG. LARGE AMMUNITON STORAGE EXPLODED. NO SHIPPING. DIFFICULT APPROACH IN MODERATE FRONT BUT CLEAR FOR BOMBARDMENT. NO MATERIAL CASUALTIES. A PREMATURE 5 INCH 51 CAL BURST JUST OUTSIDE MUZZLE WOUNDED 2 SERIOUSLY 2 SLIGHTLY ON MISSISSIPPI AND 2ND SIMILAR ACCIDENT SLIGHTLY WOUNDED 2 ON NEW MEXICO. ENELY FIRE INEFFECTIVE DURING APPROACH AND NON EXISTENT THEREAFTER EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL AA. AMMUNITON EXPENDED 1060 14 INCH HC AND 12275 5 INCH. NO REPORT FROM TG 36.3.

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PRIORITY
From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
No: 6632 16 March, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMHESPOAC.

On 14th March 22 B25's covered by 12 P4U's struck Rabaul town with 33 tons bombs, results unobserved, heavy intense AA damaged 4 B25's: same date 23 B24's covered by 12 P4U's struck north Gate front area Simpson Harbor with 69 tons bombs, photos show 11 fires started, heavy AA damaged 1 B24, LAK seen inshore north of Freed Point: same date 8 F39's, 6 P4U's and 10 B25's on shipping provt in Rabaul and New Ireland areas fired 1 barge and damaged 3 more, left 1 coaster in sinking condition, medium AA from Rabaul harbor area: same date 1 B25 bombed Boraop starting a large fire in supply area: same date B24 Snapper missed with 5 bombs on Hesatama: same date B24 Snapper dropped 5 bombs near Fanapal, result unobserved same date 10 F39's bombed Vunakanu, result unobserved: B24 Snapper sighted undetermined number burning barges in Rabaira Bay, Rabaul area: same date 1 B25 bombed Boraop, result unobserved: same date 7 F39's and 7 NZ P40's strafed 2 barges in Kela area also bombed and destroyed bridge over Nivre River, southeast Bougainville.

Photos 15th March: Boraop and Kerava, no aircraft, runways unserviceable:
Kapopo, unserviceable:
Duke of York, work continues on runway:
Tobers, 3 fighters, runway unserviceable, 2 auto AA south of northeast and strip destroyed:

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
       Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: 6532

16 March, 1944

Lakunai, 2 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway unserviceable;
Rabatama, runway serviceable 2700 feet;
Ranava, 2 dive bombers and 2 medium bombers,
runway serviceable, 5 new auto AA 7700 feet south and slightly
east of south and runway;
Simpson Harbor, 3 float planes, 1 float type bomber,
2 AK's and 170 barges;
Kevavia Bay, 40 barges.

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period January 1500 March 14th to 1500 March 15th. Nips reported to have begun to entrench in area 200 yards in front Company C, 145 Infantry. Nips once again hit 129 Infantry effecting slight penetration; Infantry-tank counter attack restored our line killing many Nips. 13 Nips killed by patrol from 164 Infantry approximately 1000 yards southwest of hill 250. Our casualties for March 14 killed in action 14 wounded 83.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CO AAR
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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia.
To: War
No. 6611, 15 March, 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMHISOPAC. Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 13 to
1500 March 14.

On 13 March 22 B25's struck north shore Rabaul harbor
with 31 tons bombs, 1 large fire started, 2 large fires
started at Vunakanu, 3 Mike's seen over east coast New Ireland:

Same date 22 B24's covered by 11 P47's struck Rabaul
with 88 tons bombs, 1 large fire in fuel dump, photos show
1 large and 10 small fires burning; heavy AA damaged 5 B24's:

Same date 10 P38's, 4 P38's and 11 NZ P40's bombed
Vunakanu with unreported number of tonn nag's; 3 buildings de-
stroyed and 4 fires started in supply area:

Same date B24 Spero dropped 5 - ½ tonnag's on
Kavieng, results unobserved:

Same date B24 Spero struck Namatavi with 5 - ½ ton-
nag's, results unobserved:

Same date 2 B24's bombed buildings area at Monoitu
Mission, southeast Bougainville, 1 fire started:

Same date 1 B24 struck Kahili with 4 tons bombs,
result unobserved:

Same date 4 P38's bombed Namgata area, southeast
coast Bougainville, result unobserved:

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To: War
No.: 6611, 15 March, 1944.

Same date 4 P38's bombed Shortlands area, results unobserved.

Photos 14 March:
- Lakatoi, 4 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway serviceable;
- Rapopo, no change;
- Yopopop, no aircraft, runway unserviceable;
- Simpson Harbor, 3 float planes, 1 float bomber, 2 AK's and 216 barges;
- Kerava Bay, 72 barges;
- 1 flak ship in cove north Praed Point, northeast coast Rabaul;
- Vunakanoo to Raluanan Point, 36 barges;
- Other photo missions weathered out.

An ambush by the 132nd Infantry in the vicinity of Mavava encountered Nip patrol killing 3. Our perimeter on hill 260 fully established; considerable number of the enemy observed in the nearby vicinity. Count of enemy dead in the 185th Infantry front in close proximity to our lines on hill 700 now reported as 615; Nip in some force still in area. 10 Nips captured from the 23rd Infantry revealed

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From: New Caledonia
To: War
No. 6631, 15 March, 1944.

that the 2nd and 3rd Battalions 23rd Infantry were wiped out.

Our lines in the 199th Sector have been completely reestablished and wired in; over 300 enemy dead have been counted on wire and inside our perimeter. Our counter battery fire continued with good effect; 90 MM AA guns have been emplaced on our front lines for direct fire with excellent results. Air support against hostile gun positions was constant and effective while destroyers shelled beach defenses in the vicinity of Mavaruia.

Total count of enemy dead in front of our MLR now number 1173; this figure does not include estimates of enemy dead outside of visual sight. Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 13: killed in action 27, wounded in action 146.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: O-2
CG AAF
GEN. VANDEGRIFT
COL. MATHEWSON
ADM. KING
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PRIORITY

From: Noumea, New Caledonia
To: WAR
No. 6598  14 March 1944
Chief of Staff USA from COMENSOFAC. Air and Ground
summary for 13 March.

On 12 March 1 B24 struck Rabaul with 12-Centuries
and 13 frags, results unobserved: same date 22 B25's struck
shore installations North Simpson Harbor with 31 tons bombs,
customs wharf damaged, smoke observed rising 1500 feet along
Malaguna road, intensive heavy AA damaged 5 B25's, 2 B25's bombed
Buka, result unobserved, 11 escorting F4 U's saw 1 Betty and
1 fighter on Lakunai, no interception: same date 18 B24's
covered by 11 F4 U's struck Rabaul town with 72 tons bombs,
large explosions, fires heavy black smoke observed Northwest
customs wharf, other fires same area, intense accurate AA
damaged 6 B24's, no interception but 10 fighters seen scrambling
Tobera, possible sighted East Matupi Island (Rabaul area),
1 B24 reports direct hit on AA position West Boropop runway;
same date 16 P38's, 24 P39's and 24 NZ P40's dropped 16½ tons bombs
into Rabaul town causing 1 large column black smoke from
probable oil dump, 5 explosions north Lakunai, sighted minimum
6 fires already burning, moderate accurate AA damaged 1 P38
and probably shot down missing P39: same date 4 P39's bombed
and strafed gun positions on Shortland Island.

Photos 13th March:
Lakunai, 2 fighters and 1 dive bomber, runway service-
able:

Vunukau, runway serviceable:

Tobera, 7 fighters, runway serviceable:

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From: Noumea, New Caledonia
To: WAR
No. 6598 14 March 1944

Rapopo, no aircraft, no change runways:
Keravat, Boropop, Panapai, Baille and Buka-Bonis all runways unserviceable, 10 aircraft:
Kahili runway under repair:
Kara, emergency landing possible west side of strip:
Kavieng, 1 fighter and 2 medium bombers, runway unserviceable:
Namatanai, no aircraft, runway serviceable 2700 feet:
Reabul Harbor 1 float plane, count incomplete:
Simpson Harbor, 2 AK's, no barge count:
Keravie Bay, 112 barges:
Gunspopo area, 24 barges, fire reported yesterday still burning:
Reabul town area, 20 buildings destroyed customs wharf area, customs warehouses fired and nearby warehouses razed, 30 buildings and many loose stores destroyed north of customs house, several buildings destroyed extreme north Reabul, 15 buildings destroyed Malaguna section, radio station possible hit.

Bougainville covering, 1500 March 12 to 1500 March 13. Nips once again attacked our lines on the right flank of 37th Division and were repulsed with 109 lost dead on wire, searchlights and 50 MM illumination shells were used with excellent results reflecting light against low clouds on our front lines.

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From: Noumea, New Caledonia
To: WAR
No.: 6598
Date: 14 March 1944

Three counter attacks by 129 Infantry with tanks supporting restored our original lines and liquidated at least 100 Nips.

In the East Sector there was no change on the 132 and 164 fronts. Many Nips were killed in mopping up operations on 182 Infantry front in area of hill 260. Our air strikes continued effective work against Nip Artillery while DD's again bombarded enemy installations with good effect. Nip artillery fire has decreased within perimeter.

Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 12:

- Killed in action: 35
- Wounded in action: 213
- Missing in action: 20
- No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
CG AAF
Col Methwoscn
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
No: 6569, 13th March 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMMENSPAC.

On 11 March 24 B25's dropped 27 tons on Rabaul town at 1037L. 96 hits along Mango Avenue, damaged old pier destroyed 2 barges. 5 bombs hit by intense accurate AA, 6 unidentified planes at 13000 feet noted north of Rabaul no interception, sighted Betty heading west over Cape Gazella.

At 1047L 20 B24's dumped 79 tons on Rabaul from 16,500 feet, 81 hits along Mango Avenue, 5 buildings motor park; and supply dump damaged with large fires blazing, 31 bursts in east Chinatown area damaged 9 supply and personnel bligs. these two strikes raised 50 Bldgs along Mango Avenue, 2 B24's damaged by fairly accurate and moderate AA. Twelve P38's furnished cover for both strikes. Blue Snooper dropped 5 bombs on Kavieng receiving heavy and medium inaccurate AA. Namatani bombed by Snooper early morning of 11th and again in evening, unreported results. One B24 hit Kieta supply area starting brief fires. One B24 dropped 4 tons on Kahili receiving meager accurate AA. Photos 12 March show Lakeside serviceable with 4 fighters 2 dive bombers; Tobra has 14 fighters serviceable runway; Rapopo has 31 inoperative aircraft (will be excluded from future reports); No change Duke of York; Namatani serviceable 2700 feet no aircraft; 3 barges Ballale; Kavieng 9 barges; Vunakanu 21 barges; Rabaul Harbor 6 float planes 1 float bomber; Simpson 2 AX's 175 foot; 220 barges; 110 barges Keravia Bay; 50% coverage of Rabaul town indicates 100 buildings destroyed or damaged in strikes on 11 March, few buildings remain that part of town; 8 barges Shortland Faisi area.

CM-IN-8919 (13 Mar 44)
From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
No: 6569; 13th March 1944

Air and ground summary for 12 March.

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 11 to 1500 March 12. Action in the right sector of the 37 Division in the area held by the 145 Infantry resulted in 349 dead nips, many more killed but not yet counted. 3 major attacks developed in front of Company G 129 Infantry causing a slight penetration, many nips were killed. Result of action on hill 260 disclosed a count of 152 dead nips; hill is now occupied by 2 companies of the 182 Infantry. Captured documents indicated a probable attack on eastern nose of hill 608 (134.0-217.8) by elements of the 13 Jap Infantry in conjunction with major attack on front of 129 Infantry. Conservative estimate of enemy dead for last 3 days more than 1000. Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 11, 22 killed and 187 wounded. Naval and air support continued throughout period.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Vandegrift
Admral King
Colonel Mathewson
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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War
No: 6535
11th March 1944.
Chief of Staff USA from CONGERSOPAC.

Search planes strafed and fired upon enemy 90 foot boat being unloaded by natives at Greenwich Island, another search plane scored near misses same boat with 4 quarter tonners, ship left burning and considered a loss. 24 B-25’s hit dock area north shore Simpson Harbor with 5 quarter tonners each starting fires north of oil and coal wharf and Malaguna roads, 2 B-25’s started 1 fire in Rabaul-Talili Bay area, AA moderate and inaccurate damaged 1 plane over Rabaul. 19 B-24’s dropped 36 tons on Rabaul north wharf area starting 1 large fire and many small fires along Malaguny road, 45 buildings hit in north Rabaul personnel and warehouse areas, 10 vehicles and fuel storage tanks fired, 8 tons dropped on Rabeapo strip, 4 tons on buildings southwest of Kepala, 4 tons on Cape St George, 4 tons on Vanua-

anau, no blue escort, no damage to our planes. Blue snooper at 0045L scored 3 hits Kavieng runway, 11 taxi strip. Snooper sank small auxiliary vessel south Greenwich Island at 1430L, 1 B-25 hit Bunakamae results unreported. 1 B-25 hit Buka area. B-24 dropped 3 tons on Kohli destroying 1 heavy AA position. Above action on 9th March.

Night 8-9 March 1 B-24 heckled Rabaul dropping 15-100 pounders, 20 searchlights active, medium AA moderate inaccurate Same night 3 or 4 unidentified planes contacted by snooper off Duke of York Island.

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No: 16535 11 March 1944.

On 10th March 2 squadrons B-25's bombed Mip installations vicinity hill 500 and 501 in Bougainville in support of ground operations. Air and ground summary for 10 March. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 9th to 1500 March 10th. Indications are that enemy is concentrating for an attack in the northern sector in front of the 145 Infantry (2nd Battalion). Patrol contacts continue in areas to front of the 154th and 152nd Infantry. Mips attacked Hill number 250 affecting a slight penetration which was pushed back and our positions were reinforced. DD shelled Mip concentrations east of Torokita river mouth. Our casualties for the 9th were 20 killed and 136 wounded; Mip losses unknown but considered considerable.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Vandegrift
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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War
No. 6468, 8 March 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMHENSOPAC.

On 6th March 24 B-24's with 12 F-38's struck Kavieng-Fanapai Area, 21 of these dropped 62 tons bomb on Kavieng and remaining 3 bombed Fanapai, 4 direct hits on dispersal area and 12 on runway at Kavieng, runway left unserviceable, 2 buildings destroyed Kavieng Town, moderate accurate AA received. Same date 24 B-25's covered by 22 Allied fighters struck Tobera with 257 frag clutters, 6 fires started, excellent hits scored on revetment area, 7 enemy fighters seen on Rapopo, 10-15 barges between Rapopo and Cape Gasella. Same date B-24 swooper struck Rabaul Bay Area with 11 bombs on 8 warehouses, result unobserved. Same date 1 B-24 hit Rabaul with 15-centurions, result unobserved. Same date 3 F-39's strafed Alliang, Shortland Island, result unobserved. Same date 16 F-39's bombed and strafed Nemoit Mission Area, result unobserved. Same date 3 F-38's bombed and strafed Soraken Plantation, northwest tip Bougainville, result unobserved.

Photos 7th March:

Tobera, 19 fighters, runway serviceable
Vunakamau, 2 dive bombers and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable
Lakunai, 6 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway serviceable

CM-IN-5291 (8 Mar 44)

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From: New Caledonia
To: War
No. 6468, 6 March 1944

Air and Ground Summary for 7th March.

Green Island. Fighter strip now in use; 35 aircraft landed on field on 6th March.

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 3rd to 1500 March 4th. /Nips were observed setting up defenses 500 yards north of perimeter in the Larama River Valley./ Prisoner captured by patrol from 182nd Infantry believed to be from 2nd Company, 23rd Infantry. Nip column about 800 yards in length observed moving west about 400 yards east of Porokina River between grids 218.5-219.5. An unknown number of enemy bivouacked at 160.2-216.8 were fired upon by a patrol from 182nd Infantry killing 1. Artillery continued pounding Nip Supply and Bivouac Areas.

7th March, light and medium artillery opened fire on perimeter approximately 080000L impact areas general on and around five strips. Counter battery fire reported silenced some enemy guns. No contact with ground troops on perimeter as yet. Light machine gun and artillery fire falling along right of 37th Division Sector. Indications are that a general ground attack is developing. Strips not yet hit but hits on shoulders burned 1 F-6, 1 other holed with shrapnel.

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Col Mathewson
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
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SINGLE JAP PLANE ATTACKED TREASURY PT'S ENROUTE STATION NIGHT 1ST-2ND, DROPPED 1 LARGE BOMB, 1 FLOAT FLARE NEAR 1 BOAT WITHOUT DAMAGE. PT'S ATTACKED 3 BARCES NEAR PURIATA RIVER SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE. 1 TARGET FLED SOUTH, OTHER 2 RETURNED HEAVY FIRE. CUNBOAT DISINTEGRATED 1 BARCE WITH 3-INCH. OTHER HIT MANY TIMES, LEFT SMOKING, SINKING. ANOTHER BARCE LATER DAMAGED SAME AREA. SAME NIGHT TOROKINA PT'S AND CUNBOATS SHELLED ENEMY ACTIVITY UP REINI RIVER EAST TOROKINA; ALSO STRAFED LIGHTS ON BEACH NEAR PREVIOUSLY WRECKED BARCES. BARCES RECEIVED HEAVY CUNFIRE FROM SHORE. DELAYED REPORT FROM PT'S OP-
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ERATING OFF RABAUL NIGHT 29TH-1ST STATES TOTAL 3 BARGES BADLY DAMAGED, BELIEVE SUNK. 2 BARGES SEEN FULL OF MEN WERE PART OF 6-BARGE COLUMN, APPARENTLY UNARMED, WHICH PASSED THROUGH PT COLUMN. DURING 2ND 2 BLUE DD'S BOMBARDED JAP POSITS MOSICA, SABE AREA. NIGHT 29TH-1ST 80PAC BLACKCATS DROPPED FLARES FOR PT'S OFF SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE, BOMBED CAPE SAINT GEORGE RADAR, GAZELLE HARBOR AND OUR POSITS SOUTH NOTUPENA POINT. MORNIG 1ST B-24'S BOMBED KIHLI, MADE HITS RUNWAY, AA POSITS, STARTED 1 LARGE FIRE. AA DAMAGED 1 B-24. P-38'S BOMBED SOUTHWEST BALLALE AND BUKA RUNWAY. DURING AFTERNOON 110 SBD'S, 71 TFR'S HIT JAP TROOP SUPPLY CONCENTRATING OUTSIDE NORTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER AND NORTH TOROKINA RIVER FORKS, CAUSING SMALL FIRES. P-39'S PATROLLING SOUTHWEST SCUGAINVILLE EVENING 1ST BOMBED, STRAFAED MONQ-
ITU MISSION, SILENCED AA, CAUSED EXPLOSIONS, FIRES AMONG 5 BUILDINGS. F4U'S BOMBED PORTON EAST HATCHIN BAY, SIGHTED POSSIBLE CUNOBOAT CAROLITA HARBOR. GREEN ISLAND FORCES REPORT AIRSTRIP TAXISAYS, HARDSTANDS COMPLETED.
MESSAGE

ADIRALTY ISLANDS AT 3815L/29 9 DD 3 APD LANDED UNITS OF FIRST U.S. CAVALRY DIVISION AT HYANE HARBOR LOD
NEGROS ISLANDS. 6 DD BOMBARDED LANDING BEACH PRIOR TO
LAVING. SAME TIME 2 CLS 4 DD'S BOMBARDED ENEMY IN-
STALLATIONS VANUS ISLAND. ATTACK GROUP REPORTED ORI-
INAL LANDING MADE WITHOUT OPPOSITION. SOLE STRIP AND
DISPERAL AREAS CAPTURED WITH LIGHT OPPOSITION. OUR
CASUALTIES 1 DEAD 4 HOUNDED. THESE NAVAL FORCES HAVE
NOW RETURNED TO CRETIN. A SECOND ECHELON OF 6 LST'S
3 DD 2 DD'S NOW ENROUTE FROM CRETIN DUE HYANE TOMORROW
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NL 101
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<td>Of 8 cargo vessels in Simpson, 3 blew up and sank, 2 were set on fire, 1 left sinking, and direct hits scored on remainder</td>
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<td>54 hits on runway at Lakunai airbase; started 3 large fires</td>
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<td>Attacked Lakunai airfield Hits scored on runway and revetment area. A number of fires were started. Direct hit on freighter off Lakunai.</td>
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<td>Attacked Tobera airfield. Hits on runway and revetment area. Lakunai also attacked. A number of fires were started.</td>
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<td>Lakunai attacked; runway revetment and workshop area will covered. Large fires. Little fighter opposition.</td>
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