WARFARE: SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

January, February, 1944

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28 February 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General
Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAFISPA pass to
COMSOPAC, AMMISCA, AMDELC, C-2241. Signed MacArthur.

Report of operations SOWESPA area period 1300Z/26 to
1300Z/27.

New Guinea:

Wewak: Approximately 30/35 planes reported but Dagua
and Boram by attacking B29's February 26.

Admiralty Islands:

Momote: 15 barges seen along shore, strip reported
unserviceable February 26.

Northwestern area:

Dyuse New Guinea:

Hollandia: Vessels considered destroyer and large
freighter transport with 18 barges and harbour craft reported
February 25.

CM-IN-19891 (29 Feb 44)
TIMOR:
Koepang: 5 possible sea trucks sighted Semace Strait February 27.

PART 2.

Northeastern area.

Land.

Koepang: Active patrolling airdrome and east Mielelek, destroyed machine gun post.

Saidor: Patrol reached Uepler Point (15 miles West). Found additional 20 enemy dead, report contact; Australian patrols found 40 enemy dead Timbe River area.

Naval: PT's sank large barge west Saidor.

Air:


(2) Further 27 B25's to Womb Momote area turned back by weather; 17 B24's to attack same target, 6 turned back, 11 bombed airdrome and dump areas.

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(3) Two reconnaissance B24's harassed Lorengau Momote area.

(4) Patrolling Catalinas bombed barracks buildings Muschu Island.

(5) 12 A20's strafed villages Sepik River.

(6) 4 RAAF P40's bombed and strafed Burui and Marui villages and landing ground (Southwest Wewak on Sepik River) destroyed buildings, started fires.

(7) 8 P39's strafed and damaged 3 barges Madang area. Operations February 27:

(8) Patrolling B24 harassed Los Negros Island.

(9) 20 B24's bombed Tadji airstrip, started fires, caused large explosion, destroyed 9 aircraft, damaged 9 others on ground; some bombs also dropped Modilon Plantation (Madang)

(10) 5 B25's bombed Nubia strip and dispersal areas.

(11) 23 RAAF Vengeances, 14 RAAF P40's bombed and strafed Madang and Alexishafen airstrips, destroyed 2 aircraft on ground, left schooner and barge burning. Northwestern area.


(13) 12 P39's raided villages Southwest Bougainville, 12 Avengers supported ground forces, hit enemy positions Suaa River, Dauntless bombed coastal guns Nivaraka.

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(14) 52 Dauntless, 22 Avengers, 22 B25's, 24 B24's, 17 F38's hit Vunakanu area through day, destroyed numerous buildings, 4 warehouses damaged, piers and repair shops hit, gun positions started fires.

(15) Patrolling Ventura sank small cargo vessel off Duke of York Island, night Catalinas bombed Kessa plantation northwest Bukau, demolishing 2 warehouses, hit gun position Mutupina Point, bombed and strafed loaded barges south Jaba River, bombed Poperang.

Part 3.
Weather. Deep low cloud over northeastern area ranges and inland areas in afternoon and over sea from late evening to after day break, caused thunderstorms and heavy showers; broken middle cloud over seas northwestern area with broken to overcast deep low cloud with frequent showers.

Air.

(1) 9 by 500 lb demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet, 3,000 rounds 50 calibre fired by A20's; 200 rounds 50 calibre fired by F47's; slight light and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(2) 129 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,000 to 4,600 feet.

(3) 4 by 500 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by one aircraft from 6,000 feet, 40 by 100 lb phosphorous, 50 by 30 lb fragmentation bombs, 50 bottles dropped from 14,000 feet, 500 rounds 50 calibre

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fired in strafing from 300 feet by other aircraft.

(4) 6 by 1,000 lb bombs with Daisy cutter fuze, 60 fragmentation bombs dropped; slight rifle fire encountered.

(5) 100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(6) 8 by 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped; 4,500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(7) 18 rounds 37mm, 200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet.

(8) 40 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 20 tail fuzes, 15 bottles dropped from 8,000 to 3,000 feet; 1,400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(9) 160 by 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,500 to 7,000 feet.

(10) 25 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,700 feet; intense medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(11) 42 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 1,500 feet, 13,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Vengeances; 14 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped, 9,400 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40's; slight light and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(12) 54 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 9,500 feet. 9 hung up and salvaged in sea; slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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CG AAF
Admiral King
General Vandegrift
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
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26 February, 1944.

To Chief of Staff War Department CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to COMSHOPSAC AMMISC AMMEL from GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur C 2156.


New Britain:

Rabaul: Photographs February 25th show 25 fighters, 45 154 medium bombers, runways serviceable; in harbour 14 small merchant vessels, 2 submarines, 3 damaged patrol craft, 380 barges.

Wewak Peninsula:

12 barges reported Tawakai Bay by attacking aircraft.

Wevaka: 9 camouflaged bombers, 5 fighters reported but dispersal area by attacking aircraft.

Hansa Bay: 7 single engined aircraft serviceability undetermined sighted in Nubia airfield February 25th.

Northwestern Area:

Timor: 9 observation posts reported attacked by
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Beaufighters on south coast between Benain and Beboeloe Rivers.

Ambon: 23,000 ton merchant ships reported in harbour, 10 fighters Laha, 18 floatplanes, 3 flying boats at Halong

Part 2.

Northeastern Area.

Land:

Cape Gloucester: Patrols extending east report nil contact with enemy at Iboki plantation.

Saidor: Elements 126 Infantry occupied Cape Iris and Warai (3 miles west), also occupied Binsaman (2 miles south
Cape Iris) nil resistance.

Air:

(1) 11 additional RAAF Vengeances destroyed major portion Singor Village west Saidor February 23rd.

Operations February 24th:

(2) 18 B24's to bomb Momote, cloud obscured target: 10 returned base, 3 bombed Karkar Island buildings caused large explosion, 4 bombed Alexi-
shafen destroyed grounded bomber, 1 bombed target.

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(3) Patrolling B-25's bombed and strafed Gasmata, bombers Lorengau, attacked and left medium freighter sinking 12 miles north Cape Matanama.

(4) 2 RAAF Beauforts bombed Mal Mal Mission Jacqinot Bay, RAAF A20 bomb Tui Island east Gasmata, 2 Beaufighters sink barges silenced guns Ubili area.

(5) 4 RAAF Beauforts bombed buildings Cape Dampier.

(6) 4 P39's strafed trails Annanberg area (on Ramu River west Madang).

Operations February 25th:

(7) 2 B-25's bombed Lorengau runway.

(8) RAAF P40's strafed dump area Tui Island, east Gasmata; 2 Beaufighters strafed 12 barges Tuvuli Bay.

(9) 26 B-25's, 21 A20's escorted by P40's and P47's bombed and strafed Boraun airstrip destroyed 9 aircraft strafed 5 others started numerous fires, hit heavy gun positions and stores, bombing excellent.

(10) 23 B-24's to attack Wewak are turned back by weather; 17 bombed Hansa Bay gun positions scored hits, 6 bombed supply dumps Madang, report good.

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Northwestern Area.

Operations:

(11) 9 RAAF Beaufighters strafed villages and observation posts south coast Timor (south Atamboea) started fires.

(12) 7 B24's on shipping search bombed and scored near misses on 3000 ton freighter transport north of Ceram.

SOFAC Forces.

Naval Operations: 5 destroyers bombarded Havieng dawn February 25th, silenced shore batteries started fires dump areas; spotting aircraft reports 1 ship sunk 2 others left burning, several small vessels hit.

Air. Operations February 24th:

(13) 22 Avengers, 60 Dauntless with escort 32 Corsairs, 11 Hellocats, 16 Warhawks exploded ammunition dump demolished buildings caused many fires with 45 tons bombs Vunakanau supply areas; 14 P38's bombed same targets also Cape Gazelle; Corsairs strafed submarine approaching Rabaul.

(14) 22 B25's 19 Corsairs cover hit Tobera Keravat Vunakanau and Rabaul town areas.

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(15) 24 B24's, 19 Corsairs escort unable reach Vanuakau, Bombed Jalu River area north west Cape Saint George; Nil interception Rabaul strikes.

(16) Patrolling aircraft exploded 5 huts Piano Mission, damaged barge south west Bougainville, bombed villages Katsinkoveri south east Bomia, set 2 barges afire Kabakadas west coast New Ireland.

Part 3.

Weather. Broken middle cloud throughout northeastern area deteriorating at night; similar conditions over northwestern area except for deep low cloud with heavy showers over Ceram and Banda Seas and north eastern Arafura Sea.

Air. (1) 22 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; 1200 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 24 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet Karkar Island, 32 dropped from 5400 feet Alexishafen, 8 from 9000 feet Nomote; 3000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Alexishafen where slight light anti aircraft fire encountered.

(3) No details received Gasmata, 2 500 lb 3 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 8000 feet Lorengau, 2 dropped on freighter, 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing vessel from 100 feet.

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(4) 4 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 91 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 4000 feet Malmaul, slight light accurate anti aircraft fire; 4 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet, 1300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Tul Island; 1 250 lb general purpose 5 seconds tail delay bomb dropped, no details rounds fired Ubili area, moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 8 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 180 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 5000 to 3500 feet; 100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(6) No details received.

(7) 4 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay, 4 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 50 feet.

(8) 2600 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40's; 900 rounds 20MM, 3500 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters.

(9) 137 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet by B25's; 78 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 25,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's, intense mainly accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(10) 105 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15500 feet Hansa Bay, 42 dropped from 7000 feet Madang; slight to intense heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire Hansa Bay. Slight light inaccurate Madang.

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(11) 3800 rounds 20mm, 9000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by 6 aircraft from nought height, details 1 aircraft not yet to hand.

(12) 28 500 lb bombs dropped from 8000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire from vessel.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Admiral King
General Vandegrift
SGS
CG/s (Capt. Royal, USN)
Sir John Dill
White House
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To: WAR
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New Delhi
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25 February, 1944.


Admiralty Islands: reconnaissance aircraft report nil activity, both strips unserviceable.

New Britain:

Rabaul: Photographs February 23rd show runways repaired, 23 fighters, 4 dive, 3 medium bombers, 5 floatplanes; in harbour 2 destroyers, 12 small vessels, 350 barges; SOUPAC aircraft attacking later report no interception.

New Guinea:

Wewak: Boran and Wewak runways reported serviceable by attacking aircraft February 23rd, 2 fighters only on Wewak; 3 small freighters reported in harbour.

Northwestern Area:

Belikpapan: Catalinas reported 4 large tankers, 2 other vessels many barges night February 22nd.

End Part 1.

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Part 2.

Northeastern Area.

Land.

Cape Gloucester: 5th Marines patrols active Cape Bagout, 1 Company reached point 45 miles southeast.

Saipan: Elements US 128th Infantry occupied Sien (south Gabum); Australian troops found 80 enemy dead on trails inland from Gall.

Air.

Operations: Delayed report:

(1) 15 P47's strafed and silenced 2 gun

* destroyed 2 trucks Ruri Bay strafed
Bonis, 4 P39's destroyed 2 barges Matchin Bay,
night Catalina bombed barges Mibo River.

(9) 10 B25's bombed Keravat, 9 others hit
Vunakansau started large fires, 16 P38's bombed
Vunapope started fires, bad weather hampered oper-
ations; credit P38's with extra fighter destroyed
Rabaul February 9th.

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(10) Patrolling aircraft bombed villages northwest Bukafoa strafed Cape Henjin, bombed buildings and pier Katherine and Labur Bays and New Ireland, strafed Cape Saint George, light Catalina destroyed 1, left 3 others beached of 6 barges off Milo River; B24 scored hit on 1 of 5 vessels attacked at night 70 miles northeast Eaview, another bombed Duke of York Island.

Part 3.

Weather. Increased fog and middle cloud, average visibility except northern New Ireland where heavy rain hampered operation; thick weather through Banks Sea, elsewhere mainly favourable.

Air. (1) 4,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Hansa Bay by P47's; medium and heavy accurate anti aircraft fire; 3 by 500 lb, 1 by 300 lb demolition bombs dropped from 6,000 to 4,000 feet, 33 rounds 37MM , 1400 rounds 50, 3300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing Madang area by P39's from 100 feet and under.

(2) 30 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 5,000 feet; 2700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 119 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 to 4,300 feet Wewak, 8 bombs dropped Manus Island; moderate to intense medium and heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(4) 1100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet; moderate medium and light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 4 250 lb general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 1,000 feet; 400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet.

(6) 47 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 27 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 10,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Bat; 54 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 4 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 21,300 rounds 50 calibre 50 calibre fired in strafing Dagua; slight to intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(7) 42 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,500 to 1,500 feet, 9,600 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Vengeances; 5,800 rounds 30 calibre fired from minimum altitude by P40's; slight to intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

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INFORMATION: G-2

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OF NEW GUINEA AT (142-08 E); NORTH COAST NEW
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24 February, 1944.

To Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Dept CG
USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC AMMISCA AMNITKL C 2093. Operations
report SOWESPAC area period 1300Z/22 to 1300Z/23 signed
MacArthur.

New Ireland:
Kavieng: Photographs February 22 show 2 fighters 2
dive bombers 3 medium bombers, both runways unserviceable;
5 ship convoy reported heading north east 56 miles east north
east midnight February 23.

New Britain:
Open Bay: Defence works reported under construction
near Toruie mission.

Ubull: 2 destroyers reported 25 miles north night
February 20.

New Guinea:
Hansa Bay: Approximately 20 serviceable barges sighted
between Condor Point and Nubia strip February 20.

Alexishafen: Attacking aircraft report both runways
unserviceable 9/15 unserviceable aircraft.

Rei Coast: Track from Cape Iris westward reported
to show signs of heavy use.

CM-IN-16949 (24 Feb 44)
Northwestern Area:

Timor Sea: Catalina reported attempted interception by 2 floatplanes 130 miles west Cape Londonderry February 23.


Northeastern Area.

Land:

Arawe: Troop of 112 cavalry landed Mielelek (north Arawe), cleaning up small enemy group.

Saidor: Native troops killed further 57 enemy inland from Gali; US Forces attacked west from Mot River bridgehead, captured Teteri, killed 42 enemy found 50 others dead; patrols active south Gajumi; Company 239 Infantry identified in area.

Naval Operations: PT's strafed Talasea Area.

Air Operations:


(2) 21 P4O's bombed and strafed targets Hansa Bay February 19, destroyed barge and lugger, hit jetty, silenced gun battery.

(3) 17 B24's bombed stores and personnel areas Alexishafen February 20, started fires, hit lugger.

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1 other B24 bombed road Mintim area.

(4) Same day 12 P40's bombed and strafed Alexishafen, destroyed unserviceable fighter on ground; 6 P39's strafed and bombed Kulu area (west Bojadjam) destroyed large number huts.

(5) 9 Vengeance raided trails south east Gabumi (Saidor area) scored number hits in villages.

Operations February 22.


(7) 2 P39's strafed villages Talassea area, further 9 Beauforts bombed Pora Pora area, started number small fires.

(8) 18 B24's, 42 B25's to strike Momote turned back by weather, bombed Iboki, started fires, bombing excellent.

(9) 2 P39's strafed boats Bagabag Island.

(10) Further 18 B24's bombed along Modilon road (Madang).

Operations February 23:

(11) 4 RAAF Spitfires strafed islands off CM-IN-16949 (24 Feb 44)
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Gasmsat, 4 P39's strafed buildings Talasea area.

(12) 30 A20's bombed and strafed landing field and adjacent buildings Buri (on Sepik River, southwest New Guinea) started numerous fires, destroyed buildings,

(13) 22 RAAF Vengeances bombed and strafed villages south Saidor, destroyed huts, 12 P40's escorting also strafed.

Solomons:

Naval action: 5 destroyers February 22 sank enemy cargo vessel 60 miles north west Mussau Island, sank old type destroyer 33 miles south west New Hanover, sank large cargo vessel and majority of 9 barges off southern entrance Steffen Strait, shelled Duke of York Island and Kavieng starting fires; allied vessels suffered nil damage. Gunboats bombarded Puriata River area.

Air.

Operations February 22:

(14) 5 Dauntless bombed and strafed targets around Torokina area, destroyed bridge Puriata River, 4 P39's bombed and strafed gun positions and supply dumps Tonolei started large fires, 4 Ventures bombed buildings Namesi Bay New Ireland.

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(15) 47 Dauntless, 23 Avengers attacked shipping near Keleka Bay scored 18 hits on 8 ships, also 12 hits among 20 barges, hit buildings; 24 B25's dropped 35 tons bombs, two 850 tons bombs caused large fires; B24's dropped 63 tons bombs caused 4 explosions 2 fires; returning fighters strafed radio station south Cape Gazelle and radar station Cape Saint George, nil interception, cloud hampered operations, 1 Avenger 1 Dauntless lost due anti aircraft fire, 1 crew safe.


Part 3.

Weather. Mainly favourable with broken middle cloud throughout area but deteriorating towards evening and with frontal zone north of Bismarck Sea; Northwestern area mainly favourable with scattered showers but heavy weather over northeastern Arafura Sea and boundary along Banda Sea.

Air. (1) 10 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 150 feet and under; moderate light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 42 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet; 3700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

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(3) 112 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
    dropped from 14,000 to 8,000 feet Alexishafen, 7 bombs dropped
    Mintjim; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Alexis-
    hafen.

(4) 4 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped
    from 12,000 feet, 8100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing
    by P40's; 4 300 lb, 1 250 lb demolition bombs dropped
    from 500 to 300 feet in skip bombing attack, 6 rounds 37 MM
    2800 rounds 50 calibre, 6800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing
    by P39's; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire
    Kulua.

(5) 18 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
    dropped from 1500 feet; 13,600 rounds 30 calibre fired
    from 100 feet; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 2 1000 lb instantaneous, 4 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds
    delay demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 7,000 feet Kar-
    kar Island, 4 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped
    from 8,000 feet Momote, 1500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing
    Momote.

(7) No details received P39's; 42 250 lb instantaneous,
    2 500 lb, 720 4 lb incendiary bombs dropped from
    11,400 feet by Beauforts.

(8) 134 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
    dropped from 10,000 to 6,000 feet by B24's; 56 1000 lb,
    15 500 lb instantaneous, 35 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay
    demolition bombs dropped from 7,500 to 3,000 feet by B25's

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(9) No details received.

(10) 120 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,200 and 8,600 feet.

(11) 350 20 MM, 1500 rounds 30 calibre fired from 3,000 feet by Spitfires; no details received P39's; Moderate medium fairly accurate anti aircraft fire Gasmata.

(12) 1 250 lb, 77 500 lb 8 to 5 seconds delay, 38 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 27,200 rounds 50, 400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(13) 22 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet, 7,600 rounds 30 calibre fired by 12 Vengeances; 3600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by P40's escort; moderate to intense light anti aircraft fire.

No Sig

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen. Vandegrift
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Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAFISPA pass to
CONSONSPAC, AMMISCA, ANMOD 02059. Report of operations
SOWESPAC Area. 1300Z/21 to 1300Z/22 signed MacArthur.

New Britain: 6 possibly serviceable barges beached in
Ruibeca Bay afternoon February 21.

New Guinea: Sea truck and 5 barges reported of Nubia
by night reconnaissance plane February 20.

Saidor: Elements of 32nd Division holding bridgehead
West Mo River report increasing enemy pressure.

Northwestern Area: Photographs Koe Pang February 21st
show Cesace runway surfaced 3,100 feet cleared 8,000 feet,
nil aircraft; on Penfoel 5 Fighters, 14 new dispersal points;
at Tenau new anti aircraft defences, 3 small vessels 28 barges.

Timor Sea: Reconnaissance aircraft sighted 190 miles
West by North Darwin February 22.

End of Part 1.

Part 2. Northeastern Area. Land
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Gloucester: Patrols reached point 1 1/2 miles South East Cape Rasull; Ite River area reported clear.

Saidor: Australian troops inland from Gall killed 57 found other enemy dead; bridgehead West Mot river enlarged.

Naval: PF's shelled Singor (West Saidor) night February 21st.

Air: Operations February 19th:

(1) Nine A20's attacked and sank destroyer and 1 gunboat West Kavieng.

(2) Nine RAAF Vengeance bombed gun positions Nubia February 18th, next day same aircraft bombed Hansa Bay area, starting fires.

Operations February 20:

(3) Eight B25's 6 B24's attacked shipping Kavieng Area, (refers paragraph 3 operations report covering February 20); 5 other B24's bombed Talasse buildings, 1 bombed Makope.

(4) Patrolling B24 bombed Los Negros Island.

(5) 13 B24's bombed Hansa Bay, Avar strip and supply dumps at Alexishafen, caused fires in target areas.

Operations February 21:

(6) 6 B25's, 2 B24's attacked convoy West New Ireland sank 2 small merchant vessels 1 Corvette.

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also hit and left burning another Corvette, damaged escorting destroyer, later B25 strafed sea truck Gazzelle Channel.

(7) Reconnaissance B24 bombed and sank sea truck off Nubia; 1 B24, 1 B25 bombed Lorengau Airdromes.

(8) 37 B24's bombed Iboki Plantation Rein Bay, destroyed buildings, bombing excellent.

(9) 8 B25's bombed Linga Linga Plantation Eleanora Bay, caused large explosion.

(10) 5 RAAF A20's, 2 Beaufighters bombed and strafed Bivouac area East Cape Hoskins, damaged 4 barges.

(11) 9 A20's bombed and strafed villages Fomnorn Bay, started fires.

Operations February 22:

(12) 9 RAAF Beauforts bombed Camp areas Fone Fona, other bombed Rano Plantation.

(13) 24 RAAF Vengeanceos bombed barge hideouts Wagol River Madang, causes fires, bombing excellent; 12 escorting P40's strafed nearby Siai Island.

(14) 6 B24's bombed roads Madang Area.

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations:

(15) 8 RAAF Beauforts bombed and strafed petrol dumps, radio station and living quarters Timika Area.
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(16) 8 RAAF Beaufighters sank lugger strafed barges, bombed targets on Selaroe Island.

SOUTH Forces. Air. Operations February 21st:

(17) 3 B24’s bombed Kara Area, 2 Dauntless attacked Mibo River targets, 4 P39’s strafed barges Matchin Bay, 4 Avengers destroyed Pier Matchin Bay with rockets, 2 P39’s strafed villages North East Bougainville destroyed buildings.

(18) 1 night B24 harassed Rabaul, next day 47 Dauntless, 24 Avengers hit Lakunai gun positions started fires, 15 B24’s bombed Lakunai, 4 others bombed Rapopo; only 5 enemy Fighters airborne, 2 Corsairs on return started fire on 350 foot ship off New Ireland.


Broken to overcast middle cloud over Solomon Bismarck Seas with weak frontal zone over Northwestern New Guinea Coast and usual general evening deterioration; Northwestern Area mainly favourable except for deep cloud with frequent showers North Eastern Arafura Sea.

Air.

(1) Reported as 50 500 lb, 1 200 and 50 lb ½ to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 2 500 lb bombs returned; 13,300 rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing; intense light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
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(2) 17 500 lb instantaneous demolition, 18 500 lb medium capacity bombs rod extension fused dropped from 2,000 feet; 8,900 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing; slight to moderate anti aircraft fire of all calibres mostly inaccurate.

(3) 16 1,000 lb bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay dropped on, 17,800 rounds 50 calibre 1700 rounds 30 calibre expended against shipping by B25; 32 1000 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped on shipping from 8,500 by B24's, moderate heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire from Kavieng; moderate light and medium accurate anti aircraft fire from shipping; 30 1000 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped Talasea, 6 at Makobe.

(4) 2 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,000 feet.

(5) 5 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 to 11,000 feet Alexishafen, 12 others dropped from 16,000 feet Hansa Bay.

(6) 15 500 lb demolition bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay dropped by 4 B25's from 150 to 50 feet, 4,850 rounds 50 calibre, 1400 rounds 30 calibre expended by same aircraft; 12 1000 lb .025 seconds delay bombs dropped from 6,000 feet; 4,500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by 2 B24's; 4 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped in skip bombing attack by B25, 1500 rounds 50 calibre expended; moderate light and medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 2 1000 lb, 4 500 lb demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet on vessel; 2 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by B24, 3 500 lb bombs dropped by B25 from 9000 feet Lorengau; moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire from vessel Nubia.
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(8) 236 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 7,000 feet; 7 other bombs salvaged.

(9) 35 500 lb bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay dropped from 200 feet; 7,800 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing.

(10) 4 500 lb instantaneous general purpose bombs dropped from 1500 feet; 2500 rounds 50 calibre, 1000 rounds 30 calibre expended by A20's; 2 250 lbs bombs 5 seconds tail delay dropped from 200 feet; 1700 rounds 20 MM, 6000 rounds 30 calibre expended by Beaufighters.

(11) 30 500 lb demolition bombs 8 to 11 seconds delay dropped from minimum altitude; 16,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(12) No details received Pora Pora; 2 500 lb medium capacity, 2 250 lb general purpose bombs all instantaneous dropped from 6000 feet Ranol Plantation.

(13) 55 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 to 1000 feet; 1900 rounds 30 calibre fired by Vengeance, 300 rounds 50 calibre by P40's; slight light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(14) 36 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,100 feet.

(15) 32 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay, 7 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 100 feet; 5,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; moderate light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
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(16) 16 250 lb general purpose bombs 11 seconds tail delay dropped from 500 feet, 5208 rounds 20 MM, 6,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 0 altitude; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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from GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur C-2012. Report of oper-
ations SOUWESPAC Area period 1300Z/20 to 1300Z/21
signed MacArthur.

Bougainville: Indications reported imminent
enemy action around Torokina Perimeter.

New Ireland: 2 destroyers 1 submarine chaser
2 medium freighters both on fire reported from recon-
naisance aircraft off New Hanover afternoon February 21.

New Britain:

Rabaul: Photographs February 21 show 21
fighters Laknumi and Tobera, Yamas advertised Cape
Rokini: Photographs February 21st confirm strip
unserviceable, work abandoned Pora Pora; 2 vessels 3
barges reported off shore night February 20th.

Gasmata: 11 barges sighted evening February
20th.

End of part 1.

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Part 2.


Saidor: Allied artillery dispersed 3 small enemy parties Cape Iris, ground force occupied Gabumi, enemy withdrew across Mot River towards Malbang.

Naval: PT's destroyed 3 large barges west Saidor, sank 3 medium barges Rein Bay.

Air Operations:

1. Delayed report: 7 A20's attacked Corvette Gazelle Channel February 19th scored direct hit, also strafed, P38's escorted.

2. Same day 2 patrolling RAAF P40's strafed and damaged 6 barges along coast south Hansa Bak.

3. 11 A20's bombed and destroyed buildings Cape Moem and Brandi Plantation (Wewak), started fires.

Operations February 20th:

4. 2 P39's strafed and silenced gun positions Garove Island, 1 B24 bombed Karkar Island, 3 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed villages Commodore

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5. 5 RAAF Beauforts bombed Cape Hoskins Headquarters Area, 2 bombed 2 small vessels and 3 barges same area, 2 bombed 2 small vessels and 3 barges same area, 1 Beaufort bombed Puluworm Harbour, 6 other Beauforts dropped flares over target areas.

6. 7 B24's bombed gun positions Rubia stores area in Viter plantation (north Alexishafen).

7. 6 P39's strafed Madang Area left buildings afire, silenced machine guns, also strafed enemy troops crossing Mintjim River.

Operations February 21st:

8. 6 A20's bombed strafed and destroyed huts and houses Karkar Island, 12 others bombed and strafed Manum Island destroyed lugger and 2 barges, hit villages,

9. 13 RAAF Vengeances 7 P40's bombed and strafed bivouac area south east Mindiri destroyed huts, demolished barge, 3 P40's covered.

SOPAC Forces. Land operations: 37th Division patrol returning from Kipes (15 miles northwest Torokina) killed estimated 120 enemy, patrols operating Laruma Area report nil contacts;

Green Island Forces aided by tanks completing mopping up operations; fighter strip under way.
Naval operations: PT's shelled Manne or Namu Mission and Nova Inlet (west Buka Passage); sank 2 barges off Motupena Point.

Air. Enemy action: 4 enemy float planes vicinity Green Island driven off by 1 Corsair and 5 Vengers, 1 float plane destroyed.

Operations February 20th:


11. 35 B25's covered by 56 fighters bombed Lakunai started large fires in revetment areas; nil aerial opposition, 1 B25 lost due anti aircraft gun fire, crew safe.

12. Reconnaissance aircraft attacked submarines off Cape Saint George, bombed Ballale, Mik Mik Island and Sarine (north west Bougainville).

Part 3.

Weather. Frontal zone from Aitape to west, elsewhere Doldrum conditions deteriorating during afternoon; north western area mainly favourable with scattered showers but frontal zone caused broken low cloud with frequent showers over Timor Sea southern Banda and north eastern Arftra Sea.

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Air.

1. 19500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 3200 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing.

2. 2000 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing; intense inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

3. 25500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 11,500 rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire from Boram.

4. 21000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Karkar Island from 3000 feet; 2250 lb general purpose bombs dropped 500 feet; 1500 rounds 20 MM, 700 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing Hoskins Area.

5. 4500 lb medium capacity, 4250 lb semi armour piercing bombs dropped on shipping, 19500 lb medium capacity, 10250 lb semi armour piercing bombs on Gavvuu, 2500 lb, 2250 lb bombs Pilleborn Harbour; 424.5 inch reconnaissance flares dropped.

6. 171000 lb demolition bombs dropped; slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire encountered.

7. No details.

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8. 33 500 lb, 2 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 11,200 rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing.

9. 22 500 lb medium capacity 1 to 10 seconds delay bombs dropped from 2000 to 1000 feet, 52,000 rounds 30 calibre spent by Vengeances; 6 500 lb, 1 360 lb one tenth second delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude 4400 rounds 50 calibre spent by P40's.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen Vandegrift
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MacArthur,

New Ireland: 2 destroyers, 2 small freighters
sighted on westerly course in Kaut Bay afternoon February 19.
Two destroyers sighted heading up coast off Katherine Har-
bour February 20.

New Britain: Rabaul: 3 submarines, 1 tanker, 1
medium 13 small merchantmen photographed in harbour February
19.

Cape Hoakina: Small freighter sighted off end of
strip evening February 19; warship reported on south westerly
course off Loibau Island afternoon February 20.

New Guinea: Wewak: 1 medium, 2 small freighters
sighted course 290 degrees early morning February 20.

North Western Area: Halmahera: photographs show
4,500 foot strip cleared Sofifi (opposite Ternate) clearing
Morotai Island.

Ceram: 21,000 ton freighters 5 barges sighted off
island February 19th.

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End of part 1. Part 2:

Northeastern Area.

Land, Arawe: quantity enemy equipment and supplies captured Itne River Area.

Cape Gloucester: patrols reached Cape Ratult captured 7 prisoners.

Siador: minor patrol contacts reported Gabumi Area; 5th Australian Division troops killed 12 found 208 dead inland from Gauss Point.

Naval: PT's sank 2 large barges Kein Bay, sank 1 damaged another of 5 large barges off Cape Beachey, received heavy fire from shore and barges.

Air, Operations February 19th:

(1) 12 B25's attacked convoy in and south of Gazele Channel, sank 12,000 ton vessel, 1 SNA truck 2 patrol craft, 1 Corvette, 1 barge, damaged medium freighter transport strafed destroyer.

(2) Reconnaissance B25 sank 1500 ton freighter damaged another, also damaged SNA truck Gazele

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To: COMSOSORAC

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Operations February 20th:

(3) Preliminary report: B24's sank 11,000 ton, 12,000 ton freighter; reconnaissance B25 sank 1 1500 ton vessel, damaged 2 others everywhere Area.

(4) Reconnaissance night B24 bombed and left-sinking 6,000 ton freighter 27 miles north But Stop.

(5) 15 RAAF Vengeance bombed personnel areas Nubia plantation (Hansa Bay), 12 escorting P40's strafed same area silenced 5 gun positions.

(6) 6 RAAF Vengeance dive bombed dump areas north west Aiyau (Mintjem Valley), 6 P39's bombed and strafed enemy positions Kulau Area (23 miles west Bogadji).

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations:

(7) 18 B24's bombed runway and dispersal areas Laha airstrip caused numerous fires and explosions visible 60 miles.

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SOOPAC forces. Air. Operations February 19:

(8) 6 Avengers, 4 Dauntless bombed strafed and rocketed targets around Torokina Perimeter, destroyed bridge over Hongora River (south west coast).

(9) 48 Dauntless, 23 Avengers to attack shipping Simpson Harbour, cloud prevented, attacked Lakunai air-drome scored 3 number hits on gun positions, Avengers fired rockets, 1 of 20 enemy fighters intercepting shot down by bombers, Allied fighter cover shot down 22 of 50 enemy fighters engaged probably destroyed 1 other; returning fighters shot down enemy floatplane over New Ireland; 1 Corsair missing.

(10) 6 B-24's bombed Lakunai, 18 others dropped 52 bombs on Tebora, left runway unserviceable, 3 of 16 Interceptors were shot down by bombers, 2 others were probably destroyed by escorting fighters.

Part 3.

Weather. Deep low cloud over ranges in afternoon and evening and over sea at night through northeastern area, considerable cloud along north coast New Guinea; wall broken middle cloud extended over northwestern area, low cloud with rain developed at night.

Air.

(1) 60 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition

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bombs dropped from 100 feet and under; 21,700 rounds 50, 6,200 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; light to intense light and medium accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 4 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 3,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(3) No details.

(4) 2 by 1,000 lb **** by 500 lb demolition bombs dropped from 1,500 feet; slight light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 30 by 500 lb demolition .025 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 3,000 to 1,000 feet, 3,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Vengeancem 12,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by P40's; slight to moderate inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(6) No details received.

(7) 77 by 500 lb incendiary, 231 by 120 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 13,600 to 9,000 feet; moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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and AMHACA 0 1883. Report of operations SOUSAFAC Area.
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Bougainville: Nil contact reported 5,000 yards
north Torokina perimeter.

New Ireland:
Kavieng: 2 medium 1 small freighter reported
midday February 17, barges only following afternoon.

Daul Island: 1 medium 2 unidentified vessels sighted
heading south east 25 miles to south morning February 17.

New Guinea:
Wewak: 6/10 bombers sighted Boraem February 16.

Kansa Bay: 8 barges sighted Oear Avar Point morn-
ing February 17.

Northwestern Area:
Kai Island: Photographs Feb 17th show 8 fighters
5 bombers, 9 new bomber revetments Langgoer; Yaan and Doeroa
runways serviceable, partly cleared 5600 foot runway Letfoean
(6 miles south west Langgoer).

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Northeastern Area:

Land:
Saibor: 5th Australian Division troops killed 155 found 53 others dead on trails inland from Gali; 2 light raids on US Forces south west Saibor repulsed.

Air: Enemy action: Light raid Arawe, no damage.

Operations February 16:

(1) 16 P40's bombed gun positions Wewak Area, runway Baram, scored damaging near misses on small freighter off Kairiru Island, also strafed targets.

(2) 18 RAAP Vengeances P40's bombed and strafed villages Yaga Yaga Area (south Saibor) destroyed huts started fires.

February 17:

(3) 39 B24's to attack Fanapai Airdrome, 16 failed reach target due weather bombed Talasea with excellent results, 5 salvoed bombs, 18 hit target left large craters in runway.

(4) 16 B25's attacked shipping off New Hanover (refers paragraph 3 preceding report).

(5) 1 B24, 2 B25's on reconnaissance bombed Karkar Island and buildings Hansa Bay.

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(6) 2 P39's strafed roads south Madang hit trucks hit buildings Madang Airdrome.

Operations February 16:

(7) 28 RAAF Beauforts led by 5 path finding A20's bombed Gavu Area (Cape Hoekina), excellent bombing.

(8) 2 P39's strafed villages Talasea Area.

(9) 7 P40's, 6 P39's bombed and strafed villages Madang Area, hit personnel and buildings, silenced gun positions.

Northwestern Area.

Operations:

(10) 3 RAAF Hudsons bombed Manatuto, left bridge burning.

SOUTHFORCE Forces:

Lands: Allied Artillery active Torokina Area.

Green Islands: Major Portman Dokomian and Tangalan Plantations captured, also occupied Serot Islands.

Naval: Preliminary reports:

Surface forces shelled Kavieng Harbour and supply areas for 50 minutes dawn February 16, runway hit, shore batteries silenced, tanker blown up and small shipping hit; no damage sustained from shore.

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fire. Early same morning surface force surprised Simpson Harbour, shelled Rabaul and Yangape troop areas, silenced shore batteries No damage Allied vessels, smoke screen covered force.

Air. Operations February 17.

(11) 4 Dauntless 2 Avengers hit bridge, strafed, new bivounas in Empress Augusta Bay Area, Corsairs strafed barges south coast, 4 Helcats strafed Radar Station Cape Saint George.

(12) 47 Dauntless 23 Avengers attacked shipping Kerava Bay, scored 19 direct hits, 15 near misses on 12 vessels including 1 tanker 4 cargo vessels (possibly sunk) 2 destroyers and 1 patrol craft, also scored hits among 20 barges, hit naval gun; escorting fighters shot down 8 enemy 2 others probably; 2 Corsairs, 2 Dauntless missing.

(13) Night Catalinas bombed targets Buia Island.

Weather. Broken to overcast cloud with rain areas and flying conditions at times below average, areas of thick weather through central regions; Monsoon prevails throughout Northwestern Area but average flying conditions except for evening deterioration.

Air. (1) 32 300 lb demolition bombs dropped from 17000 to 9000 feet; 2200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.
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(2) 35 500 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 2000 to 1000 feet; 4600 rounds
30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate
anti-aircraft fire.

(3) 11/4 1000 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 15000 feet Papalot, 35 jettisoned
in sea; 65 1000 lb instantaneous, 24 1000 lb
1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped Talaia
from 12000 to 9000 feet; slight to moderate heavy
and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Papalot.

(4) 25 300 6 to 5 seconds delay demol-
ition bombs dropped from 1000 to 150 feet; 25,200
rounds 50, 1000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing;
slight light anti aircraft fire.

(5) 4 500 lb, 4 500 lb 6 to 5 seconds de-
lay, 6 500 lb .085 seconds delay bombs dropped
from 10,000 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti
aircraft fire Hansa Bay.

(6) No details received.

(7) 100 250 lb general purpose, 57 500
lb medium capacity bombs dropped from 11,500 feet
by Beauforts; no details received A20's.

(8) No details received.

(9) 7 500 lb bombs dropped from 7,500 feet.
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7500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude by P40's; no details received P39's.

(10) 15 100 lb demolition bombs, 30 4 lb incendiaries dropped from 1000 feet, 1 hung up and returned; 10,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Add to Paragraph 4 preceding report another 4 500 lb demolition bombs dropped.

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New Hanover: 2 destroyers 1 large transport 4 small freighters sighted heading south east north west Cape Matanamem afternoon February 16th; 3 small freighters, 1 destroyer sighted anchored in Torre Island Harbour, north New Hanover morning February 17th; 2 light cruisers, 1 large transport reported on south easterly course south Cape Matanawen morning February 17th.

New Guinea: Wewak: 1 medium vessel 3 seaplanes reported in area February 15th.

Saipan: Further 346 Japanese reported passed through Tarikman February 15th.

North Western Area:

Kai Islands: 2 seaplanes reported in Dola Bay.

Banda Sea: 1 merchant vessel 2 small escort vessels sighted course 025 degrees south Banda Islands February 16th.

Philippines: 3 large 2 medium merchant vessels reported heading north by east off east coast Mindanac.

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North Eastern Area.

Land: Arawe: 128th Infantry in contact with enemy positions half mile north east Gabumi.
New Britain: Patrols active east Cape Gloucester and from Arawe Area.
Naval: PT's shelled possible enemy camp sites on Fulie River (Arawe).

Air: Enemy action: Raid Cape Gloucester midday February 16th caused some damage to shipping, some casualties. Ineffective raid Arawe. Operations February 16th:

(1) 38 B24's to attack Kavieng Airdrome:
2 bombed Garove buildings, 2 destroyed buildings Talaose, 6 hit cloud covered Panapai, 26 bombed target hit gun positions and runway

(2) 65 B25's to attack shipping New Hancover Area, 22 found nil targets bombed and strafed buildings installations Garove Island with excellent results caused explosions and fires, 43 skip bombed shipping destroyed 7500 ton tanker, 2 2000 ton merchant vessels, 2 Corvettes.

Operations February 17th:

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(3) Preliminary report: B25's attacked shipping near New Hanover sank 2 2000 ton merchant vessels, 1 500 ton vessel and probably sunk submarine.

(4) Reconnaissance report B25's bombed and damaged subchaser off New Ireland, scored near misses left sinking 1 2000 ton freighter 45 miles west New Hanover.

(5) Six RAAF Vengeance bombers and strafed stores area Alexishafen, 8 escorting RAAF P40's also bombed and strafed area caused fires and damaged Lugger.

(6) 2 RAAF P40's strafed 18th Army Head-quarters Umbron Mission (Madang).

(7) 8 P39's bombed and strafed enemy positions upper Mintjin Valley; Squadron RAAF P 40's raided enemy motor pool on Yaula Bogadjim Road.

Solomons.

Land: Allied patrols in strength attacked enemy positions vicinity Laruma River killed 30, other patrols active to south and east report large number enemy patrols in area.

Naval: PT's shelled Mosiga strafed targets Buka Island, engaged barges east Bougainville sank 1.

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Air. Enemy action: Light raid Green Island night February 15th; next night Venturas destroyed 2 enemy float planes in area. Operations February 16th:

(6) 2 Corsairs & Dauntlesses raided Mubo area, strafed gun positions Kehili, Ezra and Ballale.

(9) Patrolling aircraft sank 2 barges southeast Bougainville strafed targets Buka area, patrolling fighter shot down enemy bomber Buka.

(10) 12 B24's bombed Vunakanau runway and revetments damaged 3 grounded bombers, nil interception.

Part 3 Weather.

Increased cloud and frequent rain along north coast New Guinea and Bismarck Sea, many showers Solomon Sea; broken middle level cloud with rain Arafura Sea, bad weather at night.

Air.

(1) 42 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 18,900 feet Panapai; 153 1000 lb instantaneous demolition, 26 1000 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped Kavieng from 18,900 to 12,000 feet; 12 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Talasea from 17,000 to 11,700 feet; 7 1000 lb 1/10th second delay and 7 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Daroe Island, 7 jettisoned.

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at sea; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 28 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition
bombs dropped from 1000 feet to minimum altitude; 86,400
rounds 50, 14,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing;
mainly slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire from
shipping and shore.

(3) No details received.

(4) 4 500 lb, 2 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped
from 1500 feet.

(5) 12 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped
from 1500 feet, 3100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by
Vengeances; 9 500 lb bombs dropped, 5000 rounds 50 calibre
fired in strafing by P40's; slight light inaccurate anti
aircraft fire.

(6) 800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(7) 8 250 lb demolition bombs dropped from 2000
feet; 142 rounds 37mm, 300 rounds 50, 2900 rounds 30 calibre
fired in strafing from 50 feet by P39's; no details received
P40's. Refer paragraph 16 report covering February 15th;
9,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat by P47's and 16 P40's.

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From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, COMGEN Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, CG AMHISCA, CG AMIPML. Report of operations BOWESPAC Area period 1300Z/15 to 1300Z/16 signed MacArthur.

New Hanover:

Night reconnaissance plane reported 14 vessels with possibly further 8 vicinity Nassau Island midnight February 15.

2 destroyers, 1 large 2 small merchant vessels sighted heading south east off Cape Matanama late afternoon next day.

New Britain: Rabaul:

16 small cargo vessels 390 barges photographed in harbour February 15.

Talasea:

Floatplane reported landing Garua Harbour.

New Guinea: Wewak:

12 landing barges reported 15 miles north west early morning February 16.

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Saidor:

Total 985 enemy reported moved west from Tarikgan (12 miles south by west Saidor) from February 13 to 15.

Northwestern Area: Balmahara:

Photographs Cape Lolo Beta show 4500 foot strip probably serviceable with dispersal area; Considerable activity head Wasile Bay with 3 new jetties.

Northeastern Area: Land. Cape Gloucester:

Patrols found 57 enemy dead between Cape Menzing and El River, engaged small enemy force east El River killed 5 of 8 captured rest.

Atlee:

Artillery destroyed enemy machine gun; Second defence position south west Saidor contacted.

Air. Operations February 15:

1. 24 A20's, 71 B25's attacked Kaviang (see paragraph 1 preceding report), additional 13 B24's bombed Panapai and 12 others falling reach primary target bombed and destroyed buildings Talasea.

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(2) 4 P47's strafed Hansa Bay Area destroyed truck.

(3) Reconnaissance night B24's bombed and damaged 2 small freighters off south coast New Hanover, badly damaged 1 merchant vessel hit destroyer 27 miles north west Mussau Island, harassed Kavieng Town starting fires.

(4) Night Catalinas hit and left 8,000 ton tanker beached west New Hanover, hit and badly damaged 6,000 ton cargo vessel same area; also strafed and damaged 10 barges off Mussau Island.

Operations February 16:

(5) 5 RAAF A20's bombed enemy headquarters A/JDF at Cape Hoskins, bombing excellent.

(6) 25 RAAF Beauforts continued attack on Wunung Plantation, 3/43 at Jacquinot Bay, caused explosion hit bridge, bombing excellent.

Northwestern Area. Air Operations:

(7) 11 Dutch B25's bombed Ambon Jetty and Barracks. Area started numerous fires, silenced gun positions, shot down 1 of 2 intercepting fighters.

(8) 14 B24's to bomb Malong, 1 returned due engine trouble, 2 failed take off, 1 bombed Baoekoe Runway, 1

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bombed Sumaki, 9 bombed target area caused explosions
started large fires hangar and dispersal areas.

(9) 5 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed Doka
Urat Runway (Trangan Island).

Solomons. Air. Enemy Action:

2 aircraft ineffectively bombed Treasury Island.
15 enemy dive bombers unsuccessfully attacked shipping Green
Island, Allied fighters shot down 6.

Operations February 15:

(10) 6 Dauntless bombed bridges Marirjci River, hit
targets outside Allied positions Empress Augusta Bay;
11 B24's failing reach Rabaul bombed Kahili.

(11) 20 B24's bombed and left Borpop Runway un-
serviceable, hit gun positions.

(12) Further details Rabaul strike February 14:

28 B24's bombed Papopo revetment areas, 30 B25's
bombed Vunakanau, cloud obscured results, covering fighters
shot down 1, probably destroyed another or 20 interceptors.

(13) Next day 23 B25's bombed Vunakanau, report good
pattern over airdrome, 9 of estimated 50 enemy interceptors
were shot down, 2 others probable;
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1 P-38 lost; pilot safe.

(14) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed islands east of Buka Passage and Motupena Point. Weather: Deep low cloud and heavy showers north of New Ireland; broken to overcast cloud northern Bismarck Sea; broken to overcast low cloud and showers eastern Aruafara Sea, overcast middle cloud Banda Sea.

Air:

(1) 87 by 500, 3 by 300 lb & 5 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 4 by 500 lb bombs jettisoned, 4 rounds 50 calibre fires in strafing by A20's;
33 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 97,100 rounds 50, 11,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by B25's;
Slight to intense accurate and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres;
84 by 1000 lb .025 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 18,000 feet Fanapai, slight mostly accurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres;
84 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet Talasea, slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire from nearby island.

(2) No details received.

(3) 2 by 1000 lb, 4 by 500 lb bombs dropped from CM-IN-12177 (17 Feb 44)
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1500 feet on vessels New Hanover, moderate light accurate anti aircraft fire from larger vessel;

2 by 1000 lb, 4 by 500 lb bombs dropped from 2000 feet on merchant vessel and destroyer Nussau Island, intense light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire from destroyer;

13 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition, 30 by 20 lb fragmentation, 2 by 100 lb incendiary clusters, 28 pairs bottles dropped from 10,000 feet Kavieng;

Slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) No details received.

(5) 16 by 250 lb, 4 by 500 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 50' feet;

1900 rounds 50. 500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(6) 90 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 34 by 500 lb medium capacity bombs dropped from 12,500 to 10,200 feet.

(7) 55 by 120 lb fragmentation clusters, 11 by 150 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 9500 to 6500 feet;

Moderate medium and heavy anti aircraft fire some accurate.

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(8) 81 by 500 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 13000 to 9000 feet Halong, 9 dropped Svamalik, 8 Haroekoe; intense medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) 16 by 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 2 jettisoned in sea; 1650 rounds 20 MM, 2900 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; Nil anti aircraft fire.

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15th February 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAF-SIWA pass to COMSOPAC, ANMEEL, AMMISCA C 1732.

New Ireland: Kavieng: 13,000 ton cargo vessel 6 small freighters reported in harbour afternoon February 14; photographs February 14 show Kavieng runway unserviceable, Panapaí serviceable.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs 2210Z/13 show 110 fighters 30 dive bombers 20 medium bombers.

Bismarck Sea: Submarine sighted heading south east by south Manus Island, another 20 miles off Pinsiachen February 14.

New Guinea: Hollandia: Photographs February 12 show 33 fighters 65 light bombers 56 medium bombers on 3 airbases.

Aitepe: 6 small vessels sighted on south westerly course 50 miles north early morning February 14.

Report of operations SOUWESPA area, 1300Z/13 to 1300Z/14 signed MacArthur.

Wewak: Fighter patrol morning February 14 reports

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nil aircraft but Boram, 25 to 30 Dagua 5 Wewak.

Hansa Bay: small merchant vessel 21 barges sighted

Part 2.

North Eastern Area: Land: Cape Gloucester: Marines
established perimeter Gorisi, patrolling east cape Mensing.

Air. Enemy action: 2 light raids Arawe morning Feb-
uary 14, nil damage, 2 predawn raids Cape Gloucester same
day, 1 enemy aircraft destroyed by anti aircraft fire; enemy
aircraft unsuccessfully attacked PT's north Karkar Island.

Operations February 14:

(1) B24 bombed Kavieng predawn, at midday 36 B24's
covered by P38's raided Panapai and Kavieng airdromes hit
and left runways unserviceable, silenced gun positions, started
fires in stores areas.

(2) 93 B25's continued their medium level attacks
on Momote airdrome and adjacent areas, excellent bombing
further wrecked runway, started fuel fires.

(3) Night Catalina attacked 1,000 ton freighter tow-
ing 1 barge off Sepik River mouth, left vessel beached and
sinking.

(4) 23 RAAF Beauforts escorted by P40's bombed

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bivouac and dump areas Fona Fona, bombing graded excellent.

(5) 3 P38's 1 P47 strafed targets Talasea area, 3
RAAF A20's bombed Cape Biercey area caused large explosions
and fires.

(6) Reconnaissance B24's bombed Garove and Karkar
Islands.

(7) Preliminary report: 22 A20's raided Dagua air-
drome damaged 2 aircraft on ground, started fires; 20 enemy
fighters ineffectively intercepted, escorting fighters shot
down 6 enemy probably destroyed 1 other.

(8) 2 RAAF P40's strafed stores and village Erima
Plantation, started fires.

Solomons, Land. Preliminary report; SOUPAC forces
successfully landed Green Island evening February 14
encountered only slight opposition.

Naval: LCM gunboat bombarded Kosiga.

Air. Enemy action: aircraft attacked allied PT's
west Buka, caused home damage, raided Treasury Island causing
damage.

Operations February 13:

(9) 4 Dauntless raided Aitaru area destroyed buildings.
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(10) 8 Avengers bombed Rabaul targets before dawn, at midday 51 Dauntless, 24 Avengers hit Vunakanau runway and gun positions destroyed 2 bombers, of 12 enemy fighters intercepting 1 was probably destroyed, 30 to 40 enemy fighters engaged Allied fighters, 7 were destroyed 4 more were probably destroyed, 3 Allied aircraft lost.

(11) Same time 20 B25's attacked Tobera runway and dispersal areas, started fires, nil interception.

(12) Same time 23 B24's bombed Lakunai, scored 20 hits on concrete, 88 hits on or near mat destroyed buildings, damaged 6 grounded fighters.

(13) Reconnaissance aircraft destroyed barge Rabase Island, bombed island west Buka.

(14) 1 fighter claimed probably destroyed Rabaul February 12, now assessed as definitely destroyed.

Part 3.

Weather. Thick weather over Vitiac Strait but favourable elsewhere except for frontal zone approaching from north western New Guinea; north western area mainly favourable except for frontal zone with rain areas over Banda Aracora Seas.

Air.

(1) 68 by 1000 pound general purpose 1/10 second
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delay bombs dropped from 16,500 feet by B24's; slight to
moderate, medium and heavy, inaccurate anti aircraft fire
encountered.

(2) 72 by 1,000 pound, 170 by 500 pound 1/10 second
delay 21 by 1,000 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from
8,500 to 7,300 feet; 11,050 rounds 50 calibre expended in
strafing from 100 feet; only slight machine gun fire encount-
ered.

(3) 4 by 500 pound general purpose, 30 fragmentation
bombs dropped from unlisted altitude, 1800 rounds 50 and 30
calibre expended in strafing.

(4) 27 by 500 pound general purpose, 17 by 500 pound
medium capacity, 86 by 250 pound general purpose instantaneous
demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet.

(5) No details P38's or P47's; 8 by 250 pound general
purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 50 feet
by A20's; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire encount-
ered Cape Beechey.

(6) 6 by 500 pound 1/10 second delay bombs dropped
from 15,000 feet.

(7) No details received.

(8) No details received. Refer paragraph 5 of pre-
ceeding report; 716 by 23 pound parafreges, 41 by 300 pound,

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2 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from un- 
stated altitude; 33,950 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing. 
Refer paragraph 8 of operations report covering 12/13 February; 
137 by 500 pound, 2 by 300 pound, 2 by 250 pound 4 to 5 seconds 
delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 47,850 rounds 50 
calibre spent in strafing. 

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From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, COMGEN
Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, CG
AMMDEL, CG AMMISCA, CG 1687.

Report of operations SOUESPAC Area. 1300Z/10 to
1300/13 signed MacArthur.

New Ireland:

Submarine sighted 20 miles North Nissan Island
heading southeast morning February 13.

Kavieng:

One destroyer 3 small merchant vessels several
barges reported by attacking aircraft February 13.

Admiralty Islands:

Three seatrucks reported Lorengau morning February
10.

New Britain:

Large barge on Easterly course sighted south Mont-
tacue Harbour midday February 13. Rabaul photographs 2215Z/
12 shows 47 fighters Lakwai, 49 fighters Tobere, 17 dive
bombers 21 medium bombers Vanakanau.
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New Guinea:

Wewak Area: Two thousand ton tanker reported
heading Hollandia, possible destroyer and submarine off
Tadji midday February 13, also seatruck off Muschu Island.

Part two.

Northeastern Area. Land:

Arawe:

Artillery active, fired on Mouth Fulie River.

US Casualties to February 14:

Arawe:

One hundred and twenty seven killed, 250 wounded,
8 missing.

Gloucester:

Three hundred and thirteen killed, 858 wounded, 2
missing.

Saider:

Twenty five killed, 48 wounded, 2 missing.

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Naval:

Two destroyers bombarded gun positions Harwath Point and Singer (west Saidor).

Air.

Enemy action:

Light raid Gloucester night February 11 caused some casualties and damage; light raid Arawe next night caused nil damage.

Operations February 13:

(1) Forth two B24's covered by F38's raided Kavieng airdrome left runway unserviceable, destroyed 2 grounded bombers started fires; 1 B24 falling reach target bombed Cape Rokins.

(2) Eighty two B25's bombed Morotai Airdrome and adjacent supply areas caused fires and explosions, bombing reported excellent.

(3) Reconnaissance B24's bombed Morotai and Talasea buildings, B25 hit Garove and Uana Islands.

(4) Two P47's searched open and wide bays strafed barge and burned building, 2 RAAF A20's bombed loaded barge South Talasea, 11 Spitfires strafed buildings Cape Beechey, 16 RAAF P40's bombed gasmata Jetta Area, excellent bombing.

(5) Preliminary report:
Twenty four A20's bombed Tadji airdrome (5 miles South East Aitape) destroyed 7 grounded aircraft probably destroyed 4 others; escorting fighters strafed and
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Left 3,000 ton vessel burning.

(6) Sixteen RAAP Vengeance bombers bombed Sair Island, Madang, scored direct hits village area, escorting P40's strafed Madang Township starting fires.

(7) Six P39's bombed and strafed Cape Tris, 5 others strafed enemy positions Saipa number 2 (upper Mintim Valley)

Solomons. Air.

Enemy action:

Light action:

Light raids reported on Treasury and Torokina slight damage, float plane strafed PT's.

Operations February 12:

(8) Catalinas bombed Mosiga and Siposai Island.

(9) Three Dauntless bombed and strafed barges south Motupina, buildings Kista and Kekere Plantation, 2 Venturas raided huts Numa Numa, 4 dauntless 2 Avengers patrolled Perimeter hit buildings and barge Jaba River.

(10) Fifty nine Dauntless, 23 Avengers, 23 B25's, 21 B24's continued attack on Lakumai, Tobera and Vunakanau, dropped 179 tons of bombs escorted number hits on runways and gun positions, 7 of 40 intercepting fighters destroyed 2 others probable; Allied losses 1 Dauntless 1 Corsair 1 B24.

(11) Reconnaissance aircraft scored hit on small vessel North Rabaul sank barge same area, strafed 3 barges Wide Bay, harassed Jaba River area.

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Weather:

Broken middle cloud and scattered rain Solomon
and Bismarck Seas during day; increased cloud at night,
thick weather over Buon Peninsula; broken middle and
low cloud Arafura sea; unsettled weather Banda Sea.

Air:

1. One hundred and ninety two 1,000 pound
1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 20,000 to 17,000
feet; slight to moderate, heavy and medium, inaccurate
antisomt aircraft fire encountered Kweilung; 6 1,000 pound
instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet
(Hoskins) slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire
encountered.

2. Fifty by 1,000 pound 1/10th second delay,
176 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from
8500 to 8500 feet.

3. No details received.

4. No details received wide and open bays; 8
250 pound general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs
dropped from 1000 to 50 feet, 1300 rounds 50 calibre
spent in strafing Talasea; 400 rounds 20 MM 1400 pounds
30 calibre spent in strafing Cape Bechhey; 16 500 pound
instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 13,000 to
2500 feet Gasmata.

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(5) No details received.

(6) Thirty one 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet 5080 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing Star Island; 2130 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing Madang.

(7) No details received.

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New Ireland: submarine sighted south east Cape Saint George midday February 12th.

New Britain: Rebau: photographs February 11th show 13 small cargo ships 365 barges in harbour other shipping unchanged; 200 fighters on Lakunai, all runways serviceable before strike.

Cape Hoskins: 3 twin engined, 3 single engined, planes sighted in revetments evening February 12th.

New Guinea: Aitape: 10/15 aircraft sighted on Tadji airdrome, others taking off; small freighter sighted heading down coast.

Alexishafen: number 2 strip reported appeared serviceable afternoon February 11th.

Seidor: approximately 800 enemy reported moving west along track south of Seidor during February 10th and 11th.

North Western Area: Enemy reconnaissance bomber

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sighted over Timor Sea.

Halmahera: 1 medium 2 small freighters 1 mine sweeper
sighted heading east by south 75 miles east Cape Lelai. End
of part 2.


Land: Cape Gloucester: Rooke and Sakar Islands
occupied by Marines; patrols on Itma River and Cape Manasing
destroyed large quantities enemy ammunition and supplies.

Ramu Valley: patrol clashes reported upper Mintjim

Valley.

Naval: PT boats used rocket guns against buildings
Mugil Harbour near Cape Croisilles machine gunned floating
dock south Madang night February 11th.

Air: Enemy action: light raid Arawe predawn February
12th; single aircraft bombed PT boats west Guanamu night
February 10th.

Operations February 11th:

(1) Patrolling P39's destroyed 2 small boats Cape
Racult, strafed launch Talasea.

(2) Two RAAF Beaufighters attacked submarine south
east Guanamu.

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(3) Two P38's shot down enemy light bomber over Tadji strip.

(4) Night Catalina hit cargo vessel (3,000 tons) left same listing Wewak Harbour.

(5) Four RAAF P40's escorting Vengeances against Yoga Yoga Village strafed target set huts on fire.

Operations February 12th: strikes against Kavieng and Momote cancelled due weather.

(6) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Momote Jetty Area; another B24 scored hits Tolasea buildings starting fires.

(7) Patrolling P39's strafed boats along coast buildings Tolasea Area.

(8) Preliminary report 46 A20's devastated 3 villages Murik Lagoon east Wewak, destroyed beached float planes exploded fuel dump; escorting fighters, including 12 RAAF P40's, strafed target, silenced anti aircraft guns Bunabub also strafed Alexishafen Airfield.

(9) Reconnaissance B24 bombed village Karkar Island.

(10) Eighteen RAAF Vengeances 12 RAAF P40's bombed strafed bridges supply dumps along Bogadjim Road.
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(11) 8 P39 strafed Teteri Village, west Saidor, starting fires. North Western Area.

Air.

Operations night February 11:

(12) 14 B24's to strike Kendari Airfield; 5 B24's caused explosions fires visible 60 miles, 2 others bombed Dilli starting fires; 5 others jettisoned bomb loads, 2 others returned them.

SOPAC Forces.

Naval gunboat PT's plus cooperating Catalina attacked installations Mosiga, South West Bougainville nights February 9 and 10; PT's attacked barges Choiseul Bay and shore positions Mutupina and Islands west Buka.

Air.

Operations February 11:

(13) 6 Dauntless attacked selected targets Choiseul Island.

(14) 5 Dauntless 2 Venturas attacked targets beyond Torokina perimeter.

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(16) 2 Catalinas struck Nawaita before dawn.

(17) 24 Avengers 36 Dauntless covered by 42 Corsairs 24 Warhawks destroyed 6 barges fuel dump 13 buildings Vunakanu damaged warehouses power plant with 42 tons bombs; 15 B-24's 14 P38's 11 Corsairs escort hit Tobera with 60 tons; 22 B25's escorted by 17 Corsairs 7 Helcats struck Vunakanu with 32 tons; approximately 30 enthusiastic fighters intercepted Rabaul strikes losing 3 definite 5 probables, 1 B25 1 Corsair lost.

(18) Patrolling Venturas set 1 barge on fire Wide Bay, strafed look out post further North.

Weather.

Heavy cloud over Solomon Sctts, deep cloud banks over ranges in afternoon and evening produced showers, broken middle cloud and scattered showers Bismarch Sea; frontal zone with broken to overcast middle cloud with frequent rain patches Arkwura Sea.

Air.

(1) No details received.

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(2) 4 by 250 lb general purpose 1 second tail delay bombs dropped from 800 feet.

(3) No details received.

(4) 3 by 250 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from unstated altitude.

(5) 2,100 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing from minimum altitude.

(6) 6 by 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 8,000 feet on Nomote, encountered slight light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 2 by 1,000 lb, 2 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Falasea from 10,000 feet.

(7) No details.

(8) Incomplete reports give 86 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude by 24 aircraft, 35,400 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing by bombers, 9,000 rounds by fighters.

(9) 2 by 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,000 feet.

(10) 36 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped, 3,400 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing by bombers, fighters dropped 12 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, spent 3,100 rounds 50 calibre in strafing.

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(11) No details.

(12) 43 by 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 13,000 to 9,000 feet on targets 12 by 300 lb bombs returned, 30 were jettisoned; met intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire Kendari, none at Dili.

(13) Reference paragraph 9 preceding report:

Vengeances dropped 23 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs from 2,000 feet; fired 6,000 rounds 30 calibre in strafing.

No Sig.

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To Chief of Staff War Dept to CG Hawaiian Dept to CG USAF to COMSOPAC to AMMEL to AMMSOCA C 1622.
Report of operations COMSOPAC Area period 1300/10 to 1500Z/11 signed MacArthur.

Kwajalein: 1 medium 3 smaller merchant vessels, 1 probable destroyer sighted in harbour midday February 11th; 20 aircraft estimated on airstrip.

Admiralty Islands: 25 barges sighted vicinity Lorengau afternoon February 10th.

New Britain: Rabaul: 40 to 60 enemy fighters reported airborne by attacking S.O.PAC aircraft midday February 10th; photographs harbour showed 2 submarines 2 patrol craft 1 tanker 1 medium 8 small freighters over 300 barges.

Cape Durnier: submarine sighted 40 miles south afternoon February 11th.

Cape Hookins: attacking aircraft February 11th report Hookins strip unserviceable, work proceeding Porapora strip.

Cape Gloucester: patrol to Cape Munsing reports finding 50 Japanese dead of starvation and disease.
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New Guinea: Béagadjim: fighter patrol reports quantity stores Erima Wharf, well used tracks to Cape Herbwarth. End of part 1.


Land: Patrol east Cape Mensing killed 16 enemy took 6 prisoners, located stores and ammunition dumps Kokopo.

Saider: 800 enemy dead counted west of Gali brought known total enemy killed in Buna Peninsula campaign to 8200 with a further estimated 7000 dead; final occupation of peninsula concluded by meeting of Australian 5th Division with US 32nd Division at Yagomi 2330Z/9th referred to in operations report covering February 9th.

Ramu Valley: patrolling continues down Mintjim Valley.

Air. Enemy action:
Gloucester: 2 light raids night February 9th 4 following night, nil damage.
Buna: single aircraft scored near miss on LST, slight damage.

Operations February 10th:

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1. Patrolling B24 bombed Momote runway.

2. Two P39's searched coast east Arawe, strafed larger Palix River and buildings Gesmeta.

3. Twenty four RAAF Beauforts bombed dump areas Amgen River, bombing excellent, started fires; Spitfires and P40's covered.

4. Further 10 B24's bombed Bora Airdrome, 5 others bombed supplies on Vitar Point Alexishafen.

Operations February 11th:

5. Forty six B24's bombed Kavieng Airdrome, scored many hits on runway, destroyed 11 aircraft on ground, hit gun positions and building started fires caused explosions; 3 B24's failing reach target bombed George Island destroyed 10 buildings.

6. Two patrolling B24's bombed Unea and Tingwon Islands and buildings Talasea, 1 B25 bombed installations Cape Dampier.

7. Night Catalinas bombed strafed and probably sank sea truck Jacquinot Bay, also destroyed 3 large 2 smaller barges damaged 2 others Dogumur Bay (south east House Bay).

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(8) Twenty four RAAF Beauforts bombed Pora Pora (Cape Hoskins) dump area bombing graded excellent, started fires.

(9) Twelve RAAF Vengeances bombed and destroyed villages vicinity Yoga Yoga (south west Salam), 4 escorting P47's strafed same area.

Solomons. Air.

Enemy action: light ineffective raid Torokina night February 10th.

Operations February 10th:

(10) Eleven Dauntless bombed targets outside Torokina perimeter, hit Puriau bridge and pillboxes Japa River; 4 P39's burned barge Green Island bombed Bonis, 3 P39's left 2 barges afire Matanikau Bay.

(11) Three pairs Avengers bombed Tobera Rapopo and Lakumai at dawn, 59 Dauntless 24 Avengers attacked Vunakanae mid morning scored numerous hits on runway and gun positions destroyed 1 bomber probably destroyed 6 others on ground, started large fuel and oil fires, of approximately 40 enemy fighters airborne 11 were destroyed and 3 probably destroyed; 1 Avenger 1 Dauntless 1 Corsair missing.

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(12) Later 24 B25's 21 B24's hit Vunakanau and Tobena Runways and revetments starting fires; 21 enemy interceptors were shot down 6 others were probably destroyed; 1 Corsair lost; returning fighters destroyed schooner off Pondap Point.  

(13) Night Catalinas bombed Redman and Soposa Islands, bombed Mosina, straffed gun position Puriata River; patrolling Venturas shot down 1 of 4 enemy fighters engaged south Cape Saing George.  

Part 3.  

Weather. Broken middle level cloud frequent showers, deep cloud over ranges in afternoon, considerable cloudiness along north coast New Guinea; broken cloud throughout the north western area with frequent showers.  

Air.  

(1) Two one thousand pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,000 feet.  

(2) Unknown number rounds fired, received moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire from Avrin Island.  

(3) Forty eight 500 pound medium capacity 87 250 pound general purpose nose instantaneous rod extension bombs dropped from 12,500 to 11,000 feet by Beauforts; 2 500 pound
 medium capacity, 4 250 pound general purpose bombs returned.

(4) Seventy 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 19,000 feet Boran; slight to moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) Three hundred and thirty two 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 20,000 to 13,000 feet, slight to moderate, heavy, inaccurate anti aircraft fire encountered Raveng; 22 1000 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 18 to 13,000 feet Garove.

(6) Twelve 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,000 to 4,000 feet by B24's; 4 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 9,000 feet by B25.

(7) Three depth bombs dropped Jaquinot Bay; 3 500 pound bombs dropped Dogumur Bay; light, inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) Forty seven 500 pound, 90 250 pound general purpose nose instantaneous rod extension bombs dropped from 11,000 feet.

(9) No details of bomb loads received 7,000 rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing by P47's.

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Adm. King
Gen. Vandegrift
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of operations SOWESPA Area. 1300Z/9 to 1300Z/10 signed
MacArthur.

New Ireland: Photographs Borpop February 9 show strip
serviceable 3,100 feet, mil aircraft.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs after strike Feb-
uary 9 show Tobera Lakunai concrete strips unserviceable,
craters on Vunakanau; in Simpsons Harbour 2 submarines, 8
small cargo vessels, 225 barges.

New Guinea: Weer: Catalina reported at least 70
barges along south and west shores Muschu Island night
February 9.

Alexishafen: 3 small vessels, course 100
degrees, sighted 18 miles north east early morning
February 10.

Northwestern Area:
     Aroe Islands: Beaufighters report increased activity
     Doka Barat strip, Mil at Trangan.

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Northwestern Area

Land:
Arabe: Patrols to Didmop and 2 miles north contacted no enemy.

Saider: Minor patrol clashes reported to southwest.

Naval Operations February 10:
(1) 2 patrolling B25's bombed Moate runway and Manus Island, cloud obscured results.

(2) 4 RAAF beaufighters strafed and destroyed launch and small boat north Talassa.

(3) 2 patrolling P39's shot down 1 of 2 enemy medium bombers engaged over Talassa. Other 2 P39's strafed buildings same area.

(4) 4 RAAF A20's bombed and strafed Pora Pora (Hoskins) also strafed dump area Amgen River. 5 A20's bombed Mal Mal plantation.

(5) Night Catalina bombed strafed and damaged 30 barges Muschu Island.

(6) 25 B24's bombed Boram airdrome and adjacent camp areas, cloud obscured results.

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(7) 5 P39's, 5 P40's strafe villages Kronprinz Harbour area February 9 started fires destroyed machine gun position.

(8) 18 B24's failing reach Boram bombed Gragat Island and Madang area destroyed 10 large buildings.

Northwestern Area.
Air Operations:

(9) 6 RAAF Beaufighters bombed Doka Barat runway (Aror Islands) left supply dump burning, destroyed 2 trucks.

(10) 14 B24's to attack Ambon: 5 jettisoned bombs after failing locate target due cloud, 1 returned due faulty bomb sight, 1 bombed Amahai Jetty area, 3 bombed Lautem, 4 dropped bombs vicinity target with unobserved results, 1 enemy fighter attempting interception south Lautem shot down.

Solomons.
Naval Action: Allied destroyers shelled Tiaraika (northwest Numa Numa) and Teopasing, results reported good. PT's strafed Lenamamau mission (northwest Buka)and islands west and south Buka passage.

Air. Enemy action: Light raid reported Torokina night February 9, allied interceptors destroyed 1 of 2 raiding bombers. Operations February 9:

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(11) Catalina attacked beached barges southeast Kiska, 4 Dauntless bombed Bonis warehouses, 6 others scored hit on Puritata Bridge, strafed small boats Jaba River; 8 P39's bombed and strafed bivouac Tiaraka (Numa Numa).

(12) 58 Dauntless, 24 Avengers raided Vunakanau midday hit 10 large gun positions started fires building area hit runway strafed and probably destroyed 2 grounded aircraft, escorting fighters destroyed 2 enemy fighters probably another, 1 Warhawk lost.

(13) 19 B24's, 24 B25's 55 fighters followed (12) hit Vunakanau and Tofora runways started large fires; of 30/40 enemy fighters attempting interception, 18 were destroyed 6 others probably destroyed, 1 Corsair lost.

(14) Patrolling Venturas destroyed 2 damaged 2 of 4 barges sighted Green Island.

Part 3.

Weather. Decreased intensity of frontal zone and general improvement except for usual evening deteriorations; Northwestern area broken to overcast cloud and showers with adverse conditions at times.

Air. (1) 6 by 500 lb bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

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(2) 750 by 20 MM; 2,300 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing from 50 to 400 feet.

(3) Unstated number rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing from 100 feet.

(4) 4 by 500 lb, 8 by 200 and 50 lb demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet, 2,700 rounds 50, 1,100 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing Pora Pora; 4 by 250 lb demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Mal Mal.

(5) 4 by 500 lb, 30 fragmentation bombs dropped from unknown altitude; 1,600 rounds 50 and 30 calibre expended in strafing.

(6) 18 x 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 22,000 to 18,000 feet; moderate to intense, medium to heavy, inaccurate to accurate.

(7) 57 rounds 37 MM out 700 rounds 50, 1,500 rounds 30 calibre expended in strafing from 50 feet.

(8) 12 x 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 16,000 to 11,000 feet; intense, heavy, some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) 10 by 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from treetop height; unknown number of rounds expended in strafing.
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(10) 80 by 500 lb general purpose bombs
dropped from 13,000 to 6,000 feet; 35 by 500 lb bombs
jettisoned; 9 by 500 lb bombs returned to base.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: O-2
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10 February, 1944.

To Chief of Staff War Department: Pass to CO USAFIBPA to COMOPAC to AMMEL to AMNISCA C 1528. Report of operations SOWESPAC Area period 1300E/8 to 1300E/9 signed MacArthur.

Kavieng:
Large unidentified vessel reported anchored night February 8; 4 auxiliary vessels 1 escort vessel sighted on northerly course 50 miles north west after noon February 9.

New Britain:
Rabaul: 3 barges reported heading north from Rabaul night February 8.

New Guinea:
Wewak: Fighter patrol reported 6 Oscars airborne, 5 fighters on Dagus; 11 barges attacked mouth of Sepik River, numerous others west coast Muschu Island.

Saipan: Local estimate of 400 Japanese retiring westward along track 20 miles to south February 7 and 8.

End of Part 1.
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Part 2.

Northeastern Area.

Land:
Cape Gloucester: Patrols reached Kokopo (2 miles east Cape Guaffe) and west bank Itni River, no contact.

Rai Coast: 5th Division troops reached point mile south Yagomi, killed 27 enemy.

Air. Operations February 8:

(1) 18 P40's dive bombed and strafed Alexishafen jetty area and runway, destroyed 2 grounded fighters.

February 9:

(2) Single night RAAF Catalina harassed Kavieng airdrome, excellent results reported.

(3) Reconnaissance B24's bombed buildings Karkar Island and small patrol craft off Hansa Bay.

(4) Night Catalina strafed and sank 8 barges mouth of Sepik River, sank 1 damaged 2 Murik River, also bombed barges Muschu Island.

(5) 24 A-20's escorted by P40's bombed and

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heavily strafed Mindiri Plantation area (Fouwn Bay)
started fires, destroyed huts.

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Naval Operations:

PT's and LCI's shelled Waio River and Motupens
Point areas (south west coast), Mik Mik and Sale
Island (north west coast Bougainville), also strafed
revetments Sipassi Islands (Choiseul).

Air. Operations February 8:

(6) 5 Avengers bombed Lakanai airstreme predawn;
other strikes cancelled due weather.

(7) 3 patrolling F39's strafed Teop area, started
large fire; aircraft operating with PT's bombed
Motupens Point and Cape Laihien (west Buka), recon-
nassance ES1's bombed Serime Plantation.

Part 3.

Weather.

Frequent rain areas followed intensification of the
Monsoon Season throughout the North Eastern area; broken
to overcast middle and low cloud with showers prevailed
through the southern part of the North Western area, to the
north cloud was broken.

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Air.

(1) 18 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
    dropped; nil anti aircraft fire encountered.

(2) 4 by 500 lb, 4 by 250 lb general purpose nose
    instantaneous bombs, 20 by 20 lb fragmentation bombs,
    10 by 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 7,000 feet; in-
    tense accurate Bofors type anti aircraft fire to 7,500 feet,
    6/6 searchlights converged immediately indicating radar
    control.

(3) 2 by 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous dem-
    olition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Karkar Island; 1 by
    500 lb demolition bomb dropped from 1,500 feet on patrol
    craft, moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire from
    vessels.

(4) 3,600 rounds 50 and 30 calibre expended in strafing;
    slight light accurate anti aircraft fire encountered
    Murik River.

(5) 94 by 500 lb (unstated delay) bombs dropped from
    minimum altitude; 38,900 by 50 calibre expended in strafing.

Preliminary report: Forward elements Australian 5th
Division met US Forces at Yogami (13 miles south east Seidor)
2330Z/9.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF Field Marshall Dill, Gen Vandegrift
Co/5 Capt. Royal, USN, Adm King, White House
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9th February, 1944.

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Caroline Islands:

Fonape: SCUFAP reconnaissance aircraft photographed 2 large cargo vessels 75 barged in harbour, 2 runways each 2,500 feet, nil aircraft February 7th.

New Britain:

Cape Bocashy: Natives report 500 Japanese vicinity Rano plantation; 2 floatplanes sighted off coast morning February 8th.

Cape Gloucester: 300 Japanese reported near Gilsit, Ilme River area; many camp fires sighted Rottok Bay.

New Guinea:

Wewak: 12 barges sighted by reconnaissance aircraft near Blup Blup Island morning February 8.

Hansa Bay: 20 barges reported near Awar Point.

End part 1. Part 2.

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Northeastern area. Land.

Lepuis Point: Westward advance passed Weber Point approximately 5 miles from American Forces Old Yagomi (east Saidor).

Air.

Enemy action: 4 light raids Arawe, 1 Cape Gloucester, 1 Cape Crotin caused slight damage February 7 and 8th.

Operations February 8th:

(1). Two reconnaissance B24s bombed Momote airfield, Admiralty group, starting fires.

(2). RAAF sweeping Beaufighters 2 patrolling P39s strafed 3 barges, buildings and storehouses Talasea Area.

(3). 17 RAAF Beauforts with 15 RAAF P40s 10 Spitfires escort struck supply dumps starting fires Angen River, east Gasmata; bombing graded excellent.

(4). 4 sweeping P47s strafed buildings West Cape Croisilles; patrolling P39s strafed 3 barges, coastal buildings also attacked large tank off road Amele mission, Medang.

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(5). 11 A20s with P47 escort fired oil dumps, attacked Alexishafen strip and nearby installations.

(6). 24 B25s covered by P47s and P38s heavily strafed Madang Area, dropped 27 tons bombs on supply dumps installations causing fires explosions; bombing graded excellent.

Northwestern Area.
Operations night February 8th:

(7). 7 Dutch B25 attacked barracks, waterfront starting fires Tosea, Kai group.

SOUFAC Forces. Land:

Patrols north west Torokina occupied Kusaio mission, contacted enemy.

Naval:

Allied gunboat bombarded Mosig night February 6th; Pts attacked Mikmik Island, barge depot Buka Passage and schooner Queen Carola Harbour following night.

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Air Operations February 7:
(8) Reconnaissance B24 strafed barges buildings destroyed 100 oil drums Satavan airfield, Nomoi group.

(9) Two Dauntlesses bombed huts pillboxes Tavana River, Empress Augusta Bay.

(10) 22 Avengers 59 Dauntless covered by 46 Corsairs 18 Warhawks 8 Halloats found Vunakanau clouded, struck Tobara with 50 tons bombs hit anti aircraft positions damaged runway; 6 bombs fell near 7 grounded aircraft; shot down 11 probably 8 others of 30/40 interceptors.

(11) 17 B24s with 17 Corsairs 15 P38s escort dropped 79 tons bombs Vunakanau shot down 1 probably 7 others of 20 intercepting aircraft.

(12) 5 Avengers against Rabaul shipping before dawn next morning scored direct hit submarine, left cargo vessel smoking bombed Vunopope.


Considerable development of convensional cloud over Bismarck Sea and Willam Strait deteriorating at night; frontal zone caused broken to overcast cloud with frequent showers over Ararura Sea.

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Air.

(1) 2 by 1,000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 6,000 feet, 2 by 1,000 lb, 2 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,500 feet.

(2) 1100 rounds 20 MM, 5,000 rounds .30 calibre fired in strafing from low level by Beaufighters, no details received F39a.

(3) 18 by 500 lb, 62 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 16 by 500 lb medium capacity bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

(4) No details received.

(5) 40 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 17,500 rounds .50 calibre fired in strafing; moderate light anti aircraft fire.

(6) 109 by 500 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under; 55,200 rounds .50 calibre, 10,400 rounds .30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(7). 27 by 500 lb demolition, 2 by 250 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 9,500 to 6,000 feet, 1 incendiary bomb dropped safe, 1 incendiary and 3 by 500 lb bombs jettisoned in sea; slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire from Langgoor.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: 0-2
CG AAF
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Gen Vandegrift
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SOPAC reconnaissance aircraft reports Satawan runways in good condition nil aircraft.

New Britain: Rabaul: 40/60 fighters reported airborne by SOPAC aircraft morning February 6th.

Wide Bay: Submarine sighted 40 miles south Cape Saint George morning February 7th.

Vitu Islands: Enemy camps of 50 tents sighted Mundua and Unoa Islands.

Admiralty Islands: 2,500 ton cargo vessel reported Lorengau Harbour February 6th.

Wewak: Fighter patrol morning February 7th reported nil aircraft Wewak Boram but Dagua.


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Cape Gloucester: Allied patrols near Cape Gauffre reported slight contact.

Arawa: PatROLS to north west encountered opposition near Itue River; to east reached Sigul River mouth without contact.

Lepsius Point: Advanced 3 miles west towards Ruinji Village number 2.

Ramu Valley: Patrols from Pankiryo reached Amuson without contact.

Air:

Enemy action: light raids Cape Gloucester and Pinschafen night February 6th; P47 shot down lone fighter Cape Gloucester next morning; similar raid Arawa afternoon.

Operations night February 6th:

(1) Single RAAP Catalina bombed Kavieng Fanapai airfields.

(2) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Kavieng airfield supply dumps starting fires.

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Operations February 7th:
(3) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Garua Harbour, Talasea; another B24 bombed buildings Cape Dampier.

(4) 16 RAAF P40's bombed Amgen River dumps, east Gasmata.

(5) Patrolling P39's attacked buildings Rein Bay Gasmat area.

(6) Five RAAF Vengeances bombed mission buildings near B gadjim.

(7) Patrolling P39's strafed machine gun post Melanu Harbour, destroyed 1 barge damaged two others vicinity Cape Croisilles.

Weather prevented strike against Kavieng; delete paragraph 2 of previous report.

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations night February 7th:
(8) 13 B24's attacked Ambon dumps barracks jetty area causing intermittent explosions large fires; another B24 caused explosions Lautem, Timor.

SOFAC forces. Air. Operations February 6th:

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(9) Eight Dauntless attacked pillboxes bridges Jaba River, Empress Augusta Bay; 2 Venturas 4 F39's attacked installations & barges Green Island.

(10) 32 B51's covered by 39 Corsairs 24 Warhawks 9 Hellcats plus 19 B25's with 29 Corsairs 18 F39's dropped 124 tons bombs Lakunai, made runway unserviceable caused explosions large fires; shot down 13 probably 10 others of maximum 60 interceptors.

(11) Night reconnaissance aircraft attacked 2 small vessels north Rabaul, bombed Cape Saint George, strafed Teop Island and bombed Furuata River north Torokina.


Overcast over Bismarck Sea and most unsettled over Solomon Sea; many showers over Arafura Sea but mainly favourable further north.

Air.

(1) 4 500 lb, 4 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuzes, 20 20 lb fragmentation, 10 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 8,000 feet; moderate Bofors type, heavy accurate and intense light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(2) 10 100 lb instantaneous demolition, 10 150 lb incendiary clusters, 40 20 lb fragmentation bombs, 6 beer

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bottles dropped from 14,400 feet.

(3) 3 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,000 feet Talasea, 8 from 5,000 feet Cape Dampier.

(4) 15 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 2,500 to 12,000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) No details received.

(6) 10 500 lb demolition bombs dropped; 5,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(7) No details received.

(8) 52 500 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs, 1 100 lb incendiary cluster dropped from 13,000 to 8,500 feet Ambon; 4 bombs dropped from 9,500 feet Leutem; moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Ambon.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Vandegrift,
Field Marshal Dill, CC/3 (Capt Royal USN)
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ECHELON 4 LST 33RD DUE GLOUCESTER FROM SUDEST SAME TIME.

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6 February, 1944

To Chief War Dept to CG Hawaiian Dept to CG USAPISPA pass to COMSOPAC to AMBISCA to AMDEK O1393. Report of operations SWESPAC Area period 13002/5 to 13002/6 signed MacArthur.

New Britain: Rabaul : photographs Levera before strike February 6 show 35 fighters 2 dive bombers concrete strip unserviceable; in harbour 3 submarines 1 medium 7 small cargo vessels 277 barges: 2 destroyers sighted heading north west 35 miles north west Cape Pomos midday February 6.

Talisea: construction work reported on old strip February 5, twin engined aircraft sighted next day; 10 barges 1 lugger sighted offshore Guarus Island.

Gasmata: barge and 10 boats sighted near Anvek River.

Lorengau: 30 barges estimated in area by attacking planes February 6.

Wewak: 3 merchant vessels sighted in harbour 0213Z/6
End of part 1 Part 2.

Northeastern Area, Land: forward elements 5th Brigade reached Lepi Point approximately 18 miles from Saipan eastern patrols. Air: Enemy action: 2 light raids Cape Gloucester night February 5, fighters dropped single bombs Arave and ship off Buna by day.

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Operations February 5:

(1) RAAF Catalina carried out three hour harassing night attack Keiiseng.

(2) 12 A20's additional Hansa Bay attack sank lugger and barge destroyed buildings.

Operations February 6:

(3) Reconnaissance B24 bombed buildings Talasea, 3 B25's destroyed 3 barges Cape Dampier knocked out machine guns.

(4) 3 B25's on patrol bombed 2 destroyers northwest Rabaul without result.

(5) 25 B24's dropped 80 tons bombs Momote runway dispersal area.

(6) 18 further B24's to strike Momote; due weather 12 bombed Draugat Island supply area (Madang), 6 others bombed plantation Erimshafen.

(7) 25 A20's with P40 and 47 escort bombed and strafed forewhores Muschu Island, damaged many of 35 barges seen, sank 2 luggers left burning 2000 ton freighter, 2 sea trucks and escort vessel; air cover shot down 4 enemy fighters.

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(8) 3 B25's on west Bismarck Sea patrol blew up
ammunition dump Bunabun, destroyed 4 barges; 4 P47's shot
down enemy reconnaissance bomber in area.

(9) 14 B25's swept coast Cape Gouvdon to Cape
Croisilles, destroyed 2 bridges strafed villages barges
trucks.

(10) 9 P39's on sweep to Rubia damaged 5 barges.

Northwestern area. Operation February 6:

(11) 3 Dutch B25's bombed strafed villages Salaru
Island. SOUPAC forces. Naval: PT and gunboats destroyed
3 more laden barges Mutupina Point, 3 destroyers bombarded
Hahela Mission, east Buka passage night February 4; destroyers
sank barge Nissan Island night February 5.

Air. Enemy action: light raids Treasury and Torokina
night February 5.

Operations February 5.

(12) 2 Dauntless Bombed Mavarakia area; 4 P39's
damaged barge attacked Nova floatplane base, Buka.

(13) 24 Avengers 44 Dauntless 24 Warhawks 39 Corsaire
8 Helicots struck Lakuni, exploded fuel dump silenced anti
aircraft guns left runway unserviceable; destroyed 5 prob-
ably 3 others of 20/40 interceptors; 2 Warhawks 1 Corsair
1 Avenger lost.

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(14) 13 B-24's with 19 Corsairs 15 F-38's cover attacked same target destroyed 2 probably another of 25 enemy interceptors.

Weather: broken middle cloud with overcast Vitiaz Strait and western Bismarck Sea; unsettled central Solomon Sea; broken cloud northwestern area, frequent showers and storms eastern Arafura Sea.

Air:
(1) 4 x 500 lb, 4 x 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 20 x 20 lb fragmentation, 10 x 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 8,000 feet; intense light, moderate to intense Bofors type and heavy mostly accurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 38 x 500 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 16,400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 2 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs dropped from 10,500 feet Talasea; 4 x 1000 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; 6,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing, intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire Cape Dampier.

(4) 2 x 1000 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

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(5) 161 x 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9000 feet.

(6) 136 x 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 to 10,000 feet.

(7) 71 x 500 lb, 35 x 300 lb, 22 x 250 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 29,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's; 4200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by 16 P40's escorting; moderate to intense accurate and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres.

(8) 2 x 1000 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 9000 feet; 1300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense medium and heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire Bunabun; no details P47's.

(9) 65 x 500 lb eight to eleven seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 200 feet and under; 29,700 rounds 50, 6900 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; moderate medium accurate, slight heavy and light anti aircraft fire.

(10) No details received.

(11) 8 x 500 lb medium capacity bombs dropped on targets, 4 accidentally in sea.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Field Marshal Dill, Gen Vandegrift, CCS (Capt Royal, USN), Adm King, White House, Log

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06 February 1944

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CO USAFISPA pass to CONGENDOPAC to ANMISCA to AMDEP, C-1358.
Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1300Z/4 to 1300Z/5.

New Guinea:

Aitape: Photographs January 24th show 3 fighters
on Tedji strip.

Wewak: Considerable number camouflaged barges estimated 150 reported along shores Muschu and Kairiru Islands;
Wewak and Boram strips serviceable 0435Z/4.

Lena Bay: 2 sea trucks sighted in area by night
reconnaissance aircraft February 4.

Bogadjim: Trucks and camouflaged supply dumps re-
reported dispersed in Erima plantation. End of part 1.

Part 2.

Northeastern area.

Land: Ramu valley: Enemy counter attack Mataloi
village number 2 repulsed, isolated Allied platoons regained
contact; Allied patrols reported nil contact north east from
Kankiryo towards Amison and northwest forward of Paipa village

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number one.

Said to: Artillery engaged enemy troops 10 miles west by south.

Air: Enemy action.

Cape Areaseeter: Single Zeke attacked Allied Vessel morning February 5th.

Operations February 4th:

(1) Night Catalinas attacked beached sea truck Cape Matanalam, bombed another near Hansa Bay.

(2) Single RAAP Catalina bombed Kavieng revetments at night.

(3) 26 additional B24s with P47s' 25 RAAP plus other P40's escort against Dagua But airfields.

(4) 4 sweeping P47's shot down Helen landing Boram afternoon.

(5) 23 additional A20's plus P47's escort attacked Marienberg installations.

(6) Night B24 attacked sea truck near Hansa Bay.

(7) 2 patrolling P39's exploded barge Gogol river, strafed buildings supply vessel Alexishafen.

Operations February 5th:

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(8) 3 reconnaissance B25's scored near misses sea truck on reef near Tingwon Island.

(9) 47 B25's with P38's escort failed reach Kavieng, struck Hoskins airfield; some bombs dropped Lindenhafen plantation, east Guadalcanal.

(10) 3 reconnaissance B25's sank gun boat, small freighter laden with ammunition and 5 barges, set fuel dump ablaze, damaged 2 floatplanes strafed personnel anti aircraft positions.

(11) 39 B25's 24 A20's attacked Hansa Bay installations, sank sea truck 3 barges exploded fuel dumps destroyed grounded bomber started many fires; 12 other A20's returned due weather.

(12) 2 patrolling P39's strafed supply store near Atemble, Ramu Valley.

Northwestern area.

Air.

Operations night February 4th:

(13) 6 B24's hit Liang airfield, Ambola, starting fires.

(14) 5 other B24's struck Namlea airfield, Boeoe island, starting fires visible 20 minutes from target.

Operations February 5

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(15) 6 RAAF Beaufighters harassed Betano area, Timor, strafing personnel and buildings.

(16) 3 B24's started large fires jetty area Kaimana, Dutch New Guinea.

SOUPAC forces.

Naval: PT boats destroyed 1 of 4 barges south Mutupina Point night February 4th.

Air.

Enemy action: Light raids causing slight damage Torokina and Treasury same night; 1 Betty claimed by anti aircraft fire.

Operations February 4th:

(17) 6 Dauntless bombed mission buildings, destroyed bridges Nobiai river, south west Bougainville; 6 other Dauntless started fires Sarina plantation, north west coast.

(18) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Kapingamprangi sea-plane base.

(19) 25 B25's 45 fighters escort bombed Tobera airfield, starting fires; nil interception.

(20) 18 B24's 22 Corsairs 12 P38's struck Kunakanau with 54 tons bombs, destroyed 1 grounded Betty, shot down 4 of 20/30 interceptors; 2 Corsairs lost.

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Part 3.

Weather. Generally favourable throughout area except for usual evening deterioration; northwestern area decreased monsoonal activity with scattered showers but severe local storms over northern Australian coastal area.

Air.

(1) No details bombs, 2200 rounds 30 and 50 calibre fires.

(2) No details received.

(3) 111 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 18,000 feet Dagus; slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 70 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 17,200 feet but, moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) No details received.

(5) 2 500 lb, 33 300 lb, 39 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition, 36 parachute fragmentation bombs dropped from minimum altitude; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 1 1000 lb, 1 100 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) No details received.

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(8) 5 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 100 feet.

(9) 259 1000 lb instantaneous, 36 1000 lb one second delay, 36 1000 lb .025 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 15,900 to 21,400 feet Cape Hoskins; 16 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Lindenfafen, 8 salvaged; slight to moderate medium accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire Cape Hoskins, intense medium inaccurate Lindenfafen.

(10) 6 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped; 6900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 85 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 25,900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's; 123 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 43 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 5 bombs jettisoned; 51,600 rounds 50, 12,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight to intense light and heavy anti aircraft fire both accurate and inaccurate.

(12) No details received.

(13) 78 120 lb fragmentation clusters, 8 500 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 10,000 to 8000 feet, 1 120 lb fragmentation cluster hung up and returned

(14) 45 120 lb fragmentation, 29 100 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 10,000 to 8000 feet.

(15) 1800 rounds 20 MM, 2600 rounds 30 calibre fired
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in strafing from 50 feet.

(16) 12 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 feet, 6 jettisoned in sea; moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

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05 February 1944

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area period 1300Z/3 to 1300Z/4.

Mussau Island: 2 cargo vessels 2 destroyers sighted
15 miles east heading south morning February 3.

New Hanover: 2 large cargo vessels 2 destroyers
reported by reconnaissance plane 15 miles north afternoon
February 3.

New Britain: Submarine reported on northerly course
60 miles north Garove Island midday February 4.

New Guinea:

Hansa Bay: Small freighter sighted heading down
coast noon February 4.

Alexishafen: 3 camouflaged fighters sighted north
of number 2 strip February 4. End of part 1.

Part 2.

North eastern area.

Land. Ramu Valley: Enemy counter attacked near
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Metallo village number 2 isolating 2 Allied platoons.

Huon Peninsula: 8th Brigade troops crossed Sari river 8 miles west Reiss Point.

Air. Enemy action: Light raid Arawe February 4, nil damage.

Operations:
(1) 23 RAAF P-40's additional previous report attacked Biliau Terefe villages, west Fgidor, February 1, destroyed many huts set others afire.
(2) Single RAF Catalina started fires Kaving revetments, also bombed Hoakins airfield at night.

Operations February 3:
(3) 12 additional B-24's against Boraq, 23 additional B25's against Dagua; P-38's shot down 6 enemy bombers, P-47's and 40's got one additional fighter.
(4) Catalina attacked west bound convoy near Sepik river mouth at night.
(5) 2 patrolling F-39's strafed motor transports near Bogadjim.

Operations February 4:
(6) 16 RAAF P-40's bombed Aiaju river dumps, east Gasmata, starting fires.

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(7) 31 B-24's with P-47's escort attacked
but Dagua airfields set fuel dumps ablaze, bombs fell amongst
30 grounded aircraft Dagua.

(8) With P-47's escort badly damaged Marienberg barge
slipway destroyed buildings started many fires.

(9) 42 B-25's covered by P-38's bombed heavily
strafed bivouac supply areas, hit 3 grounded aircraft
Alexishafen.

(10) 29 B-25's struck Madang personnel area supply
dumps starting fires.

(11) 16 P-39's bombed strafed Atemble, Ramu valley,
and nearby villages starting fires.

North western area.

Air. Operations February 4:

(12) 2 Dutch B-25's bombed Laha airfield, Ambon,
starting fires at night.

SOPAC forces. Naval: 3 destroyers bombarded Sarine
plantation, north west Bougainville, early February 4.

Air. Enemy action: 6 enemy bombers plus float planes
attacked Allied destroyers west Buka previous night; one
aircraft shot down.

Operations February 3:

(13) Single Ventura started fires Faisi at night.

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(14) 34 Dauntless 23 Avengers 39 Corsairs 11 Warhaws 8 Hellcats found Rabaul shipping clouded, struck Tobra airfield exploded one grounded aircraft started fires reventments, shot down 7 probably 4 others of 15 interceptors; 3 Corsairs missing.

(15) 15 B-24's 17 Corsairs 14 P-38's bombed Lakunai revetments starting fires, shot down 6 probably 2 others of 25/30 enemy fighters.


Part 3.

Weather. Mainly scattered to broken cloud, overcast over Vitiaz Strait; favourable weather north western area except for local night showers.

Air.

(1) 16 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 3500 to 1400 feet; 7000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(2) 3 500 lb, 4 250 lb general purpose, 2 30 lb incendiary, 5 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 8000 feet Kavieng; 1 500 lb general purpose, 3 30 lb incendiary, 15 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped Cape Hoskins; intense before and light accurate anti aircraft fire Kavieng.

(3) 84 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 21,000 feet Boram, intense heavy accurate anti
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aircraft fire; 220 100 lb parachute demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs, 218 clusters of 3 23 lb parachute fragmentation bombs dropped Dagua from 150 feet and under; 37,700 rounds 50, 8,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; 910 rounds 20 MM 6600 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat by 16 F-38's; slight to intense inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(4) No details received.
(5) No details received.
(6) 16 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 2000.

(7) 4 2000 lb, 126 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped but from 17,500 to 16,000 feet; moderate medium and heavy accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 81 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 19,000 feet Dagua; moderate to intense medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) 42 500 lb, 33 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs reported dropped from minimum altitude by 12 aircraft, 35 500 lb, 2 250 lb by other 11 aircraft; 24,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) 173 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 4 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 48,100 rounds 50, 16,900 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light to heavy mostly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(10) 142 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 200 feet and under; 82,700 rounds 50, 6900 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 12 500 lb bombs dropped, 115 rounds 37 MM, 3200 rounds 30, 5000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(12) 20 clusters fragmentation, 4 clusters incendiary bombs dropped from 9000 feet, 6 clusters fragmentation bombs jettisoned; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

No Sig

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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Field Marshal Dill
Gen Vandegrift
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Reports of operations SWESPAC area period 1300Z/2 to 1300Z/3 signed MacArthur.

New Hanover:

Medium freighter transport with 2 destroyers reported south west Cape Matanleum on westerly course by attacking aircraft night February 2nd; small vessel sighted in area heading south midday following day.

New Britain:

Submarine attacked south east Cape Beechey midday February 2nd.

New Guinea:

Wewak: Small freighter transport 5 sea trucks sighted off Muschu Island, probable destroyer Kairuru Island morning February 3rd.

Hansa Bay: Two sea trucks sighted midnight February 3rd.

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Dutch New Guinea:

Borong: Photographs new Sermate strip show 4000 foot clearing, light bomber revetments under construction.

Merauke: Enemy reconnaissance aircraft reported to north west morning February 3rd. End of part 1.

Part 2.

Northeastern area.

Air. Enemy action: Single fighter attacked Allied vessel south Langemak Bay February 3rd.

Operations February 3rd:

(1) 3 reconnaissance B25's bombed Hyane harbour jetty, Momote airfield, strafed destroyed small boat.

(2) 1 RAAF Catalina bombed Kavieng airfield, started fires before dawn.

(3) 3 Catalinas set 5000 ton merchant vessel afire caused large explosion with direct hits south west Cape Mtsesalmen before dawn; 3 reconnaissance B25's scored 2 direct hits strafed same vessel during morning.

(4) Patrolling P39's strafed 2 camouflaged boats Willaumex Peninsula, damaged fuel laden barge Rein Bay, strafed huts along coast.

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(5) 25 RAAF Beauforts with 31 RAAF Spitfires and P40's cover started fires with over 21 tons bombs Amgen River supply bivouac areas east Gasmata; bombing rated excellent.

(6) Preliminary report states 40 B24's with P47's escort struck Wewak-Boran airfields destroyed 12 grounded aircraft; 39 B25's followed against Lae Luma Bay airfields destroyed approximately 60 grounded aircraft; Many explosions fires started all airfields, anti-aircraft positions silenced; Allied Fighters shot down 8 probably another of about 40 interceptors after bombing run on Wewak; 4 other B24's scored direct hits on anti-aircraft positions Hansa Bay, bombed Nobanob Bogadjiem villages and Beliau Island; 2 others bombed Lindenfahan plantation east Gasmata; 7 additional B25's 2 B24's returned due mechanical trouble.

(7) 11 A20's 16 P47's escort bombed strafed Hansa Bay installations starting fires, attacked coastal targets to Uligan Harbour.

(8) 12 A20's destroyed buildings heavily strafed Nobanob mission and village, north west Madang.

(9) Delayed report January 30th; 2 patrolling P39's destroyed 2 grounded fighters Alexishafen, strafed huts, set 3 fuel trucks afire.

Northwestern Area:

Air:

Operations February 21:

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(10) 2 RAAF Catalinas started large fires Kasukwa village Timika airfield at night.

SOPAC Forces:

Strikes February 2 cancelled due weather.

Part 3.

Weather:

Cloud well broken over sea areas, strong winds
and low cloud southeastern Solomon Sea, conditions improving in northwestern area.

Air:

(1) 1 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 5000 feet Momote, 1 dropped Ruane Harbour; 400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(2) 6 250 lb, 2 500 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 11 20 lb fragmentation, 10 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 10,000 to 6,000 feet; slight Bofors, intense light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(3) 2 1000 lb, 2 500 lb general purpose bombs dropped by Catalinas; 3 1000 lb, 3 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 300 feet by B25's 2900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(4) No details received.

(5) 51 500 lb, 90 250 lb general purpose instantan-

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Eous rod extension fuse bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire from vicinity Lindenwag and Gasmata.

6) 10 2000 lb, 268 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Wewak/Boram from 20,700 to 18,400 feet; 108 100 lb parachute demolition, 535 clusters of 3 23 lb parachute fragmentation bombs dropped Bay/Dagua from 350 feet and under; 5 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,000 feet Hanse Bay, 7 from 10,000 feet Bogadji, 8 from 12,000 feet Nororob, 8 Bejieu, 8 Lindenwagen, 8 jettisoned in sea Lindenwag; 55,600 rounds 50, 11,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; moderate to intense mostly accurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres.

7) 27 300 lb, 1 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 10,100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; moderate to intense light and heavy accurate and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

8) 37 500 lb, 2 250 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 17,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

9) No details received.

10) 4 500 lb, 12 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 60 20 lb fragmentation, 60 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 9000 feet; 700 rounds 50, 300 rounds 30 calibres fired in strafing from 300 feet.

ACTION: OPD
No Sig.

INFORMATION:
O-2, CG AAF, Adm King, Gen Vanderfrost,
CG/S (Capt Royal USN), Sir John Dill,
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3rd February 1944

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Part 1. 1 destroyer and small merchant vessel sighted heading East 55 miles southwest morning February 2nd.

New Britain: Ruin Bay: Well used track inland from Ketangi Anchorage.

Arawe: Enemy reported withdrawn north of strip.


Saidor: Enemy strength vicinity Cape Iris estimated 300.


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Saidor casualties total 14 killed, 74 wounded.

Ramu Valley: Left enemy defenses Kankiry Saddle Area occupied, patrols advanced 3 miles down Mintjim River found elaborate installations abandoned. Patrols of 15th Brigade West by North Daumoima near Mataloi Village number 1.

Air: Enemy action: Light raid Arawa, no damage night February 1.

Operations February 1st:
(1) 2 P-39's sank troop laden barge, strafed 2 other barges Reim Bay.

(2) 23 P-40's set many huts afire caused explosion Biliu Teteri Villages, West Saidor.

Operations February 2nd:
(3) 3 patrolling B-25's attacked submarine South west Cape Cunningham, strafed 3 barges along coast.

(4) 12 B-25's with 30 P-38's escort swept Cape Gauffre to Reim Bay, bombed strafed barges coastal installations Anu Iboi Plantation.

(5) 23 B-24's escorted by 14 F-47's dropped 77 tons

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bombs Alexishafen Supply Dumps causing explosions large fires.

(6) 48 A20's destroyed many buildings heavily strafed Nobanob/Amale Villages, Madang.

(7) 2 P-39's silenced machine gun, damaged 3 barges, strafed 7 motor transport left 3 burning Bogadjim Area.

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations February 2nd:

(8) 12 B-24's bombed waterfront supply dumps causing fires Sorong, Dutch New Guinea.

SOFAC Forces. Naval: Allied Destroyers shelled shore batteries East Buss Passage, bombarded Choiseul Bay installations February 1st; other destroyers attacked submarine southwest Bukal; single gunboat bombarded Mibo River positions, South Bougainville, at night. Air. Operations February 1st:

(9) Reconnaissance B-24 bombed Kapingamarangi.

Part 3. Weather. Unsettled with heavy showers over Bismarck Sea; usual general deterioration at night; northwestern area mainly favourable except for broken to overcast cloud with frequent showers over Arnhem land, Timor and Arafura Seas.

Air:

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From: GBQ Southwest Pacific
To: Ft. Shafter
       COMGENSOPAC
       New Delhi
       Chungking
       WAR

(1) No details received.

(2) 16 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 3,500 feet to 1,500 feet; 7,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; light anti-aircraft fire Billau.

(3) 11,000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bomb dropped from 1,000 feet; 4,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing barges.

(4) 49 300 lb, 35 250 and 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 150 to 50 feet; 31,900 rounds 50, 10,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(5) 88 1,000 lb, 132 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,000 feet; nil anti-aircraft fire.

(6) 141 500 lb, 51 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 70,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(7) No details received.

(8) 66 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 feet, 6 jettisoned in sea; moderate medium inaccurate, heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

ACTION: CFD
INFORMATION: O-2, CG AAF, Adm. King, CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
       Fld. Marshal Dill, General Vandegrift, White House Log

CM-IN-1895 (3 Feb 44) 1424Z med

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2 February 1944

Operations report SOWEBPAC area period 1300 Z/31 to 1300 Z/1 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department Commanding General Hawaiian Department Commanding General USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC AMMDEL AMMSCA C1213.

Mussau Island: 3 destroyers 2 small freighters sighted in bad visibility by reconnaissance aircraft midday February 1.

New Britain: Rabaul: photographs February 1 show 28 medium bombers 14 dive bombers 5 fighters Vunakanau, 55 fighters, 1 medium bomber Torera.

Borgen Bay: Native reports indicate enemy withdrawing east towards Cape Gauffre.

New Guinea, Hollandia: photographs reported to show increase of 22 bombers 3 fighters since January 27, some on New Settani and Cyclops strips.

Vanimo: 2 merchant vessels reported in Dauntinge Bay night January 31 additional to vessel claimed sunk.

Madang: small cargo vessel sighted off Beliau Island.

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2 February 1944

Dutch New Guinea: Merauke: Unidentified aircraft reported in area midday February 1.


Sio: Land forces crossed Timbe river advanced 2 miles south west Reiss Point.

Air. Enemy action; two enemy aircraft caused slight casualties Arawe morning February 1.

Operations January 31:
(1) Reconnaissance B24 made single run, refrained further action against vessel north west Cape Pomas when Red Cross lights observed before dawn.

(2) B24 attacked small vessel north west Aitape before dawn. Operations February 1:

(3) 59 B24's to strike Lorengau Momote; turned back due weather.

(4) 3 reconnaissance B25's attacked 5 ship convoy off Mussau Island.


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(6) 2 B24's scored direct hits medium merchant vessel which exploded caught fire, claimed sunk off Vanimo harbour before dawn.

(7) 8 P47's on fighter sweep Hansa Bay straffed village, gun positions.

(8) 4 patrolling P39's strafed huts personnel along Rai coast, motor transport Bogadjim, SOUPAC forces. Land: Allied artillery barrage preceded infantry assault with tank support against stiff resistance east Torokina river, destroyed 20 pillboxes killed 80 enemy, consolidated objectives January 30; allied losses 19 killed 23 wounded. Raiding party landed Nissan Island night January 30, damaged 2 supply laden barges, withdrew following night. Air: operations January 31:

(9) 17 B24's escorted by 16 P38's 4 Corsairs bombed Tobera runway revetments started fires; nil interception.

(10) 24 dauntless 18 Avengers 46 Fighters to strike Rabaul shipping; weather obscured target, struck Tobera instead destroyed 7 grounded aircraft damaged 15 others; shot down 8 probably 4 others of 20/30 interceptors; 2 Corsairs 2 Dauntless lost. End of Part 2. Part 3.

Weather. Broken to overcast middle cloud general throughout area and unsettled with frequent rain squalls over Bismarck Sea Manu Island Vitiaz damper straits; northwestern area conditions mainly favourable except for scattered.
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showers and storms over Arnhem Land and deteriorating at night.

Air. (1) 1 1000 lb, 2 500 lb on 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 2000 feet.

(2) 1 1000 lb, 2 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet.

(4) 2 1000 lb, 2 500 lb bombs dropped from 500 to 3000 feet; 200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; moderate light and heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(6) 4 100 lb, 8 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 3200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(8) No details received.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen Vandegrift, White House, COS Capt Royal USN, Adm King, Sir John Dill, Log

CM-IN-1129 (2 Feb 44) 1338Z pp

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44
PT's NEGATIVE RESULTS NIGHT 30-31. SAID OR ECHELON 6 LST's 3 DD's RETURNED SUDEST. GLOUCESTER ECHELON 4 LST's 3 DD's PURSUED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW. 4 LST's 3 DD's RETURNED CAPE GRETIN FROM GLOUCESTER. ABATE ECHELON ARRIVED. BLACK CATS BOUND MESS SS SMALL TRANSPORT NEAR 52-528 AND 142-142.

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To: War C 1141
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    CONMESPAC No #
    New Delhi No #
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31 January, 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAFIBPA pass to CONSOPAC, AMMISCA, AMMDEL, C 1141. Report of operations SOWESIPAC Area period 1300Z/29 to 1300Z/30 signed MacArthur.

Buka: Enemy reported leaving stores Teopasino moving south January 24.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs January 29 at time of attack show 30 medium bombers 7 dive bombers 5 fighters Vunakanau, 15 dive bombers 9 fighters Lakunai, 3 destroyers sighted off Keravat midday January 30.

Arawe: Patrol reports indicate nil enemy from strip to Sauren on Marjig Bay.

Manus Island: 18 barges sighted vicinity Lorengau morning January 29.

Bismarck Sea: 2 vessels indicated on Northerly course 75 miles north west Garove Island early morning January 30.

New Guinea: Hollandia/Nansa Bay: 1 large 1 medium 4 small vessels reported off coast night January 29; 2 sea planes.

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trucks sighted Hansa Bay morning January 30.
End of part 1.


Sic Area: Land forces approaching Timbe River.

Ramu: Battalion of 15th Brigade occupied Croguma number 2 Village (3 miles west by south Duomoine) advancing north east towards Croguma number 1.


Operations January 30:
1. 2 RAAP Beaufighters badly damaged 2 large camouflaged barges Cape Hollman, Willamex Peninsula.

2. 2 P39 set 2 col barges afire, damaged another Rein Bay.

3. 1 B24 attacked small freighter off Nanam Island, Hansa Bay, before dawn.

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4. 1 Squadron B25's with 13 P38's escort sank 2 small freighters left sea truck burning destroyed 2 barges Hansa Bay; P38's escort destroyed 1 lugger & supply laden barges Bilaubay.

5. Preliminary report states 2 Squadrons B25's with P47's escort dropped 21 tons bombs Alexishafen Biuvac supply areas.


Northwestern Area. Land.

Dutch New Guinea; Attack by enemy in 8 barges on Eilanden River post repulsed.


SOUPAC Forces. Naval: Gunboat bombarded Mosigna, south west Bougainville.

Air. Enemy action: 3 aircraft made ineffective raid night January 28 on Torokina.

CM-IN-20331 (31 Jan 44)

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Operations January 29:

7. Single P38 strafed shorelines Kahili searchlights; P39 patrols strafed Sirurai Eumrai villages, north west Bougainville; 2 Venturas 3 P39's attacked Mulumbuli River Bivouac Area, Choiseul.

8. 28 fighters escorted 19 B24's against Lakanai, shot down 7 probably 2 others of 20/30 intercepting fighters; 7 grounded aircraft destroyed.

9. 17 Avengers 23 Dauntless with 60 fighters cover struck Tobara but anti aircraft positions destroyed 5 grounded aircraft wrecked buildings shot down 17 probably 4 others of 30/50 enemy fighters; Allied losses 1 Corsair 1 Avenger.

Part 3. Weather. Thick weather over Huon Peninsula; Vitiaz Strait and western New Britain with frontal activity across Solomon Sea; Northwestern Area adverse conditions over Timor Sea, eastern Arafura Sea but improving further north.

Air. (1) 1950 rounds 20MM, 4500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 500 to 150 feet.

(2) No details received.

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(3) 2 1000 lb, 4 X 500 lb one tenth second
delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; moderate
light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 40  500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped
from maximum altitude; 13,400 rounds 50, 8300 rounds 30
caliber fired in strafing by B25's; 500 rounds 20MM, 4300
rounds 50 caliber fired in strafing by F38 escort; intense
medium accurate anti aircraft fire from shipping and shore.

(5) and (6) No details received.

No Big

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:  0-2
OD AAF
General Vandegrift
Sir John Dill
Cdr/3 (Captain Royal USN)
White House
Admiral King
Log

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To: War

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30 January 1944

Signed MacArthur from GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff
War Department CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to
COMSOFAC AMMIDCA AMMIDK C1113. Operations report SOWESPA
area. 13002/28 to 13002/29 signed MacArthur.

New Britain: Rabaul: 70/100 fighters encountered
by attacking SOUFAC aircraft morning January 28; vessels
sighted heading east 25 miles north east Cape Lambert early
morning January 29; 7 medium 10 small cargo vessels 269
barges photographed in harbour January 29.

Bismarck Sea: Small submarine sighted 75 miles
south east Lorengau.

New Guinea: Huon Peninsula: Enemy reported moving
west along track inland from Seidor.

Dutch New Guinea: Sorong: Photographs January
29 show new road jetties anti aircraft positions; new 4000
foot strip under construction Salavati Island.

Northeastern area. Land.

Cape Gloucester: patrols encountered opposition
east of Sag Sag on west coast.

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30 January 1944

Saidor: Eastward patrols nil contact; westward patrols report defense position Yawi River.

Sit: Kiak occupied, patrolling to west.

Ranu: Allied attack made against heavy opposition on high ground north Kankiryo.

Air. Enemy action: Light raids Cape Gloucester Arava and Finschhafen slight damage January 29.

Operations January 28:
(1) 2 P39's strafed Gasmata Airdrome; reconnaissance B24 scored near miss freighter transport north west Cape Pomas at night.

Operations January 29:
(2) 9 A20's bombed strafed enemy defense positions past Natomo River; 36 A 20's struck bivouac supply areas, large hideouts Cape Buschang Ione River areas; bombing graded excellent; 8 P38's covered both missions.

(3) 2 RAAF P40's swept New Britain coast strafed buildings Ubili, large open boat Jacquinot Bay.

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(4) 4 patrolling P39's strafed buildings east Arawe, damaged camouflaged oil barge Rottook Bay.

(5) 2 squadrons B25's struck Bogia village; bombing rated excellent.

(6) 4 P40's bombed wooded area Sarap Harbour;
     4 P39's patrolled Rai Coast strafed personnel set huts afire.

(7) 16 P40's dive bombed enemy positions Ramu Valley.

SOUPAC forces. Naval: Allied gunboat bombarded
supply dumps Takuruai, south Bougainville.

Air. Operations January 28:

(8) P39 patrols strafed Shortlands; 2 Venturas
     bombed strafed Tavelodo, Choiseul.

(9) 48 Dauntless 18 Avengers with fighter escort
     struck Rabaul airfield started large fires hit anti aircraft
     positions destroyed 20 to 30 grounded aircraft damaged
     others, shot down 30 probably 12 others of 70 intercepting
     fighters; 5 P38's lost 2 pilots safe.

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(10) 23 B25's escorted 12 P38's bombed heavily strafed Tobera from treestop height during afternoon, exploded 1 grounded aircraft, set 6 buildings ablaze, silenced anti aircraft fire, started many fires; nil interception, 1 B25 lost.

(11) 1 Zike destroyed over Rabaul January 26.

Weather. Broken to overcast cloud with rain areas over Huon Peninsula and Vitiaz Strait, elsewhere mainly favourable except for frontal zone across Solomon Sea, usual deterioration at night; northwestern area broken low and middle cloud with average visibility but frequent rain areas over Arnhem Land and to north.

Air. (1) 1 1000 lb, 2 500 lb one tenth second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet on freighter transport; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire; no details received P39's.

(2) 29 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 11300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Natamo; 139 500 lb, 9 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 58600 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing Cape Busching area; light anti aircraft fire Natamo.

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(3) 4 250 lb demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet by A20's; 2500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by P40's.

(4) No details received.

(5) 336 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped.

(6) 4 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14000 to 8000 feet by P40's; no details received P39's.

(7) 16 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped in dive from 10000 to 1000 feet.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
White House
General Vandegrift
CG/S (Captain Royal USN)
Admiral King
Sir John Dill
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ECHelon of 4 LST 3RD due Gloucester tomorrow morning.
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29 January 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept, COMGEN
Hawaiian Dept, COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, AMMDXL and
ANMISGA C1076. Operations report SOUVESPAC area. 1300Z/27
to 1300Z/28 signed MacArthur.

New Ireland: Convoy approximately 15 vessels
reported off west coast heading for Rabaul night January 27;
possible destroyer camouflaged sighted Emirau.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs January 28 indicate 8 small cargo vessel less than previous day.

Cape Gloucester: Patrols report a series of enemy
defended positions from Natomo eastwards to Cape Gauffre.

Admiralty Islands: Approximately 40 barges reported
in area by attacking aircraft January 27.

Dutch New Guinea: Sorong: 1 medium 1 small
freighter transport 1 sea truck 7 barges sighted in area
January 27th; 1 bomber on Jefman Airdrome.

MacCluer Gulf: 1 3000 ton freighter transport with
7 fighters cover reported heading west, 1 1000 ton freighter
transport off Kokes.

End of part one.

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29 January 1944

Part two.

North eastern area. Land.

Cape Gloucester: Allied patrols encountered strong resistance after crossing Matano River.

Seidori: Intense patrolling made minor contacts.

Sio: Advance reached Asiwa River (south west Vincke Point) with patrols at Kiari.

Air. Enemy action: Light raids on Cape Gloucester afternoon January 27 and early next morning.

Operations January 27:

1. Catalina attacked convoy north west Rabaul at night set blazing fuel laden transport with 2 hits amidships.

2. 7-B25's bombed Mugil plantation area (Cape Croisilles).


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29 January 1944

(4) 12 RAAF P40’s strafed set afire huts Jabob Jomba Islands.

(5) 7 B25’s caused fires Erima Planation; bombing excellent.

(6) 9 RAAF Vengeances \hersed bridges along Bogtdjim Road, strafed area.

(7) 4 P39’s 2 RAAF Bomeranga strafed personnel huts 3 barges along Rail coast.

Operations January 28th:

(8) 16 RAAF P40’s strafed Cape Hoskins revetments destroyed 1 Zeke 1 Val.

(9) 2-P39’s strafed rendered unserviceable 7 barges Rain Bay.

(10) 12 A20’s bombed strafed enemy troop concentrations Borgen Bay, started fires.

(11) 14-B25’s with P37’s escort swept Bogia Harbour to Cape Croisilles, destroyed several barges 3 bridges many buildings strafed anti aircraft positions.

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   COMGEN3OPAC
   New Delhi
   Chungking

29 January 1944

(12) Patrolling F39's strafed 4 barges along Roi
    coast, swept up Ramu Valley to Atemble, strafed
    huts buildings resembling military headquarters.

(13) S-420's bombed strafed enemy concentrations
    Singor Village (west Saidor) and coastal tracks.

North western area. Air. Operations January 27th:

(14) 5 RAAF Catalinas bombed Laha Airfield (Ambon)
    at night, caused explosions large fires visible 60 miles.

(15) 6-B24's attacked shipping at Sorong (Dutch
    New Guinea), probably destroyed 1 of 7 intercepting
    fighters over MacRiever Gulf.

SOPAC forces. Naval: PT boats with cooperating
Catalina attacked Puriata Mamatoga (Empress Augusta Bay Area);
gunboat bombared Mamatoga night January 25. PT boats destroyed
barge Choiseul Bay following night.

Air. Enemy action: 2 of 4 enemy aircraft bombed
Torokina before dawn.

Operations January 27th:

(16) 6 Avengers 6 Dauntless struck bivouac areas

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south Ibu, Numa Numa area.

(17) P39's hit south west Bougainville and Buka coast; single B25 started large fire Maliai Village (Morgusiai Island); single reconnaissance aircraft attacked left burning 2 ships in 12 ship convoy south Dyal Island at night.

(18) 19 B25's 64 fighters escort bombed Lakunai revetments, started large fire; shot down 23 probably 6 others of 30 to 40 intercepting fighters; 6 Allied fighters lost, 2 pilots safe.

(19) 2 squadrons B24's 56 fighters escort struck supply dumps Sulphur Creek (Rabaul) during afternoon, enemy fighters refused combat; 1 B24 bombed East Cape, another Buka.


Weather. Broken cloud and scattered showers generally but overcast over southern Solomon Sea and thick weather further south; north western area closed depression in Western Timor Sea causing thick rain areas through Arafura Sea but improving over Banda Sea.

Air. (1) 2 1000 lb general purpose bombs dropped.

(2) 2 1000 lb, 96 100 lb instantaneous, 1 1000
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To: War C1076
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1 lb one tenth second delay demolition, 8 500 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 5,500 feet.

(3) 34 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 11,400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(4) 5,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(5) 12 500 lb incendiary, 95 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs from 8000 feet.

(6) 18 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped in dives from 9000 feet releasing at 2,500 feet; 800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 600 feet.

(7) No details P39's, 60 rounds 20MM, 1500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Boomerangs.

(8) 7,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 1700 to 50 feet; slight inaccurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres.

(9) No details received.

(10) 39 500 lb, 8 500 lb wire wrapped 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude.

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21,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(11) 60 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 24,200 rounds 50, 5,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light, intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) 36 rounds 37MM, 1100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude by 2 aircraft, no details other 2.

(13) 22 500 lb, 4 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 11,400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(14) 16 500 lb, 20 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 80 20 lb fragmentation, 60 30 lb incendiary bombs, boxes of 4 lb incendiaries dropped from 10000 to 6000 feet.

(15) 30 50 lb general instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,600 feet; 6 hung up and jettisoned at sea; 800 rounds 30 calibre fired in combat; moderate heavy

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29 January 1944

inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Sorong, slight light inaccurate from vessel MacCluer Gulf.

Refer paragraph 5 preceding report: 36 1000 lb 127 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,900 to 18,600 feet by other 17 aircraft; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 8,700 rounds 50 calibre, 887 rounds 20mm fired in strafing by 17 P38's.

Refer paragraph 7 preceding report: 24 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 200 feet; 9700 rounds 50, 4,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by other 5 aircraft; slight light inaccurate anti craft fire.

Refer report covering operations January 26th, paragraph 8: 36 1000 lb one tenth second delay, 18 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8500 to 6300 feet by 18 B25's.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CO AAF, White House, Admiral King, General Vandegrift, Sir John Dill, CO/S (Captain Royal USN), Log

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6 LSTs from Cretin and Sudost with 3 DDS enroute Sairor. 2 LSTs with 2 DDS returned Sudost from Sairor with casualties. FOUR LSTs with SC YAS escort ETA ARAME 0730L/30. BOAT-PLANE SEARCH FOUND NO ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS OR WRECKAGE FROM PT COLLISION YESTERDAY. PT PATROLS NEGATIVE RESULTS.

BLACK CATS SCATTERED 1/15 SHIP RABAUL-BOUND CONVOY SETTING FIRE TO 6100 TON AP WITH 21 THOUSAND POUND BOMBS HITS. SHIP APPARENTLY LOADED WITH AVGAS.

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COMENSPAC No. 
New Delhi No. 
Chungking No. 

27 January 1944

Operations report SOWESPAC Area 13002/25 to 13002/26 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFISPA pass COMSPAC, CO AMMISCA, CC AMMEDEL.

Saint Matthias group: Convoy comprising 5 destroyers 1 merchant vessel 1 escort vessel reported 10 miles south Mussau Island course 315 degrees 154525.

New Ireland: Photographs January 25 show 1 medium 3 small cargo vessels 8 barges Kavieng Harbour, 4 fighters 1 dive bomber Kavieng Airfield, nil aircraft Namatanai Borpop.


SOWAC afternoon fighter sweep encountered no interception, observed 30 fighters Rapopo where only three photographed morning, sighted 3 destroyers off Fresa Point heading North East.

Cape Hoskins: Strip observed unserviceable.


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Alexishafen: 10 twin engined aircraft sighted on airfield, strip serviceable January 25.

Madang: Strip being repaired, 5 aircraft observed same day.


Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land, Cape Gloucester: Patrol met strong enemy position 1500 yards south Natamo Point. Forward elements reached Kavua River.

Saidor: Enemy patrol south west ambushed, 4 killed 2 captured; identified as members First Company 80th Infantry Regiment, state strength First Battalion 120 men.

Kankiryo: 18 Brigade captured high ground mile north Kankiryo Saddle. Air.

Enemy action: Light night raids on Arawe and Natamo, no damage. Operations January 25:

1. Further 17 B25's raided Lomangau Area, left large lugger burning, destroyed barge and jetty.

2. 12 RAAF P40's bombed strafed and hit 4 barges Gogol River (Madang).

3. 37 B25's bombed Alexishafen Madang Oragat Island Area started large fires and explosions (Strike paragraph 6 preceding report occurred January 24).
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4. 8 F39's strafed Karkar Island January 24, damaged buildings and piers. Operations January 26:

5. B24's bombed Loreangau, Momote Airdrome and Salamau Plantation, caused explosions followed by fires in supply areas, destroyed buildings and jetty, left runway un-serviceable.

6. 2 F39's destroyed 2 barges north coast Williamset Peninsula.

7. 8 A20's attacked troop concentrations east Natano.


9. 2 F39's destroyed and damaged 4 barges Melanau Harbour Area.

10. 22 A20's raided troops and supplies Bonga/Gali Area with excellent results.

SOGPAC Forces. Land: Ground forces after artillery and gunboat barrage advanced 350 yards east Torokina River mouth, met strong opposition, destroyed pillbox Air.

Enemy action: 8 aircraft bombed outside allied lines Torokina, anti aircraft fire destroyed 1 aircraft. Operations:

11. Dauntless 2 Avengers bombed area east of Mutuguna Point.

12. 24 B25's to strike Lakunai grounded due weather.

13. Fighters circled Rabaul for half hour met no interception.

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14. Night reconnaissance aircraft scored hit on one of five vessels off Kavieng.

Part 3.

Weather. Mainly favourable with broken middle cloud but thunderstorms developed at night; Northwestern area conditions favourable with excellent visibility except for extensive rains over Arnhem Land. Air.

1. 37x1000 LB, 42x500 LB 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 100 feet, 3x500 LB salvoed; 33,900 rounds 50, 9,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense light accurate anti aircraft fire.

2. 12x500 LB instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1200 feet; 3500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

3. 39x1000 LB, 77x500 LB instantaneous, 27x1000 LB 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 9,000 to 7,500 feet.

4. 84 rounds 37 MM, 500 rounds 50, 1700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet.

5. 36x1000 LB, 323x500 LB instantaneous, 72x500 LB 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 12000 to 9000 feet; 13x500 LB bombs salvoed; slight light and medium mostly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

6. 7, 8, and 9. no details received.

10. 42x500 LB, 17x300 LB, 5x250 LB 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 30,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing. Nosig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, White House, Field Marshal Dill, CO/S (Capt. Royal USN), Adm. King, General Vandegrift, Log

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**From**: CHICOSWESTPAC

**Via**: COM 7TH FLT

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**Date**: 27 JAN 44

**Release**: 2741126

**Codec**: BENNETT

**Paraphrase By**: ROLL

**Routing**: COMINCH

2 LST's 3 DD's arrived Sudest from Cretin after Supplying Cape Gloucester. Saidor echelon of 4 LST's, SC, YMS left Cretin for Arade. Night 26/27 PT patrols negative results. 1 enlisted man KILLED, 1 officer & 6 men injured not seriously and 2 officers and 6 enlisted men missing probably dead as result of exploding depth charge following collision of PT's 115 & 114 at 2115/26.

4 unidentified fighters dropped aerial bombs with no results on Black Cats Night 26/27. A/S search by Black cats same night with negative results.

**ACTION**: 1630 GMT

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New Delhi No #
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WAR C-948

26 January 1944.

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department,
COMGEN Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFRICOM pass to
COMSOPAC, CG AMMBUL, CG AMMIBGA. Operations report
SOUWESPA Area. 13002/24 to 13002/25 signed MacArthur.
C-948.

New Britain: Rabaul: Catalina reported unidentified vessel using intense light antiaircraft fire 35
miles North Cape Pomus night January 24. Arawe: Area
reported clear of enemy 5000 years forward main line re-
sistance. Cape Gloucester: 2 barges reported landing
reinforcements Cape Gauffre dusk January 24; natives to
South report enemy moving East. New Guinea: Hansa Bay: 17
barges sighted in Bay January 25; 3 troop laden barges
moving South along coast towards Madang sunk by PT boats
night January 23. Huon Peninsula: Reconnaissance air-
craft report only slight use coastal track between Vincke
and Reiss points.

cleared area 5000 years forward MLR; Ustingala and airstrome
free of enemy. Cape Gloucester: Ground forces met re-
sistance 2 miles East Natamo; Artillery sank barge off
Cape Gauffre. Ramu Valley: Patrol down Mintjis Valley
inflicted casualties; Contact maintained mile North Kan-
kiryo. Naval: 2 light cruisers 3 destroyers bombarded
Alexishafen and Madang, started fires, 1 shore gun re-
turned fire no damage. Air. Enemy action: 6 aircraft

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RAAF and USAAF forces. Naval activity: PT's shelled area.

Operations January 25: (1) Patrolling B-24's bombs and damaged gunboat off Sepik River, also bombed large hanger 36 miles South East Lorengau, bombed gun positions Manus and warehouse Carove Island. (2) 39 B-25's bombed and strafed Momote Airfield and Lorengau Area. 8 enemy aircraft (some unserviceable) were destroyed, barges, jetties, and buildings were set afire anti aircraft gun positions were silenced; 3 B-25's lost. (3) 2 RAAF A-20's, 3 P-40's, bombed and silenced 2 gun positions Cape Dampier. (4) 6 P-39's strafed Uligan damaged 3 barges, 1 P-39 lost. (5) 49 B-24's diverted from Wewak by weather bombed Hanyab Bay, started fires in dump areas, bad weather hampered bombing, 2 other aircraft bombed Alexishafen and Bogadjim. (6) 18 B-25's bombed supply dump and villages on Gazagat Island (off Madang), started large fires. (7) 14 P-39's strafed barges along Rai Coast left 5 unserviceable. (8) 8 P-47's heavily strafed enemy concentrations on Island. Sough forces, Naval activity: PT's shelled area.

South Nootpana Plant. Air. Operations January 28: (9) 4 B-25's bombed Tobera. (10) 18 Avengers covered by 86 fighters attacked Rabaul shipping midday sunk one 6000 ton, one 10000 ton cargo vessel, lost one 1000 ton cargo vessel, one 3000 ton cargo vessel, one 8000 ton oiler beached and damaged, one 5000 ton cargo vessel badly damaged; 24 enemy fighters were destroyed 4 others probably destroyed; 1 Corsair lost.

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FROM:
Rear Admiral James W. Briscoe
Chief of Staff
CINCPAC

TO:
Mr. Delano

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(1) Add additional 2 enemy fighters shot down afternoon.

(2) Part 3: Severe damage; squadrons over Buka Peninsula. Aircraft sorties over Airdale except during later hours today. Weather and runway conditions still variable.

(3) Accurate 6000-lb bombs dropped at 7000 feet. Xi 1 x 5000 lbs. Y 4 x 500 lbs. Z 4 x 500 lbs. A 4 x 500 lbs. B 8 x 500 lbs. C 8 x 500 lbs. D 8 x 500 lbs. E 8 x 500 lbs. F 8 x 500 lbs.

(4) 170 second delay bombs dropped from 1500 feet. Night medium-inaccurate 14 x 1000 lbs. 20 x 500 lbs.

(5) Medium-inaccurate 12 x 500 lbs. 6 x 500 lbs.

(6) Heavy-inaccurate 36 x 500 lbs. 11 x 500 lbs.

(7) No details.

(8) 83% of total bombs fell from minimum altitude.

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New Delhi  
Chungking  
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26 January 1944.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2  
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ECHOLOGY 4 LST'S LKJ 3 DD'S UNLOADED AND DEPARTED FROM CAPE GLOUCESTER FOR CAPE SÜDEST. ANOTHER ECHOLOGY OF 4 LST'S AND 2 DD'S RETURNED TO SÜDEST FROM GLOUCESTER. 4 LST'S PLUS 1 YS AND 1 SC ARRIVED ARAWI THIS MORNING. NIP PLANE'S HAD MINOR DAMAGE TO LST 2@1 WITH 1 HIT 2 NEAR MISSES AT JREGER HARBOR.

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25 January 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept., COMGEN Hawaiian Dept., COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, AMMDEL and AMMISCA 0-916. Operations report SWPESAPAC area period 1300Z/23 to 1300Z/24 signed MacArthur.

Admiralty Islands: 1,500 ton freighter sighted heading west 30 miles east Loyangau midday January 23; 2 medium vessels similar course midnight 60 miles east.

New Ireland: Photographs January 23 show 8 fighters 45 medium bombers Xavileng, 4 fighters Panapai; in harbour I destroyer 1 medium 3 small cargo vessels.

New Britain: Rekaul: Photographs apparently following strike January 23 show 75 fighters 52 bombers.


Hollandia: 4 medium merchant vessels reported by photographic reconnaissance plane midday January 23.

Flores Island: 1 strip serviceable 4,600 feet, nil aircraft per photographs January 23. End of part I.


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From: Ft. Saffet
To: COMSOUTHAC
New Delhi
Chungking
25 January 1944

Captured quantities ammunition and supplies, enemy retreated to east.

Saidor: Extensive patrolling continues, no contact.

Sio: Patra located small enemy group killed 23.

Sami Valley: 18 Brigade consolidating Harsil Kendar area, company captured enemy positions above Palpa (4 miles down Mintim Valley).

Nayal: FT's strafed lights along Hali Coast, destroyed 3 south bound barges Taumed Strait, 1 barge north west Foomega Bay.

Air: Enemy action; 2 light raids Arare night January 23, no damage or casualties. Preliminary report states raid Pineshafen same night. Operations January 24:

(1) Night B24 bombed area near south Sepik River, bombed buildings Unea Island, and gun positions Lorengau.

(2) 36 B25's bombed and strafed Lorengau Namote air- 
drome, and shipping in harbour, destroyed 7 aircraft probably destroyed 3 others on ground, hit and sink 31,000 ton sea trucks damaged 2 others, destroyed gasoline truck, sank schooner and barge, left buildings burning; escorting P38's also heavily strafed area.

(3) 1 RAAF A20 bombed Damp area Cape Hoskins January 22.

(4) 25 RAAF Beauforts escorted by P40's and Spitfires, bombed dump areas Cape Hoskins; bombing excellent.

(5) 33 B24's bombed Wavak Bham Airdrome and supply areas, destroyed 4 grounded aircraft, started large fires in dumps, bombing excellent; no interception; 1-B24 bombed Anele Mission.

(6) 33 B25's bombed and heavily strafed Hansa Bay area started large number fires in supply dumps, hit barges; bomb-

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COMENSCPAC
New Delhi
Chungking
25 January 1944

Air operations:

(7) 2 P39's strafed Gali area, North western area.

(8) 6 B24's bombed villages Tanumbar Islands, SOUPAC
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Enemy action: 25 bombs dropped at Twonina night January 22, few casualties. Operations January 23:

(9) 20 patrolling P39's strafed Shortlands area; 1 Dauntless, 1 Avenger bombed Monoiu Mission; 5 Dauntless, 6 Avengers bombed Ruca Numa area, night Catalina dropped depth charges Xela.

(10) Further details Rabaul striking night January 22: 30 not 3 B24's followed 5 E25's; caused large fires and explosions town area destroyed number buildings.

(11) 68 Dauntless, 18 Avengers in surprise attack bombed Lakema airdrome strafed harbour shipping destroyed or damaged 17 gun positions and 8 aircraft on ground, started large fuel fire and left cargo vessel smoking; 32 enemy. Interceptors were shot down, others probably destroyed: our losses 3 fighters, 2 pilots safe.

(12) 48 allied fighters returned over Rabaul in afternoon circled area then shot down 14 of 50 enemy fighters, airborne, 1 other probably shot down; no allied losses. End of part 2.

Part 3. Weather. Well broken cloud with storms on hills in north eastern area, broken cloud Arafur area with large rain areas to north east, Air.

1 by 1000 lb, 2 by 500 lb one tenth second delay bombs dropped from 1500 Sepik area; 2 by 1000 lb one tenth second delay bombs dropped area from 5000 feet; 2 by 1000...
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25 January 1944

1 lb bombs dropped from 8000 feet Lorengau, slight medium and heavy anti aircraft fire Lorengau.

2) 76 by 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 95,600 rounds 50, 38,000 rounds 30 calibre fired by bombers; 10,500 rounds 50 calibre, 1,185 rounds 20 MM fired by fighters; slight light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

3) 8 by 100 lb 4 to 5 second delay bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

4) 49 by 600 lb, 91 by 250 lb general purpose rod extension bombs dropped from 15,000 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

5) 191 by 1000 lb, 4 by 2000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 20,000 to 17,000 feet; moderate medium and heavy core accurate anti aircraft fire; 5 by 1000 lb bombs dropped along.

6) 13 by 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 to 50 feet; 42,000 rounds 50, 7,100 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

7) No details.

8) 40 by 500 lb demolition bombs dropped from 7000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Balaoe Island.

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ACTION: OPN

INFORMATION: O-2, O3AIF, Gen Vandenegrift, Adm. King
Field Marshal MILL, LOC, COS, Capt Royal, USN

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From: Rear Bobelon GHQ, SWPA
To: War

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Ft. Shafter,
COMUSFORPAC,
New Delhi,
Chungking

28th January 1944.

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept Commanding General Hawaiian Dept CO USAFRPAC pass to COMUSFORPAC AMNISCAP 0 870. Operations report COMUSFORPAC area period 13002/22nd to 13002/23rd signed MacArthur.

Admiralty Islands: destroyer course 280 degrees, medium freighter course west sighted 60/75 miles east night January 22nd.

New Ireland: photographs January 22nd show Boropop and Namatanai runways serviceable 3000 feet, nil aircraft.

New Britain: Rabaul: 40 to 70 enemy fighters reported airborne afternoon January 22nd; 4 cargo vessels 455 to 320 feet photographed in Simpson Harbour with 6 smaller vessels 230 barges; 2 destroyers sighted in area afternoon January 23rd; convoy of 10 small vessels reported 65 miles west Cape Lambert course 200 degrees night January 22nd, also destroyer in same area.

Jaqquinto Bay: 10 barges sighted along beach morning January 23rd.

New Guinea: destroyer reported heading Wewak midnight January 22nd. End of part one.

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Arawe: patrols active.

Cape Gloucester: rifle company encountered well
prepared enemy positions Matamo Point January 22nd, killed
10 enemy, next day marine patrols killed 10 enemy same
area.

Saidor: patrols active to south east and south west.

Ramu Valley: 18 captured Shaggy Ridge occupied Kan-
kiriyo area, 130 enemy dead counted, number field guns
captured.

Air. Enemy action: two raids Arawe morning January
23rd, few casualties.

Operations:

(1) Reconnaissance B29's bombed destroyer in convoy
64 miles west Cape Pomas, damaged freighter 74 miles east
Lorengau with near miss.

(2) Night Catalinas bombed and strafed destroyer
30 miles east Wewak, also bombed destroyed 63 miles east
Lorengau.

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(3) Two RAAF A20's, bombed and silenced gun position Cape Dampier.

(4) Thirteen A20's bombed and strafed enemy pillboxes vicinity Natano Point, cause large explosion, bombing graded excellent.

(5) Preliminary report: 34 B24's (1 other bombed and destroyed buildings Amnile Mission south west Madang) bombed and destroyed 1 gun position Boram airfield caused explosions among others, bombing graded excellent; of approximately 50 enemy fighters intercepting 33 shot down, 12 others probably destroyed by bombers and escort; Allied losses 5 fighters missing.

(6) P39's strafed barges Uilgan Harbour, 1 P39 lost.

(7) Further 7 B25's bombed and strafed road north Alexishafen January 22nd, destroyed 2 bridges hit 4 others, destroyed buildings.

(8) Nine A20's bombed and strafed enemy troops Bonga and along Rai coast.

(9) Twelve RAAF Vengeances bombed enemy positions Mataloi (5 miles south west Yaula), bombing excellent.

Northwestern area. Air. Operations:

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(10) Two RAAF P40's destroyed 1 enemy bomber 1
     fighter 60 miles south west Cape Valech.

(11) Two reconnaissance B24's bombed town and
     anchored Freighter Maemere, jetty area at Ende (Flores).
     SOUPAC Forces, Naval:
     LCM gunboat shelled enemy barge hideout east Cape
     Torokina.

Air Operations January 22nd:

(12) Two Venturas bombed and strafed radio station
     Namaqate, Dauntless bombed enemy pillboxes east Motupena
     Point.

(13) Twenty seven B25's bombed Lakunai airdrome,
     scored 54 hits on runway started number fires, 22 fighters
     escorting destroyed 18 enemy fighters probably destroyed 2
     others 9 damaged fighters 1 B25 lost.

(14) Three B24's, 6 B25's harassed Rabaul town
     during night, started large fires visible 75 miles; 2 B25's
     missing.

(15) Reconnaissance B24 destroyed launch Feni Island.

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Part 3. Weather. Mainly favourable, scattered
thunder storms at night over sea, thick weather along north
coast Dutch New Guinea; scattered middle cloud northwestern
section.

Air.:

(1) 1 1000, 2 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition
bombs dropped from 2,500 feet on destroyer, moderate light
inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; 2 1000 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10th
second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1,500 feet on
freighter, moderate light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(2) Intense light and medium inaccurate anti-air-
craft fire from destroyer, no other details.

(3) 2 250 lb demolition 11 seconds tail delay bombs
dropped from 700 to 50 feet; slight light accurate anti-
aircraft fire.

(4) 50 250 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs
dropped from minimum altitude; 22,900 rounds 50 calibre
fired in starflying.

(5) 204 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 19,600 to 17,800 feet; 25,000 round 50, 2500
rounds 30 calibre fired by bombers against intercepting
fighters; light to intense heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft
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fire; 423 rounds 20 MM, 4,100 rounds 50 calibre fired by 3 squadrons fighters.

(5) No details received.

(7) 180 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 200 feet to minimum altitude; 18,900 rounds 50, 9,700 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing.

(8) 31 250 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 7,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(9) 22 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 1,000 feet; (c) due rack failure; 500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire Macomere, medium from freighter.

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23 January 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, COMGEN Hawaiian Dept, COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, CG AMMOSA and CG AMMDEL GG41. Report of operations SOWES-PAC area period 1300Z/21 to 1300Z/22 signed MacArthur.

New Ireland: Attacking aircraft report nil anti aircraft fire Borpop Airdrome.

New Hanover: Destroyer and 4 merchant ships reported 60 miles North West course 150 degrees night January 21.

Rooke Island: Enemy reported evacuated leaving equipment.

New Guinea:

Wewak: Four merchant vessels (3 small) indicated in area night January 21.

Rai Coast: Enemy submarine sighted North Weber Point; parachutes sighted near Lepsius Point.

Halfmehaer:

Koec Bay: Catalinas report 2 large 4 medium 3 small vessels in bay night January 21

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No. 0341 23 January 1944

Soemba:

Owingapoo: Photographs January 21 show 3 new revetments near runway, 15 barges 1 coastal vessel in vicinity End of Part 1.

Part 2. Northeastern Area. Land:

Patrol activity only Arawe Gloucester Sio and Sidor.

Ramu Valley: Australian troops advanced along watershed from East and up ridges from South West, captured positions commanding trail between Faria and Mintim River valleys; enemy troops abandoned positions flt. to north.

Naval:

PT's destroyed loaded barge Cape Dampier.

Air:

Enemy action: Two raids Arawe morning January 21, some casualties. PT boats probably destroyed 1 of 7 attacking aircraft Cadang Area night January 20.

Operations January 22:

1) Reconnaissance B24's bombed 4 ship convoy 54 miles West New Hanover, 50 foot miss damaged 1 merchant vessel; bombed merchant vessel 15 miles East Wewak.

2) Night Catalinas strafed stationary 1500 ton freighter 55 miles East Wewak.

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(3) Eleven B25's attacked Lorengaur shipping
and shore area, sank 2500 ton freighter transport,
500 ton cargo vessel number barges, destroyed jetty,
killed approximately 125 enemy.

(4) Sixteen B25's bombed and strafed beached
barges and Iboki plantation Reim Bay.

(5) Four RAAF A20's, 4 P39's on search missions
destroyed 1 barge Cape Dampier, 1 Willaumez Peninsula,
damaged barges Reim Bay and Itno River.

(6) Twelve A20's bombed and strafed Reim Bay area.

(7) Twenty seven RAAF Beauforts bombed dumps
Amgen River, started fires, bombing excellent.

(8) Two night P38's strafed and sunk fuel laden
sea truck off Condor Point.

(9) Seven B25's bombed and strafed Coast Cape
Gourdon to Cape Croisilles, destroyed 6 bridges 1
barge hit villages.

(10) Seven B25's bombed plantation area South
Maipng January 21.

(11) Twelve RAAF Vengeances bombed bridges Yaula
Road, 7 escorting P40's strafed villages.

(12) Four P39's strafed supply dumps Ernia Plan-
tation and enemy parties along coast.

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Northwestern Area. Air Operations:

(13) RAAF P40 destroyed enemy bomber 30 miles South Cape Valech.

(14) Nine RAAF Beaufighters destroyed 3 coastal vessels North Coast Timor, also strafed villages.

SOUHAC Forces. Naval: LCM gunboat shelled Namagata village South West coast Bougainville.

Air Operations January 21:

(15) Two Ventures bombed and strafed reported radio station West Coast Choiseul, 6 P39's strafed Kara and Kabili, 3 Avengers bombed bivouacs South Monotu Mission; light bombers turned back from Rabaul by weather dropped 30 tons of bombs on Kara runway and gun positions; B24 bombed Bonis.

(16) Thirty eight B24's bombed Borpop Airdrome, hits scored on revetments and gun positions.

(17) Five B 24's harassed Rabaul night January 20, started 5 large fires town area; add extra fighter shot down Rabaul January 20

Part 3. Weather. Broken middle cloud with conditions mainly favourable throughout the area except for unsettled weather and scattered showers over New Britain through Vitiava Strait and Huon Peninsula; North Western area mainly favourable with average visibility but patches of thick weather over Eastern Arafura Sea and Arnhem land.

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No. 0841 23 January 1944

Air.
1. Four 1000 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped convoy from 1500 feet; 2 1000 lb 4 500 lb 1/10 delay bombs dropped convoy from 1500 feet; 2 100 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped Wewak area from 2000 feet.

2. No details received.

3. Twenty one 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 25,000 rounds 50 calibre, 4300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

4. Fifty three by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 500 to 50 feet, 30,700 rounds 50, 4700 rounds 30 calibre fired.

5. Eight 250 lb, 3 100 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 1000 feet and under, 500 rounds 50, 800 rounds 30 calibre fired by A20's.

6. Nineteen by 300 lb, 30 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 400 feet and under, 18,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

7. Forty six by 500 lb, 92 by 250 lb instantaneous rod extension fuse general purpose bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

8. No details.

9. One hundred and fifty four 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 to 100 feet.

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16,300 rounds 50, 7400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

10) Fifty 300 lb instantaneous demolition, 6 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 9000 to 8400 feet.

11) No details Vengeances, 4900 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40's.

12) No details.

13) Twelve hundred rounds 50 calibre fired in combat.

14) Two thousand 2 hundred rounds 20 MM, 2500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light anti aircraft fire from villages.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Adm. KINK
Gen. VANDEGRAFT
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
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22 January 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Dept CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC ANMISCA AMKDEL 0812.
Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1300Z/20 to 1300Z/21 signed MacArthur.

Kavieng: Photographs from January 20 show runway serviceable, nil aircraft Rebank: 50/60 fighters reported airborne by attacking SOWESPAC aircraft midday January 20.


Hanua Bay: Medium vessel reported in bay by fighter patrol morning January 21.

Saipan area: Main body of enemy reported in vicinity Guas Point.

End of part one.


Air. Operations January 21:

(1) Patrolling night B24 sank 7000 ton tanker

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east Nukak with direct hit and near miss; second B24 sunk 3000 ton freighter 47 miles south east Lorengau with two direct hits; during day B24 bombed and destroyed control tower Copac Koskin.

(2) Two RAF Beaufighters strafed barge and power boat north tip Willemsen Peninsula; 2 RAAF A20's bombed Lindenhafen; 2 Beaufighters strafed barge Henry Reid Bay.

(3) Two P39's damaged 1 barge Cape Macart, 16 P47's strafed coastal area.

(4) Thirty one RAAF Beauforts covered by P40's and Spitfires Bombed enemy bivouac area Angum River (east Guadalcanal), cloud obscured results.

(5) Night B25's harassed Hansa Bay area, 2 night fighters ineffectively intercepted.

(6) Eleven P40's strafed villages along coast north Alexishafen, destroyed 6 boats.

(7) Six B25's bombed Erina Plantation, bombing graded excellent.

(8) Twenty two P40's dive bombed Shaggy Ridge area, results reported excellent.

(9) Six P39's strafed enemy troops along east coast, destroyed boat Gali, started fire in supply dump Erina plantation.

(10) Twenty five A20's bombed and strafed known enemy bivouac Gali and Sareuak Bay, destroyed Roinoi village, caused large explosion.
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Northwestern area. Air. Operations:

(11) Two patrolling P24's bombed Waingapoe, caused large fires.

(12) Night RAAF Catalinas strafed and caused large explosion Lolobata (Halmahera) also strafed small ship south east Tanjung Boelo.

SOPAC Forces. Land: Forty five enemy killed near Torokina River forks area, patrol contacted enemy north east Torokina river mouth.

Naval: P24's sank 2 barges Choiseul Bay night January 19; next night Allied Destroyers sank gunboat and 5 barges, ran two others aground Bougainville Strait, also bombarded enemy positions Jaba river area.

Air: Enemy action night January 19; One aircraft bombed and destroyed 2 B25's Treasury Island; light raid Torokina.

Operations January 20:

(13) Two squadrons B24's bombed targets southern Bougainville; patrolling B24's bombed Siposia Island, strafed Choiseul Bay, also bombed supply dump west Cape Choiseul.

(14) Five night B24's harassed Rabaul, started large fires town area.

(15) Eighteen B25's attacked Yunakanau airdrome, caused large fires north west runway, strafed 3 grounded fighters and cargo vessel; Bombers and escorting fighters shot down 15.

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Sure and 3 probable of 60 intercepting aircraft; 4 Allied fighters 2 B-25's lost (1 bomber crew safe).

Part 3. Weather. Scattered thunderstorms over coastal regions during afternoon and thick weather through Vitiaz Strait; deteriorating at night over seas and ranges with frequent thunderstorms; northwestern area much frontal activity with frequent rain areas causing poor visibility.

Air.

(1) Two 1000 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet on tanker; moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 2 1000 lb, 4 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped on freighter; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 2 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,500 feet Cape Rocking; 400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(2) 500 rounds 20 MM, 2500 rounds 30 calibre fired Williamess Peninsula from 40 feet; 6 250 lb 3 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped by ASO'S; 100 rounds 30 calibre, 100 rounds 20 MM fired from 40 feet Henry Held Bay.

(3) No details received.

(4) 2 1000 lb, 56 500 lb, 116 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuze bombs dropped from 11,000 feet.

(5) 40 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 22 120 lb fragmentation clusters, 1 bundle incendiaries, 150 340 ball and pieces lead piping dropped from 14,000 to 500 feet; moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(6) No details received.

(7) 48 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,500 feet.

(8) 22 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped in dive bombing attack.

(9) No details received.

(10) 49 500 lb, 47 250 lb, 1 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 47,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(11) 12 500 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

(12) 600 rounds 50, 400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight heavy anti aircraft fire Wasile Bay, slight light Kaoe.

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White House
Field Marshall Dill
CC/S (Capt. Royal, USN)
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21st January 1944

Report of operations SWOPAC area period 1300Z/19 to 1300Z/20 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept., CO Hawaiian Dept., CO USAFISUA pass to COMSOPAC, AMHICA and AMDEL C 753.

New Hanover: Three small merchant vessels sighted off Cape Matanalem midday January 20.
New Britain: Two barges sighted under tow by launch Jacquinot Bay area.
New Guinea:
Hollandia: Photographs midday January 19 show two 1500 ton vessels in harbour.

Wewak Area: Sea truck sighted off Aitape, 1 9,000 ton transport, 2 medium freighters with escorting destroyer and gunboat reported 65 miles North by West morning January 19; 6 night fighters reported by B24 on reconnaissance night January 19.
Karkar Island: Five barges or boats reported in vicinity by B24 night January 20.

Northwestern Area:
Ambon: Photographs January 20 show 25 floatplanes

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Halong, one 3800, one 1200 ton freighter transport, 3 sea trucks, 106 barges and small craft in harbour, 13 fighters, 12 twin engined planes Laha Airdrome, 2 new strips, 1 apparently serviceable Namlea.

Ceram: Three vessels reported vicinity Amahai night January 19.

Macassar Strait: Large tanker reported heading Balikpapan afternoon January 19.


Land: Patrols report no enemy within 1500 yards MLR (North end Amalut plantation).

Cape Gloucester: Inland patrols report contact with small enemy parties.

Sic Slind Finschhafen: Ninth Australian Division relieved by 5th Australian Division January 20; patrolling continues.

Salis: Patrol contacted enemy group Gabumi (11 miles South West Salis).

Bamu Valley: 8th Australian Brigade, 7th Division, in contact with withdrawing enemy 2 miles East Kankiryo (on divide between Mintum and Faris Rivers).

Naval: PT's and large troop laden barges North Alexishafen night January 18th.

Air. Operations January 19th:

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1. Patrolling B24's bombed freighter transport 50 miles west of New Hanover; bombed large transport north of New Hanover, strafed small craft off Manus Island.

2. Further 6 B24's bombed Boraum gun positions started large fire, graded excellent.


4. Further 7 B25's supported ground forces upper Faria River.

Operations January 20th:

5. Patrolling B24 bombed freighter Tingwon Island (west of New Hanover) strafed another vessel in area; bombed and damaged sea truck North West Gitaape.

6. Twenty-two A20's bombed and strafed coastal villages from Borgen Bay to Roin Bay and enemy positions Didmop village area.

7. Two RAAF Beaufighters strafed barge Montague Harbour, 2 A20's bombed Lindenhafen, 3 A20's bombed barge hideout Cape Dampier.

8. Eighteen RAAF P40's bombed strafed and sank barge East Cape Archway.

9. 37 B25's, 13 RAAF P40's made surprise attack Bansa Bay, bombed and heavily strafed area, sunk 20 barges, damaged number trucks, silenced gun positions, caused large fires and explosions, damaged 2 fighters Rubia runway.

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(10) Sixty-two B24's, 12 RAAF Vengeance, 19 RAAF F40's bombed and thoroughly strafed enemy positions on Shaggy Ridge and Manowiro Saddle, destroyed strong enemy posts, ground forces report good results.

(11) Two P39's strafed enemy parties moving west along Rai coast.

Northwestern Area.

Air. Operations:

(12) Twenty-eight B24's to attack Ambon shipping midday January 19th: 3 failed take off, 5 returned due mechanical trouble, 4 salvoed bombs, 14 bombed targets, nil hits shipping, started fires barracks area; of 15 enemy fighters intercepting bombers destroyed 5, probably destroyed 1, damaged 2; 2 B24's missing.

Solomons: SOUPAC forces.

Land: Patrol reached North bank Laruma River; 132nd Infantry extended lines West bank Torokina River; Battalion 164 Infantry met strong oppositions Torokina River forks area; artillery shelled enemy defenses.

Naval: PT attacked enemy positions Jaba River; destroyers bombarded Ramandata (Buka passage); LCM gunboat shelled Altara.

Air. Operations January 19th:

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(13) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed and strafed Barge and Siposia Island, Choiseul Bay, and barge South Cape Saint George; 17 Dauntless bombed Mariri River bridge and adjacent bivouac areas Empress Augusta Bay; B24 bombed barges North Central coast New Ireland.

(14) Five B24's harassed Lakumai and Vuamakanau Airdromes night January 18; daylight strikes cancelled due weather.


Northeastern area: Deep cloud over inland regions in afternoon with associated heavy showers, deep cloud over sea at night, deep low cloud north coast New Britain throughout period; well broken cloud over Northwestern area.

Air.

(1) 2 1,000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped New Hanover, 2 1,000 AG demolition bombs dropped Wewak, 1,000 rounds fired in strafing.

(2) 30 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 19,400 feet; moderate to intense heavy anti-aircraft fire.

(3) 10 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 44 rifle grenades dropped from 11,400 feet.

(4) 21 1,000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 9,000 to 8,400 feet.

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(5) 2 1,000 lb 1/10th second delay, torpex bombs dropped Tinian Island from 6,700 feet, 2 1,000, 4 500 lb 1/10th second-delay demolition bombs dropped Altape from 1500 feet.

(6) 86 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 26,500 rounds fired in strafing.

(7) 400 rounds 20 MN, 1,500 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters. 4 250 lb, 6 100 lb demolition bombs dropped Lindenfren, 9 250 lb demolition bombs Cape Dampier from 200 feet and under.

(8) 1,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(9) 125 500 lb, 71 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 46,500 rounds 50 calibre, 12,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by B25's, 12,000 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40's; slight light and heavy, moderate medium anti-aircraft fire.

(10) 81 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,000 feet, 134 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under by B25's, 19 500 lb instantaneous demolition by P40's from minimum altitude, 22 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs by Vengeance in dives from 10,000 to 200 feet; 31,000 rounds 50, 1200 rounds 30 calibre, 31 rounds 75 MM fired by B25's.

(11) No details received.

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(12) 426 500 lb demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 to 12,500 feet, 54 jettisoned, 27 returned to base, 9800 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat; moderate medium and heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire Halong, intense heavy accurate Ambon; intercepting fighter unsuccessfully dropped aerial bombs.

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Report of operations SOWESPAC Area. 1300Z/18 to 1300Z 19 signed MacArthur.

Kahili: runway reported serviceable 2400 feet, repaired since January 9.

Mossau Island: Enemy submarine sighted and attacked 70 miles South West Night January 18 Kavieng: Catalina on patrol reported 2 large 4 medium cargo vessels night January 18.

Admiralty Islands: Momote Airbase at Lorengau reported much improved by reconnaissance Catalina.

New Britain: Enemy submarines reported vicinity Rooke and Unea Islands.

New Guinea: Hollandia; 2 small merchant vessels sighted in harbour midday January 19.

Hansa Bay: Thirty barges reported in bay by B24's January 18, 15 barges Uligan Harbour.

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Part 2: Northeastern Area, Land.

NIl action Arawe or Cape Gloucester, mopping up continues Sio Area, nil patrol contacts Saider.

Air. Enemy action: Light raid Saider and Arawe.

Operations January 18:

(1) Two P39's strafed 2 barges Rein Bay, left 1 burning, also strafed 6 enemy life boats off Pulie River (Arawe).

(2) Further 6 enemy aircraft shot down, 2 others probably destroyed over Wewak by 35 P38's.

(3) Two P38's strafed Alexishafen airdrome night January 17, hit 2 probably unserviceable bombers, left building afire.

(4) Further 16 B25's bombed and strafed enemy positions Shaggy Ridge Slope Faria River area.

(5) Two P39's strafed Gali Village, barges and suspected enemy hideouts along Fai Coast.

Operations January 19:

(6) Night B24 bombed and possibly destroyed submarine South West Mussau Island.

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(7) Night Catalinas sank freighter (3000 tons)
North Hansa Bay, 5000 ton ammunition ship 63 miles
East Lorengau, 20,000 ton vessel Jedvedar Harbour
(Lorengau); also bombed Momote airbase.

(8) Two F39's sank 1 barge left another burning
Rottock Bay.

(9) Forty eight B24's bombed anti aircraft gun
positions Boram airbase, silenced 3, caused number
explosions and large fires, 3/4 grounded aircraft
destroyed.

(10) Fifty three B25's bombed and strafed enemy
positions North Slope Shaggy Ridge (left side upper
Paria River) bombing reported excellent and very suc-
cessful; 12 RAAF Vengeances dive bombed same area.

(11) Four P39's strafed Gali, barges and troops
along coast.
Solomons. SOUPAC Forces. Air. Operations January 18:

(12) Venturas bombed and strafed enemy outpost
Central West Coast Choiseul Island; B24 bombed Mergusia
Island, started large fire.

(13) Thirty four B25's bombed and heavily strafed
from low level Tobra airport, destroyed 1 aircraft
on ground hit 12 others, 21 of at least 30 intercepting
Fighters destroyed; one other probably destroyed, 1
F38, 1 B25 lost.

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Part 3. Weather. Rather thick weather continued over New Britain Vitiax Strait Huon Peninsula and Northern Solomon Sea, elsewhere scattered cloud but conditions deteriorated during late hours; Northwestern Area mainly favourable except at night.

Air.

(1) No details received.

(2) Eleven hundred and forty nine rounds 20 MM, 5,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat.

(3) Four hundred rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude; intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) Twenty one by 1,000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 7000 feet; 20 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 16 by 500 lb 12 to 18 hours delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 to 200 feet; 3700 rounds 50,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) No details received.

(6) Four by 500 lb, 2 by 1000 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) No details received.
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(8) No details received.

(9) Two hundred and seventy two by 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 20,200 to 18,000 feet; moderate to intense medium and heavy accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) Sixty three by 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 8,000 feet, 66 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay, 62 by 500 lb 12 to 18 hours delay bombs dropped from 100 feet; 43 rounds 75 MM, 36,000 rounds 50, 3,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight to moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 24 by 500 lb demolition bombs dropped by Vengeances from 9,000 feet; 2,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(11) No details received.

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NEAR CAPE ORCISILLES NEW GUINEA PT'S SANK 4 BARGES CONTAINING ABOUT 49 TROOPS EACH EXTERMINATING ALL TROOPS ON REFUSAL SURRENDER NIGHT 18-19. SAME NIGHT CATALINAS SANK 3 SHIPS, 1 5,000 TON AMMUNITION SHIP EXPLODED DISINTEGRATED FROM 1 SURE 2 PROBABLE HITS EAST OF ADMIRALTY ISLAND. 243 HAS SMALL AK ALSO BLOWN UP NEAR HANSA BAY. 3RD SMALL AK ENTERING HARBOR ADMIRALTY GROUP 5 LST'S 4 DD'S RETURNING FROM SAIDOR PASSED 5 LST 3 DD LAST NIGHT HEADING FOR SAIDOR TO ARRIVE TOMORROW MORNING. 4 LCT'S MADE DARK CROSSING TO CREATION FROM ARAME LAST NIGHT.

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Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1300Z/17 to 1300Z/18 signed MacArthur. To Chief of Staff WarDept CG Hawaiian Dept CG USAFISPA pass to COMZESPAC to ARMD ALAMAGA.

New Hanover: large tanker medium freighter and escort vessel sighted heading north west midday January 18.

New Ireland: large merchant vessel 4 possible destroyers reported off west coast heading Rabaul night January 16.

New Britain: Rabaul; second phase interpretation photographs January 14 gives 82 fighters 16 dive bombers on Lakemai; 5 vessels including 2 two thousand ton cargo ships reported off Cape Fowsa night January 17.

Wewak: 1 three thousand ton vessel with escort sighted heading north east 40 miles north west early morning January 18.

Ramu Peninsula; Rai coast: signs reported barge landing place south Tana river; PT boats report no barge contacts night January 17.

Dutch New Guinea: 5 float planes diffidently attacked 4 B-24's 20 miles south west Manokwari, Habire runway reported serviceable, nil aircraft, surfacing revetments continuing.

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Boosee Island: large merchant vessel with destroyer reported to south west course 245 degrees morning January 17.

North Eastern Area: Land, Arawe: New outpost line formed, enemy pockets cleared, artillery shelled Utemingalu.

Cape Gloucester: enemy unsuccessfully attacked Hill 660 pre dawn January 16, 126 enemy killed.

Sio: patrolling and mopping up continues; large amount enemy supplies discovered.

Air: Enemy action: 2 light raids Arawe, 1 Cape Gloucester. Operations January 17:

1. B-24 scored near miss on 1,500 ton freighter 83 miles east Lorengau, vessel left stationary and burning.

2. Night B-24 bombed merchant vessel 40 miles north west Wevak.


4. Two P-38's strafed machine gun positions Alexishafen January 16, silenced seven, 1 P-38 lost.

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(5) 2 P-39's, 2 Boomerangs strafed enemy groups along Rai Coast, destroyed one damaged another of 2 barges Melanus Harbour.

(6) 9 B-25's bombed Cali, destroyed number huts Operations January 18;

(7) Reconnaissance B-25's scored direct hits on 2000 ton Freighter off Cape Poasa, vessel exploded.

(8) Night B-24 attacked and damaged merchant vessel north Wewak.

(9) B-24 scored 50 foot miss on tanker in 3 ship convoy west New Hanover.

(10) F-47's destroyed 12 of 10 enemy fighters engaged over Wewak; P-38's destroyed 6 of 50/60 enemy fighters over area; 3 P-38's lost.

(11) Forty B-24's bombed gun positions Hansa Bay Area, bombs covered target causing explosions, grading excellent.

(12) Thirty eight B-25's in direct support ground forces bombed and heavily strafed enemy positions headwaters Paria River (9 miles north Dumpu) started small fires, bomb-graded excellent; 7 other B-25's bombed and strafed transport
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area near Yaula, caused large explosion. North western area. Air operations:

(13) 4 B-24's bombed town Banda island destroyed 10 buildings.

(14) 4 Dutch B-25's bombed Laha Airdrome before dawn, caused explosion and fire visible 30 miles. Solomons. SCUPAC Forces. Land: Combat patrol supported by artillery crossed Torokina River, dug in east lagoon. Air: Enemy action: flight enemy aircraft bombed Torokina area night January 16 caused slight damage few casualties. Operations January 17:

(15) Night searchers dropped depth charges Choiseul Bay near boat and small dry dock, 3 Avengers bombed bridge Empress Augusta Bay.

(16) Eighteen Avengers 24 Dauntless 70 fighters attacked Rabaul shipping mid afternoon scored 17 direct hits 13 damaging near misses on 8 cargo vessels, 3 blew up and sank, 2 were left burning and sinking, 3 severely damaged. Of 100 enemy fighters intercepting, 18 shot down 15 probably destroyed; 10 allied fighters 2 bombers lost.

(17) 6 B-24's bombed Rabaul night January 17, started large fires town area.

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(18) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed submarine Saint Georges Channel, sank barge south of Green Island, bombed village north of Borpop airfield destroyed buildings.

Weather. Broken high and middle cloud throughout area, thick weather over Vitias-Trait Buon Peninsula and New Britain extending into Solomon Sea, many thunderstorms with heavy rain at night; north western area scattered middle cloud with good visibility but deteriorated at night.

Air. (1) 2 1000 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 8,500 feet; 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight medium and light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(2) 2 by 1000 lb, 2 by 500 lb demolition bombs dropped from 2000 feet; 2 by 500 lb bombs jettisoned in sea due rack failure; moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire from merchant vessel and escort.

(3) 82 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 18,600 to 16,000 feet; slight to moderate medium and heavy mostly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 1,100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude; intense light accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(5) 1000 rounds 30 calibre fired by Boomeranga, no details P-39’s.

(6) 40 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 10,600 rounds 50 calibre, 1,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(7) 2 by 1000 lb, 4 by 500 lb demolition 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 1500 feet.

(8) 6 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

(9) 2 by 1000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) 575 rounds 20 MM, 6,300 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat by P-38’s, no details received P-47’s.

(11) 253 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 18,900 to 16,800 feet; slight to moderate medium and heavy mostly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) 42 by 1000 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 7000 feet; 63 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay; 33 by 500 lb 12 to 16 hours delay demolition bombs dropped from 500 feet to minimum altitude; 62 rounds 75MM, 23,800 rounds

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50 calibre, 2,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 21 by 1000 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped Yeaula from 7,500 feet, 24 by 500 lb general purpose demolition instantaneous bombs dropped from 8000 feet; 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat.

(14) 16 clusters fragmentation bombs, 4 by 250 lb incendiaries dropped from 9,500 to 6,500 feet, 4 clusters fragmentation bombs hung up and returned.

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Twenty-four Dive Bombers, 18 Torpedo Bombers and 70 Fighters hit Rabaul shipping at 1300 local time on the 17th.

Eight Cargo Ships were anchored on the west side of Simpson Harbor. Of these:

3 large cargo ships blew up and sank

1 large cargo ship was left burning, listing with a hole at the water line.

1 seen sinking

1 suffered two direct hits

1 suffered three direct hits

1 reported burning as a result of a direct hit

One hundred Jap fighters intercepted. Eighteen of these were shot down plus 15 probable.

We lost 10 fighters, two dive bombers and one torpedo bomber.
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Two medium merchant vessels, 3 other vessels sighted off west coast heading Rabaul night January 16.

New Guinea:

Wewak: 70% cover photographs January 17th show 90 fighters, 18 light bombers, 8 medium bombers on 4 airfields.

Hansa Bay: Attacking aircraft January 17 report 1 sea truck, 20 barges in harbour, 1 bomber Avar strip, 12 fighters around Nubia airfield; submarine strafed off Hatsfeld harbour.

Karkar Island: Air patrol reports numerous tents and possible gun positions on north west point.

Ran Fenninsula: Enemy submarine contacted off Sairor morning January 16; 5 camouflaged barges between Weber and Gauss Points; well used trail leading east from Melanusa harbour; 20 barges sighted between Sic and Sairor early January 17.

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Land. Arawe: Forces with tank support cleared area for 1,000 yards in advance MLR, captured one 75 mm cannon number machine guns. All quiet Cape Gloucester/Sio/Saidor areas.

Naval: Destroyers shelled Goliath troop concentrations caused fires and large explosion. PT's destroyed 3 barges between Arawe and Gasmata.

Air. Enemy action: Light raids on Arawe and Cape Gloucester early morning January 17, some casualties latter locality.

Operations January 16th:
(1) 28 B25's bombed plantation area started fires, smoke obscured damage; bombing unsatisfactory to excellent.

Operations January 17th:
(2) Night B24 unsuccessfully attacked 5 ship convoy off Central West coast New Ireland.

(3) 30 RAAF Beauforts covered by Spitfires and P40's, bombed new camp area Angen river (East Gasmata)

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caused fires; bombing graded excellent.

(4) 6 B25's bombed Rubia area pre dawn caused ex-
plosions and large fire.

(5) 27 B24's (2 others bombed Erima plantation) 
followed (4) attacked Rubia area, silenced anti-
aircraft guns caused explosions, bombing graded 
poor to excellent.

(6) 9 RAAF Vengeances, 12 RAAF P40's led by Boome-
ranges supported ground forces, dive bombed and strafed 
enemy positions Farita river valley (upper Ramu).

(7) 6 P39's strafed enemy troops canoes and gun en-
emplacements along Rai coast.

Northwestern area. Air operations:

(8) 8 RAAF Beaufighters harassed villages Tanimbar 
Islands sank boat bombed villages.

Solomons. SOUPAC forces.

Air. Enemy action: Treasury Island reports 2 enemy 
aircraft shot down by anti-aircraft fire, 1 by night 
fighter during raid January 12.

Operations January 16th:

(9) Dauntless and Avengers attacked enemy positions

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Torokina area: P-39's strafed 11 barges, 3 trucks
Chafari area, destroyed 2 barges.

(10) Main strikes against Rabaul January 16 cancialed due weather; add additional fighter shot
down January 14, subtract 1 probable; change 2 pro-
babilities into 2 certain enemy fighters destroyed
Rabaul January 12.

(11) Searcher strafed 5 abandoned barges Ambitie
Island.

Part 3.

Weather. Broken and middle cloud over general area
with rain patches over New Britain, Viti and Huon
Peninsula, thick weather with thunderstorms along
northern coast New Guinea, generally adverse at
night; north western area mainly broken middle cloud
with showers over eastern Arafura Sea and deteriorat-
ing generally at night.

Air.

(1) 62 500 lb, 5 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition,
2 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs, 84 120 lb clus-
ters dropped from 8,000 feet.

(2) 2 1,000 lb, 4 500 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 1500 feet; moderate light machine
gun fire encountered.

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(3) 51 500 lb, 99 250 lb rod extension demolition, 1547 4 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 11,000 to 9500 feet; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(4) 12 1,000 lb bombs dropped from 10,000 to 5,000 feet, light anti-aircraft fire.

(5) 191 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 19,000 to 14,000 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(6) 30 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1,000 feet; 2900 rounds 30 calibre, 7400 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing.

(7) No details.

(8) 10 250 lb general purpose bombs dropped, 6 other jettisoned; 350 rounds 20 MM, 1,000 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing.

No Sig

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INFORMATION: G-2
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UPON RETURNING TO CAPE CRETIN THIS EVENING 4 DD'S ESCORTING 4 LST'S FROM GLOUCESTER WILL HEAD FOR SAIDOR WITH 5 LST'S. ECHELON OF 6 LST'S 4 DD'S FROM SAIDOR DETACHED 5 LST'S AT CRETIN AND REMAINDER CONVOY ARRIVED SUGGEST THIS MORNING. 2 DD'S ON RETURNING GLOUCESTER ESCORT MADE SUB AND BARGE HUNT AROUND NEDER POINT NE GUINEA WITH NO CONTACTS THEN BOMBARDED GALLI RANGE 4103 OBSERVING LARGE EXPLOSION AND FIRE. PT BOATS MADE NO CONTACTS NIGHT 16-17TH. NO REPORT LAST NIGHTS CATALINA ACTIVITY. MACARTHUR

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From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC ANMEL AMMISCA 0597. Operations report period 1300Z/15 to 1300Z/16 SOUWESPAF area signed MacArthur.

Shortland Island: Submarine sighted in vicinity morning January 16.

Cape Saint George: Two Destroyers reported heading for Rabaul 40 miles south east afternoon January 15.

New Hanover: Attacking Catalinas report 45 miles north west at 1400Z/15 on south easterly course 4 large cargo vessels 2 cruisers and 5 other vessels nearby including 2 medium merchant vessels 1 destroyer.

New Guinea:

Wewak: 3 sea trucks sighted heading north from Wewak night January 15.

Alexishafen: Fighter patrol reports increase in anti aircraft fire.

Madang: Approximately 30 enemy fighters in area 0005Z/16, similar number over Saidor 2330Z/15.

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Huon Peninsula: 10 barges reported hidden in Melanua Harbour, 4 sighted at Gauss Point.

Dutch New Guinea: 2 enemy bombers reported over mouth Eastward river midday.

Ambon: B24 sighted 5 medium vessels numerous barges in harbour, 18 fighters 2 bombers at Laha evening January 16.


Arawe: Extensive patrol activity, no contact.

Cape Gloucester: Continued consolidation of hill 660.

Sio: Consolidation and patrolling continues.

Air. Operations January 16:

(1) B24 on night reconnaissance bombed 3 small freighters leaving Wewak.

(2) Five night Catalinas attacked 2 convoys north west New Hanover, scored direct hit on 10,000 ton cargo vessel which exploded and burned, scored hit on and strafed 6000 ton cargo ship caused violent explosion, set 8,000 ton vessel on fire with direct hit.

(3) 2 RAAF Beaufighters searched south coast New Britain, strafed barge; 2 RAAF A20's bombed dumps Gamn ata

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strafed Taruk mission (34 miles east Arawe); 3 B25's bombed and strafed villages between Wide and Jaquint Bay. 1 B25 lost due anti aircraft fire.

(4) 17 B24's supported ground forces Arawe, bombed enemy defense positions east Amalut Plantation, caused explosion and fires; bombing excellent.

(5) 20 B25's followed (4), bombed and thoroughly strafed area outlined by ground forces smoke shells; grading excellent.

(6) 18 B25's covered by P38's strafed and bombed coast north Alexisfachen to Cape Gourdon, destroyed bridge huts and buildings, damaged several barges and trucks; approximately 30 enemy fighters intercepted, 3 enemy destroyed 2 probably destroyed by bombers, 3 others damaged by fighters, 1 B25 lost.

(7) 2 P38's strafed Alexisfachen dusk and dawn night January 15, damaged fighter on strip.

(8) 27 B25's bombed Erime Plantation and coastal villages to north, caused 2 large explosions, smoke obscured results, bombing excellent.

(9) 36 A20's, 12 P40's bombed and strafed designated villages and supply dumps on Eaula/Bogadim road, damaged bridges caused explosions and landslides, bombing grades excellent.

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(10) 10 P39's searched along Rai coast during day, strafed barges and troops moving west along coast.

(11) Preliminary report enemy attack on Saidaor states 18 enemy fighters 1 dive bomber were destroyed 2 other fighters probably destroyed by P40's; no P40's lost.

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations:

(12) 7 B24's bombed shipping Zabon, left large unidentified vessel smoking, shot down 3, 1 other probable, or 8 float planes intercepting.

Solomons. SCUPAC Forces. Air Enemy action:

Light raid Torokina night January 14, no damage.

Operations:

(13) Ventura bombed enemy positions north west Choiseul, Avengers bombed bridges and bivouac areas South Empress Augusta Bay, 2 Dauntless destroyed bridge same area.

(14) 6 of 22 B24's got through cloud, bombed Rabaul Area night January 14, destroyed 2 searchlights; weather prevented pre dawn Avenger strike; 24 B25's bombed East Cape area New Ireland, patrolling Corsairs shot down enemy fighter over Rabaul; changed 2 probables to 2 definite enemy fighters shot down Rabaul January 14.

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Part 3. Weather. Broken to overcast middle and low cloud over all the north east sector with wide spread rain areas; broken middle and low cloud through north western area.

Air.

(1) 3 1,000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 200 feet.

(2) No details received.

(3) 600 rounds 20 MM, 2,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 100 feet by Beaufighters; 2 250 lb demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet; 300 rounds 50 calibre, 400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by A20's; 2 500 lb bombs dropped, 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired by B25's who reported intense light accurate anti aircraft fire on Jacquot Bay.

(4) 131 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,700 to 4,500 feet.

(5) 50 500 lb, 70 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 30,200 rounds 50 calibre, 6,100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(6) 28 300 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 69 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 100 feet; 106 rounds 75 MM, 16,400 rounds 50 calibre, 6,600 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing and in combat.

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(7) 68 rounds 20 MM, 600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense light, slight heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) 48 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 94 incendiary clusters dropped from 7,000 feet.

(9) 1 300 lb wire wrapped, 132 250 lb 4 to 5 second delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 125 rounds 20 MM, 54,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's; 12 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 5,000 to 2000 feet; 4,300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by F40's; light accurate anti aircraft fire Yaula.

(10) Unstated number rounds fired from minimum altitude.

(11) No details received.

(12) 27 500 lb .025 tail delay bombs dropped from 15,000 feet 9 jettisoned; 9,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat; intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

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INFORMATION: O-2
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5 NIGHT CATALINAS 15-16 CONTACTED 4 LARGE MARUS ESCORTED BY 2 UNIDENTIFIED CRUISERS OR DD'S AND 2 MEDIUM MARUS WITH 2 DD AND OTHER ESCORT NORTHWEST KAVIENG. ATTACK WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. 10,000 TON AK HIT TWICE BURNED.

6000 TON AK HIT ONCE AND STRAFED RESULTING IN VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS.

8000 TON AK HIT ANOTHER PROBABLY HIT ORANGE GLOW WHITE SMOKE OBSERVED.

NIGHT 16-17 BLACK CAT TRACKED CONVOY SOUTH NEW HANOVER BOMBED BUT MISSED IN BAD VISIBILITY.
CATALINAS UNDAMAGED ALTHOUGH WERE FIRED ON BOTH NIGHTS. PI PATROLS DESTROYED 3 BARGES LAST NIGHT NEAR ARAWE ALSO RESCUED PATROL PILOT AND MOVED PLANE TO SAFETY. 6 LST 4 DD LEFT SAIDOR LAST NIGHT SHUTTLING BACK TO SUIEST. 4 LST 4 DD DELIVERED CAPE GLouceSTER EARLY THIS MORNING. 4 LCT SC WAS CROSSED TO ARAWE LAST NIGHT. 2 DD'S ON SUR AND BARGE HUNT OFF GALI (20 MILES EAST OF SAIDOR) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MACARTHUR.

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THIS MORNING. NO DIFFICULTIES IN SUPPLY OF BEACHES
PT PATROLS AND BLACK CAT NEGATIVE.
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Operations report SWESPAC Area period 1300Z/15 to 1300Z/15 signed MacArthur. To Chief of Staff War Department to CO Hawaiian Department to CG USAFISPA pass to CONSUPAC to ARMSOA AMMEDEL.

New Britain:
Witu Islands: Submarine sighted by reconnaissance aircraft afternoon January 14th.

New Guinea: Catalina reported 15 aircraft off Sepik River mouth night January 14.

Uligen Harbour: One sea truck, 16th/20 barges reported by attacking B-24's January 15th.

Alexishafen: 10 bombers sighted on airdrome by attacking P-38's evening January 14th.

Ruon Peninsula: Fighter patrol reported many signs of movement along coast west of Harwath Point.

Northwestern Area:
Halmahera: 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer, 17 merchant vessels approximately 6 to 3,000 tons, 22 barges reported in Wusile Bay (Kau Bay) by Catalinas night January 14th.

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Part 2: Northeastern Area.

Land.

Arawe: Patrolling continues, no contacts.

Cape Gloucester: Hill 660 captured January 14th, mopping up and patrolling in progress; total Allied casualties to date, 228 dead, 694 wounded; estimated 3,100 enemy dead, 11 prisoners.

Sio: Aircraft reports Allied patrol passing Vincke Point.

Ramu Valley: Artillery exchanged fire with enemy.

Air.

Enemy action: Light raids Arawe and Saidor; fighters strafed Gusap and Nadzab Airdromes (upper Ramu) damaged parked aircraft, 2 enemy fighters claimed destroyed, 1 other probably destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

Operations January 14th:

(1) 2 P-38's strafed and damaged small schooner North Madang, strafed troops and left gounded bomber burning Alexishafen.

(2) 2 RAAP Boomerangs strafed enemy troops West Sio.

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In: December 15th:
(1) 4 B-39's strafed Itme River area, hit machine gun.
(2) 2 B-25's searched south coast New Britain, strafed villages destroyed bridge silenced gun position Jacquinot Bay area.
(3) 24 B-24's bombed Uligan gun positions and supply areas, destroyed buildings caused large explosion; bombing excellent three squadrons, poor one squadron.
(4) 10 B-25's searched coast North Madang, destroyed 2 bridges, heavily strafed number villages Uligan area, destroyed anti-aircraft gun position.
(5) 12 P-47's strafed Alexishafen runway, left 2 bombers burning also set small dumps afire, strafed 1 fighter in revetment.
(6) 10 B-25's, 12 P-40's bombed and strafed Ramu Valley road South Daumains, damaged bridge and hit number villages, bombing excellent.

Northwestern Area Operations:
(9) 5 RAAF Catalinas on mission Halmahera strafed shipping and barges.

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Enemy action: Night January 13th light raids reported Russells, Segi, Torokina, Munda and Treasury (some damage Torokina). Corsair shot down enemy bomber Torokina.

Operations January 14th:
(10) 2 B-24’s bombed Kabili, 2 Avengers bombed bridge Empress Augusta Bay, 2 P-38’s shot down bomber off Torokina, 12 Dauntless, 5 P-39’s bombed Wakunai (East Coast), fighters bombed and strafed Muna area.

(11) 15 B24’s harassed airfields Rabaul area during night, caused large explosion Lakunai; 12 B-25’s harassed Vunakanau, Cape Gazelle, East Cape and Buka predawn.

(12) 36 Dauntless, 16 Avengers, 73 fighters attacked Rabaul shipping midday, scored direct hits on 7 cargo vessels, 1 destroyer, 1 possible light cruiser, also scored number near misses; 29 enemy fighters of 60 to 70 intercepting shot down, 16 others probably destroyed.

Part 3.

Weather. Generally broken to overcast middle and low cloud with rain areas and at times adverse conditions; Northwestern Area conditions mainly favourable except for frontal zone extending from east to west through central regions.

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Air.

(1) No details received.

(2) 140 rounds 20 MM, 300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) No details received.

(4) 8 500 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; unstated number rounds fired in strafing from 25 feet; slight inaccurate anti-aircraft fire from Palm Point.

(5) 191 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,900 feet; slight to moderate medium and heavy mostly inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(6) 239 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 100 feet; 21,600 rounds 50, 8,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Bugin Harbour.

(7) No details received.

(8) 62 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 2,000 feet; 21,800 rounds 50, 900 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 200 feet; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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50 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 200 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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From GHQ SWPA to AGWAR 0521. Signed MacArthur refer your 2703 dated 8 January.

Joint operation Saidor landing naval portion follows:

Assault amphibious craft consisted of APD launching
36 LCP (R) in 4 waves followed by 16 LCI followed by 5 LST. 
Landed at beaches by 1 hour 15 minutes. All assault craft
retracted by 4 hours 20 minutes. Above assault landings
at 3 beaches over 1200 yards by 7000 troops with 3000 tons
supplies and equipment. Fourteen destroyers utilized for
escort, bombardment, cover, AA and close support as follows:

1 DD preceded convoy 12 miles covered movement and
exposed flank during landings;

6 DD escorted APD and LCI echelons then divided upon
arrival transport area into 4 DD fire support group and 2
DD fire support group for bombardment and close support;

Terminated fire when small craft 1000 yards from
beaches;

Extent of naval gunfire support rendered:

575 rounds deep support, 1300 rounds close support,
5 incase 38 AA common mark 18;

4 DD escorted LST echelon. One SC for control at
line of departure. One SC and 2 LCI rocket equipped provided
close support abreast landing wave beginning at minute 3.
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minutes and continued support until leading small craft
300 yards from beach. Rocket barrage worked inland 200
yards. Information relative troops and equipment follows
by radio. Full details by air mail.

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ACTION: OPD

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War Department CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to
COMSOPAC AM MODEL AMNISCA C 512.

Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1300Z/13
to 1300Z/14 signed MacArthur.

Mussau Island: 2 patrol boats 4 vessels including
2 tankers sighted on northerly course 70 miles west midnight
January 13; air cover by 12 aircraft.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs January 14th show
151 fighters 5 dive 18 light 33 medium bombers on airdromes,
3 destroyers 4 submarines 5 subchasers 7 medium 16 small
cargo vessels 385 barges 13 float planes in harbour.

Cape Gloucester: Patrols in airdrome area report
no enemy contacts.

Northwestern Area:

Ceram: Photographs Amahai show further dispersal
areas under construction, light bomber, possible
Dinah, on airdrome.

Timor: 1200 ton freighter transport and barge
sighted off Atapepece, sea truck off Baucau.

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End of part 1.
Part 2.

Northeastern area.

Land.

Cape Gloucester: Allied forces met stiff resistance from entrenched positions on hill 660.

Sio: Patrol reached Sio, found many dead, no resistance; much ammunition and equipment captured along coast.

Saidor: Outpost contacted small enemy group Galek.

Air.

Enemy action: Light raids Cape Gloucester and Arawe night January 13, no damage.

Operations January 13:
(1). 13 RAAF P40's bombed Erima dump area.
(2). 2 F38's strafed Alexishafen January 12th, destroyed 1 aircraft on ground.

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Operations January 14th:

(3). Reconnaissance B24 bombed Bogadjiem Village.

(4). 3 B25's bombed and strafed villages southeast coast New Britain, destroyed buildings.

(5). 7 B24's bombed villages Cape Busching area, hits observed.

(6). 12 A20's bombed and strafed Mariarapu Village (south west Borgen Bay), badly damaged huts.

(7). 11 B25's bombed and strafed villages on Rottock and Rege Bays destroyed huts, weather hampered operation.

(8). 14 P47's strafed supply dumps Madang area, silenced gun position.

(9). 26 B25's bombed and heavily strafed Frederick Karl Harbour area (Alexishafen) destroyed buildings Ammon mission (18th Army Headquarters), caused large explosions in possible ammunition dumps.

(10). 18 B24's bombed Nagada Mission (Frederick Karl Harbour) destroyed buildings and houses, started large fire.
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(11). 13 RAAF P-40’s dive bombed Erina Plantation destroyed huts; weather turned back 14 B-25’s to hit area.

Northwestern Area.
Operations;


(13). 8 RAAF Beaufighters harassed shipping north coast Timor, destroyed 1200 ton freighter, damaged 500 ton vessel, strafed Atambua.

Solomons. SOUPAC Forces.

Land. Patrols Torokina area active, report light contacts.

Naval: Destroyers bombarded Tinputz/Ruri Bay area dawn January 13th started fires.

Air:

Enemy action: Light raids on Torokina Runway, Munda (some damage) and Barakoma strip.

Operations January 13th:

(14). Night reconnaissance unit started
large fires Choiseul Bay area, B24 bombed Poporang, 3 Dauntless damaged Puriata River bridge, P39's bombed and strafed Timputs and Nube Cuma areas, 1 P70 bombed Rabaul.

(15). 16 B24's bombd Lakunai airstrip and 5 hours during night January 12th, also bombed revetment area Tobera.

(16). 11 B25 strafed and bombed Tobera and Rapoapo before dawn, also dropped parafrag Mini Bay.

(17). Avengers followed (16) launched torpedoes Simpson Harbour, no explosions observed.

(18). 20 Avengers, 54 Dauntless, 92 fighters to attack Rabaul midday returned due weather.

Part 3.

Weather. Broken to overcast middle cloud covered entire area, steady rain and thunderstorms over southeast New Guinea Solomons Sea and New Britain, low cloud with frequent showers extended New Ireland Manus to north coast New Guinea; northwestern area mainly favourable except for scattered thunderstorms; but adverse conditions prevailed over Arnhem Land.
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Air,

(1). 11 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 4000 feet.

(2). No details received.

(3). 2 1000 lb .025 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 8000 feet.

(4). 8 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped; 7,700 rounds 50, 3,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5). 84 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5,000 feet.

(6). 28 300 lb wire wrapped, 17 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 20,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(7). 54 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude by 11 aircraft; 10,000 rounds 50, 1,500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by 8 aircraft.

(8). No details received.

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(9). 444 300 lb, 56 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds
delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum alti-
tude by 26 aircraft; 25,600 rounds 50, 2,600
rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by 20 aircraft;
slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire reported
by 1 squadron.

(10). 216 500 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 8,000 feet; slight light in-
accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11). 13 500 lb 1/10 second delay demolition
bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; 5,400 rounds 50
calibre fired in strafing; moderate light and
medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12). 4 300 lb demolition .025 seconds tail
delay bombs dropped from 8,000 feet.

(13). 1,625 rounds 20 MM, 3,800 rounds 30
calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude;
slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire from
freighter transport and along coast Timor, moderate
medium and heavy inaccurate from Loutem.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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COMCIFAC AMERICA AMHERT C 575: Report of operations
BOMBING AREA, 1300 2/12 to 1300 2/13.

New Hanover: Convoy of 2 destroyers 3 medium mer-
chant vessels on northerly course off Cape Matamoras Middan
January 13; 5 aircraft reported Mussau Island area pre-
ceding night.

New Guinea: Wewak: Catalina reported 6 enemy air-
craft heading West near Blup Blup Island night January 12.

Huson Peninsula: Approximately 22 barges sighted
along coast west of Sio January 12 and 13.

Northwestern Area: Missions January 13 report
several unidentified vessels Balikpapan, 4 large vessels
heading north west 60 miles west Mander (Celebes), 2 small
large ships north Timor, 3 off north coast Ceram, 3 Kaimana
area, 2 at Kemaau (Dutch New Guinea).

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Part 2.

North Eastern Area: Land, Arawe: Artillery shell-
ed enemy positions.

Cape Gloucester: Marines resumed attack south to-
ward Matamo; artillery destroyed landing barge.

Kwala: Patrols active Kapa Kapa River Area;
Wambariwa captured, many enemy dead in vicinity.

Bardi: Patrols report nil enemy activity.

Air: Enemy action: Light raids reported on Wood-
lark and Finschhafen night January 12.

Operations January 12:
(1) 13 B25's bombed supply dumps Bogadim area,
start several fires.

Operations January 13:
(2) Reconnaissance B24 scored hit and near miss
on medium tanker in convoy west Cape Matanum, vessel
left stationary and smoking.

(3) Night Catalina bombed and strafed 100 ton
cargo vessel east Wewak.

(4) 12 A20's bombed and thoroughly strafed Didmap

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village (Arave area).

5) 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed Tevano village and Jacuquinet Bay on south coast New Britain.

6) 7 RAAF P40’s strafed Anavik River mouth area (Oamarra).

7) 9 B25’s searched coast North Alexishafen, bombed and strafed villages and road, destroyed bridge several buildings and boats.

8) 28 B 24’s pattern bombed Alexishafen area, hit runway destroyed houses started fires.

9) 2 patrolling night P38’s shot down enemy bomber Alexishafen.

10) 22 A20’s bombed and heavily strafed villages bridges along Bogadim Yaula road.

11) 20 P-39’s strafed Coast Bogadim area, damaged 7 Barges and hit supply dumps.

Northwestern Area. Air. Operations:

12) 17 B24’s to attack Balikpapen night January 12th, 4 jettisoned bombs, 2 bombed targets Daleshe, 2 Bombed Macassar Dock area, destroyed intercepting fighter, 2 bombed Dilli starting fires, 6 hit refinery area at target, caused number fires and explosions; 1 B24 missing.
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(13) Next day 4 B24's unsuccessfully bombed shipping north coast Ceram Island, dropped incendiaries Amahai Airdrome.

(14) 4 reconnaissance B24's searched Dutch New Guinea bombed shipping off Keauka, bombed Geser and Keauka villages, starting fires.


Operations January 12:

(15) B24 bombed Kahili, 10 Dauntless 2 Avengers bombed and strafed Kolagatta area destroyed bridge, fighters strafed Piano Mission (Kara area and Eaua Harbour, P70 and B24 bombed Buka/Bonia areas, starting fires.

(16) 13 B25's in surprise/dawn attack bombed and strafed from minimum altitude Famakanau Airdrome, destroyed at least 7 aircraft, also strafed small vessels in harbour.

(17) 19 escorted B24's bombed Tobera, caused large explosion. 5 of 30/40 enemy fighters intercepting destroyed 3 others probably destroyed.

Part 3.

Weather. Thick weather southern Solomon Sea elsewhere cloud mainly broken in northeastern area; frontal zones in Arafura Sea along latitude 10 degrees south.

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Air:

(1) 10 1000 lb, 30 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8000 to 6500 feet.

(2) 2 1000 lb bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(3) 1 500 lb general purpose bomb dropped, 500 rounds 50 and 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(4) 42 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 12,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(5) 1500 rounds 20MM, 3000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(6) 2100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 1500 feet; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 44 100 lb 4 to 5 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 300 feet and under; 200 rounds 50, 1000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire, some light from Karkar Island.

(8) 120 500 lb, 80 300 lb, 264 250 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

(9) No details received.

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(10) 18 300 lb wire-wrapped, 42 500 lb, 19 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 300 feet and under; 14,500 rounds fired in strafing by 10 aircraft; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 117 rounds 37MM, 3,400 rounds 30; 1,300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by 14 P-39s; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) 30 500 lb general purpose bombs, 6 500 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 12,000 to 10,000 feet Belikpapan, 10 500 lb general purpose bombs, 2 500 lb incendiary clusters Celbes, Pacasser and Dili from 12,000 to 9,000 feet; 20 500 lb general purpose bombs, 4 500 lb incendiary clusters jettisoned; 300 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat; intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres Belikpapan.

(13) 26 500 lb general purpose, .025 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 8000 feet on shipping, unstated number incendiaries dropped Amahai.

(14) 18 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9800 feet; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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TOR CODE ROOM: 140231
DECODED BY: NILES
PARAPHRASED BY: BATTY
ROUTED BY: ROONEY

ADDRESS: COMINCH

TO: CINC PAC CHO COM 3RD FLEET

INFORMATION:

DATE: 14681
RECEIVED:

ACTION:

NIGHT 12-13 BLACK CAT FURTHER REPORTS PROBABLE HIT SMALL AK NORTH BEAK AND MADE 4 STRAFING RUNS LEAVING AK ALMOST DEAD IN WATER. NO ATTACKS LST NIGHT. NO REPORT PT PATROLS. ARABE SUPPLIED THIS MORNING BY 4 LCT'S WITH SUCHAHER ESCORT FROM CRETIN. 6 LST 4 DD RETURNED CRETIN FROM CAPE WILLIAM.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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COM 7TH FLT PASSES FOR CINCSWPAA ACTION TO COMINCH INFO.

CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT.

ARADE RESUPPLY 4 LCT WITH SC ESCORT WILL CROSS DURING DARKNESS FROM CRETIN TONIGHT AND 4 LCT RETURNED CRETIN LAST NIGHT. EARLY THIS MORNING 1 LST 4 DD'S ARRIVED CAPE GLOUCESTER. NIGHT 11-12 6 CATALINAS BOMBED AMBON WAREHOUSES AND DOCKS STARTING FIRES. SAME NIGHT SOUTH NEW HANOVER BLACK CAT MADE NEAR 215S ON DD SILENCING AA FIRE. LAST NIGHT CAT DESTROYED 1 BARGE NEAR BLOU BLOP ISLAND BISMARCK SEA AND SQUISHED SC NEAR HANYS BAY. PT'S REPORT NO CONTACTS.

MACARTHUR.

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COMSOPAC AMMISCA AMMDEL C 446. Report of Operations 80005/PAC
Area period 1300Z/11 to 1300Z/12 signed MacArthur.

New Hanover:
Destroyer and unidentified vessel sighted
heading south east off west coast night January 11.

New Ireland: Kavieng:

Reconnaissance B24 reports 1 medium 6
smaller vessels midday January 12; Vessel reported by Cata-
лина in Balrai Bay with air cover night January 11. 5 barges
reported in Bay near Katherine Harbour by recce aircraft.

Vitiaz Strait:

Natives report concentration of Japanese

Marien Harbour.

Northwestern Area: Ambon:

Two merchant vessels approximately 3000
tons 3 gun boats reported in harbour by Catalinas night
January 11.

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Dutch New Guinea:

Enemy reconnaissance bomber sighted 70 miles west Capo Valsch.

End of Part 1.

Part 2:

Northern Area, Land, Arawa:

Following artillery barrage patrol raided enemy position east of LR, killed 11 enemy.

Kalasa:

Forward patrols crossed Kapugara River, nil opposition reached Point 6 miles south east of LR; Artillery registered on LR.

Air Operations January 11:

(1) Further 14 B25's bombed Uligan during afternoon, cloud obscured results.
(2) Four P38's dive bombed Bunabun River, destroyed huts, also strafed targets along coast.

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Operations January 12:

(3) B24 bombed and damaged gun positions
Garove Island.

(4) Night Catalinas scored damaging near
miss on destroyer south east Cape Matamalea, bombed Avar
strip (Hanua Bay), destroyed barge and left sea truck
burning north Avar.

(5) Four P39's strafed and damaged boat
Gasmata Area.

(6) Fifty B25's 18 B24's bombed and
strafed Alexishafen, started large fires destroyed jetty
and villages.

(7) Two P39's strafed bridge west Bogadjim.

(8) Twelve A20's bombed and strafed stores
Area West Cape Iris, badly damaged village, 2 P39's
strafed and damaged barge.

Northwestern Area. Operations:

(9) Six USN Catalinas bombed docks and
warehouse areas Ambon, started 4 large fires.

Solomons. SCAPAC Forces: Air. Operations.

(10) Five Avengers bombed supply areas
Express Augusta Bay January 10, destroyed huts.

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(11) Next day 10 Dauntless 2 Avengers bombed and strafed Maravake/Mosigetta Bivouac areas; fighters strafed Numu Numu.

(12) Twenty B24's bombed Lakunai Tobora and Yunakanau airfields; cloud obscured results.

(13) Forty eight Dauntless, 18 Avengers escorted by 92 fighters to attack Rabaul turned back by weather, bombed Cape Saint George area, hit aircraft positions destroyed buildings started fires; escorting aircraft shot down 1 enemy fighter probably destroyed 4 others.

(14) Reconnaissance B24's bombed 5 barges west coast New Ireland, bombed radar station Cape Saint George.

Part 3.
Weather.

Extensive areas of overcast low cloud with rain prevailed generally with a frontal zone over the Bismarck sea; Northwestern area conditions mainly favourable except for heavy rain over inland western New Guinea and patches of bad weather over Timor and Arafura Seas.

Air.

(1) 12 1000 lb, 32 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet; heavy inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

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(2) 8 300 lb demolition bombs dropped.
(3) 2 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,000 feet; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.
(4) No details received.
(5) No details received.
(6) 12 1000 lb, 178 500 lb, 182 250 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,500 to 9,500 feet; 24 500 lb, 59 200 lb, 128 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 300 feet and under; 18,700 rounds 50, 14,800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(7) No details received.
(8) 59 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minus altitude; 112 rounds 20 mm, 11,400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's, no details received P39/a.
(9) 28 600 lb demolition bombs, unstated number of incendiaries dropped from 8,000 to 6,000 feet; slight to moderate heavy and medium mainly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: 0-2, CGAAF, White House, Field Marshal Dill, CO/S Capt Royal USN, Adm King, Gen Vandegrift

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FROM CRETE IN 4 LCT SC ESCORT CROSSED TO ARAGA.

ARRIVALS SOUTHEAST FROM CAPE GLOUCESTER WERE 4 LST'S 4 DD'S EARLY THIS MORNING.

6 LST'S 4 DD'S LEFT BUNA FOR GLOUCESTER LAST NIGHT.

NO INCIDENTS IN RESUPPLY OF BEACHES.

PT PATROLS OFF REISS POINT NEW GUINEA BANK 3 BARGES 31 TROOPS EACH AND TOOK 1 PRISONER.

NEAR SIO PT'S DESTROYED 2 BARGES AND SEVERAL LOADING PERSONNEL.

BLACK CATS NEGATIVE NIGHT 11-12.

SIGNED MAGARATHUR

COMINCH...ACT

16...2...3...CNO...CINCPAC...GOG...CINCTHRDFLT...BUAP...
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DATE: 11 JAN 1944
TOR CODEROOM 111732

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(VIA CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT)

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(RC 3RD FLT PASSING FOR CINC SEPA. COMINCH ACTION CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT INFO)

BLACK CATS FOUND EMPTY SEAS NIGHT 14-15 JANUARY BUT FURTHER REPORT OF NIGHT 9-14 1 CAT SCORED 500-LB. COMB HIT AMMUNITIONS ON DD KEPT SINKING HEAVILY. 1 BLACK CAT OVERTWIN FROM NIGHT OPERATIONS. PT'S HAD BIG NIGHT 9-14 SAID SAILOR AREA DESTROYING 9 BARGES, DAMAGING POSSIBLY DESTROYING 11 MORE MANY LOADED WITH TROOPS. 4 LCT'S WITH SUBCHASER ESCORT RETURNS CRETIN FROM ARAME LAST NIGHT. ENROUTE FROM GLOUCESTER RE-SUPPLY ARE 4 LST'S 4 DD'S GOING SOUTH TO JUDEST. NO OPPOSITION OFF BEACHES OR ROUTES. MACARTHUR

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0 364 from GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
CG Hawaiian Department 03 USASIPAC pass to COMSOPAC AMMDEL
AMMISCA. Operations report SUWESAPAC area, 13002/9 to
13002/10 signed MacArthur.

New Ireland: Catalina reports 1 possible light
cruiser 3 destroyers 3 large merchant vessels heading
Rabaul off west coast midnight January 9.

New Guinea: Wewak: fighter patrols report 35
enemy fighters airborne, 30 on Boram runway.

Hansa Bay: 2 small cargo vessels on south easterly
course reported night January 9 by attacking Catalina;
fighter patrols January 9 report large concentrations
supplies and barges from Hansa Bay to Uligan.

End of part 1.

Part 2.

North Eastern area.

Land.

Arawe: patrols report no contact.

Cape Gloucester: no contact airstrome
perimeter, 2 counter attacks from Borgen Bay
repulsed, artillery shelled enemy positions

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also destroyed 2 troop laden barges; estimated 2,100 enemy killed during landing.

Kalasa: Coastal Forces forced enemy withdrawal from well prepared strong point north west Kalasa, advanced north along coast overcame second strong point south east Scharnhorst Point; artillery shelled Gneisenau Point.

Haidor: outpost 10 miles south east remains in contact.

Naval: PT's sank 3 of 14 north bound troop laden barges west Sio right January 9, also destroyed 6 beached barges west Pomeru Bay.

Air Operations January 9:

(1) Night B24 bombed 2 boats Alexishafen.

(2) Night Catalina attacked convoy south Eavine scored hit on destroyer, vessel left smoking; second Catalina bombed and strafed 2 small cargo vessels North Hanua Bay left 1 burning and stationary in oil slick; third Catalina missing.

(3) 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed Wide Bay area, 2 RAAF P40's strafed Cape Hoskins area.

(4) 4 P47's destroyed 1 probably destroyed another of 18 fighters engaged over Wewak.

(5) 9 P40's, 16 P38's strafed Uligan area left 2 barges burning silenced gun position,

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started fire building area.

(6). 2 P38's strafed Alexishafen destroyed 2 grounded fighters, hit gun positions.

(7). 30 B25's, 9 B26's 2 P39's bombed and strafed Bogadjiim/Erima/Bili Bili area caused fires, destroyed machine gun positions and supplies.

(8). 2 P39's damaged barge west Gauss Point.

(9). 10 B25's bombed and strafed barge center Gali (Sarawak Bay), heavy jungle obscured results.

Operations January 10:

(10). 12 A20's bombed and strafed targets designated by ground forces Borgen Bay.

(11). 2 P38's destroyed 1 of 42 fighters over Wewak.

(12). 40 B25's bombed and strafed Yaula/Bogadjiim area during morning destroyed 2, damaged other bridges started number fires through supply and bivouac areas, caused explosions.

Northwestern area.

Air operations January 10:

(13). 6 Dutch B25's bombed Koe pang caused fires; 4 others bombed Lautem with unobserved results.

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Part 3. Weather. Broken high and middle cloud generally, frontal zone North Western Bismarck Sea and Wewak area with thick weather over New Britain Vitiaz Strait and Northern Solomon Sea, mainly favourable elsewhere during daylight hours; North Western area favourable with scattered clouds except for unsettled conditions Banda Sea North East Arafura Sea and North West New Guinea.

Air.

(1). 3,100 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 1000 feet.

(2). 1 500 lb general purpose bomb dropped from 150 feet on destroyer; dropped 4 650 lb depth bombs fired untried number rounds at cargo vessels.

(3). 1000 rounds 30 calibre, 350 rounds 20 MM fired by Seafighters.

(4). No details, combat at 20000 feet.

(5). 1900 rounds 50 calibre spent by F30's in strafing.

(6). No details; met slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(7). 50 instantaneous demolition, 4 1/10 second delay 3 4/5 seconds delay 1000 lb bombs, 54 500 lb bombs dropped from 8000 to 5000 feet.

(8). No details.

(9). 25 300 lb; 40 250 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 150 to 25 feet, 22,500 rounds 50, 3,400 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing.

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(10). 54 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 18000 rounds 50 calibre, 72 rounds 20 MM spent in strafing.

(11). 650 rounds 50 calibre spent in combat at 16000 feet.

(12). 121 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 26 1000 lb, 25 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7000 feet; 12,600 rounds 50, 4400 rounds 30 calibre, 71 rounds 75 MM spent in strafing.

(13). 18 500 lb, 33 100 lb, 18 clusters 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 10,000 to 6000 feet Keapang; 48 100 lb instantaneous demolition, 24 clusters 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 9000 feet Intem, moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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DG (CQF, ROYAL, USN)
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      War

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From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOFPAC
AMNISCA AMMDPEL New Hanover: Report of operations
SCWESPAC Area period 1300Z/8 to 1300Z/9 signed
MacArthur.

One destroyer 17000 ton transport 4 medium
freighters sighted 63 miles South West midnight January
8th; 2 vessels sighted 90 miles South 2 hours later.

New Guinea: Wewak: 30 fighters encountered air-
borne by P47's midday January 8th; 4 unidentified
merchant vessels reported heading North from area early
morning January 9th.

Uligan Harbour: 56 barges in Uligan, Koronprinx
and Bunabun Harbours sighted by fighter escort after-
noon January 8th.

Bogadjiin: Air reconnaissance reports 4 bridges
on Ramu Road washed away. Northwestern area; Celebes:
B24's attacking Kendari report 6 float planes Tomea
Island, many small craft off Binoniko Island. Western
Australia: Allied vessel reported torpedo attack 130
miles South West Exmouth Gulf January 9th. End of part
1.

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Part 2. Northeastern Area. Land. Arawe:
Patrols met little organized resistance, enemy snipers active. Cape Gloucester: Forces South Silimati Point consolidated new line; isolated patrol contacts South Airdrome.

Kela: Enemy machine gun nests North West Kela silenced by artillery fire.

Saidor: Allied outpost 10 miles South East attacked by small enemy force, 8 enemy killed.

Naval: Destroyers shelled barge Centre Gali (25 miles South East Saidor) morning and evening January 8, started fires. PT's sank 11 loaded barges along Rai Coast.

Air. Enemy action: 2 raids reported Cape Gloucester evening January 8th, light raid Arawe next morning; Ground Forces report shooting down 1 aircraft and other probable Saidor night January 5.

Operations January 8:

(1) Patrolling B24 bombed Lindenhaven, destroyed buildings.

(2) B24 unsuccessfully bombed convoy South West New Hanover.

(3) 15 RAAF Beauforts bombed Tobera and Lakunai Airdromes, started large fires; 2 others bombed Matupi Island defences, 1 bombed Cape Sier (South East New

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Wild Bay), 1 bombed Cape Saint George, 4 returned due mechanical trouble.

(3) Two RAAF Beaufighters destroyed 5 barges

(5) 12 RAAF P40's strafed Savmills Area Waterfall Bay.

(6) 6 A20's bombed and strafed Didmop Village Area (Arave).

(7) 16 P47's patrolling over Wewak shot down 1 of 30 enemy fighters sighted.

(8) 16 P40's searching coast strafed and left 3 barges afire Uligan.

(9) 12 B25's bombed and strafed Coast Kronprinz Harbour to Rumi River, silenced anti aircraft guns damaged 2 luggers started large fires; P38's covered.

(10) Five B25's bombed Madang gun positions, started large oil fire.

(11) 13 B25's bombed Gorima Village (South Madang) started fires in dump areas; 3 B25's bombed Bili Bili; 8 P39's strafed coast, destroyed barge.

(12) P47's strafed 5 barges off Kiarli.

Operations January 9:

(13) Two RAAF Beaufighters destroyed launch near Cape Dampier.

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(14) 24 B-24's bombed gun positions Alexishafen, caused large explosions started large fires, P40's escorted.

(15) 24 B-25's bombed and heavily strafed supply dumps and anti aircraft positions Erina Plantation (Bogadjin), started fires.

Northwestern Area:

(16) 20 B-24's to attack Kendari (Celebes); 2 failed take off, 2 salvaged bombs, 2 bombed Binongko Island, 1 raided Tovea Island, 13 hit barracks and dispersal areas at target, weather obscured results; 6 of 13 enemy fighters intercepting shot down 4 others probably destroyed; 1 B-24 lost.

Solomons. SOUPAC Forces. Land:

Patrols North and East Torokina active; 1 Company landed Kuraio Mission 20 miles North West Torokina.

Naval: Light cruisers and destroyers bombarded Shortland, Faisi and Poporang night January 8, started large fires; 27's engaged 5 barges Toraub Bay.

Air. Operations January 9:

(17) Venturas bombed Poporang, B-25 raided Kahili; 2 Avengers bombed villages Empress Augusta Bay, starting fires; 8 P39's strafed Tinuputs Area, 8 B-25's bombed Buka seaplane base.

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(18) Two Squadrons Liberators to bomb Vunakanau, some bombed through cloud others hit Buka on return; same time 23 Dauntless 16 Avengers bombed Tobra runway and anti aircraft positions, destroyed 1 aircraft on ground; 7 squadrons fighters covered, shot down 16 of 40 intercepting fighters probably destroyed 1 other, 3 Allied fighters lost.

Part 3. Weather. Scattered showers, increasing low cloud over ranges in afternoon and over sea at night; broken middle cloud through Flores and Banda Seas low cloud farther north.

Air. (1) 2 by 500 lb .025 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 8000 feet.

(2) Three by 1000 lb bombs dropped from 2000 feet.

(3) 30 by 500 lb, 49 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 7 by 250 lb incendiary with 20 lb fraze attachment dropped from 13000 to 10000 feet Tobara and Gavvai, 8 by 500 lb, 16 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse bombs dropped Matupi Island, Cape Saint George and Cape Siray, slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 500 rounds 20 MM, 1500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from 500 to 20 feet.

(5) 2900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet.

(6) 23 by 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 500 to 100 feet; 10,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.
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(7) 200 rounds 50 calibre fires in combat.
(8) No details received.
(9) 48 by 300 lb, 40 by 250 lb, 7 by 200 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from 150 feet and under; 14900 rounds 50, 3500 rounds 50 caliber fired in strafing; slight to moderate accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.
(10) 40 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(11) 48 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9300 to 7000 feet Gorima; 3 by 1000 lb 1/10 seconds delay, 3 by 1000 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 6000 feet Bill Bill; No details received P39's.
(12) No details received.
(13) 500 rounds 20 MM, 500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.
(14) 175 by1000 lb instantaneous bombs dropped from 9300 to 7200 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(15) 161 by 300 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 150 feet and under; 150 rounds 75 MM, 20,700 rounds 50, 6500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight to moderate accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.
(16) 64 by 500 lb, 65 clusters 20 lb fragmentation, 13 by 500 lb incendiary bombs dropped Kendari from 15,500

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to 14000 feet, 16 by 500 lb demolition, 2 by 500 lb incendiary bombs jettisoned, 16 by 500 lb demolition, 10 by 500 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Ainongko Island, 13 clusters 20 lb fragmentation bombs, 1 by 500 lb incendiary dropped Toma Island from 12000 feet; slight to moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Kendari; Aerial bombs dropped by intercepting aircraft.

No Sig.

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FIELD MARSHAL DILL
ADM KING
CGS (CAPT ROYAL, USN)
GEN VANDERGRIFT
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COM 7TH FLT passes for CINCOSOLPAC. Action COMINCH.

Info CNO, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT. Signed Magarthur.

Cape Gloucester resupply FOHP LST 4% reached beaches this morning. 5 LST 4% which supplied Saidor are returning to Sudest arriving 11th. Arawe had 4 LCT from Sudest this morning to return under cover darkness tonight. Night 9th 4 PT's along New Guinea Coast North and South Saidor sank 1 large barge and 1 70 footers.

1 loaded with troops 1 ammunition and 8 miscellaneous.

Same PT's destroyed 49 to 50 floating food boxes and 35 gallon drums diesel oil floating pommern bay.

Black Cat early morning 15th strafed set fire to 1 unidentified ship near Hansa bay.

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STRICKLAND

CNO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT

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COM 11TH FLT PASSING FOR CINCOWESPAC. ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO, CINCPAC, APL COM 3RD FLT.

3 MILES NORTH POMMERN BAY NORTHWEST SAIDOR PT'S SANK 5 LOADED BARGES 2 WITH TROOPS NIGHT 7-8 AND DESTROYED 2 RICE LOADED FOOD RAFTS. BLACK CAT ON BARGE SWEEP STRAFED AND DAMAGED 2 BARGES SARANG HARBOR NORTH MADANG.

6 LST, 4 DD'S AT SAIDOR THIS MORNING AND 6 LST'S, 4 DD'S RETURNING FROM SAIDOR. 4 LST, 4 DD'S RETURNED SOUTHERN FROM GLOUCESTER AREA RESUPPLY 4 LST, 4 DD'S ARRIVING 12TH. PETO RETURNED FROM PATROL NOVEMBER 4. JANUARY 7 REPORTS SINKING 820' TON AK. 2 DD'S OF ESCORT GROUP BOMBARDED GAS1 POINT(APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES EAST OF SAIDOR) WHILE PASSING ENROUTE SAIDOR EARLY MORNING OF 8TH AND AGAIN WHILE RETURNING SAME EVENING. SMALL BUT INTENSE FIRES.
STARTED STILL BURNING AN HOUR LATER. SGD MACARTHUR.

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### Daily Tactical Report

**Southwest Pacific**

GC-IN #4901, from Rear Echelon G.H.Q., dated 8 January, 1944.

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Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1300Z/6 to
1300Z/7 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff
War Department, to Commanding General Hawaiian Department,
to Commanding General USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, to CG AM-
MISGA, to CG AMMDEL.

Bougainville:
Kieta: Photographs January 6 show no change
airstrip or harbour.

Buka: Two large merchant vessels entered pas-
sage evening January 7.

New Ireland:
Mussau Island: Two destroyers 2 tankers 2
auxiliary vessels sighted 120 miles northwest on
south easterly course afternoon January 7.

Kavieng: Two large merchant vessels 1 10,000
ton tanker, 3 5000 ton vessels reported in harbour
by SOUPAC B-24 morning January 7.

Borpop: Photographs January 6 show 1 medium
bomber, runway serviceable.

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New Britain:

Rein Bay: Gun emplacements and well used road sighted vicinity Cape Neumayer.

Northwestern Area:

Timor: One 3,000 ton merchant vessel 1 sea truck 4 barges heading south east sighted off Romang Island.
(End part I)


Arave: Patrols attacked strong enemy position 600 yards east NLR met heavy machine gun fire.

Gloster: Attack south continued reached hill 660 (2800 yards south Silimati Point), 200 enemy killed; extensive patrolling airstrome perimeter.

Karas: Patrols north Dallman River no contact, patrols inland killed 10 captured 3 enemy.

Saidor: Consolidation perimeter continues.

Air.

Operations January 6:

1) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Anwek River bridge (Geasama).

2) Four P39s strafed 2 well camouflaged barges Rein Bay, observed explosion.

3) Twelve B25s bombed and strafed areas South West coast Borgen Bay as designated by Ground Forces, P38s covered.

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(4) Seventeen B-24s bombed anti aircraft positions Alexishafen, silenced guns started fires caused explosions; P-38s covered.

(5) Thirty-six A20s, 10 B-25s bombed bridges and bivouacs on Bogadim Road, damaged two bridges, entire area heavily strafed.

(6) Nine B-25s, 4 P-39s bombed and strafed targets Gausey Point to Vinock Point, destroyed barge caused explosion in possible stores area, fighters also strafed machine gun positions Erina Plantation.

Operations January 7:

(7) Reconnaissance B-24 bombed Lindenhefen Plantation.

(8) Night Catalina bombed Garove Island; second Catalina scored hit on and destroyed 5000 ton auxiliary oiler, possibly NIT 2 accompanying sea trucks Ironmod Strait (North Madang).

(9) Eighteen B-24s bombed enemy positions on hill southwest west coast Borgen Bay, caused large explosion.

(10) Twenty-four B-24s escorted by P-38s bombed anti aircraft positions Alexishafen, report area well covered, silenced positions started large fires.

(11) Twelve B-25s bombed and strafed Bogadim Road, destroyed bridge silenced anti aircraft position.

(12) Nine B-25s & P-47s bombed and strafed possible bivouac areas Weber to Vinocks Point.
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Northwestern Area. Air.

Enemy action: Single floatplane bombed and strafed Aram Village (120 miles east South East Kaukenau).

Operations:

(13) Seven B24s bombed Boela started fires, also bombed shipping Manokwari with unobserved results.

(14) Patrolling RAAF Hudson unsuccessfully bombed shipping off Romang Island (North Timor), strafed barge same area, left one beached; one enemy fighter ineffectively intercepted.

Solomons. SOUPAC Forces.

Naval: PTs engaged 3 barges North Torau Bay, caused damage. LCI equipped as gunboat harassed Choiseul Bay.

Air.

Operations January 5th:

(15) Six B25s 3 Venturas bombed and strafed buildings and machine gun positions Choiseul Bay.

(16) Night Ventura bombed Poporang, 10 B25s bombed and damaged gun positions Tonoalei Harbour.

(17) Three Avengers destroyed huts Mosigetta Area.

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8th January, 1944.

(18) P-38s shot down 9 probably destroyed; other fighters engaged over Rabaul.
2 P-38s missing; fighters also raided Borpop Airdrome and coastal area, destroyed 2 grounded bombers; single Corsair over Saint Georges Channel shot down 1 of 20/30 enemy fighters contacted.

Operations January 7th:

(19) Ventura dropped incendiaries on Morusass (Shortlands).

(20) Eighteen Avengers 24 Dauntless to bomb Tobara turned back by weather, bombed radio station Cape Saint George, caused fires destroyed gun positions; 8 squadrons fighters covering shot down 10 probably destroyed 2 others of 40/70 intercepting fighters (preliminary report) our lost 3 Helicat (2 collided) 2 Dauntless.

(21) Incomplete report states 10 of 20 scheduled B24s bombed Vunakanau.

Part 3. Weather. General conditions mostly favourable with broken cloud and scattered showers but adverse during late hours; Northwestern Area scattered showers but mainly favourable except for bad weather caused by frontal zone Southern Celebes through Northern Timor and Tanimbars extending to Northwestern Dutch New Guinea.

Air.

(1) 4 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8000 feet; moderate light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) Unstated number rounds .5 calibre and 37 mm fired in strafing from 2000 feet to minimum altitude.

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(3) 96 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 500 to 50 feet; 19,800 rounds 50, 1700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(4) 102 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,500 to 9500 feet; 1400 rounds 50, 100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight to moderate medium and heavy accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 54 500 lb instantaneous demolition, 15 300 lb, 132 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 5300 feet to minimum altitude; 8 rounds 75, 92 rounds 20mm, 25,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 800 to 100 feet; slight to intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 25 300 lb, 22 300 lb wire wrapped 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 22,500 rounds 50, 600 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by B25s; no details received P39s.

(7) 21000 lb, 2100 lb torpex 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.

(8) No details received.

(9) 216 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8000 to 6500 feet.

(10) 184 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9300 to 7500 feet; slight to intense medium and heavy accurate to inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 37 300 lb, 42 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under; 17,000 rounds 50, 5000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

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(12) 104 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 24,300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by B25s; no details received P47s.

(13) 13 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Boea, 23 at shipping Manokwari from 16,000 feet; intense inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres Boea, intense heavy inaccurate Manokwari, slight medium inaccurate from vessel in harbour.

(14) 2 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 4200 feet; 1100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing barges from 190 feet, 100 rounds at intercepting aircraft; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire from freighter transport.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

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       New Delhi  No
       Chungking  No

7th January 1944

C 215. Operations report SOUESPAC Area period 1300Z/5 to 1300Z/6 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff WD, CG Hawaiian Dept, CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, AMODEL and AMHICA.

New Hanover: Destroyer escorting large unidentified vessel reported by Catalina heading north off Cape Matan- slem midnight January 5; 2 night fighters intercepted Catalina.

New Britain: 4 cargo vessels 3 small ships sighted in harbour Duke of York Island Midday January 5.

New Guinea: Bogia: 8 barges loaded with troops sighted entering Sarang Harbour midnight January 5.

Sto: 1 aircraft reported sighting 20 barges proceeding north west up coast off Tellita Point with 4 on shore midday January 5.

North Western Area: Timor: Natives report enemy patrols along south coast. End of part one.

Part two.


Cape Gloucester: Further consolidation airstrip, active patrols report no contact.

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New Caledonia No
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7th January 1944

Kalasa: Forward elements hold Tellman River.

Saidor: Light contact reported 11 miles south east; MLR expanded. Naval. PT’s damaged 2 barges off Hambariva.

Air Operations:

1. 5 RAAF Catalinas to attack Kavieng Airfield night January 5; 2 failed take off. 1 returned due weather, 1 bombed Guama caused explosion and large fire, 1 bombed target causing 2 large fires (possibly aircraft).

2. Night Catalina unsuccessfully bombed destroyer and large merchant vessel north New Hanover, second Catalina heavily strafed 8 troop laden barges Sarang Harbour (North Madang), also strafed boat Stephan Strait.


4. 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed and damaged 2 boats Cape Dampier.

5. 17 P-47’s strafed 8 barges Kronprinz Harbour.

6. Further 12 B-24’s bombed bivouacs and anti-aircraft positions Alexishafen January 5, started fires.

7. Further 7 B-25’s bombed Yaula/Bogadjim road January 5 caused terrific explosion in supply dumps started fires, destroyed truck.

8. Next day 5 B-26’s bombod road caused explosions.

9. 8 P-40’s, 4 P-39’s searched Rei Coast January 5, destroyed or badly damaged 11 barges.

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To: New Caledonia
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New Delhi
Chungking
7th January

(10) Next day 15 P-47's destroyed 2 barges
no写 Point.

Solomons: SOUPAC forces. Land: Increased patrol
activity Torokina Area; anti aircraft crews Treasury
Island claim attacking float plane possibly destroyed.

Air Operations January 5:

(11) B-25's bombed and heavily strafed enemy
central areas Choiseul Bay.

(12) 6 B-24's bombed Popowang, 3 bombed Kahili
supply dumps, 2 attacked Tomolei, 1 raided Fauo Island.

(13) Fighters strafed Piano Mission (Empress
Augusta Bay), 24 Dauntless turned back from Rabaul raid
bombed and strafed enemy bivouacs Mosigetta.

(14) 9 B-25's bombed Nakarid Mission (Buka).

(15) 7 Corsairs searching Rabaul Area strafed
Gazelle Peninsula Coast, destroyed 2 troop laden barges
Blanche Bay.

(16) Carrier force off Kavieng January 4 repo-
report shooting down extra bomber; delayed report states
additional 2 bombers destroyed in raid December 25.

(17) B-24 bombed and damaged tug Emirau Island.

End of part two.

Part three.

Weather: Generally unsettled with frequent showers and
thunderstorms, broken middle cloud with low cloud formations
increasing during late hours; north western area mainly
favourable except for frontal zone over Arce Islands and
Tanimbars.

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Air:

(1) 8 by 250 lb general purpose 50 by 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 8000 feet on each Gasmata and Kavieng; nil anti aircraft fire.

(2) No details of bomb loads; intense light anti aircraft fire from destroyer.

(3) 2 by 1000 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 7000 feet.

(4) 250 rounds 20 mm, 10,000 rounds 30 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(5) No details.

(6) 72 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 feet; moderate heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 24 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,000 feet.

(8) 30 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5000 feet.

(9) No details.

(10) No details.

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