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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
To: War Department
No: O 13113

C 13113 to Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA and MacArthur. Operations report SCHESPA
area 1400E/29th to 1400E/30 signed MacArthur.

Nowi Islands: Batowan strip appeared serviceable
3 aircraft on field & floatplane offshore.

May 30:
Dutch New Guinea: Timika strip observed grassed
but serviceable.

Ambon: 15 vessels Aiton reports by RAAF Catalinas/
Philippines: Reconnaissance B24 reported 3 possible
airstrips

Bunceca Island northeast Davao Gulf: nil activity

Talabs Islands May 27th. 3 battleships 7 cruisers
plus other vessels reported.

Tawi Tawi Harbour: 1 battleship 4 heavy cruisers
3 destroyers heading east 0700E/30.

CM-IN-103 (1 June 44)

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Land. Bizak. Review: Forward elements 162nd Infantry from position near Nokmer combined tank action, artillery and small arms fire to repelize 3 strong counterattacks morning May 29th, our tanks knocked out 8 enemy light tanks; heavy enemy pressure caused withdrawal to defensive positions in area mid afternoon; 186th Infantry at Bonneq patrolled to north and east found small enemy parties, during night May 29th only intermittent enemy mortar fire reported on our forward positions; next morning elements 186th Infantry moved north to secure high ridge lines for patrolling north and east; 679 enemy dead to date, 2 prisoners.

Maffin Bay area: Elements 153rd Infantry withdrew to positions near Maffin Town.

Hollandia: Extensive patrolling continues Hollandia and Aitape.

Naval: PT's strafed Bocoi village Hanua Bay.

Air Operations, May 29:

1. 20 B-24's bombed Bataan caused huge fuel fires.
2. Further 3 A-20's, 1825 bombed Nokmer area.
3. Further 5 B-24's bombed Nokmer.
Weather May 30th: Patches adverse weather over Bismarck Sea at night, cloud and rain over north coast New Guinea throughout morning.

Operations May 30th:

(4) 4 patrolling night B24's bombed 2 islands at Truk and Woleai.
(5) 4 P39's started fires Hansa Bay, set fuel laden barges afire mouth Ramu River; P47's glide bombed Hansa targets.
(6) 64 A20's, 8 B25's, 11 RAAF Beauforts, 1 B24 bombed targets Wewak area destroyed buildings started fires hit guns; 1 A20 lost due mechanical trouble.
(7) Preliminary report states A20's and B25's supported ground forces Maffin Area.
(8) Bad weather turned back strikes from the Biak Area.

Northwestern Area:

Weather: Broken to overcast low clouds and frequent rain between Arce and New Guinea, deep clouds and rain north equator.

Operations:

(9) 11 B25's bombed and strafed Timoeka silenced 2 gun positions.
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(10) 9 RAAP Catalinas bombed Liang aerials and Ambo caused explosions and number large fires.

BOPAC Forces.

Land: Reconnaissance party landed Tingvon Island, no contact, destroyed fuel and ammunition.

Naval: Landing craft infantry grenade destroy- ed 4 serviceable barges and 3 other previously damaged near Hauarain.

Air Operations, May 29th:

(11) 40 fighters destroyed buildings Timputs and Arica plantation, 2 P39's lost, 1 pilot safe; 6 Avengers sprayed gardens with oil, 5 Avengers destroyed bridge Rowboen.

(12) 3 B25's harassed Rabaul at night, 4 Corsairs destroyed 4 trucks in area, 96 bombers hit Borduap and Hospital Ridge guns caused many explosions; 5 Venturas destroyed buildings caused large explosion Rabang.

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From: CEB South West Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia.

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(3) 500 lb demolition bombs from 5000 feet to 2000 feet.

(4) 50 by 500 lb bombs dropped from 4000 feet.

(5) 179 15000 rounds 50 caliber, 179 rounds

(6) A 500 and 500's dropped on 117 by 500 lb, 10 by 100 lb demolition bombs from 5000 feet, 30 500 lb bombs dropped in 16 by 500 lb demolition bombs from 5000 feet, 30 500 lb bombs dropped in 16 by 5000 feet to 1000 feet.

(7) No details.

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(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 47 by 250 lb paradesmos, 96 by 100 lb paradesmos 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs; fired 22100 rounds 50, 40000 rounds 30 calibre from minimum altitude; met moderate light accurate antiaircraft fire.

(10) 47 by 500 lb, 4 by 250 lb; armour piercing 11 seconds delay, 13 by 500 6 hour delay, 6 by 500 lb 12 hour delay, 139 by 20 lb fragmentation, 140 by 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 7000 to 5000 feet; met slight to intense some accurate antiaircraft fire all calibres

No Sig.

Corrected copy of CM-IN-23828 (31 May 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO/G
CG AAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Field Marshall Dill
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
To: War Department
No. 0 13113, 31 May 1944

0 13113 to Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA and MacArthur. Operations report SOMPAO area period 1400Z/20th to 1400Z/30th signed MacArthur.

Monti Islands:
Satawan strip appeared serviceable, 3 aircraft on field 1 floatplane offshore May 30.

Dutch New Guinea:
Timika strip observed grassed but serviceable.

Amboina:
15 vessels Ambon reports by RAAF Catalinas.

Philippines:
Reconnaissance B-24 reported 3 possible airstrips Nacoesa Island northeast Davao Gulf, nil activity Talakd Islands May 27th. 3 battleships 7 cruisers plus other vessels reported Tawi Tawi Harbour, 1 battleship 4 heavy cruisers 3 destroyers heading east 0700Z/30.


Review: Forward elements 162nd Infantry from position CM-IN-23828 (31 May 44)

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Maffin Bay area: Elements 158th Infantry withdrew to positions near Maffin Town.

Hollanda: Extensive patrolling continues Hollandia and Aitape.

Naval:
- P * village Hansa Bay.

Air: Operations May 29th:
(1) 20 B-24's bombed Satwun caused huge fuel fires.
(2) Further 8 A-20's, 1 B25 bombed Wewak area.
(3) Further 5 B-24's bombed Nucknaw.

Weather May 30th: Patches adverse weather over Bismarck Sea at night, cloud and rain over north coast New Guinea throughout morning.

CM-IM-23826 (31 May 44)
From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia

Subject: Operations May 30th:

(4) 4 patrolling night B-24's bombed 2 islands at Truc and Zolesai.

(5) 4 P-39's started fires Hansa Bay, set 9 laden barges afire south Ramu River; P-47's glide bombed 9 targets.

(6) 64 A-20's, 8 B-25's, RAAF Beauforts, 1 B-24 bombed targets Wewak area destroyed buildings started fires hit guns; 1 A-20 lost due mechanical trouble.

(7) Preliminary report states A-20's and B-25's supported ground forces Maffin Area.

(8) Bad weather turned back strikes from the Biak Area.

Northwestern Area. Weather:

Broken to overcast low clouds and frequent rain between Aroe and New Guinea, deep clouds and rain north of equator.

Operations:

(9) 11 B-25's bombed and strafed Timoea 2 gun positions.

(10) 9 RAAF Catalinas bombed Liang airdrome Ambon caused explosions and number large fires.

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From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia
To: 0 13113, 31st May 1944

SOUTHCOM Forces. Land: Reconnaissance party landed on New Guinea Island, no contact, destroyed fuel and ammunition.

Naval: Landing craft infantry gunboats destroyed 4 serviceable barges and 3 others previously damaged by Murik LA.

Air. Operations May 29th:

(11) 40 fighters destroyed buildings * and * plantation, 2 P-39's lost, 1 pilot safe; 6 Avengers sprayed gardens with oil. 3 Avengers destroyed * Scraken.

(12) 3 B-25's harassed Rabaul at night, * destroyed 4 trucks in area, 96 bombers hit Nordup and Hospital Ridge guns caused many explosions; 5 Venturas destroyed buildings caused large * kabanga.

Part 3. Air:

(1) 502 fragmentation clusters, 9 by 500 lb bombs dropped from 8400 feet.

(2) Dropped 34 by 500 lb demolition bombs from 5000 feet.

(3) Dropped 30 by 1000 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 58 by 250 lb bombs dropped from 8000 feet to 1200 feet.

CH-IN-23628 (31 May 44)
From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

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MM.

(5) 4 P39 fired 2600 rounds 50 calibres, 123 * 37

(6) A20 and B25's dropped 117 by 500 lb, 109 by 250 lb, 8 by 300 lb, 100 by 100 lb demolition bombs from 5000 feet; Beauforts dropped 16 by 500 lb medium capacity, 32 by 250 lb general purpose, 64 by 40 lb fragmentation bombs from 3600 feet; 1 B24 dropped 6 by 1000 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(7) * * *

(8) * * by 250 lb paradesmos, 96 by 100 lb paradesmos 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs; fired 22,100 rounds 50, 40,200 rounds 30 calibre from minimum altitude; met moderate light accurate antiaircraft fire.

(10) 47 by 500 lb * by 250 lb semi-armour piercing 11 seconds delay, 13 by 500 lb 6 hour delay, 6 by 5 * * 1 lb fragmentation, 140 by 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 7000 to 5000 feet; met slight to intense some accurate anti-aircraft fire all calibres.

No 3ig.

*Being Serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Am. King, Col. Park,
CO: 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COV 3RD FLT

3 DD'S BOMBARD BOSNEK BIAC ISLAND DURING DAYLIGHT.

2 OTHER STANDING BY FOR NIGHT FIRE SUPPORT.

US DD STOCKTON RECEIVED 1 4 OR 5 INCH SHELL HIT CAUSING SLIGHT MATERIAL DAMAGE. 1 KILLED. 1 WOUNDED. GROUND TROOPS MEETING RESISTANCE WEST OF AIRSTRIP LARGELY KORTAR FIRE. SLIGHT OPPOSITION ON BEACH. NIGHT 26/27 PT 3340000 DESTROYED BY FRIENDLY GUNFIRE AFTER EFFORTS TO SALVAGE FROM REEF FAILED. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

TALAISE PT'S NIGHT 27/28 STRAFED EA BA AND LANDING SCOUTING PARTIES WEST COAST Gazelle Peninsula WHERE SEVERAL JAPS WOUNDED KILLED. 1 PON CAPTURED. ANOTHER SCOUTING PARTY PUT ASHORE AT VANIMO WEST OF HOLLANDIA WHERE 3 JAPS
CAPTURED, ECHELON B LAST 4 DD DUE BOSNEK TOMORROW FROM HOLLANDIA.
ECHELON B LAST ARRIVED HOLLANDIA FROM BOSNEK. MACARTHUR.

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From: Rear Echelon, G HQ, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No: C 13060 29 May 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department C 13060. 14002/27th to 14002/38th signed
MacArthur.

New Ireland:
Photographs May 28th show Kavieng runway service-
able.

Biak:
No estimate of enemy strength yet possible, cap-
tured Japanese labourers report 8000 enemy on island. Oper-
ations report SOWESPAC Area.

Japen Island:
Number of barges sighted off south coast by P38’s
May 26th.

Sorong:
Photographs May 24th show 1 mineslayer on 3000 ton
vessel 20 barges in vicinity, on Efman airstrip 7 service-
able planes, on Sabate 13.

CM-IN-22166 (29 May 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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To: [Redacted]

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off Cape Howe, night May 28th.

Part 1

End of Part 1

Munda, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

Aircraft 5 fighters, 1 bomber photographed May 27th, all aircraft reported destroyed.

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Part 2

End of Part 2

Rear Admiral, ORQ, Southwest Pacific Area

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Munda, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

Aircraft 5 fighters, 1 bomber photographed May 27th, all aircraft reported destroyed.

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Part 3

End of Part 3

Rear Admiral, ORQ, Southwest Pacific Area

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Munda, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

Aircraft 5 fighters, 1 bomber photographed May 27th, all aircraft reported destroyed.

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Part 4

End of Part 4

Rear Admiral, ORQ, Southwest Pacific Area

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Munda, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

Aircraft 5 fighters, 1 bomber photographed May 27th, all aircraft reported destroyed.

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Part 5

End of Part 5

Rear Admiral, ORQ, Southwest Pacific Area

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Munda, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

Aircraft 5 fighters, 1 bomber photographed May 27th, all aircraft reported destroyed.

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Part 6

End of Part 6

Rear Admiral, ORQ, Southwest Pacific Area

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Babo, East coast Australia

May 29, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Munda, Manus, Manus Island, Manus group

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Report from merchant ship submarine attack off

Manokvi, Manus, East coast of New Guinea

May 28, 1944

Report from merchant ship submarine attack off
From: Rear Echelon, GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

No: 0 13060  29 May 1944

2 battalions 158th Infantry report resistance 1 mile south Haffin strip.

Biak Island:

Forward elements 136th Infantry on east flank reached Sauri (1½ miles east Boane) report sniper fire; 162 Infantry on west flank report strong opposition Parai and Nokmer areas and from high ground overlooking coast; enemy in caves near Boane being dialoged by patrols.

Naval: Destroyers supported ground forces Biak Islands.

Air: Enemy Action:

1 bomber raided Wokde evening May 27th dropped 5 bombs caused casualties.

Operations May 27th:

(1) 13th Air Force B24's harassed Wokde and 3 Truk Islands night May 27th.

(2) 4 RAAF Beauforts bombed Wewak same night started 2 large fires.

(3) Total 79 A20's, 18 B25's, 40 P47's, 48 P38's

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From: Rear Echelon, GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

No: C 13060  29 May 1944

attacked Wewak area May 27th (refers paragraph 2 preceding report).

(4) 46 B24's bombed Biak Island prior landing
(refers paragraph 3 preceding report.

(5) 4 B25's covered Biak beachhead bombed bivouac

area.

Weather May 28th: Deep cloud and heavy rain over
ranges in afternoon and evening, patches bad weather along
north coast New Guinea.

Operations May 28th:

(6) 4 F39's strafed Hamba Bay targets hit huts and

(7) 28 A20's, 14 B25's, 7 F39's, 7 F47's, 9 RAAF
Beauforts bombed and strafed troop concentrations Wewak
area, caused fires and explosions.

(8) 4 B25's supported ground forces Heffin area.

(9) 10 B24's bombed Hanski, others bombed Rabaul,
others bombed Kamiri and Hamar dispersals started fires:
6 B25's bombed Sorcei.

(10) A20's and fighters continued cover for Biak

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     Brisbane, Australia

No: 013060 29 May 1944

forces.

Northwestern area. Weather:

Broken cloud and showers reported between Aroe and
Dutch New Guinea; increased cloud north of equator.

Operations:

   (11) B25's destroyed 3 fighters, 2 bombers, 1
        seaplane and several buildings Babo (refer paragraph 5
        preceding report).

   (12) 9 B24's bombed Boela, 5 enemy fighters un-
        successfully intercepted.

SOUPAC Forces. Air.

Operations May 27th:

   (13) 66 fighters bombed Euka, targets destroyed,
        1 barge damaged another also destroyed bridge Buin area,
        petrols bombed Nomitu area; Venturas bombed area.

   (14) Night B25's continued night harassing attacks
        Rabaul, fighters fired 2 trucks; bombers carried out 207
        sorties dropped 92 tons on gun position hospital ridge de-
        stroyed 3 damaged 3; 4 B24's bombed Tobera runway.

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From: CG, Rear Echelon, GHQ, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

No: C 13060  29 May 1944

(15) Patrols bombed New Ireland target.

Part 3.

(1) No details

(2) Dropped 8 250 lb demolition, 60 40 lb fragmentation bombs from 5000 feet; met slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire from Kairiru Island.

(3) Further 43 A20's dropped 169 300 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs fired 58,000 rounds 50 calibre; 40 T37's fired 49,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(4) Further 33 B24's dropped 255 500 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs from 2000 feet.

(6) Fired 600 rounds 30, 2,500 rounds 50 calibre 91 rounds 37 MM.

(7) A20's dropped 115 100 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 384 23 lb parafrags, fired 44,700 rounds 50 calibre; B25's dropped 56 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, fired 3200 rounds 30, 23,000 rounds 50 calibre, 39 rounds 75MM; P39's dropped 7 500 lb bombs from 1000 feet, fired 172 rounds 37 MM 3200 rounds 50 calibre, 4500 rounds 30 calibre; P47's fired 12000 rounds 50 calibre; Beaufort dropped 15 500 lb, 21 250

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1 lb medium capacity bombs from 3000 to 1500 feet.

(8) Spent 5800 rounds 50 caliber.

(9) B24's dropped 30 500 lb, 18 1000 lb bombs Serosi from 14000 feet; 10 B24's dropped 50 1000 lb bombs Kamir from 8000 feet, 1 B24 dropped 6 1000 lb bombs Naber; further 30 1000 lb bombs salvaged by 6 aircraft turned back by weather.

(10) No details.

(11) Dropped 55 500 lb demolition, 20 100 lb parachute bombs from unstated altitude, fired 18,700 rounds 50, 3400 rounds 30 caliber.

(12) Dropped 20 500 lb general purpose 1/10th's second delay, 125 100 lb demolition bombs from 11000 feet.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGS
CC AAF
O-2
John King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
P. M. Sir John Dill

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COM 7TH FLT passes for CINCPAC action COMINCH INFO CNOCINCPAC COM 3RD FLT.

Afternoon of 27TH 1 of 12 HELENS ATTACKING BLUE SHIPPING OFF BIAK CRASHED ON 3C OSG SETTING SHIP ON FIRE. SHIP ABANDONED BUT LAST REPORTED AFLOAT. 9 MEN BURNED 4 SERIOUSLY. 4 OF HELENS SHOT DOWN. ECHELON 24 LCI 3 DD'S ARRIVING HOLLANDIA FROM BIAK. ECHELON 5 APC'S ARRIVED HOLLANDIA FROM BIAK. ECHELON 3 LST 3 LCM 3 DD'S 2 DE ARRIVED BIAK SCHEDULED TO DEPART TONIGHT DUE HOLLANDIA MAY 3RD. 2 CA 1 CL 5 DD'S RETURNED HOLLANDIA FROM BIAK. US SUBMARINE PARGO RETURNED FROM WAR PATROL EAST OF PHILIPPINES HAVING SUNK 1 AK OF 2101 TONS. DAMAGED 1 AK 1 AO OF 3168 TONS AND 12,652 TONS RESPECTIVELY.
NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER: GINOCUPA (COMM 7TH FLT)

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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS FOR GINOCUPA TO COM INCH INFO GINOCUPA COM 3RD FLT.)

Landing on Biak accomplished in face of enemy mortar fire. Lot's made Wet landing 233 yards from beach. DUKWs and Vehicles discharged from LST's at 1715K. Command landing force boarded command at 1935K. Battle damage during disembarkation: HUTCHINS hit by 5 inch shell; forecast cut half through 4 feet main deck. Radar decommissioned. 3 men injured. USS BACHE 1 man injured. Cheleongs landed and departed 3 LOT, 5 APPD, 24 LCI, landed but not yet reported departed 4 LCOI, and 4 LC. US sub LAPON sank 2 large AKs and damaged 1 large AK due North of Nathuna Islands (NEI). PEEBUIES NIGHT 2526 killed 3 JAPS who resisted capture near PELENA Island. Others straffed GARIN Island. MacARTHUR.
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To: War Department
Mr: C-12998 27 May, 1944

From MacArthur Personal for General Marshall C-12998.

41st Division less 163rd Combat Team at 0715 K, 27 May made successful landing at Boaneke on Biake Island. Difficult coral reefs negotiated by amphibious tractors and DUKWS. Hostile mortar and automatic weapons fire encountered. Landing proceeding on schedule. By 0930 General Fuller in command ashore. Air and Naval forces supporting. Casualties light. One destroyer hit by 4.7 shell, damage not important. No hostile air or Naval opposition reported to noon.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: GG/3
GG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Field Marshal Dill
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From: Rear Echelon General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
To: War Department
Nr. C 12994 27 May, 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 12994.

New Guinea: Wakde Area:
Aircraft reported 300 armed Japanese approaching Takar from east May 23rd.

Schouten Islands:
Large settlement reported Brusafari, south coast Soepiori Island.

Manakvari:
Attacking B-24 report 4 vessels, numerous barges in vicinity May 26.

Aroe Islands:
Seatrike sighted stationary off Taberfane May 26th.

Kai Islands:
Photographs May 26th show Paan and Letforar runways serviceable, nil aircraft any airstroes; 3 luggers 3

CM-IN-20574 (27 May 44)

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Mr: O 12994 27 May, 1944

barges vicinity Tootal.

Philippines:

Tawi Tawi: Local report states 10 battleships and cruisers 5 aircraft carriers 1 large tanker 40 other warships and medium cargo vessels present May 24th.

Part 2.

Land. Walde Area:

Large food ammunition and clothing dumps found Maffin Village; advance continues west, 226 enemy killed Maffin Tifoom river area; total 1185 killed, 6 prisoners.

Hollandia: 1967 killed, 505 prisoners.

Admiralties: Total enemy buried 3455, 89 Japanese prisoners.

Naval: 2 destroyers supported ground forces Maffin area May 26th.

Air. Weather May 26th: Broken deep cloud with heavy showers along northern coast of New Guinea.

Operations:

(1) Two reconnaissance P-39's strafed villages

CM-IN-20574 (27 May 44)
From: Rear Echelon General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Nr: 0 12994 27 May, 1944
Blupblup Island north Sepik river mouth.

(2) Twenty four B-25's, 71 A-20's, 8 P-47's, 4 P-39's bombed and strafed troop concentrations but Borem area, caused fires destroyed bridge; 1 A-20 lost off Wewak, crew rescued.

(3) Three RAAF Beauforts bombed Wewak night May 25th, started fires.

(4) 13th Air Force B-24's bombed Sorido, caused explosions.

(5) One patrolling B-24 bombed villages south coast Biak Island.

Operation report SOWESPAC Area period 1400Z/25 to 1400Z/26.

(6) Three night B-24's bombed Manokwari, caused small explosions.


Operations:

(7) Merauke based US B-25's bombed and strafed Dobo buildings and jetties, also sunk schooner; strike on Sagan

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From: Rear Echelon General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Nr: 0 12994 27 May, 1944

Babo prevented by weather.

(8) Twenty B-24's bombed Manokwari, cloud obscured results; 1 B-24 bombed Nabire, another Tarsan, 2 returned base, 4 on return strafed Dobó and Trangan.

SOUFAC Forces.

Naval: LCI's silenced guns Jaba area, shelled Tonolai; PT's and Catalina's destroyed 3 loaded barges off Cape Laverdy northeast Bougainville coast.

Air. Operations May 25th:

(9) Fifteen B-25's, 18 Dauntless, 9 Avengers, 32 fighters concentrated on supply dumps Porton, started fires caused explosions; 12 Avengers, 1 Dauntless hit Vituri mission; 1 Avenger sprayed gardens with oil Timputa area; 20 fighters harassed targets.

(10) Fighter patrols strafed targets Rabaul and southern New Ireland; 3 B-24's bombed Lakanai and Rapopo, 8 F-35's bombed barge base, started fires; 12 B-25's bombed Talili supplies.

(11) Thirty Dauntless, 4 Avengers hit Kavieng run-way and guns.

Part 3.

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From: Rear Echelon General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Mr: C 12994 27 May, 1944

(1) Thirty seven rounds 37 MM, 1500 rounds 50 Calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(2) Seventy one A-20's dropped 140 by 300 lb bombs and 132 by 250 lb parachute demolition bombs 8 to 11 seconds delay from minimum altitude; 64 A-20's fired 73,400 rounds 50 calibre; 18 B-25's dropped 45 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs from 3500 feet and under, fired 48 rounds 75 MM, 30,800 rounds 50 calibre and 8,200 rounds 30 calibre; 8 P-47's fired 9100 rounds 50 calibre from minimum altitude, dropped 8 belly tanks setting 4 afire; 4 P-39's fired 25 rounds 37 MM, 800 rounds 50 calibre; slight to intense light and medium anti aircraft fire both accurate and inaccurate.

(3) Six by 250 lb demolition bombs, 44 by 40 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 4000 feet.

(4) No details.

(5) Nine by 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6700 feet.

(6) Eighteen by 500 lb bombs dropped from 9000 feet; slight to moderate anti aircraft fire accurate only against least B-24.

(7) No details.

(8) One hundred by 500 lb general purpose demolition bombs.

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27 May, 1944

Bombs 1/10th second delay dropped from 17000 to 15,500 feet. Manokwari, 5 bombs each at Utaram and Nabire from 8000 feet. 5,000 rounds 50 calibre fired from 500 feet Doba and Trangan; intense heavy barrage type anti aircraft fire both accurate and inaccurate. Manokwari, slight inaccurate fire light and medium from Nabire, light from Utaram.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:
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Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No. 0 12800, 22 May, 1944.

Operations report ADW/PAC Area period 1400Z/20 to 1400Z/21 signed MacArthur. Pm GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept G 12800.

Rabaul: 216 barges photographed May 20th.

Wakde Area: Air patrols report heavy defensive positions near Maffin strip 4 miles west for River.

Geelvink Bay: 4 barges sighted Anseri Islands, 4 aircraft on Hansiki strip (near Waren), 5 fighters on Moseai, 2 seaplanes Manusimian Island.

Sorong: 3 barges sighted off coast to north east midday May 21st; 1 destroyer, 1 seaplane reported on western course 140 miles northeast morning May 19th.

Uaimana: 3 seaplanes many barges reported in vicinity May 21st, 1 floatplane near Utarom Jetty.

End of Part 1.

Part 2.

Land. Wakde: Tor River bridgehead reports enemy harassing

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From: 00, Rear Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
        Brisbane, Australia

No. 0 12600, 22 May, 1944.

fire; Allied artillery shelled enemy defensive positions extending west from Kaffin village, caused large fire; 833
enemy killed during operation, 1 prisoner; Allied casualties 4 killed, 135 wounded, 2 missing.

Extensive patrolling continues Hollandia and Aitape.

Naval:

PT's strafed Suain silenced mortar fire. 2 destroyers, 1 APD bombarded Sawai area May 20 blew up ammunition
dump silenced 3 inch gun.

Air:

Operations May 19th:

(1) Cancel preliminary report of raid against Truk by
    13th Air Force.

(2) Further 12 RAAF P40's bombed and strafed area
    Suain to But.

Operations May 20th:

(3) Patrolling B24 shot down 1 of 2 enemy bombers
    encountered southeast Palau.

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From: CQ, Rear Echelon HQ Southwest Pacific Area
      Brisbane, Australia
No.  C 12600,     22 May, 1944.

(4) 3 reconnaissance B25's searched Geelvink Bay
     area damaged 4 barges Navi Bay.

Weather May 21st: Broken to overcast low cloud
     over windward coastline New Guinea, weather also unfavorable
     over ranges in afternoon and evening.

Operations May 21st:

(5) Preliminary report states 13th Air Task Force B24's
     bombed Truk, 35/40 enemy fighters intercepted, 1 B24 lost.

(6) 52 P47's, 2 P39's bombed and strafed Hanes Bay
     targets started fires hit trucks.

(7) 49 B25's, 55 A20's, 15 RAAF Beauforts, 48 P38's
     bombed and heavily strafed encampments and coastal villages
     Wewak to Salesi, started numerous fires, hit gun positions and
     bridges, destroyed buildings.

(8) Patrolling Catalinas strafed 5 small cargo
     vessels west Manusari sank 1 damaged others; B24 started
     large fuel fire beached lugger Helen Reef; Night B24
     bombed Manusari.

(9) 12 A20's strafed Kamiri destroyed 7 barges dam-
     aged 8 others, started 2 fuel fires.

CM-IN-16601  (22 May 44)

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No. 012600, 22 May, 1944.

(10) 34 B24’s bombed Sorido stores caused large 
explosions.

Northwestern Area.

Weather: Conditions mainly favourable south equa-
tor.

(11) 11 B24’s bombed Manokward and Nosi runways, 
started fires; 7 B24’s bombed Utarum runway and supplies, 
started fuel fire.

SOUAPAC Forces:

Naval: Warships bombarded gun positions Shortland 
Island. Air Operations May 20th:

(12) 30 fighters raided barges timpuys and Matchin 
Bay, bridges Kieta, sank barge Kieta, damaged bridge Mobina; 
2 Avengers damaged barge Chabai, 1 Avenger sprayed enemy gar-
den areas with oil; 30 B25’s, 14 Dauntless, 17 Avengers, 
44 fighters, bombd bivouac Kahili area hit guns started 
fires; 1 P40 lost pilot safe.

(13) 4 B25’s harassed Rabaul at night; Patrols 
destroyed 5 barges damaged 4 more Duke of York Island; 1 
Corsair lost; 2 B25’s, 4 Corsaires strafeed barges; 3 B24’s 
bombed Toberae runway.

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From: OQ, Rear Echelon, GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

No. 0 12800, 22 May, 1944.

(14) 24 Dauntless, 12 Avengers with Corsair escort
bombed destroyed 8 New Ireland bridges and WT station Dyaub
Island; 1 Corsair lost pilot safe.

(15) 1 B24 bombed Satawan.

Part 3.

Air.

(1) No details.

(2) 8 500 lb, 4 300 lb bombs dropped from 6,000
feet, fired 1,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(3) No details.

(4) 12 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped
from minimum altitude, 3,800 rounds 50 calibre fired; met
intense medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) No details.

(6) 59 300 lb, 4 100 lb, 33 500 lb bombs dropped
from 7,000 to 4,000 feet; 1,100 rounds 50 calibre, 26
rounds 37 MM fired.

(7) B25's dropped 110 1000 lb bombs from 6,000 feet,
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fired 69,000 rounds 50, 8,900 rounds 30, 38 rounds 75 MM; 33 A20's dropped 105 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 216 23 lb parafrag from minimum altitude, fired 48,000 rounds 50 caliber; F38's dropped 76 1000 lb bombs from 6,000 feet; Beauforts dropped 30 500 lb, 30 250 lb medium capacity bombs from 5,000 feet; moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire encountered.

(8) Night B24 dropped 6 500 lb bombs.

(9) No details.

(10) 18 B24's dropped 100 1000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet; met slight medium and heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 90 500 lb general purpose 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 17 to 13,000 feet; intense heavy barrage type anti aircraft fire Manokwari.

Following refers paragraph 9 preceding report:

11 B24's dropped 129 250 lb fragmentation bombs from 7,000 feet.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, General Vandegrift, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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MAC ARTHUR, COM 7TH FLT ENCRYPTIONS FOR CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT

FIFTH DAY STICK AT NIGHT. FIGHTING CONTINUES NAKKE. LANDING OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LIKI AND NIRENGEN ISLANDS COMPLETED AT 1600 YESTERDAY. STILL NO OPPORTIONS OR CASUALTIES LIKI AND NIRENGEN. FIFTH SUPPLY ECHOLEN DEPARTED NAKKE YESTERDAY. ALEH SUPPLY ECHOLEN CONSISTING 7 LST 3 DD 1 AT DEPART AITAPE THIS EVENING DUE NAKKE MORNING 22ND. SUMMARY PT OPERATIONS 7-8 MAY THROUGH 17-18 MAY. AITAPE BOATS WERE PRINCIPALLY ACTIVE BAGUA AND KATROR SINKING OR DESTROYING 11 BARGES PLUS 2 MORE IN GALENAY. SAILOR BOATS IN HANSE BAY AREA SANK OR DESTROYED 9 BARGES ALEH 1 SALPH. PT RESULTS 16-19

SECRET
MAY. TALASEA BOATS STRAFED AILD VILLAGE.
From CINCWPAC
Released by CINCPAC
Date May 44
To CINCH
Decoded by THOMPSON
Paraphrased by CNO
Route by CINCPAC

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MacArthur, CINCPAC enciphers for CINCWPAC action
CINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMDRFLT.

3rd day strike nought operation saw landing
made at Livi and Nirbeboar Islands both 25
miles northwest Wake Island. No enemy
opposition and no casualties. 5th strike
nought supply Echelon and 5 PT's arrived
Wake area. Still considerable gunfire
vicinity Wake air strip. Japs holding at
edge of strip. PT results night 17th-18th.
4 AHTape boats strafed MATXPPU.

COMINCH ACT

16...2KG...OP31...SHOW OP28.....
ADD TO MY 180239

THE FLEET SAILED FROM COLOMBO AND TRINCOMALEE ON 6TH MAY AND AFTER RENDEZVOUSING 150 MILES SOUTH EAST OF CEYLON PROCEEDED AS REQUISITE TO PASS 150 MILES SOUTH WEST OF Cocos. DESTROYERS WERE REFUELLED FROM BATTLESHIP AND CARRIERS ON THE 15TH MAY. Owing to the south east trade conditions were not easy. Exmouth Gulf was reached at 0930 on the 15th May and refuelling was commenced immediately from 6 tankers previously sailed from Ceylon. On arrival Admirals Kincaid and Christie and Commodore Pope boarded HMs Queen Elizabeth and Gave me the latest information. This was most valuable and was very much appreciated. Fleet sailed at 1745 on 15th May and made direct approach to a point (1/4)8° MILES SOUTH OF SOURABAYA, PROCEEDING AT 20 KNOTS BY NIGHT AND AT 18 BY DAY TO REDUCE SMOKE. STRIKE TOOK DEPARTURE AT 0715 ON 17TH MAY AND RETURNED BETWEEN 1945 AND 1100 WHEN LANDING ON COMMENCED. LATTER WAS COMPLETED BY 1050. WIND 120°

#ALTERNATIVES 584, 490, 355.
DEGS. 8 KNOTS. SUBSEQUENTLY FLEET SHAPED COURSE TO SOUTH WEST TO AVOID DISCLOSING USE OF EXMOUTH GULF.

(2) FLEET OPERATED IN 2 FORCES IN CLOSE SUPPORT, FORCE 66 CONSISTING OF THE CARRIERS, Hms RENOWN 2 8-INCH CRUISERS 2 6-INCH CRUISERS AND SCREEN REMAINDER FORMED FORCE 65. GOOD VISIBILITY UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON. CLOUD 4/10TH DURING STRIKE.

(3) PHOTOGRAPHS OF ATTACK INDICATE THAT THERE WERE BETWEEN 2 AND 5 SUBMARINES IN SOURABAYA HARBOUR.
BY-HAND-FROM-BAD

OPERATION T ANSON. OPERATION CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO PLAN AND WITH COMPLETE SUCCESS.

2. REFERENCE BY 541320 PARA 1 (b) NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES. THE FLEET HAS NOT BEEN SIGHTED. REFERENCE PARA 2. I SUGGEST A COMMUNIQUE BE ISSUED ON THE FOLLOWING LINES ON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

BEGIN: AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUPPORTING FORCES LAUNCHED AIR ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE NAVAL BASE AT SORABAYA AFTER DAWN ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY. COMPLETE SURPRISE WAS ACHIEVED AND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY DIRECT HITS ON SHIPPING, NAVAL BASE INSTALLATIONS, OIL REFINERY AND AERODROME AS FOLLOWS:

(a) HITS WERE SCORED ON 10 SHIPS IN HARBOUR TOTALLING SOME 35,000 TONS, INCLUDING A SMALL TANKER AND POSSIBLY A DES-
TROYER. 1 SHIP WAS SEEN TO BLOW UP AND OTHER PROBABLY SANK. A
HOSPITAL SHIP CLOSE TO THE TARGET AREA WAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED.

(b) 2 FLOATING DOCKS WERE BADLY DAMAGED BY 5,000 LBS OF BOMBS.

(c) THE OIL REFINERY AT MONOKROME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. A
DIRECT HIT DEMOLISHED THE POWER HOUSE. STORAGE TANKS AND SHEDS
WERE SET ON FIRE. SMOKE RISING TO 5,000 FEET.

(d) DIRECT HITS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO NAVAL INSTALLATIONS.
The important BAAAT NAVAL ENGINEERING WORKS WERE COMPLETELY DE-
STROYED BY 15,000 LBS OF BOMBS.

(e) TOTAL OF 21 ENEMY A/C DESTROYED AS FOLLOWS:

2 WERE SHOT DOWN
AT TANJONG PRIM AOERODROME 4 A/C WERE DESTROYED ON THE GROUND.
AT MALANG AIR FIELD A HANGAR WAS SET ON FIRE AND 15 A/C WERE
DESTROYED ON THE GROUND.

MANY OTHER A/C WERE DAMAGED AT BOTH AERODROMES.

3. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE LIGHT A/A FIRE ONLY ONE OF OUR A/C FAILED TO
RETURN. NO OTHER CASUALTIES NOR DAMAGE WERE SUSTAINED BY OUR
FORCES. ENDS.

4. FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, STRIKE CONSISTED OF 12 AVENGERS 18-
DAUNTLESS 24 HELLCATS FROM USS SARAROGA AND 13 AVENGERS 16 CORSAIRS
FROM HMS ILLUSTRIOUS 2 AVENGERS FROM HMS ILLUSTRIOUS CRASHED ON
TAKING OFF, CREW RESCUED. 1 AVENGER FROM USS SARATOGA STARTED BUT
HAD TO TURN BACK THEREBY REDUCING THE TOTAL STRIKE TO 27 AVENGERS 18
DAUNTLESSS 24 HELLCATS AND 16 CORSAIRS.
5. My general impression is poor look out was being maintained by the enemy and thus his fighter defence was quite inadequate. No attempt appears to have been made to locate or shadow the fleet after the attack although weather was clear and sighting was possible outside radar range.

6. This concluded a profitable and very happy association of Task Group 50.5 with the Eastern fleet.

7. We all appreciate so much the opportunity you have given us to stage this small play in your theatre.

8. I shall be grateful if you will convoy to admirals Kingaid and Christie my sincere thanks for their most valuable cooperation and assistance throughout this operations.

CINC, CH...COO

16...208...6P21...9Q0...D20...

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, Rear Echelon, GHQ SWPA, Brisbane, Australia
To: War Department
Nr: C 12620 17 May, 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff, War Department personnel for Marshall C 12620.

Landing successfully accomplished on coast of New Guinea mainland opposite Wakde Island at 0715 17th May.

Landing proceeding according to schedule, no reported resistance. Task Force commander General Jens A Doe ashore 0805.

Beachhead 8 miles wide secured by 1000.

All times K.

Infiltration Wakde starts this afternoon or if serious opposition encountered, will be taken by coordinated assault by a shore to shore movement on morning 18th. Air and Naval forces in support.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CCS, Gen Arnold, Gen Bissell, Adm King, Col Park, Gen Vandegrift, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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TO

17 MAY 1944

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S. SMITH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACTION

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FIRST PHASES STICKATNAUGHT OPERATION COMPLETED WITHOUT OPPOSITION AND WITHOUT CASUALTY. 5 CRUISERS OPENED BOMBARDNIAUGHT ARARA BEACH 0605. 13 DD'S BOMBARDED LATER. LANDING CRAFT LCM 3 AND LST'S LANDED ON SCHEDULE AND RETRACTED. DD'S DESTROYED BARGES WEST SIDE WAKDE SET 2 FUEL DUMPS AFIRE. OTHER FIRES STARTED SAWAR AND SARMC POINT. FOLLOWING SUPPORTING AIR ATTACK SMALL DETACHMENT LANDED ON INSOEMANA ISLAND. MAIN BODY TROOPS MOVING EASTWARD ALONG BEACH TOWARDS POINT SOUTH OF WAKDE. COMMAND HAS PASSED FROM ATTACK FORCE TO LANDING FORCE COMMANDER. RE SUPPLY OF HOLLANDIA AND AITAPE CONTINUES.

MACARTHUR

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3AS Comspace
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No. C 12419, 11 May, 1944.

C 12419, from GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to AGWAR.
Received on 5 May, 1944.

Part 1: Details of course and nature of cargo of
barges will be included in daily cable when available.
Virtually all sightings of barges underway are at night,
and at that rate of time contact are taking evasive action.
Determination of true course and loading therefore is generally
impracticable.

Part 2: Following personnel were captured or
rescued in Hollandia-Aitape Areas: Japanese 258,
Javanese 36
Filipino 1
Chinese 5
Dutch 1
Australian 17
Missionaries 134
Siame 487
Factors influencing high surrender rate are considered
to be:

(1) Psychological change in trend of thought
of Japanese soldier who now finds himself completely
on the defense while all his training has been for
offensive.

(2) Low morale and physical condition of evacuees
from Wewak area who have adversely affected morale
of garrisons by description of havoc caused by bombings.

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From: GHQ Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
No. C 12419, 11 May, 1944.

(3) Destruction caused by air bombings of early April and devastating effect of air and naval bombardment which accompanied landings.

(4) Total surprise, knowledge that there was no plan for organized defense and fear that they would be cut off from all hope of escape.

(5) Realization that they would receive nil air and naval support.

(6) High percentage of service troops present.

(7) Use of surrender leaflets.

(8) Lack of food by dispersed remnants.

Part 3: Consider bulk of enemy forces have evacuated North and South coasts of New Britain to the Gazelle Peninsula, with only small parties and probable coast watching posts in wide and open Bay sectors.

ACTION: CG AAF (PG)

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FIRES LANDING BEACH HUMBOLDT BAY FROM BOMBING EVENING 23RD UNDER CONTROL THIS MORNING. ESTIMATE NORMAL UNLOADING TOMORROW. NO FURTHER ENEMY AIR OR SURFACE ACTION REPORTED. PT'S NIGHT 23/24 DESTROYED NIP BARGE MOUTH TORII RIVER STRAFFED AND SHELLED JASSA WITH ROCKETS. AFTERNOON 24TH NAVY SEARCH LIBERATOR STRAFFED DAMAGED 2 OR 3 SMALL VESSELS AT 00-23H 132-52E. SAME PLANE STRAFFED 2 SMALL BOATS MAPIA ISLAND WHILE ANOTHER RAN ALL EMIL AT 23-30H 133-35E.
CINCSIPAC SENDS ACTION OOMINCHE INFO CNO CINCPAC 3RD FLT.

LANDING AT AIATAPE-HUMBOLDT-TANAHMERAH CONTINUED WITH ONLY SLIGHT ENEMY RESISTANCE. NIL ENEMY AIR ACTION YET REPORTED. COMMAND HAS PASSED TO LANDING FORCE COMMANDER AT AIATAPE AND HUMBOLDT.

TADJI AIRDROME CAPTURED YESTERDAY. FIRST RESUPPLY 8 HELOT ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AT ALL BEACHES THIS MORNING. NO NAVAL CASUALTIES REPORTED. SURFACE VESSELS SANK 7 BARGES AND LEFT SMALL SHIP BURNING.

NAVY LIBERATORS SHOT DOWN BETTY 64-54 N 141-31 EAST 2200. NEAR MISSED SMALL SHIP OFF HAPIA CITY 2.

CENTURIES. FOUR SMALL SHIPS ATTACKED NORTHWEST MARFAMARI 20TH (MY 210531) SIGHTED AN REED.

NAVY CATS REPORTED NIL SIGHTINGS. 2 PT'S SANK 1 AND DAMAGED 3 NIP BARGES 1 MILE NORTH HANSY. PT'S ALSO STRAFED AND MORTARED HAEZFELDT HARBOR. MACARTHUR

COMM. OOMINCHE

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LANDING AT AI TAPe-HUMBOLT-TANAHMERAH CONTINUED WITH ONLY SLIGHT ENEMY RESISTANCE. NIL ENEMY AIR ACTION YET REPORTED. COMMAND HAS PASSED TO LANDING FORCE COMMANDER AT AI TAPe AND HUMBOLT. TADAI AIRDROME CAPTURED YESTERDAY. FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AT ALL BEACHES THIS MORNING. NO NAVAL CASUALTIES REPORTED. SURFACE VESSELS SANK 7 BARGES AND LEFT SMALL SHIP BURKING. NAVY LIBERATORS SHOT DOWN BETTY (64-90) N 141-31 E 22ND. NEAR MISSED SMALL SHIP OFF MAPIA WITH 2 CENTURIES. 4 SMALL SHIPS ATTACKED NORTHWEST MANOKWARI 20TH (MY 214531) SIGHTED ON REEFS. NAVY CATS REPORTED NIL SIGHTINGS. 2 PT'S SANK 1 AND DAMAGED 3 NIP BARGES 1 MILE NORTH MANS. PT'S ALSO STRAFED.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia (Adv. Echelon, GCHQ)

To: War Department
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Nr: CAX 11032 22nd April, 1944

From CINC SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department CG Hawaiian Department CG USAPACPA pass to COMSOPAC, CG AMM3CA, CG AMMDEL and CG AQUILA cite CAX 11032. Operations report SOWESPAC Area. 1400Z/20 to 1400Z/21 signed MacArthur.

Bougainville: Submarine sighted off Cape Torokina midday April 21st.

Rabaul: Photographs morning April 21st show runways serviceable Tobera Rapopo, repairs proceeding Lakanvi.

New Guinea: Sepik River: Well used road sighted running north from Buriu.

Dutch New Guinea: Noemfoor Island: Five small freighters 13 barges sighted in vicinity April 20; photographs showed 14 bombers 20 fighters Kambri, 2 fighters bomber, bombs destroyed 1 fighter probably destroyed 4 other planes. End part 1.

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Brisbane, Australia (Adv Bobion, GHE)

Nr: CAX 11032 22nd April, 1944


Land. Admiralties: All troops 8th cavalry now Sal-lesia plantation, 7th Cavalry Units continue patrols.

Naval. FTs strafed trucks near Bogia, received shore fire.

Air. Operations April 20th:

(1) 34 further A20s bombed and strafed Buna- bun area, destroyed gun positions and huts, damaged bridge, caused fires.

(2) Three P7Os bombed and strafed bridge Buna- bun area.

Operations April 21st:

(3) Reconnaissance B24s forced 2 small merchant vessels ashore, left 3rd sinking off Mapia Island, also bombed supplies on shore.

(4) Patrolling B24 shot down enemy bomber 270 miles southeast Wolesi.

(5) Thirty-one B24, 47 B25s, 71 A20s bombed and strafed Aitape Tadji Coastal Area and off shore islands, caused fires demolished buildings, bombing excellent.

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Mr: CAX 11032

22nd April, 1944

(6) Fifty-four B24s bombed Wewak Borem But and
Dagua airdromes, caused fires left runways unserviceable.

(7) Two P70s on patrol bombed Awar Strip,
strafed coastal guns.

Northwestern Area:

(8) One RAAF Beaufort bombed enemy submarine
off Seavo Island.

(9) Twenty-one B24s bombed Kamiri and Hamber
airdromes, started fires; 4 fighters unsuccessfully
intercepted; photographs show 1 fighter destroyed
and probably destroyed preceding strike.

SOUTH forces. Land. Allied tanks landed east Tora-
kina River in support of ground troops.

Naval. PTs and night Catalinas bombed and strafed
Mosiga Aitara and Jaba River areas also huts on north east
New Ireland.

Air operations April 20th:

(10) Two P38s harassed bivouacs Namanga; 8
Avengers 17 Dauntless patrolled perimeter.

(11) Thirty four Dauntless 16 Avengers dropped
35 tons on stores and guns Wharf, started numerous
fires; 22 B24s caused large fires and explosions

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Nr: GAX 11032 22nd April, 1944

Matupi destroyed 25 buildings; 35 fighters bombed Lakanai, 12 F39s hit Keramat; fighters strafed trucks and buildings in area.

(12) Patrolling B24s bombed and strafed Hatawan, bombed Aleut Island. End of part 2.

Part 3.

Weather. Low overcast and showers off north New Guinea coast continuing to West Bismarck Sea.

Air.

(1) 131 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 40750 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing; anti aircraft fire of all calibres from positions along coast.

(2) 12 by 250 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 500 feet, 2050 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(3) No details.

(4) No details.

(5) 246 by 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by B24s from 11 to 7000 feet, 231 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition from 5500 to 3800 feet by B25s, 279 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped, 80,000 rounds fired by A20s from

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minimum altitude; light machine gun fire reported by 3 squadrons.

(6) Three hundred and fiftyseven 1/10 second delay, 64 instantaneous demolition 1000 lb bombs dropped from 12,000 to 1,000 feet, nil anti aircraft fire reported.

(7) Five by 250 lb general purpose bombs dropped, 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired; slight heavy inaccurate fire Awar Point.

(8) Two by 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds delay bombs dropped.

(9) 115 by 500 lb instantaneous general purpose bombs dropped on target from 12 to 10,000 feet, 10 bombs jettisoned due mechanical trouble 2 other planes; 9300 rounds fire in combat.

(10) Refer Hollandia strike April 16th: further 9 A20s dropped 30 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs, expended 9400 rounds 50 calibre.

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INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, O-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, General Vandegrift, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
To: War Department
Re: CA 11024
22nd April, 1944

From Adv Ech GFO to Chief of Staff War Department Washington.

Early reports state landings in ROCKIES operation as on schedule at all beaches. Initial opposition reported as light due to effective preparation and supporting fires both naval and air.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFO: GO/S
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Nr: CAX 11005  21st April, 1944

From CINC SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department Commanding General Hawaiian Department Commanding General USARPAC pass to COMSOPAC ANNSA ANMBEL
AQUIA CAX 11005. Operations report SWESPAC Area period 1400Z/19th to 1400Z/20th signed MacArthur.

Woleai: Nil interception reported by attacking B24s April 19th and 20th.

Dutch New Guinea: Manokwari; Photographers April 19th show runway serviceable 4,700 feet, nil aircraft.

Utarom: Both runways serviceable.

Babo: Six fighters, 2 bombers 1 transport shown in photographs April 19th.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Nr: OAX 11005 21st April, 1944

Mapia Island: Four small merchant vessels sighted course 200 degrees 80 miles west by north midday April 20th.

Philippines: Davao: Usual coastal and small escort vessels only reported in area April 18th. End of part 1.


Naval. PT boats machine gunned buildings Ulamona night April 18th.

Air operations April 19th:

(1) Further 19 A20s bombed and strafed targets near Palas Point.

Operations April 20th:

(2) Reconnaissance B24s damaged small freighter west Mapia Island, shot down Betty 230 miles east by South Palau.

(3) B24 sank 1 of 3 sea trunks 50 miles northwest Hollandia.

(4) Eight B25s started numerous fires village near Vanimo.

(5) Sixteen P39s strafed buildings bridges, damaged 2 barges Uligan Harbour to Bogia.
From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

To: OAX 11005 21st April, 1944

(6) 46 A20s bombed and strafed personnel and stores areas Buna bun Harbour.

(7) Major strikes New Guinea prevented by weather.

Northwestern Area:

(8) 23 B24s to attack Kamiri and Wambar strips on Noemfoor Island; 3 failed reach target 2 others scored hits runways dispersal areas.

SOPAC forces. Operations April 19th:

(9) Reference para 2 preceding report 18 B24s hit Woleai with 38 tons, starting many fires and explosions, 2 plans destroyed on ground.

(10) Twenty-one B24s dropped 50 tons of bombs Salawan, scoring over 20 hits on runway.

(11) Forty-four Dauntless 12 Avengers dropped 3/4 tons Lakunai, 38 fighter bombers dropped 42 by 100 pound bombs Matupi started numerous fires.

(12) On Bougainville 14 Dauntless 8 Avengers set fire to ammunition dump beyond perimeter, 11 Avengers bombed Numa Numa plantation, Liberator patrols hit targets Tonolai and Buka, 12 by 250 pound bombs dropped Kavieng night April 18th.
From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

To: OAX 11005 21st April, 1944

Operations April 20:

(13) of 3 Squadrons attacking Woleai, 6 B24s reported starting large fire, 3 grounded Bettys destroyed. End of part 2.

Part 3.

Weather. Front along north coast New Guinea, over-east VItian Straits.

Air.

(1) Seventy-five by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 23,700 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(2) No details.

(3) Two by 1000 pound, 4 to 500 pound bombs dropped on freighter.

(4) Thirty-two by 500 pound 8 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 16,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(5) 200 rounds 37mm, 3,300 rounds 50 calibre, 2,600 rounds 30 calibre spent.

(6) 87 by 500 pound bombs dropped, 34,800 rounds 50 calibre fired by 3 squadrons; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(8) 95 by 500 pound bombs dropped from 11,000 to 10,500 feet, 1,300 rounds 50 calibre fired at intercepting fighters.

(9) Reference paragraph 14 yesterday's report 50 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 feet, 4,400 rounds 50 calibre fired at intercepting fighters.

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INFO: CC/S
      CG AAF
      G-2
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      Col. Park
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To: War Department

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CG, Advanced Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

No. CX 10862, 20 April 1944

Operations report SWESFAC Area. 1400Z/18 to 1400Z/19 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAFISPA pass to COMSOFAC, AMBUSCA, ANMDEL, AQUIPA and Advanced Ech GRQ for information CX 10862.

Bougainville: Submarine sighted near Matchin Bay April 18; Another submarine observed Nomai Islands next morning.

Woleai: 20/30 aircraft sighted on runway, 11 fighters intercepted B-24 strike April 18.

Dutch New Guinea: Three seaplanes reported by B-24 west of Wakde about noon April 19. Two airstrips with much barge activity reported by reconnaissance B-24 west of Nukrem on south coast Biak Island April 18; Merchant vessel attacked by this aircraft estimated 5,000 tons freighter transport (Reference paragraph 5 preceding report).

CM-IN-14891 (20 Apr 44)

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From: CG, Rear Echelon, General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
No. GX 10862, 20 April 1944

Manokvri: Preliminary interpretation photographs April 18 reveals 1 minelayer, 1 gunboat, 2 medium, 2 small merchant vessels, 90 barges, 4 floatplanes increased defences and constructional activity; Possibly other shipping in area.

Sane Taffano: One seatruck, 5 barges observed April 19.

Arce Islands: Two seatrucks off Wasir Island, 10 barges near Dobu same day.

Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land:

Bogadjim: Thirty Second Division Reconnaissance Patrol reported no enemy Bogadjim Krima Plantation Area.

Air. Operations April 18:

(1) Twenty one B-24's bombed Woleai airdrome, started large fires caused explosions, destroyed 2 bombers on ground, 1 fighter taking off, floatplane in harbour, probably destroyed 3 other floatplanes; Of 11 fighters intercepting, 2 were destroyed, 1 B-24 crashed on landing.

Operations April 19:

Activity curtailed by weather.

(2) Preliminary report: B-24's bombed Woleai caused fires and smoke to 5,000 feet.

(3) Reconnaissance B-24 bombed and left listing 1,000 ton freighter, strafed and left seatruck burning West Wakde also strafed launch in area.

(4) Two B-25's skip bombed and destroyed small tanker at Venimo strafed large barge Manam Island.

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(5) Nine B-25's bombed and strafed Yakamul and Negira villages Aitape area started fires, 618 gun positions were silenced.

(6) Two F-70's bombed bridge Harknap plantation (Palas Point) and strafed Bogabog Island.

(7) Two F-39's destroyed 5 loaded barges Hadsfeldt Harbour damaged 3 others along coast.

(8) Seventeen P-47's glide bombed Sarang bivouac area started fires.

(9) Sixteen P-47's successfully bombed Negier bivouacs.

(10) Eighteen P-39's strafed roads, gun replacements and trenches along Uligan/Bogia Coast.

(11) Twenty four A-20's bombed and strafed targets vicinity Palas Point scored direct hits on buildings started fires.

Northwestern Area:

(12) Eleven Dutch B-25's, 15 RAAF Beauforts covered by 8 Beaufighters bombed Soe Timor caused fires and explosions.

(13) Nine B-24's bombed Manokwari airdrome with unobserved results.

(14) Ten B-24's to bomb Babo turned back by weather bombed Utarum, 3 enemy fighters unsuccessfully intercepted.

So Pac Forces. Naval:

PT's strafed gun positions near Faba River.

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Air. Operations April 18;

(15) Three P-38's destroyed gun positions Buka, 1 P-38 lost; 3 others strafed coastal positions Buka area, 12 P-40's hit Kebili, 12 P-39's strafed targets along southwest coast Bougainville; 4 Corsaire strafed guns Buka area 2 Corsaires lost.

(16) Thirty seven Dauntless, 24 Avengers bombed supplies Kaba Bay started fires, destroyed 12 buildings; 12 Dauntless, 39 Avengers, 11 B-25's bombed Tofera runway and guns, 1 Avenger lost crew safe, 2 Dauntless collided; 12 B-25's, 9 P-39's bombed Keravat, 39 fighters bombed Vunakanupe caused 3 large explosions and 10 fires.

(17) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed Motupena Mosiga Don's Numa Numa and Kavieng.

(18) 14 B-24's bombed Betawu Airdrome started large fuel fire, bombing excellent.

Part 3.

Weather. Broken cloud with occasional heavy showers but mainly favorable except for frontal zone causing low cloud and heavy showers over northern Solomon Sea, New Britain and Eastern Bismarck Sea; Northwestern Area conditions above average except for frontal activity causing local areas of low cloud over Arafura Banda Sla.

(1) 52 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 feet; fired 12,500 rounds 50 caliber; slight heavy inaccurate Anti Aircraft fire.

(2) No details.

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(3) No details.

(4) 8 by 500 lb bombs dropped from 5,000 feet; 5,000 rounds 50 calibre expended.

(5) 30 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; spent 16,000 rounds 50 calibre in strafing, met moderate light inaccurate Anti Aircraft fire.

(6) 8 by 250 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 1,000 feet; 1,600 rounds 50 calibre spent.

(7) 38 rounds 37 MM, 1,300 rounds 50 calibre expended.

(8) 2 by 500 lb, 4 by 300 lb demolition bombs dropped in glide from 12,000 to 7,000 feet.

(9) No details.

(10) No details.

(11) 78 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 26,000 rounds 50 calibre expended.

(12) B25’s dropped 216 by 100 lb demolition bombs, 18 by 500 lb incendiary clusters; Beauforts dropped 30 by 120 lb fragmentation, 12 by 500 lb incendiary clusters, 36 clusters of 8 by 20 lb fragmentation, 30 by 4 lb incendiaries from 9,000 to 5,000 feet.

(13) 45 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 feet, met intense heavy accurate Anti Aircraft fire.

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(14) Fifty by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 feet spent 4,400 rounds 50 calibre; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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No. CX 10799 18 April 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff, War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Dept, Commanding General USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, ANMUSGA, AMHADEF and AQUILA cite CX10799. Operations report SOWSPAC area period 1400Z/16th to 1400Z/17th signed MacArthur.

Mussau Island: Landing parties from PT boats April 15th report nil enemy activity.

New Guinea: Madang: Air patrols report signs of unusual activity inland villages and trails.

Sepik River: Reconnaissance B25 sighted 8 large boats 35 miles west Angora April 16th.

Atitape: Small freighter sighted off Seled Island April 16th.

Hollandia: Attacking aircraft April 16th reported 10 serviceable planes in revetments, 4 medium bombers near underground hangars.

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From:  CC, Rear Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
To:    CX 10799  18 April 1944

Dutch New Guinea: Kaimana: 5 seatrucks 14 barges sighted in area April 15th by reconnaissance P38's from Merauke.

Timor: Photographs April 17th show nil serviceable planes Penfoot, runway serviceable Oesaco, 25 barges Tena.

Kai Islands: At least 8 fighters apparently from Langhoer intercepted attacking B24's.

Philippines: Heavy cruiser reported on southwesterly course 60 miles northwest Jolo 2200Z/15th.

Caroline: Woleai: 4 medium merchant vessels reported by RAAF Catalinas night April 17th.

End of Part 1.

Part 2. Northwestern Area. Air Operations April 16th:

(1) Reference paragraph 3 yesterdays report bad weather created difficult conditions return flight, to date 49 B24's, 42 B25's, 51 A20's reported over target.

(2) Two B25's further damaged 9 beached barges Wide Bay, 2 RAAF A20's bombed Gunu mission buildings same area.

(3) Two reconnaissance B25's strafed and scored near misses on 2,000 ton freighter near Aitape.

(4) Fifteen P39's strafed villages supply dumps Bogia to Uligan.

CM-IN-13509  (19 Apr 44)
From: CO, Rear Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

No. CX 10799 18 April 1944

(5) Two P70's bombed a bridge and strafed huts at Bunabun to Madang.

Operations April 17th: No major attacks scheduled.

(6) Two B25's on reconnaissance destroyed 2 luggers of Aitape Coast.

(7) Seven P39's bombed and strafed reported anti-aircraft positions Bogia.

Northwestern Area. Air:

(8) 24 B24's at midday attacked stores bivouac areas at Kai Island, caused 2 large explosions on dispersal area; 1 enemy fighter of 6 interceptors probably destroyed.

(9) Reconnaissance B24 shot down enemy flying boat near Mapia Island.

SOPAC Forces: Naval: PT Boats strafed Mibo River at night, destroyer shelled installations Tekessi River.

Land: 43 enemy killed by patrols east Torokina.

Air. Operations April 16th:

(10) 21 Dauntless 4 Venturas bombed targets north Choiseul, 1 Dauntless lost.

(11) Patrolling Catalinas bombed Mosiga, strafed Totavi, attacked targets near Kieta, islands Buka area; 6 Avengers 3 Dauntless bombed gun positions Mamagata; 6 Avengers 3 Dauntless attacked same targets Buka passage.

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(13) Night Catalinas bombed Kavieng Panapai.

(14) 15 B24's dropped 34 tons Satavan airfield and personnel area.

Part 3. Weather. Broken to overcast low and middle cloud with heavy showers extending seaward from northern coastline of New Guinea; closed depression with low cloud and rain over eastern Arafura Sea but mainly favorable elsewhere except for local areas of bad weather.

Air.

(1) 8 additional B24's dropped 62 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs from 11,000 feet, 2 other bombs jettisoned; 19 additional B25's dropped 202 250 lb fragmentation bombs from 8,000 to 7,000 feet; 42 additional A20's dropped 154 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs from minimum altitude, 6 other bombs salvaged, 52,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; nil aircraft fire.

(2) 8 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped, 4,000 rounds 50 calibre fired by B25's; 12 100 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 200 feet by A20's.

(3) 8 500 lb bombs dropped, unstaffed number rounds fired in strafing.

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(4) 225 37 MM, 2,700 rounds 50 calibre, 5,100 rounds and 30 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet.

(5) 8 500 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 1,000 feet, 600 rounds 50 calibre fired; slight light anti aircraft fire.

(6) 7 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from masthead height, 300 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(7) 7 500 lb 10 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 52 rounds 37 MM, 500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(8) 56 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 120
120 lb fragmentation clusters dropped from 16,000 to 14,500
feet; 9,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) No details received.

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INFO: CO/S, G-2, Adm. King, Col. Park, Gen Vandegrift,
CG AAF, F M Dill, Log

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       CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
       CG US Army Forces Central Pacific Area
       Ft Shafter, T. H.

No. CX 10768, 17 April 1944

From GHQ SWPA CX 10768, to Chief of Staff War Department, CG Hawaiian Department, CG USAFISPA pass to CONSOPAC ANNEX, ANADER, AQUILA, Envies. Operations report SOWESFAC area period 1400Z/15 to 1800Z/16 signed MacArthur.

Part 1. Repairs in progress on runway April 15.

Rabaul: Photographs April 15 showed all runways partially serviceable, 27/4 barges in harbour; 5 fighters reported airborne April 15.

New Guinea: Bogadjiim: Patrol north to Palpa Riar April 15 reported nil enemy; natives report enemy withdrawn from villages along road south of Aneus since April 10.

Wewak: 8 fighters sighted But airstrip midday April 15.

Aitape: At least 20 barges sighted Ali and Seleo Islands by attacking planes April 15th.

Part 2. Northeastern area. Land: Admiralties:
Total enemy counted dead 3,212; estimated remaining effective 2755; Drabito and Metavari villages on south

CM-IN-12501 (17 Apr 44)

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Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
No. CX 10768, 17 April 1944

coast occupied by Allied Patrols.

Madang Area: Patrol reached Erima pushed forward to Falpa River, no contact.

Air: Enemy action: Enemy floatplane unsuccess-
fully bombed PT’s Jacquinot by night April 15.

Operations April 15:
(1) Further 65 A20’s bombed and strafed Tadji Area caused fires and explosions.

Operations April 16:
(2) 5 night B24’s bombed Waldie Island supplies and dispersals caused large explosions.

(3) Preliminary report: B24’s, B25’s and A20’s attacked personnel and stores Hollandia at midday, caused extensive damage around shores of Hollandia, Rumboldt and Jautefa Bays, destroyed coast defense position started large fires in dump areas demolished buildings and jetties, left small freighter burning; no interception or anti aircraft fire was encountered.

(4) Patrolling B24 bombed gun positions Hansa Bay.

Northwestern Area:

(5) 12 Dutch B25’s, 11 RAAF Beauforts bombed Koepang town at night caused large spreading fires in warehouse and building areas.

(6) 6 RAAF Beaufighters attacked shipping off Roti Island, destroyed 3, damaged 2 luggers.

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SOUCHAC Forces: Naval Operations: Landing craft infantry shelled Mosiga, PT’s strafed Funiata and pill-boxes Jaba Area. Air operations April 15:

(7) 4 Dauntless, 6 Avengers raided Mosiga guns, 4 P38’s strafed, started fires villages east Buka, 4 Dauntless, 5 Avengers bombed suspected coastal guns northeast Bougainville, 8 Avengers patrolled perimeter; night patrols strafed Mosisa and Funiata areas.

(8) 3 night B25’s bombed Rabaul, 29 Dauntless, 11 Avengers bombed Vunakanau plantation and Keravat, 50 Dauntless, 17 Avengers bombed Lakuani hit strip destroyed gun position Matupi, 24 B25’s, 11 P39’s bombed Talili ammunition dumps started fires, 8 Corsairs strafed Sulphur Creek area, fighters fired barge Duke of York Island destroyed barge east coast New Ireland.

(9) Night patrols bombed Kavieng.

(10) 2 B24’s bombed Dublon caused large explosion and number fires.

Part 3. Weather. Equatorial front and unsettled over Solomon Sea, deep low cloud with heavy showers over Bismarck Sea in early morning affecting northern coastline of New Guinea; closed depression with low cloud and heavy rain over Arafura Sea, broken middle cloud further west.

Air.

(1) Further 85 A20’s dropped 341 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs, fired 132,300 rounds 50 calibre; brings total to 102 A20’s.

(2) 80 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,000 feet; slight inaccurate anti
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Aircraft fire all calibres.

3) 41 B24's dropped 326 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs from 14,000 to 18,000 feet; 23 B25's dropped 215 by 250 lb fragmentation bombs from 7,000 to 6,000 feet; 9 A20's dropped 32 by 500 lb 8 to 11 and 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs from minimum altitude fired 13,600 rounds 50 calibre.

4) 4 by 500 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12,500 feet.

5) B25's dropped 26 by 500 lb incendiary clusters, 17 by 100 lb demolition bombs; Beauforts dropped 54 by 250 lb general purpose, 12 by 120 lb fragmentation clusters; slight light and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire encountered.

6) 1780 rounds 20 MM, 3500 rounds 30 calibre expended from minimum.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: GC/8
GC AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Field Marshal Dill
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To: War Department
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    CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

Nr: CX 10746  16 April, 1944

From GHQ SPWA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAPIPSA pass to COMSOPAC, ANMISCA, ANMDEL, AQUILA CX 10746.

1. New Ireland: 5 barges sighted near wharf Habuto Bay April 14.

2. New Guinea: Sidor/Bogadjim: Deserted enemy positions located by patrols west of Kabenau river. Newak: 2 enemy light bombers reported flying west, 3 fighters airborne in area dawn April 15; 4 fighters 1 bomber photographed Boram April 12.


4. Hollandia: Photographs April 12 show 12 fighters 4 bombers on 3 airfields.

CM-IN-11871  (16 Apr 44)
From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia (Hq Near Echelon)
 Nr: CX 10746 16 April, 1944

Wakde: 14 fighters 21 bombers photographed April 12, 2 fighters 3 light bombers Sawai.

Dutch New Guinea: Unidentified aircraft reported near Kimaan morning April 14.

Part 2.
Northeastern area.

Land: Mentim valley: Australia and American patrols active, no contact. Operations April 15:

(1) 45 B-24's, 49 B-25's, 37 A-20's concentrated 284 tons of bombs on Tadji area, started numerous fuel fires and explosions, strafed personnel areas, destroyed buildings; Tomioko and Seleco Islands also hit, many fires resulted.

(2) 14 P-39's strafed supply dumps near Bogia, damaged barge Dalua Bay, hit dumps and building Cape Crosilles area.

(3) 2 B-25's on reconnaissance destroyed 2 luggers off Aitape coast.

(4) Reconnaissance B-24 destroyed 2 buildings Angoram.

Northwestern area:

(5) 6 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed Soe village (Timor) and nearby camp, motor truck destroyed, fires started.

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Nr: CX 10746 16 April, 1944

SOUPAC Forces: Naval: PT's strafed beached barge north Lakuruai (southwest coast Bougainville).

Air. Enemy action: Aircraft unsuccessfully strafed PT's off Favena river. Night. Operations April 14:

(6) 6 Dauntless 2 Avengers destroyed 2 gun positions Buka area, 34 Avengers patrolled perimeter destroyed coastal gun Mamagata, 23 fighter bombers attacked targets north east Bougainville and south Torokina perimeter, destroyed hugts.

(7) 5 night B-25's raided Rabaul started 2 fires, 48 Dauntless dropped 24 tons Vunakanau hit 7 gun positions, 33 Avengers bombed runway; 24 B-25's caused huge explosion and fires Rataval supply area, 8 F-40's started fire Vunakanope; 23 Dauntless 5 Avengers raided Kabaib Bay; 29 Dauntless 13 Avengers bombed area north Keravat through cloud; 36 fighters damaged 5 barges Keravia Bay, strafed 3 others Katherine Harbor also hit Houpes Lamaban Bay.

(8) 18 B-24's of 23 reached Truk area bombed Eten, Param and 2 smaller islands with unobserved results refers paragraph 12 preceding report.

Part 3.

Weather. Top thick weather from New Ireland to Admiralties, elsewhere mainly favourable except for occasional rain areas; Northwestern area favourable with broken low cloud and occasional showers but thick weather over eastern Arafura Sea.

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Mr: OK 10746 16 April, 1944

Air.

(1) 33 1/2 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition-bombs dropped from 10500 to 7000 feet on target, 8 others dropped Hansa Bay, 8 others jettisoned by B-24's; 242 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5100 to 2400 feet, 65,700 rounds 50 calibre 11,000 rounds 30 calibre fired by B-25's; 31 by 250 lb, 148 by 100 lb bombs 8 to 11 seconds delay dropped from minimum altitude, 27,800 rounds 50 calibre fired by 17 A-20's; slight inaccurate machine gun fire reported by one Squadron.

(2) 138 by 37 mm, 3,600 rounds 50 calibre, 4,500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 7 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 5,000 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(4) 2 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9000 feet.

(5) 12 by 250 lb general purpose bombs 11 seconds tail delay dropped from minimum altitude, 2,910 rounds 20 mm, 5,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense light accurate antiaircraft fire. Refer paragraph 3 preceding report; 3,700 rounds 50 calibre fired. Refer paragraph your preceding report; 8 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, fired 600 rounds 50 calibre.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S, CC AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Gen Vandegrift, Field Marshal Ill, Log.

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   CO, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
   New Delhi, India

No. G10661, 14 April 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
CO Hawaiian Department, CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC
AMMISCA, ANMDEL, AQUILA, C 10661, signed MacArthur.

Operations report Southwest Pacific Area period 1400Z/12 to 1400Z/13.

New Ireland:

Photographs April 13 show further development ground defenses Kavieng to Panapai.

CM-IN-10040 (14 Apr 44)
From: CO, G6Q Rear Echelon Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

No. C10661, 14 April 1944

New Britain:

Ubili:

Local report states no more than 40 Japanese in town area April 13.

New Guinea:

Hollandia:

1 squadron reported approximately 20 serviceable fighters in portion of dispersal area, April 12.

Wewak:

4 bombers & fighters reported Dagua dispersal area April 13.

Bogadjim:

April 13. Patrois to Gori River report nil enemy contact

Caroline Islands:

Northbound submarine sighted 100 miles south of Mic group April 12.

2. Northeastern Area:

Land:

Bogadjim:

Australian patrol entered Bogadjim, searched

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tracks north to Gori River and south to Rubai Mission no contact. Found trucks and engineering tools.

Air.

Operations April 12:

(1) 2 patrolling B25's bombed and strafed villages Aitape area.

(2) 8 P39's bombed and strafed Wenga village southeast Bogadji.

Operations April 13:

(3) Naval B24 shot down enemy bomber 280 miles southeast Palau.

(4) 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed villages Wide Bay destroyed barge.

(5) 6 night B24's bombed Wakde runway and bivouacs, caused large explosion.

(6) 2 B25's destroyed 2 barges west Aitape, bombed Karkar Island.

(7) 33 A20's bombed and strafed villages Tadji area, Brandi and Cape Noem.

(8) 63 B24's bombed But and Dagua stores and bivouacs, photographs show personnel areas 75% destroyed, also started numerous fires, hit 4 gun positions, destroyed 2 ammunition dumps and fuel drums, 60 buildings Dagua; 1 B24 bombed Hansa Bay gun positions.

(9) 1 B24 bombed Uligan, 11 P39's damaged barge
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strafed supplies Cape Gourdon, destroyed barge Alexishafen.

SOPAC Forces.

Land.

Enemy shelled Fiva area caused fires damaged 4 aircraft.

Naval.

Landing craft infantry shelled Mosiga, PT's strafed Puriata caused explosions.

Air.

Operations April 12:

(10) 9 Dauntless 20 Avengers raided Sua River bivouacs, 10 F39's hit Tomolai, 2 Dauntless destroyed houses Kelta, 2 F39's bombed and strafed Numa Numa, 14 Dauntless patrolled perimeter.

(11) 90 Dauntless and Avengers dropped 50 tons shot rockets Tailei Bay and Rabaul gun positions, demolished 6 storage beds started fires, 23 B25's started fires west Rabaul, 7 B25's destroyed supplies Rataval, 23 fighters bombed Yumakanau, 11 F39's caused fires west Rabaul, fighters fired 2 barges Kabaia Bay started fires Borpop.

3. Weather.

Deep cloud and heavy showers over ranges in afternoon and evening and over sea and coastal regions till after dawn, showers north coast New Guinea from early morning to mid morning; front Arafura Sea caused broken low cloud with moderate rain.

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Air.

(1) 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, fired 2300 rounds 50 calibre.

(2) 800 lb demolition bombs dropped from 1500 to 800 feet, 3700 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing; encountered moderate light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(3) No details.

(4) 1400 rounds 20 MM, 600 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing from 200 to 50 feet.

(5) 1800 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5000 to 2000 feet, met moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(6) 800 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 5000 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing.

(7) 126 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 57600 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing.

(8) 504 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped 10,000 feet; nil anti-aircraft fire; 4 bombs dropped Awar.

(9) 21000 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped Uligan, met slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft; 30 rounds 37 MM, 2200 rounds 50, 3500 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing by P39's.

Following Paragraphs refer preceding report:

(4) 31 B25's dropped 152 500 lb bombs.
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(5) 35 A20's dropped 125 500 lb bombers to 11 seconds delay bombs fired 43,000 rounds 50 calibre.

No Sig.

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CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No: CX-10593  12 April 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Dept CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC AMNISCA AMNDEL AQUILA CX10593. Operations Report SOWESPAC area. 1400Z/10 to 1400Z/11 signed MacArthur.

1. Mussau Island: Reconnaissance party landed from PT boats April 8th, reported nil activity.

Kavieng: Naval units in area reported enemy bombers apparently operating from Kavieng night April 9th.

Wewak: Freshly camouflaged Light Bomber sighted near Boram Strip, serviceable Fighter and Bomber at Wewak April 11th.

Hollandia: Reconnaissance planes reported 8 gunboats, 1 Destroyer in harbour, submarine on westerly course 165 miles north Wakde April 11th.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia

No: CX-10593 12 April 1944

2. Northeastern area, Land:

Admiralties: Mopping up continues Manus, Pak and Rambutyo Island, Troops landed Hulunai Island (off Pak) met no opposition.

New Britain: Revised casualties: 4252 enemy killed, 298 captured between Cape Gloucester and Talasea.

Mintjim Valley: Australian Troops occupies further enemy positions Bausk area.

Naval operations: PT's damaged 4 large barges off Neptune Point night April 7th, shelled Peter and John Albert Harbours Garve Island night April 10th.

Air: Enemy action: 1 aircraft dropped 3 bombs Saider night April 10th slight damage.

Operations April 10th:

1. 11 RAAP P40's bombed strafed targets Pak Island.
2. Night Catalina bombed Kairiru Village, strafed 3 barges.
3. Night B24 bombed and left beached small freighter Vanimo.
4. Patrolling B24 bombed gun positions near Kronprintz Harbour.

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Operations April 11th:

5. 2 B25's destroyed loaded supply barge off Aitape.
6. 36 A20's bombed and strafed Wewak Boram area, silenced gun positions, started fuel fires destroyed 1 bomber on ground hit trucks, 1 A20 lost; Marienberg Village also bombed and strafed.
7. 46 B25's followed destroyed buildings and 1 aircraft.
8. 53 B25's bombed Hansa Bay hit 2 gun positions destroyed several barges hit jetty, started fires.

Northwestern Area.

10. 2 Dutch B25's bombed Penfesoi through cloud.


Air Operations April 10th:

11. 2 Venturas bombed strafed village northwest Buka Island.
12. 7 night B25's harassed airdromes Rabaul, started fires, 22 B25's caused huge explosion large fires Rataval, 12 Dauntless, 9 Avengers, destroyed buildings Talili Bay; 24 Warhawks, 11 P39's, 8 P38's scored 30 hits Tcbera; 16 Corsairs and Helcats exploded 1, damaged 2 barges Lassul Bay; 40 Dauntless, 18 Avengers bombed Vunakanupe.
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Koravia Bay and Raluana.

13. Patrolling B24's bombed Dublon warehouses, 
bombed and strafed Satavan Airdrome.

3. Weather:

Broken to overcast cloud Bismarck Sea, heavy 
weather to seaward north coast New Guinea in morning; 
broken to overcast low cloud and heavy rain northern 
Timor and Arafura Seas.

Air:

1. 10 by 300 lb general purpose bombs dropped 
from 1000 feet, 10600 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing.

2. No details.

3. No details.

4. 4 by 500 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 
8000 feet; intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

5. 5 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped 
from minimum altitude; expended 2000 rounds 50 calibre.

6. 139 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs 
dropped from minimum altitude, 4 same type Marienberg;

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55900 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing; slight to moderate light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

7. 36 B25's dropped 339 by 100 lt smoke shells from 6000 feet.

8. 29 B24's dropped 228 by 1000 lb demolition bombs from 11000 feet Hansa Bay; medium moderate heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

9. No details.

10. 6 by 1000 lb one tenth second delay demolition bombs dropped from 10000 feet.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/3
CG AAF
G-2
Admiral King
Colonel Park
General Vandegrift
Field Marshal Dill
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NR: CX 10564, 11th April 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department CG Hawaiian Dept
CG USAFISPA pass to COMBOPAC to AMMISGA AMEDEL AQUILA

cite CX 10564. Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1400Z/9
to 1400Z/10 signed MacArthur.

Part 1. New Britain: All Bismarcks runways un-
serviceable except concrete strip Vunakanau per photo-
graphs morning April 10th.

New Guinea: Hansa Bay: Approximately 20 burgs
sighted by attacking B24's midday April 9th.

Hollandia: Photographs April 5th showed 10 planes
on 3 airstrips.

Wakde: 18 fighters, 21 bombers photographed on
airstrom April 5th, 16 fighters, 3 bombers on Savar strip.

Northwestern Area: Timor: Photographs April 10th
show 1 bomber, 1 fighter Dilli, nil aircraft Puliloro, nil
aircraft Lautem, 1 bomber Cape Chater. End of Part 1.

Part 2. Northeastern Area. Land: Admiralties:

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Patrols on Pak; Rambutyo and Manus island killed
further enemy stragglers; known enemy dead 2,962.

Gasmata: Patrons extended to Lindenhafen, no
contact.

Minjim Valley: Australian Forces met enemy oppo-
sition vicinity bridge 6, captured positions west Bau-Ak,
patrol from river entered plantation reached point mile
southwest Bogadjim.

Naval Operations: Destroyers bombarded Hansa Bay,
Uligan Harbour and Madang, encountered no shipping.

Air Operations April 8th:
(1) 8 P40's dive bombed and strafed lugger and barge
west Wewak left both burning, also demolished 2 storehouses.

Operations April 9th:
(2) 1 night Catalina scored 1 hit and several near
misses on 9000 ton freighter transport, and near misses on
2000 ton freighter Woleai Island, 1 Catalina bombed air
field.

(3) 4 P39's strafed Camp Venus Point, strafed Avar
strip left bomber afile.

Operations April 10th:
(4) Preliminary report: 61 B24's bomb and Avar
Nubia covered withdrawal of surface forces, destroyed 1 gun
battery probably hit others bombing excellent; 1 B24 lost;
4 B24's failed reach target bombed Uligan.

Northwestern Area:
(5) 3 RAAF Beauforts bombed Dili.
(6) 2 RAAF Catalinas bombed Halong seaplane base.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES:  

Landing: Enemy Artillery shelled Piva Ares damaged 11th Aircraft; Allied Troops occupied area east Torokina River to Naravia, total 5370 enemy counted dead between March 8th and April 8th; reconnaissance party landed Nuguria Island 50 miles northeast green Island all enemy.

Air Operations April 9th:

(7) 6 Dauntless 12 Avengers bombed Bivouac Area east perimeter, 2 F-38's bombed Morisetta, 13 Avengers, 3 Dauntless bombed huts and pillboxes outside perimeter, night Catalina bombed Attara Mission.

(8) 7 night B-25's harassed Rabaul started fires wharf area, 34 Dauntless 12 Avengers hit Rapopo with 29 tons, 59 Dauntless 23 Avengers dropped 50 tons Yunaikmanu strip and guns; 23 B-25's dropped 68 hits Lakunai; 22 F-39's, 9 F-38's started large fires Balum, 22 F-38's bombed Yunaikma; fighters strafed 8 barges in area; B-29's hit 5 barges -- Manama Bay.

Part 3. Weather: Doldrums remained over area from south Solomon Sea to south Bismarck Sea, low cloud overlies at night with heavy showers, deep low cloud with rain over north New Guinea Coast; broken low cloud with rain Araura and Timor Seas.

Air:

(1) 16 by 250 pound and 300 pound one tenth and one twenty fifth second delay bombs dropped; unlisted number rounds fired, slight light inaccurate aircraft fire from lugger.

(2) 2 by 1000 pound, 2 by 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped on shipping met intense light and medium accurate anti-aircraft fire from ships; same load on air-drome met slight heavy inaccurate fire.

(3) Number rounds unlisted, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft Fire Condor Point.

(h) 40 B-24's dropped 286 by 1000 pounds, 12 by 2000
pound instantaneous demolition bombs from 14,000 to 10,000 feet met slight to intense heavy some accurate antiaircraft fire.

(5) 12 by 250 pound general purpose bombs dropped from 9500 to 7000 feet; met slight inaccurate antiaircraft fire all calibres.

(6) 16 by 250 pound general purpose bombs dropped from 10,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

Following paragraphs refer preceding report:

(5) 11 by 300 pound general purpose bombs dropped; 14,700 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing.

(9) 30 B25's dropped 87 by 500 pound incendiary clusters; 60 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs; fired 1,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(11) 11 B24's dropped 264 by 300 pound instantaneous demolition bombs; 13 A20's dropped 42 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs.

(12) 22 B24's dropped 264 by 300 pound, 208 by 250 pound bombs.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CO/S, CG AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Gen Vandegrift, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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BUILDINGS. ATTACK EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED WITH STRIKE
OF 61 HEAVY BOMBERS OF 5TH AIR FORCE ON TARGETS AT
NUBIA AND AHWAR. NO ENEMY SHIPPIING OR AIR ENCOUNTERED.
CATALINAS NIGHT 9/16 HIT 9300 TON AK WITH 1000 POUND
BOMB IN HOLEAI LAGOON. 2 CATS BOMBED HOLEAI. 2 PT'S
ASSISTED UNOPPOSED LANDING ON ISLAND EAST OF LOS
NEGROS. 1 AGP ARRIVED TALASEA FROM DREGER. MACARTHUR.

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CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea, New Caledonia
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, New Delhi, India

No. GX 10537, 10 April 1944

To: Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Dept
CG USAFPA pass to COMSOPAC to AMISGA ANVIL AGENT site GX 10537. Operations report SOWESPAC AREA. 1400Z/8 to 1400Z/9 signed MacArthur.

Kavieng: 11 of 15 Betty's reported April 7 now considered unserviceable; 4 serviceable bombers again reported by pilots afternoon April 8.

New Britain: 8 barges reported vicinity Loloou Island April 8.

New Guinea: Hollandia: 60 to 70 barges reported by attacking aircraft April 8; 1 squadron reported 14 fighters at Tami strip.

Northwestern area: Medium freighter with 2 escort vessels sighted eastbound North of Boaroa Island morning April 9.

Celebes: 1 heavy 1 light cruiser 1 destroyer

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Brisbane, Australia

No. OK 10333, 10 April 1944

reported in area on westerly course midday April 8.

South China Sea: 4 heavy cruisers 5 destroyers
sighted near Madoa Island heading towards Singapore
morning April 8.

End of part 1.

Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land: Admialalties: Patrois
on Emnauvle Island killed 8 enemy; First squadron 12
Cavalry landed unopposed Fak Island; patrols on Manus
killed 10 enemy.

Mintinj Valley: Australian patrols to Kaliko
contacted enemy 1 mile south; 11th Australian Division
assumed command all units Manus Valley.

Air. Operations April 8:

(1) Patrolling B25 sank l, probably sank second
of 2 small freighters off Fritjuts Point (West Aitape)
also destroyed barge and strafed Cape Same area.

(2) 1 night Catalina bombed convoy 50 miles
northwest Woleai Island, scored near miss on large
vessel, second Catalina bombed Woleai Island.

(3) Further 11 B24's bombed Hollandia Area.

(4) 4 F99's strafed barge Kealua Bay strafed
villages in area.

Operations April 9:

(5) 20 RAAP P40's dive bombed and strafed roads
and villages western Manus Island.

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From: Rear Admiral G EG Southwest Pacific Area,
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No. 0X 10537, 10 April 1944

(6) Reconnaissance night B24 bombed Wakin Island runway, started large fire.

(7) 2 patrolling B25's sunk 300 ton lugger off Wewak coast, destroyed barge Murik Lagoon.

(8) 2 RAAF Beaufighters searched wide bay area, strafed villages, hit bridge Waitavala River.

(9) Preliminary report: 55 B24's bombed Santa-pauza and Pro area (near Fugi), started many large fires; 1 flight strafed Manus Island.

(10) B24 strafed and damaged submarine 30 miles west Aitape.

(11) Preliminary report: 14 B24's bombed Wewak and Dagua through clouds; 85 A20's bombed and strafed Wewak Boreas and Cape Horn, hit buildings, started numerous fires in supply dumps, hit 8 barges.

(12) Preliminary report: 41 B24's bombed Asur and Boki, silenced 13 heavy guns, caused large explosions and fuel fires, 1 B24 lost.

(13) 3 P39's destroyed 2 barges and pontoon bridge Boga area.

(14) 8 P39's damaged bridge south Buna Ban Harbor.

Northwestern Area:

(15) 7 Dutch B25's bombed Penumi night April 8, caused scattered fires; next night 5 B25's bombed Penumi barracks, started fires.

(16) 3 RAAF Beaufortes bombed Lentem night April 8.

(17) 6 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed Soe Village, Timor, started many fires, barracks area.

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Brisbane, Australia

No. CX 10537, 10 April 1944

(18) 5 B24's bombed medium freighter transport
north coast Boerac Island.

(19) 2 RAAF night Catalinas bombed Namlea town.

SOUFAc Forces. Naval operations: PT's strafed
Furita river area.

Air operations April 8:

(20) 4 P39's, 12 Dauntless bombed and strafed
Namagata positions, and 2 foot bridges; 6 Dauntless 5
Avengers started fires in Bivouac area east perimeter;
2 Dauntless hit gun position Kieta, 4 B24's bombed Mokritu
mission.

(21) 24 B25's scored 30 hits Lakunai runway, 55 figh-
ters bombed Rabaul town and water front started large
fires caused explosions; 17 Avengers started fires
Ratavali; 40 Dauntless hit gun positions west Malaguna
road knocked out 3.

(22) 8 night B25's bombed Kavieng started
large fires, 16 Corsairs strafed 2 aircraft on runway,
1 Corsair most.

Part 3.

Westpwr. Unsettled along northern New Guinea
and broken low cloud with frequent showers over wes-
tern Bismarck Sea; equatorial front with low cloud
and extensive rain over Geres Boerac and northeastern
Arafura Sea but mainly favourable over Timor Sea and
Southwestern Arafura Sea.

Air

(1) 8 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped
from 50 feet; 4500 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing.

(2) 8 500 lb 1/100 second delay bombs dropped

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No: XR 10537, 10 April 1944

A convoy, met slight inaccurate anti aircraft fire; same
load dropped Woleai Island met light anti aircraft fire.

(3) 42 1000 lb, 80 300 lb instantaneous demoli-
tion bombs dropped from 11,000 feet.

(4) No details received.

(5) No details received.

(6) 2 1000 lb, 4 500 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 6700 feet; moderate medium inaccurate
anti aircraft fire.

(7) 8 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped,
4000 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing.

(8) 1000 rounds 20MM, 8000 round 30 calibre ex-
pended strafing from 200 to 50 feet.

(9) 27 B25's dropped 93 500 lb incendiary
clusters, 47 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
from 4000 feet; spent 5000 rounds strafing.

(10) No details.

(11) 4 B24's dropped 96 300 lb bombs from 10,000
feet met no anti aircraft fire; 70 A20 dropped 267
500 lb 8 to 11 and 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs, fired
76200 rounds 50 calibre; met slight light and medium
inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) 20 B24's dropped 58 1000 lb, 268 300 lb,
144 250 instantaneous demolition bombs from 10,000 feet;
met moderate to intense heavy some accurate anti air-
craft fire.

(13) 35 rounds 37MM, 600 rounds 50, 1100 rounds
30 calibre spent strafing.

(14) 58 rounds 37MM, 1500 rounds 50 calibre, 1200

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No. CX 10537, 10 April 1944

rounds 30 calibre spent strafing; 8 500 lb demolition
bombs dropped from 1,000 feet.

(15) 70 100 lb demolition, 5 500 lb incendiary
clusters, 1 150 lb incendiary cluster dropped from 9000
feet, met slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate
anti aircraft fire April 8; next night dropped 50 100 lb
demolition, 5 500 lb incendiary clusters from 1500 to
7000 feet.

(16) 18 250 lb general purpose bombs dropped
from 8000 feet met slight heavy inaccurate anti
aircraft fire.

(17) 12 250 lb 11 seconds delay bombs dropped
from minimum altitude, fired 1770 rounds 20MM, 3200
rounds 30 calibre.

(18) 24 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs, bombs
dropped from 9000 feet, met slight light inaccurate
anti aircraft fire.

(19) 16 500 lb general purpose bombs dropped
from 6000 feet. Refer paragraph (5) preceding report;
48 B-24's dropped 210 300 lb, 40 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds
delay bombs from minimum altitude; fired 54,000 rounds
50, 5700 rounds 30 calibre. Refer paragraph (5) opera-
tions report covering April 6: 23 P-2Y's fired 24500
rounds 50 calibre. Further details Hollandia/April 5:
11 B-24's dropped 264 250 lb bombs; 28 A-20's dropped
117 500 lb, 91 250 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs
fired 62600 rounds 50 calibre; 49 B-25's dropped 201 500
lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs, fired 62600 round 50,
13900 rounds 30 calibre.

ACTION: QPD
INFORMATION: CC/3, CG AAF, O-2, Adm. King, Col Park,
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FROM: C G US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
House New Caledonia

TO: War Department

FR: H7207  10 April 1944

Chief of Staff from CONGESPAC H7207.

Two four B-25's hit Lakunai with 500 pounders at
1014L, 30 hits on runway others in revet areas.

53 fighter bombers dumped 43 half tonners and 24
quarters tonners on Rabaul at 1050L, two explosions with
flames 250 feet high, many smaller fires, meager moderate
inaccurate flak received.

4 P-39's strafed and bombed targets Namagata, South-
wes Bougainville.

4 B-24's struck Momoitu starting small fire, flak
was inaccurate heavy and medium.

Action 8 April photos 9 April.

Vunakaunu concrete runway serviceable, all other
fields unserviceable, 1 fighter on Lakunai, Tobera has 3
fighters, 8 barges and 2 boats Kavieng Harbor, 2 barges
Duke of York, 81 barges Keravia Bay, 177 barges Simpson
Harbor.

Air and Ground summary.

Bougainville April 8 to April 9.

37th Division: No contacts with negative patrol
toward Kuslo Mission.

Amelia Division: Coast East of Torokina mouth
cleared to Havavia and occupied by First Battalion 24th
Infantry. Two Companies, one each from 132 and 25 Infantry

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Noumea New Caledonia

To: [Redacted]
10 April 1944

with air support, engaged reinforced Nip Company Hill 165.

Our casualties: 11 KIA, 7 WIA, 3 MIA with 46
Nips killed.

Some Nips contacted 1500 yards Southeast Hill 250.

Destroyer shelled gun and bivouac near Mosiga ob-
taining direct hit on gun position.

Total counted Nip dead since March 8: 5370.

Green Island: Bomber strip now completed to 7000
feet with remaining 1000 feet South graded.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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CO, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
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Number CX 10470, 6 April 1944

From GBQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
CO Hawaiian Department, CO USAFSPAC pass to COMESPAC
ANNISOA, ANNDEL, AQUILA CX 10470, signed MacArthur.

Operations report COMESPAC Area period 14002/6 to 14003/7.

Admiralties:

400 enemy estimated remaining effective.

Rabaul:

Photographs April 6 show 4 fighters 1 light bomber 2 floatplanes, 180 barges Simpson Harbour.

New Guinea:

Uligan Harbour:

PT boats report 5 inch fire from south shore.

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Southwest Pacific Area

Number UX 10470, 8 April 1944

Hanso Bay:
7 barges, 3 patrol craft were sighted
midday April 7.

Wewak:
6 serviceable fighters sighted on
Dagua April 5, approximately 20 barges off Bouma,
April 7.

Northwestern Area:

Kai Islands:
8 small vessels reported near Toeal by
attacking B24's April 7.

Philippines:
5 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 4 destroyers
sighted westbound in Basilan Straits 0915Z/6.

Land:

Admiralties:
Mopping up continues on Rambutyo and Manus
Islands;

Total known enemy dead 2912.

New Britain:

Total known enemy killed and captured:

Arawe
Gloucester Rein Bay
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(features do not include graves or corpses found along trails).

Saidor:

Known enemy dead 1053.

Naval operations:

PF's coordinated with B25's shelled enemy positions Karkar Island, destroyed buildings started fires.

During night destroyed 5 large beached barges northwest Cape Croisilles.

Air. Enemy Action:

Single night bomber dropped 3 bombs Saidor Area, killed 16 wounded 34.

Operations April 6:

(1) Further reports state 24 F39's, 23 F47's 17 P40's searched coast from But to Alexishafen destroyed number buildings and barges; refers Paragraph 5 preceding report.

Operations April 7:

(2) Reconnaissance B24's hit gun position Uligan

2 patrolling B25's bombed Borem destroyed 2 aircraft on ground.

(3) Preliminary report:

47 F39's and P40's again searched coast

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From CG, General Headquarters Rear Echelon
Southwest Pacific Area

Number CX 10470, 8 April 1944

north Madang, destroyed 3 aircraft Daqua, silenced guns, started fires Wejak, hit anti-aircraft position Bumbun, strafed 10 barges;

1 P40 lost.

(4) 11 B25's supported PT's, bombed and strafed Karkar Island guns and buildings caused fires.

Northwestern area.

(5) 6 Dutch B25's bombed Peinoei.

(6) 3 RAAF Beauforts started fires Lautem.

(7) 22 B25's bombed Langgoer caused explosions and large fires.

SOPAC Forces:

Naval operations:

Destroyer shelled pillboxes east Torokina perimeter.

Air operations April 6:

(8) 4 P40's fired jetties Numa Numa and Kieta.

(9) 22 B25's dropped 33 tons on Lakunai started fires.

11 P38's, 23 P40's dropped incendiaries wharf areas, caused numerous fires.

29 Dauntlesses, 25 Avengers bombed Talili Bay supply area destroyed buildings. Fighters sank large barge Simpsons Harbour, strafed trucks east coast New Ireland.

(10) Fighters destroyed enemy bomber north-east Kavieng.

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(11) 34 B-47's dropped 51 tons on Rabaul
Town caused explosions and huge fires, only 1 aircraft
intercepted. Revised figures show total 38 enemy aircr
fcraft destroyed, 7 probably destroyed and 9 damaged in
April 2 strike against Truk.

3. Weather.

Deep cloud masses over Northeastern Area
ranges in afternoon with heavy rain until late evening,
showers also scattered over Bismarck Sea;

Scattered to broken low cloud with showers over
Arafura Sea.

Air:

1. 34 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped, 350 rounds 37 mm, 1700 rounds 50, 9600 rounds
30 calibre expended strafing.

2. 2 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 13,700 feet by B-29, met slight medium and
heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire;

B-29's dropped 8 500 lb bombs from 2,000 feet.

3. No details received.

4. 32 500 lb, 11 second delay bombs, 18 frag-
mentation clusters, unotted number rounds expended straf-
ing;

Net moderate medium and heavy accurate anti-aircraft
fire.

5. No details.

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6. 18 250 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7000 feet;

Slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire encountered.

7. 135 500 lb instantaneous demolition, 154 120 lb fragmentation clusters, 27 500 lb incendiary bombs dropped from 15,500 to 14,000 feet;

Moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Refer Paragraph 2 preceding report:

24 A2O's dropped 47 250 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs from minimum altitude;

31,600 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing.

Refer Paragraph 3 preceding report:

82,500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing, 16 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay, 12 300 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by 77 aircraft.

ACTION: OFD

INFORMATION: OC/8
CG AAF
G-2
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Adm King
Col Park
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 CG US Army Forces, New Caledonia
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No. CX10414, 6 April 1944

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New Guinea: Hollandia: attacking B24's report 2 small freighters 6 seaplanes in harbour, 5 aircraft on Taxi strip morning April 5; 11000 ton freighter also sighted Vanimo.

Mintjim Valley: patrols to 6 miles from Bogadjim report nil enemy.

Northwest Australia: enemy reconnaissance plane reported in Bromo Derby area morning April 5.

Kai Islands: photographs April 5 show runways serviceable at Faan, Doecc and Doelah, surfacing proceeding Letfocar, Langgoer unserviceable.

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Philippines: force reported as 7 destroyers and light cruisers sighted heading south from Gulf of Davao midday April 1. End of part 1.


Air Operations April 4:

(1) 2 RAAF A20's bombed and strafed plantations Wide Bay, damaged 2 buildings sank small boat.

(2) 13 P-39's bombed road near Gum River Madang. Operations April 5:

(3) 4 RAAF P40's strafed Baia village on Open Bay.

(4) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Marienburg village (Sepik River).

(5) Preliminary report: 41 B24's, 21 A20's, 17 B25's bombed and strafed Hollandia Town, Humboldt and Jalteta Bays, destroyed many buildings started large fuel fires silenced gun positions sank 8 luggers and number barges; 3 B24's failed reach target bombed Dagua.

Northwestern Area.

(6) 4 Dutch B25's bombed Koepang, started fires.

(7) 2 RAAF Beauforts bombed Dilli at night.

(8) 5 B24's bombed Kaimana, damaged buildings scored near misses on seatruck and barges; 4 B24's bombed Cape Kejeev (Lorong Area).

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES. Naval Operations: PT's sank 6 barges north Tokslavi (Buak passage area).

Air. Operations April 4:

(9) 10 B25's turned back by weather from Rabaul bombed Buka. Weather grounded other operations.

(10) 1 B24 bombed Dublon town (Truk) pre-dawn, started large fire.

Weather. Frontal zone moved across Bismarck and Solomon seas from the northeast caused low and middle cloud with heavy showers; broken low clouds vicinity Frontal Zone lying east west through Banda Sea.

(1) 40 by 20 pound fragmentation, 8 by 100 pound general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 1500 to 1500 feet; 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(2) 13 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped.

(3) No details received.

(4) 2 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet.

(5) 28 by 250 pound, 48 by 300 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,600 feet Dagua; 40 by 1000 pound, 360 by 300 pound, 492 by 250 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12500 to 9500 feet by B24's; 84 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 31300 rounds 50, 9000 rounds 30 calibre fired by B25's; 44 by 500 pound, 40 by 250 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped.

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From minimum altitude, 30,000 50 calibre fired by A20's, slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire. Paragraphs 6 and 7 no details received.

(8) 16 by 500 pound general purpose 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 12,000 feet Kaimana, four jettisoned to south; 16 by 500 pound demolition bombs dropped from 14,000 feet Cape Hoewew; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire Kaimana, intense heavy accurate fire Sorotg Area.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG/S
CG AAF
G-2
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Echelon New Delhi India
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Echelon Chungking China

No: CX 10396, 5 April 1944

Operations report SOWESFAC area, 1400Z/3 to 1400Z/4 signed MacArthur. From GESWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, OG Hawaiian Department, OG USAPFISPA pass to COMSOFAC, AMBISOA, ANDELL, AQUILA CX 10396.

Trunk:
Additional photographs April 2 showed 20 fighters Eten Island.

New Guinea:

New Caledonia:

Approximately 30 barges sighted in area April 4.
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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

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Dutch New Guinea:
Unidentified aircraft sighted 20 miles north Cape Valsch.

Malaya:
2 heavy cruisers 2 destroyers followed by large
aircraft carrier reported heading Singapore from 300
miles East North East April 3.

Philippines:
Probable Aircraft Carrier 2 destroyers sighted on
Northerly course South of Davao midday April 3.

End of part 1.
Part 2.
Northeastern area. Land.

Admiralties:
Total known enemy dead 2839.

Mintjim Valley:
Australian patrols reached point on road half mile
north east Kwato, still advancing no contact;
Large amount stores and 30 trucks sized in area.

Air. Operations April 2:
(1) 14 P 47's strafed Durepop village Sopik River
area.
(2) 15 P 40's strafed Muschu and Kairiru islands,
set fuel dump and 8 barges afire.

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
      Brisbane Australia
To: War Department
Br: GX 10396, 5 April 1944

Operations April 3:
(3) 16 P 40's strafed Burui strip (south west Wewak), set buildings and huts afire.
(4) 11 patrolling P 39's strafed gun position Nongil plantation, 8 other bombed strafed 3 gun positions started fires Bunabun area.
(5) 8 P 47's destroyed 1 barge Sarang harbor another one Dagemur Bay.
      3 P 39's bombed and hit supplies Sarang destroyed large bridge over Wagon river, damaged bridge Karim river;
      2 P 39's unsuccessfully bombed Gum river bridge.
(6) 9 P 47's strafed villages along coast Bogia to Bunabun, hit gun position Uligan.
(7) 4 A 20's bombed and strafed personnel and stores Kagoria plantation, Madang, 1 A 20 lost.

Operations April 4:
(8) 52 B 24's turned back from Hollandia by weather bombed Wewak Boesem area, started many medium and small fires, destroyed buildings and 13 aircraft on ground, bombing excellent.
(9) 12 P 39's strafed New Guinea coastal villages and pontoon bridge Cape Gordon.

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To: War Department
Br: CK 10396, 5 April 1944

Northwestern area:
(10) 5 RAAF Beauforts bombed Koepang town, started 1 large several smaller fires.
(11) 3 RAAF Beauforts bombed Lauten with unobserved results.
(12) 3 RAAF Beaufighters strafed Laret and villages northern Funafuti island.

SOPAC Forces: Land:
Patrol to Mauke island returned Emirau after capturing documents and radio gear, also destroyed buildings and fuel dumps.

Naval Operations:
PQ's strafed Nikinik Island, destroyers shelled beached barges south Motupena and bivouacs Tekesii river.

Air: Operations April 3:
(13) Air patrols sank barge Motupena Point strafed trails Rusa Rusa.
(14) 6 B 25's harassed Rabaul at night added new fires.

59 Dauntless dropped 30 tons on Vunakanau and Tobera hit runways and 5 guns;
6 Dauntless 30 Avengers bombed supplies Talili Bay;

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

To: War Department

Mr: OK 10395, 5 April 1944

23 B 25's bombed Rabaul town started 3 large fires;
44 P 39's and P 40's, 9 P 38's bombed fuel stores
Keravie Bay causing fires;

Risen based fighters strafed shipping Keravie
Bay sank barge Dysul Island, hit 5 trucks on New Ireland.

(15) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed Kavieng,
strafed barge Cape Archway, bombxed Motupena Point.

(16) Later report states B 24's destroyed 25/30
intercepting enemy fighters Truk April 2.

End of part 2.

Part 3.

Weather.

Broken middle cloud over Bismarck Sea with heavy
showers along northern coastline New Guinea, thick weather
northeast New Ireland.

Northwestern area scattered middle cloud and
conditions mainly favourable.

(1) 4800 rounds 50 calibre fired.
(2) 6000 rounds 50 calibre fired from 20 feet.
(3) 8100 rounds 50 calibre fired.
(4) 8500 pound demolition bombs dropped;
118 rounds 37 MM
2200 rounds 50
1800 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
      Brisbane Australia
To: War Department

4446 rounds 37 RN,
1400 rounds 50,
400 rounds 30 calibre fired Nagil Plantation;
Intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 4000 rounds 50 calibre fired by P 47's;
    3 by 500 pound instantaneous bombs dropped from minimal altitude;
      55 rounds 37 RN,
      800 rounds 50,
      400 rounds 30 calibre fired Sarang;
    2 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from minimal altitude Gum River.

(6) 12,300 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimal altitude; intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.
(7) 9 by 250 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimal altitude;
    2400 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(8) 412 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 15,000 to 7700 feet;
    Nil anti aircraft fire reported other than flash from 1 possible medium gun.

(9) 182 by 37 RN, 2396 rounds 50, 2200 rounds

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
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30 calibre fired in strafing;
Slight light and medium accurate anti aircraft fire from Ulugan.

(10) 20 by 250 pound instantaneous general purpose bombs dropped from 7000 to 5000 feet,
     1 other bomb hung up and returned;
Slight to moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 16 by 250 lb instantaneous general purpose bombs dropped from 10000 to 8000 feet;
     Slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) 500 rounds 20 MM fired from sought altitude.

Refer paragraph 4 preceding report:
109 by 100 parachute fragmentation,
348 by 100 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay,
105 by 100 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay parachute demolition,
343 by 100 lb parachute demolition bombs dropped,
13000 rounds 50,
2800 rounds 30 calibre fired by remaining A 20's;

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164 by 100 lb parachute demolition,
132 clusters 23 lb parachute fragmentation,
294 by 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped,
51400 rounds 50,
8900 rounds 30 calibre fired by other 32 B 25's;
100 by 1000 lb instantaneous bombs dropped by
13 of attacking B 24's.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGS
      CG AAF
      G-2
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CG U.S. Army Forces, Central Pacific Area, Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

No: CX 10326 3rd April 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department CG
Hawaiian Department CG USAPIBPA pass to COMSOPAC AMYOSCA
AMDEL CX 10326. Operations report SOWESPAC Area. 1400Z/1 to 1400Z/2 signed MacArthur.

Admiralty Islands: Enemy submarine reported between Los Negros and Lou Islands early April 2nd.

New Britain: Rabaul area: 2 small cargo vessels 242 barges photographed April 1st.

New Guinea: Wewak: 3 seatrucks plus barges sighted April 2nd.

Hansa Bay: 16 barges observed; 15 were in Uligan Harbour.

Cape Croisiase Area: Considerable activity reported by PT boats Sarang Harbour night April 1st.

Cerama: 5 seatrucks sighted Boela, another seatruck Waroe Bay April 1st.

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From: GHQ Rear Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane, Australia
No: GX 10326 3rd April 1944

Bocoe Island: Hamean: 5 Sallys, 1 Dinah, 1 fighter and increased dispersal facilities photographed on airrome April 1st. 2 aircraft airborne; air strip near Hamean cleared 5500 feet and being graded.

Northeastern Area: Land: Nine patrol contacts only reported admiralties, Talases and Mintjas areas.

Naval: PT's damaged 3 large barges Commodore Bay.

Air.

Operations April 1st:
(1) 4 RAAF P-40's strafed bivouac area near Ubili, 2 others sank small boat north Cape Holman.

Operations April 2nd:
(2) 9 B-25's bombed and strafed Ramututo Island (Admiralties) heavy foliage obscured results.

(3) 12 RAAF P-40's bombed and strafed Garove Island gun emplacements buildings and jetties.

(4) 3 B-24's bombed Eairiru Island Wewak started fires.

(5) 22 A-20's followed (4) bombed and strafed Eairiru and Wyschu islands destroyed huts and 1 barge, started fires; 16 escorting P-40's fired 12 barges, 1 fuel dump and several stacks of stores.

(6) 32 B-24's bombed gun positions and bivouacs Hansa Bay, bombing reported excellent.

(7) 4 F39's on search north Madang strafed supplies Dylup plantation, coastal gun Nugul Harbour and vehicles Palas Point.

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From: GHQ Rear Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane, Australia
No: GX 10326 3rd April 1944
(8) 12 P39's dive bombed and strafed bivouac area west Erima plantation, bombing excellent.

Northwestern Area:
(9) 6 RAAF Beauforts bombed Penfocel night March 31st with unobserved results; 7 Dutch B25's bombed same area next night started fires.
(10) 5 RAAF Beauforts bombed Dilli with unobserved results.

SOUTH Forces. Land: Patrols engaged withdrawing enemy hill 560 and 1, artillery fired on enemy groups moving east from upper Torokina river; Patrol northeast perimeter found 5 enemy guns destroyed by Allied fire, found indications of mass enemy burials.

Naval: Destroyers bombarded barge hideout Maririci River.

Air Operations April 1st:
(11) 12 P38's dropped incendiaries Morotai, started numerous fires; 12 P40's hit Numa supplies; 2 Dauntless damaged dock For ten plantation.
(12) 8 B25's harassed Rabaul for 8 hours during night; 25 Dauntless, 25 Avengers bombed Ratavai caused huge explosion (flames rose 300 feet) left entire area a solid mass of flames; 24 B25's bombed Wanigape starting fires; 12 P39's 20 P40's bombed Toboi and wharf areas, 26 Dauntless, 14 Avengers hit shipping bulks in area, 1 Dauntless bombed Cape Saint George.
(13) Night Catalinas bombed Tonga Island, Lemonskof Village Buka, Aitara and Nosiga.
(14) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Dublon Island Truk.

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From: GHQ Rear Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane, Australia

No: CX 10326
3rd April 1944

started large fire visible 50 miles. Weather. Considerable development of deep cloud with rain areas western Bismarck Sea; front extending east west across Central Banda Sea caused some areas of deep low cloud otherwise favorable conditions.

(1) 2300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Ubili, 100 rounds fired Cape Holmas.

(2) 35 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 100 feet and under; 14,300 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 12 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 5,000 feet; 5,600 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(4) 24 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9000 feet.

(5) 80 500 demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 27,400 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(6) 295 1000 pound general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 11,000 to 9,000 feet; slight to moderate heavy mainly inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 46 rounds 37mm, 600 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(8) 12 500 pound demolition bombs dropped in dive bombing attack from 1500 to 800 feet; 189 rounds 37mm, 3000 rounds 50, 5000 rounds 30 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(9) 36 250 pound general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 9000 feet; slight heavy, moderate
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No: CX 10326

3rd April 1944

medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire encountered March 31st; 70 100 pound demolition, 24 clusters 150 pound incendiary bombs dropped from 10,000 to 7500 feet April 2nd; Moderate heavy accurate, slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) 10 250 pound incendiary, 19 250 pound general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 9,000 to 6,000 feet April 1st, 1 hung up and jettisoned at sea; slight inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO: GC/8

CG AAF

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Admiral King

Colonel Park

General Vandegrift

Field Marshal Dill

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     CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India
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     CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
     Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

2 April 1944

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Bismarcks: Photographs April 1 show all runways unserviceable.


Hollandia: Approximately 100 barges observed scattered on Sentani Lake (fighter report).

Timor: Koepang area: 33 barges photographed Tenau nil aircraft Pentcoed April 1.

End of part 1.

Part 2.

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From: Rear Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
No. CX 10311, 2 April 1944

Northeastern Area.

Land: Admiralties: Cavalry troops occupied Kororaisit and Ndiri Islands, met some opposition;

Manus patrols active; total known enemy dead 2610, estimate 400/450 enemy remain in small scattered groups.

Rai coast: Yalau patrol reached mouth Kabenu River slight contact.

Mintjim Valley: enemy unsuccessfully counter attacked Australian troops south Yela.

Naval Operations: PT's supported Admiralties landings.

Air Operations March 31:

(1) Reconnaissance B24 bombed and destroyed building Karkar Island, 2 patrolling B25's bombed anti aircraft positions Uligan Harbour.

(2) 2 RAAF P40's strafed gun positions Garove Island.

(3) 23 A20's bombed and strafed Bivouac and stores between Vokau and Nor (Aitape area).

(4) 12 A20's bombed and strafed Bogia Plantation, hit personnel and stores areas started fires destroyed 2 barges.

(5) 12 A20's bombed and strafed gun positions and stores Uligan, bombing excellent.

Operations April 1:

(6) 2 night Catalinas bombed Woleai airdrome.

(7) 12 RAAF P40's strafed Malaisi and Gavuvu villages Cape Hoskins.

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From: Maj. Mason HQ Southwest Pacific Area

No. CX 10311, 2 April 1944

(8) 44 B25's bombed and strafed villages Aitape
Taday area, huts Tumleo Island, destroyed large building
Saint Anna left another burning, all targets well strafed.

Northwestern area:

(9) 6 B24's bombed Boela, started fires.

(10) 6 Dutch B25's bombed Leuten, started large
fuel fires visible 30 miles.

SOUTH forces.

Air. Operations March 30:

(11) 6 Dauntless 9 Avengers raided possible barge
hideouts Laruma River mouth, 4 P39's hit Mapeka River, 2
P39's strafed Puriata and Namaregu Rivers, 1 B24 bombed
Monoi Mission.

(12) 15 Dauntless 5 Avengers sank small cargo
vessel off Fead Point, 2 Venturas destroyed buildings
Fondo Point.

Operations March 31:

(13) 16 Dauntless sank small barge Tavana River,
6 Dauntless 5 Avengers knocked out bridge Puriata River, 5
Dauntless 6 Avengers hit Bivouac Hongorai River area; 22
P39's 2 P38's bombed and strafed Numa Numa, 2 B24's bombed
Monoi Mission; night Catalinas bombed Foporang and
Bailale.

(14) 6 B25's harassed Rabaul at night; 50
Dauntless 18 Avengers dropped 40 tons Lakunai damaged 10
gun positions hit runway, 1 Avenger lost crew safe; 23
B25's bombed Ratavu supplies started fires; 14 P39's,
12 P39's dropped incendiaries started fire town area, 11
P40's caused fires Vunapopo; 6 Avengers 6 Dauntless sank
small cargo vessel in area; 17 Dauntless 12 Avengers hit
3 warehouses started fires Talili Bay; fighters destroyed
2 trucks 1 gun position Talili Bay, sank 2 barges and
destroyed buildings Kabaia Bay.

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No.  CX 10511, 2 April 1944

Part 3.

Weather. Average conditions except for broken to overcast middle cloud and much low cloud with frequent rains over Bismarck Sea and along northern Guinean coast; northwestern area broken to overcast middle cloud with mainly favourable conditions but equatorial front across central Banda Sea.

Air.

(1) 2 1000 general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet, 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired by B24; 7 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 7000 feet by B25's; moderate medium and accurate anti aircraft fire Uligan.

(2) 2 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5000 feet; 500 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude; moderate medium accurate Bofors type anti aircraft fire.

(3) 75 clusters fragmentation bombs dropped from 100 feet and under; 28,900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 46 F30 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped; 17,000 rounds 50 calibre fired; slight light fairly accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 40 250 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped; 13,900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; slight light and medium accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 4 1000 lb instantaneous, 4 500 lb Daisy cutter fused bombs dropped; intense light anti aircraft fire.

(7) 8100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

(8) 290 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 to 1900 feet; 29000 rounds 50, 34000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; few bursts light anti aircraft.

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No. GX 10311, 9 April 1944

fire.

(9) 26 500 lb demolition 1/10 second delay bombs dropped from 11,000 feet; moderate to intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) 24 120 lb fragmentation clusters, 24 500 lb demolition bombs, 4 150 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 10,000 to 7000 feet. 9 fragmentation clusters jettisoned at sea; slight medium and heavy generally inaccurate anti aircraft fire. Refer paragraph 5 preceding report; Additional 660 100 lb demolition, 24 500 lb incendiary bombs, 2 100 lb, 1650 20 lb fragmentation clusters dropped, 1400 rounds 50 calibre fired by remaining aircraft.

Refer paragraph 6 preceding report; 80 100 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped, 7850 rounds 50 calibre fired by other 9 ABU's.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CCS
CGAAF
O-2
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Gen Vandegrift
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CG, US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.
No #

1 April 1944

From GHQ, SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
COMGEN Hawaiian Department COMGEN USARPA to pass to COMSOPAC GD AMMISCA, GD AMDEL CX-10285, signed MacArthur.


Truk:

March 30, 18 fighters 4 div bombers 20 medium bombers photographed on Moc airfields; 30/40 fighters intercepted SOWACS 824's.

New Guinea:

Hollandia:

March 30, photographs revealed 239 aircraft on 3 airfields before strike; only 77 aircraft revealed after next day attack.

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From: CO, Rear Echelon, GHQ Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia

Number CX-10235, 1 April 1944

Vanimo Area:

2 septrucks observed harbour, 2 others further east and possible destroyer off Aitape March 31.


Land:

Admiralties:

Patrols south Lorengau dispersed enemy groups, patrols on Los Negros made no contact;

Filqili occupation complete; 1st Squadron 12th Cavalry moved Nukerang Plantation.

Mintjim Valley:

Australian patrols reached point 300 yards south Yaula.

AIF:

Operations March 31:

(1) 3 night Catalinas 1 B-24 bombed Woleai runway and personnel areas started fires.
(2) 2 US P39's, 12 RAAF P40's strafed bivouac areas Fondo Point started fires.
(3) 4 RAAF P40's strafed Gango Village, Stettin Bay.
(4) 2 RAAF Beaufighters, 2 RAAF A20's bombed and strafed villages Cape Comoran area (Wide Bay) started fires.
(5) 56 escorted B-24's attacked Hollandia destroyed 57 aircraft on ground started large fuel fires, smoke rose 15000 feet, bombing reported as especially accurate; of 30 enemy fighters attempting interception 12 were shot down and 8 more were probably destroyed, our losses 1 P38; pre strike photographs show additional 30 enemy aircraft previously.

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claimed damaged confirmed as destroyed March 30.

(6) 42 B25's, 35 A20's bombed and strafed Musschu and Kainuru Island bivouacs, installations and barges, number of buildings and several barges were destroyed, many fires were started.

Northwestern Area:

(7) 8 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed shipping Kupang area destroyed 1500 ton vessel 1 large fuel barge, damaged 3 other coastal craft.

(8) 7 Dutch B25's bombed Fanfoei night March 31 with unobserved results.

SOUPAC Forces:

Land:

Ground forces patrolled to Laruma River and Sinima Lagoon report nil contact; forces captured hill 501 on east perimeter and hill 250 on northeast perimeter.

Naval:

Destroyers bombarded Greenwich Island destroyed majority buildings and huts, no opposition; destroyers scoured barge hideout northeast Wyress Augusta Bay.

Air:

Operations: March 30:

(9) 24 B25's bombed Vunapope caused fires, 36 Dauntless, 22 Avengers hit Vunakanau destroyed or damaged 5 gun positions, scored 32 hits runway, 10 P39's bombed Rabaul town started numerous fires.

(10) 31 B24's bombed Noen runway (Truk) caused large fires; 11 of 30/40 enemy interceptors were shot down and 2 more probable, our losses 1 B24; revised estimate enemy losses during interception March 29:

31 destroyed, 12 probably destroyed and 10 damaged.

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From: CO, Bear Island, JHQ Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

Number CX-10285, 1 April 1944


Favorable flying conditions except for low cloud and heavy rain over Bismarck Sea;

Northwestern area broken cloud and fair visibility but overcast low cloud and rain over northern Banda and Arafura Seas.

Air:

(1) 6 1000 pound, 6 500 pound Daisy Cutter fused general purpose bombs plus incendiaries dropped by Catalinas; 8 500 pound bombs dropped by B24;

Intense light and medium anti-aircraft fire.

(2) 50 rounds 37 MM, 1200 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude by P39's; 6100 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40's.

(3) 1600 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(4) 4 250 pound general purpose 1 second delay bombs dropped from 800 feet; 900 rounds 20 MM, 3600 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters;

40 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped, 2300 rounds 50 calibre fired by A20's.

(5) 40 150 pound, 1320 20 pound fragmentation, 60 (weight unstated), 24 500 pound incendiary clusters, 1480 100 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12000 to 10000 feet;

3700 rounds 50 calibre fired by 50 aircraft;

174 rounds 20 MM, 2300 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat by escorting fighters;

Slight to intense heavy and medium mostly inaccurate fire.

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anti-aircraft fire.

(6) 2049 23 parachute fragmentation, 166 100 pound parachute demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under, 70,500 rounds 50, 11700 rounds 30 calibre fired by B25's;

247 100 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay parachute demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 28,900 rounds 50 calibre fired by 26 A20's;

Slight inaccurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres.

(7) 42 clusters of 5 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 10,000 to 8,000 feet;

Moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) 16 250 pound general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 0 height;

2096 rounds 20 MM, 4000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing;

Slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Refer Paragraph 13 yesterdays report:

16 250 pound general purpose 025 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 9000 feet;

Slight heavy and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

ACTION: OPD


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   Forward Echelon Chungking, China
   CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India
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   CG US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
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No. CX 10253  31 March 1944

OX 10253. Report of operations SOWESPAC Area. 1400Z/29 to 1400Z/30 signed MacArthur. From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department, COMGEN Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFSPAC pass to COMSPAC AMNISCA AMNDEL.

Truk. Photographs before SOUPAC strike reveal 1 light cruiser 3 large 2 small cargo vessels 2½ barges 37 floatplanes 3 flying boats; visual reports of 6 destroyers 2 submarines; 90 fighters made aggressive interception.

Woleai: Catalinas encountered flak from 10 small vessels at night.

Palau: Reports of departures March 29 include 19 ship convoy course 310 degrees 0130Z and Kongo class battleship 1 light cruiser 2 destroyers course 330 degrees 0840Z.

Holländia: Three freighters observed Humbold Bay March 30, another westbound off Vanimo; Holländia revetments dispersals taxeways reported filled with aircraft and many more on Cyclops.

Kai Island: Three possible seatrucks observed Toeval, numerous barges Rosenberg Straits, 7 Fighters and 2 medium bombers Langgoer dispersal and 5 fighters airborne; Letfor Airfield appeared unserviceable and nil activity at Faan.

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From: CINC Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia
No. CX 10253 31 March 1944

Part 2. Northeastern Area. Land:

Admiralties: One Squadron 7th Cavalry Regiment landed Pityilu Island morning March 30 after bombardment by destroyers and PT's, destroyed all bunkers then moved east by midday were half mile from east tip of island.

Patrols on Manus Island keeping enemy dispersed.

Minjim Valley: Patrols reached Mabelebu, encountered fire from Kofebi.

Naval: Two destroyers 7 PT's bombarded Pityilu Island.

Air operations March 29.

(1) Eight RAAF P40's strafed and left saw mill and buildings burning Pendo Poins.

(2) Further 23 A20's bombed and strafed Cape Wom area Wewak, destroyed buildings.

(3) Sixteen P39's dive bombed and strafed coastal guns Malago South Nadang.

Operations March 30.

(4) Two night Catalinas, 2 B24's bombed Woleai Airdrome (Western Carolines) caused fires, 1 Catalina bombed Kauripik Island.

(5) Ten RAAF P40's strafed and silenced gun position Garove Island.

(6) Five B24's harassed Hollandia through night, morning photographs show 16 aircraft destroyed.

(7) Preliminary report states 65 escorted B24's bombed Hollandia strips midmorning dropped 156 tons of 20 pound fragmentation bombs destroyed 25 grounded.

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From: GINO Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia
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Aircraft damaged 57 others, started huge fuel fires; of 40 enemy fighters intercepting 10 were shot down, 7 others were probably destroyed; all our aircraft returned.

(8) Twenty-three B25's bombed Tadji Airrome left both runways unserviceable caused fires.

(9) Four B24's bombed But Airrome.

(10) Eleven A20's supported ground forces bombed and strafed enemy position northeast of Mataloi (Mintjim Area).

(11) 14 P39's bombed and strafed enemy positions South Espiritu.

Northwestern Area.

(12) Seven Dutch B25's bombed Peineoel Airrome with unserved results.

(13) Four night RAAF Beauforts bombed Peineoel started fires visible 80 miles.

(14) Twenty-one B24's bombed Langgoer Airrome caused severe damage fires damaged guns, 1 of 6 aircraft taking off crashed in sea; 3 of 5 enemy fighters intercepting were destroyed, no Allied loss.

SOPAG Forces: Land: Further 202 enemy found dead Total 195.

Naval operations: Destroyer started fires fuel dumps east perimeter also shelled area South Espiritu, LCI gunboat shelled Mabiga.

Air operations March 29.

(15) Twelve P40's started large fires Miyaraka River, 6 Avengers destroyed bridge Naviwia, 6 others hit pillboxes Iba River.

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31 March 1944

(16) Twenty-six Dauntless, 19 Avengers, 24 B25's dropped 66 tons on Vunakanau guns and supplies started numerous fires damaged 7 gun positions; 11 P40's started large fire Matanau, 10 Dauntless bombed Warangoi River area, fighters strafed harbour caused explosion on destroyer silenced gun position Tavui Point; 1 fighter lost.

(17) Patrolling bombers hit Kavieng and Namatanai, strafed and caused 2,000 ton vessel to be beached Simberi Island.

(18) Two night B24's bombed Dباح Island Truk caused 2 very large fires in oil storage area.

(19) Twenty B24's bombed Eten Island Truk at mtday, incomplete reports state 200 hits make shop, hangar and runway areas, destroyed 35 fighters, 4 medium, 10 dive bombers on ground, caused large explosions and fires, destroyed crane; of 90 fighters intercepting 5 to 20 were shot down, 1 B24 lost another crash landed at Green Island.

End of Part 2.

Part 3. Weather. Broken middle level cloud Bismarck Sea, heavy showers along coasts at night; favorable weather in Northwestern Area.

(1) Unstated number rounds fired from minimum altitude.

(2) Eighty 300 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 16,000 rounds 50 caliber fired.

(3) Sixteen 500 pound demolition bombs dropped from 1500 to 800 feet; 276 rounds 37 MM, 3600 rounds 50, 7100 rounds 30 caliber fired.

(4) Catalinas dropped 6,000 pounds of contact fused bombs, B24's dropped 9 500 pound, 9 100 pound bombs from 7,000 feet, intense heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire, 3,000 pounds bombs dropped Kauripik Island.
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(5) Two thousand round 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude; slight medium, some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) One thousand one hundred and forty 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 12,000 to 7,000 feet, inaccurate searchlights.

(7) Fifteen thousand six hundred by 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 13,000 to 10,000 feet; slight to moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 13,770 rounds 50, 886 rounds 20 MM fired by bombers and fighters.

(8) One hundred thirty six by 500 pound bombs dropped from 8,000 to 6,300 feet; nil anti aircraft fire.

(9) Seven hundred and twenty 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 11,000 feet, moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) Thirty two 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 11,400 rounds 50 calibre spent.

(11) Fourteen 500 pound bombs dropped from un-stated height; 285 rounds 37 MM, 3700 rounds 50, 4600 rounds 30 calibre expended.

(12) Forty two clusters of 6 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped, 6 clusters jettisoned; slight light and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) No details received.

(14) Ninety seven 500 pound general purpose, 27 500 pound incendiaries, 260 120 pound clusters dropped from 15,500 to 13,500 feet; slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia

To: War Department

No. CX 10236, 31 March 1944

From CINC SWPA signed Hastily TO CINCPOA for action and to CONSPAC, COMINCH and Chief of Staff War Department all for information CX 10236.

Employment of elements 13th Air Force from Brewer is subject. References: WD radiograms WX 14572 and WX 14651, dated 26th March, to CINCSWPA (Harmon and Richardson info addresses).

Estimates indicate airbase facilities will be available BREWER as follows:

A. By 7th April at Momote, runway, dispersal, minimum operations facilities and supplies (except ammunition) for 1 group heavy bombardment and 1 group fighters.

B. By about 22nd April, same facilities for total of 2 groups heavy bombardment and 2 groups fighters from 2 airfields.

Suggest transfer to BREWER of 1 group heavy bombardment, 13th Air Force, on or about 7th April, and of a second group heavy bombardment about 22nd April. It is believed that these groups located in BREWER can perform heavy bombardment support missions indicated in WX 14651, and will also be able to assist in the neutralization of MEMSBIRD - Rabaul and FORBARD. Appropriate air services and sections of the Bomber Command Headquarters should accompany the initial
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In view of the demands of the RECKLESS operation upon SWPA shipping, it is also suggested that these units be moved if practicable in South Pacific shipping.

Critical shortage in SWPA stocks of aircraft ammunition and bombs will require that 30 to 60 days supply these items be provided from SOPAC sources.

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   CG, U.S. Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
   Fort Shafter, T.H.
   CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
      Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
   CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
      Forward Echelon Chungking, China

30th March 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department COMBINED NAVY DEPARTMENT COMBENG USAPAC pass
\to COMSOPAC ABNEKCA ABNEEL, cite CX 10225. Report of
\operations SOWSPAC area period 1400Z/28 to 1400Z/29 signed
MacArthur.

Nomoi Islands:
10 enemy fighters came from concealed revetments on
Satawan to intercept reconnaissance 224 March 28th.

Woleai Islands:
Indications airfield used for southward reconnaissance.

New Guinea:
Hollandia:
Photographs March 25th reveal 125 fighters 96 light
bombers 43 medium bombers on 3 airfields;
3 vessels indicated in harbour night March 28th;
Northbound destroyer sighted 100 miles north west
0240Z/29.

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From: Rear Echelon GEQ Southwest Pacific Area
No: CX 10225 30th March 1944

Sissano lagoon:
Small freighter and 2 barges observed March 29th.
But:
20 aircraft observed airfield, 2 small freighters
several barges off shore.

Wewak:
2 possible sea trucks numerous barges and 1 float-
plane.

Timor:
Penfesai:
Only 1 serviceable fighter photographed March 28th.

End of part one
Part 2
Northeastern area.
Admiralties:
No contact gained with organized enemy groups;
patrols report minor actions, party enemy found
hiding in caves mile north east Lomlu village;
known enemy dead 2628, estimate 600 effectives
remain.

Telasea:
48 enemy captured, 6 killed on March 28th and

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29 by Iboki, Linga Lunga and Numunda patrols.

Minjim River valley:

Australian patrols from Nangao to Jam Jam (Bogadjiim plantation) report no contact.

Air.

Operations March 28th:

(1) 15 RAAF Beauforts bombed bivouac areas Fandi River Open Bay, bombing excellent; 5 Beauforts bombed Melmaul building Jacquinot Bay, 1 aircraft missing.

(2) 2 P 39’s searched coast north Cape Croisilles strafed coastal village.

Operations March 29th:

(3) Reconnaissance night B24 unsuccessfully bombed destroyer 100 miles north west Hollandia.

(4) 2 Catalinas bombed Wooleai Island (480 miles west Truk) started large fires strip area, observed explosions.

(5) 6 RAAF Beaufighters strafed buildings Waterfall Bay, 2 others strafed villages Wide Bay, 2 RAAF A20’s bombed and strafed Fondo Point area, left buildings burning.

(6) 5 night B24’s bombed the runway areas Hollandia, cloud obscured results.

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(7) 36 B25's bomb and strafed bivouacs and
supply dumps Dagoa area caused number fires, des-
troyed buildings, aircraft also strafed coastal
villages on return.

(8) 16 A20's attacked shipping Wewak area
probably destroyed 1 lugger damaged others number
barges also strafed; started oil fires on Muschu
Island.

(9) 12 A20's bomb and strafed Wom Point area
started fires destroyed huts, also raided villages
Sepik river.

(10) 16 P47's on fighter sweep strafed 7 barges
Munal harbour.

Northwestern area:

(11) 2 RAAF Catalinas bomb and Babo night March
28th, caused large fires and explosions.

SOUPAC Forces.

Land:

[Our patrols outside perimeter report finding]

many enemy dead, found indications of enemy with-
drawal.

Naval operations:

Destroyer started fires ammunition dump Tavens

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river, LCI shelled Mosiga, PT's strafed Jabs area.

Air.

Operations March 28th:

(12) 36 Dauntless, 17 Avengers dropped 28 tons Maririci river supplies and bivouacs, 28 Dauntless 6 Avengers patrolled area, 2 F39's strafed barge hideouts, B24 started fire Monoitu, 4 Warhawks bombed and strafed Numa Numa.

(13) 8 night B25's started 30 fires Rabaul town, 36 Dauntless 24 Avengers scored 37 hits Lakunai runway damaged 6 gun positions, 24 B25's scored 50 hits Tobera, F38's raided Rabaul town, 12 Warhawks bombed Ratavai supplies started fires, fighters strafed shipping, 1 Corsair lost.

(14) Patrolling bombers hit Kavieng and Namatanai, shot down 1 of 10 intercepting fighters over Satawan island (Carolines)

Part 3

Weather.

Broken to overcast middle level cloud with heavy showers north coast New Guinea and Bismarck Sea during night;

Favourable weather north western area.

Air.

(1) 16 X 500 lb, 16 X 250 lb general purpose rod extension fused, 10 X 500 lb medium capacity, 36 X 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 96 X 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 6,000 to 3,500 feet Pandi river area;
10 x 500 lb medium capacity, 10 x 250 lb general purpose rod extension fused, 16 x 250 lb same type instantaneous fuses, 14 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 1500 feet, 3,000 rounds 30 calibre fired Jaquinot Bay.

(2) 3/4 rounds 37 MM, 800 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(3) 2 x 1,000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 feet;
Moderate heavy and medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 4 x 1,000 lb 24 x 500 lb general purpose daisy cutter fused bombs, 6 clusters incendiaries dropped.

(5) 100 rounds 20 MM, 100 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters Waterfall Bay;
    800 rounds 20 MM, 2,300 rounds 30 calibre fired from 200 to 50 feet Wide Bay;
    80 x 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 800 feet, 2,100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 50 feet by A20's.

(6) 2 x 20 lb fragmentation, 10 x 500 lb 12 hour delay bombs, 74 fragmentation clusters dropped from 14,500 to 11,000 feet;
17 flares dropped by Pathfinders;
Ineffective searchlights reported.
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(7) 182 x 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 7,600 to 5,500 feet;
   2,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing;

Slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) 89 x 500 lb four to five seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude;
   16,800 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(9) 44 x 500 lb eight to eleven seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude;
   16,800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(10) 5,200 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(11) 12 x 250 lb, 4 x 500 lb general purpose instantaneous, 30 x 20 lb fragmentation, 30 x 30
   lb incendiary bombs dropped from 6,000 feet.

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No: CX 10160 26 March 1944

Operations Report SOWESPAC Area period 1400Z/25
to 1400Z/27th signed MacArthur.
From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department,
Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding
General USAFJPATPA pass to COMSOFAC, AMHISCA, AMHISDL
CX 10160.

Palau: Over 300,000 tons shipping reported in
area by reconnaissance B24s night March 26.

New Britain: Rabaul: 1 dive bomber 12 medium
bombers 11 fighters counted all fields dusk March 25th.

New Guinea: Aitape: Gunboat sighted March 27th.

Hanan Bay: 6 barges in harbour.

Tanimbar Islands: Small merchant vessel west
Jamdena Island and small freighter west Selaru Island
observed March 27th.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
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No: GX 10160  26 March 1944

Timor:
Photographs March 27th show 4 fighters and
further dispersal construction Penfoni, 11 bomber
revetments strip serviceable Foscoi, 30 barges at
Tanau and bridge over Mina River serviceable.

Part 2.
Northeastern Area.

Land: Admiralties: Total enemy dead 2,594,
estimated 800 enemy remain in area; cavalry patrols
active, 61st FA Battalion Moved Lorengau, 82nd FA
Battalion moved Papatula Mission.

Astrolabe Bay: Australian patrols active
Mintum Valley.

Naval: Destroyers supported ground troops
Admiralties.

Air: Enemy action: Enemy floatplane unsuccessfully
bombed PTs off south coast New Britain.

Operations March 26th:
(1) 8 RAAF P 40s strafed tracks between Hummock
Head and Cape Koas north Bangula Bay.

Operations March 27th:
(2) Reconnaissance B 24s bombed and strafed gun-
boat 40 miles north Aitape, bombed buildings ringed
Island, destroyed 2 barges Open Bay, destroyed 2 build-
ings and 2 loaded barges Namam Island.

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No: CX 10160 23 March 1944

(3) 2 RAAF Beaufighters, 2 A 20s strafed Open Bay villages destroyed 2 small craft and 1 barge, 2 Beaufighters bombed and strafed villages vicinity Jacquinot Bay; 2 RAAF P 40s bombed and strafed gun positions Guise Island.

(4) 12 B 24s, 6 B 25s bombed bivouacs Kauri Island started large fires destroyed jetty; 16 A 20s bombed and strafed Wom Point area destroyed bridges and houses started fires, badly damaged large luger.

(5) 14 B 24s, 24 B 25s bombed Nubias and Avar areas Hansa Bay started fuel fires, hit 3 gun positions, clouds obscured results.

(6) 5 B 24s bombed Uligan Harbour destroyed huts and 2 bridges.

(7) 16 P 39s bombed supply area west Bonggu Plantation (Astrolabe Bay) caused large explosion.

Northwestern Area:

(8) Reconnaissance B 25s unsuccessfully bombed merchant vessel east Beber Island.

(9) 2 patrolling night RAAF Catalinas bombed Kaimana started fires town area, left merchant vessel off shore burning, third Catalina bombed Langgoer and Yaan.

SOPAC Forces: Naval operations: PTs sank large barge near Buka.

Air Operations March 25th:

(10) 22 Dauntless 's' Avengars dropped 23 tons on perimeter guns, destroyed 1; 10 Dauntless bombed supply areas, 24 Dauntless 5 Avengars strafed perimeter targets, 14 P 39s, 10 Warhawks bombed Milbro River bivouac; B 25 shelled strafed and destroyed buildings.

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No: CX 10160 28 March 1944

Adler Bay radar station.

Operations March 26th:

(11) 20 Dauntless 12 Avengers hit supply area Mariri River started fires, 12 Warhawks 4 P39s destroyed 3 pillboxes Tekesi River; 26 Dauntless 4 Avengers patrolled and spotted around perimeter started fires Tekesi River; 3 B 24s bombed Monoitou.

(12) 2 B 25s hit barge Atliklikub Bay, hit Adler Bay radar; 7 B 25s harassed Rabaul, 23 B 25s scored 100 hits on Vunakanau runway, 37 fighters bombed Talili Bay supplies started large fires destroyed 18 buildings.

(13) 37 Dauntless 22 Avengers dropped 50 tons bombs Kavieng airdrome, left runway unserviceable, destroyed heavy gun position.

Part 3.

Weather. Unsettled weather Coral Sea, considerable deep low cloud along north coast New Guinea, broken middle cloud over Bismarck Sea; broken to overcast cloud southern Banda Sea increasing at night.

Air. (1) 3000 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(2) 4 500 pound, 2 by 1000 pound one tenth second delay bombs dropped from 1200 feet, 300 rounds 50 calibre fired by B 24s; intense medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire from gunboat; 1 by 1000 pound, 2 by 500 pound bombs dropped from 4000 feet Tingwon Island, 900 rounds 50 calibre spent in strafing Open Bay from 50 feet; 2 by 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 50 feet, 1200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Manam Island.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia.

No: CX 10260 28 March 1944

(3) 4 by 250 pound general purpose 1 second tail delay bombs dropped from 750 feet, 1000 rounds 20 MM, 4000 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters, 40 by 20 pound instantaneous fragmentation bombs dropped, 1500 rounds 50 calibre fired by A 20s Open Bay; 2 by 250 pound general purpose 5 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 30 feet, 100 rounds 20 MM, 300 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters; 2 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 3000 feet, 600 rounds 50 calibre fired by P 40s; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 96 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,500 to 5800 feet by B 24s; 35 by 500 pound same type dropped from 1500 feet by B 25s; 71 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped, 19,400 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude by A 20s; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 64 by 1000 pound instantaneous, 48 by 1000 pound one tenth second delay bombs dropped from 12300 to 10,300 feet by B 24s; 113 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,500 feet by B 25s; slight to moderate heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 40 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9,500 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 16 by 500 pound demolition bombs dropped; 222 rounds 37 MM, 3,600 rounds 50, 6000 rounds 30 calibre fired from minimum altitude in 32 strafing passes.

(8) 24 by 500 pound general purpose one tenth second delay bombs dropped from 7,500 feet.
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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia.

No: CX 10160 28 March 1944

(g) 6 by 500 pound, 10 by 250 pound general
purpose instantaneous rod extension fuse, 30 by 20
pound fragmentation, 30 by 30 pound incendiary bombs
dropped 7000 to 5000 feet Kainama; 4 by 500 pound, 4
by 250 pound general purpose instantaneous rod exten-
sion fuse, 20 by 20 pound fragmentation, 20 by 30
pound incendiary bombs dropped Langgoe and Paan from
6000 feet; slight light inaccurate, heavy accurate
sust aircraft fire Kainama.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/3
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      G-2
      Adm King
      Col Park
      Gen Vandegrift
      Sir John Dill
      Log

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To: War Department
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CG, U.S. Army Forces, Central Pacific Area, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

Nr: CX 10125 27 March, 1944

Operations report 50NESPAC area period 14000Z/25 to 14000Z/26 signed MacArthur from GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian * Commanding General USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, AMERICA, AMMERC, CX 10125.

- Greenwich Island: Small cargo vessel and 2 float planes observed March 26th.
- New Britain: Ubiyi area: Reported 1000 enemy passed RA RA Village between March 18 and 26th.
- New Guinea: Aitape area: 3 small freighters observed off Sibarita heading southeast morning March 26th.
- Wewak area: About 70 barges 3 luggers 2 small freighters observed afternoon.
- Sepik River: 20 barges sighted at Angoram.

From New Guinea: Kaimana area: 4 small freighters 12 barges sighted March 25th.

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      Area, Brisbane, Australia

Nr: GX 10125
    27 March, 1944

Babo area: 1 merchant vessel observed Babo, 12 barges in Bedidi River southwest of Sagan; 8 fighters &
bombers photographed on Babo airfield where 8 new revetments constructed.

Manokwari area: Photographs March 25th show
Moem and Wamena airfields not yet serviceable, but a new
strip surfaced and probably serviceable for 4,500 feet
in Ransiki Plantation near Wamena.

Jimbar: 4 small merchant vessels observed Alten
March 26th.

Philippines: 3 heavy cruisers & light cruisers 1
destroyer 2 large tankers reported heading southeast
through Bascoan Strait 0730/24th.

Part 2.

Northeastern area. Land: Admirals: Los Negros
forces moved west 500 yards against slight resistance; *
attacked to south captured strong enemy positions, reached
point 800 yards southwest Rossun.

Afaso: Patrol found over 100 enemy dead on track
north Lamogai.

Talasea: Patrols active, reached Sen Remo Plantation,
killed 15 enemy.

Garu area: Linga Linga patrol captured 28 enemy.

Astrolabe Bay: Patrols active.

Naval operations: PT's strafed village Marikar
Island; destroyers again shelled Pityilu Island.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Air: Operations March 24th:
1. 15 P-39's strafed Alexishafen left 2 buildings afire damaged barge and launch.

Operations March 25th:
2. 3 RAAF P-40's strafed and left barge burning Open Bay, damaged another and 2 buildings along coast.
3. Further 25 RAAF P-40's bombed and strafed enemy headquarters buildings Cape Hoskins.
4. Further 23 A-20's raided Wewak area, hit radio station started fires.

Operations March 26th:
5. 8 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy groups south coast Manus Island in support of ground forces.
6. Reconnaissance B-24 bombed gun positions Uligan.
7. 2 RAAF Beaufighters bombed Ayul Village, Cape Dampier, caused fires and explosion.
   Moesi: 2 RAAF A-20's raided Bangula Bay targets.
8. 21 RAAF P-40's strafed villages Fondo Point area.
9. 18 A-20's raided Aitape destroyed and damaged buildings, sank 1 barge strafed 6 others and 1 lugger; 1 aircraft lost.
10. 34 B-24's, 35 B-25's raided gun positions stores and bivouacs BUT ANDD Dagua, silenced 6 heavy guns, started large fires in fuel and supply dumps; resulting smoke obscured observation.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
      Area, Brisbane, Australia

Mr: OX 10325  27 March, 1944

11. 17 B-25's attacked shipping along coast scored damaging near misses on seatrunk and lugger, seriously damaged 7 barges Meme Island area, strafed left lugger afire broken water bay, bombed and strafed bivouac, silenced machine gun Hansa Bay.

12. 3 P-39's strafed building Falas Point.

13. 16 P-39's dive bombed and strafed gun position north Dabeima and camp on Bogadajim Road.

SOUTH Forciss.

Naval operations: LCI gunboat shelled Mosaga area.

Air operations March 25th:

14. 7 B-25's harassed Rabaul during night, started 35 fires.

15. 30 Dauntless, 24 Avengers dropped 31 tons bombs Rabaul hit 12 gun positions, hit dock area destroying 30 buildings; 1 Avenger lost.

16. 23 B-25's bombed Rataval supplies starting large fires, 34 fighters bombed Keravis Bay started fuel fires, 12 Dauntless hit Tavai Point; 2 Venturas destroyed dam and 2 barges Nassava Bay.

17. 12 Dauntless bombed Kavieng runway, 1 Dauntless missing.

18. Fighters strafed 2 troop laden trucks E coast New Ireland.

Part 3.

Weather. Favorable weather over Bismark Sea during day deep cloud at night; favorable weather through northwest sector.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia

Air:

1. 13 by 300 pound, 2 by 250 pound demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 156 rounds 37 MM, 5,800 rounds 50, 3,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

2. 1,000 rounds 50 calibre fired from 1,500 feet.

3. 85 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,000 to 1,400 feet; 12,900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

4. 71 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 25,300 rounds 50 calibre fired.

5. 47 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 13,900 rounds 50 calibre fired.

6. 2 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12,000 feet; slight, heavy accurate antiaircraft fire.

7. 5 by 250 pound 5 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 20 feet, 1,300 rounds 50 MM, 8,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Beaufighters; 80 by 20 pound instantaneous fragmentation bombs dropped from 1,200 feet, 2,900 rounds 50 calibre fired from 50 feet A-20's.

8. 15,000 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

9. 97 by 500 pound 8 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under, 81,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.
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10. 181 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8,000 to 6,800 feet by B-25's; 257 by 1000 pound same type bombs dropped from 11,700 to 8,500 feet, 7 jettisoned in sea by B-24's; slight inaccurate antiaircraft fire of all calibres.

11. 74 by 500 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,500 to 1,000 feet; 26,200 rounds 50, 2,400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight to moderate light and medium accurate and inaccurate antiaircraft fire from barges and shore.

12. 38 rounds 37 MM, 700 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

13. 306 rounds 37 MM, 4,600 rounds 50, 5,400 rounds 30 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S

ADM. MACINNES
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     Forward Echelons, Chungking, China

26 March 1944

GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department COMGEN Hawaiian
Department COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMOPAC AMMISCA AMMDEL.

New Ireland: Kavieng: Photographs March 25th reveal
1 fighter, 2 medium bombers runway serviceable.

New Britain: Rabaul: Small parachutes with dangling
wires encountered near Vanikanau by Avengers and Dauntless.

New Guinea: Aitape: East bound hospital ship observed
night March 24th. 3 small freighters sighted next day off
Cape Djerew.

Wevak area: 5 small freighters reported by fighter
escort March 25th. Airfields Bora to But all appeared

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From: Rear Admiral GRO Southwest Pacific Area
To: War Department Bock

Serviceable. 42 aircraft of indefinite serviceability sighted on fields, 1 floatplane off shore Wewak.

Dutch New Guinea; Manus area: 3 seatrucks, 1 small freighter observed off BoeToor Island; another air strip under construction at south of Kaiiti Airfield.

Ceram: Single vessel sighted Boela March 23.

Flores Island: Photographs March 24th show number 1 strip serviceable 4,900 feet, number 2 strip 4,900 feet partly surfaced, 1 twin engined aircraft landed; another strip under construction near township, cleared 5,500 feet and partly surfaced; 7 small merchant vessels spotted, 2 others at Ende.

Part Two. Northeastern area: Land: Admiralties: Lorengau: Patrols circled enemy's Roosevelt position from east and west, 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry pushed enemy back to point 200 yards south Roosevelt.

Los Negros force holds line 2 miles west Papitalai, 1st Squadron 12 Cavalry occupied east west line 2,400 yards south Losbrum Point.

PF patrol to Gali Bay, Amor and Tong Islands report nil enemy.

Patrols occupied Amo and Edrova Islands.

New Britain: Resune: Patrols to Gasmata and Lindenfarel March 17 and 18 found both areas evacuated, patrols returned.

Aesse patrols continue to search tracks to the north east.

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From: Rear Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
To: War Department Book
Number: 0110007, 26th March 1944. Page 3.

Talasea Area: Battalion Marines moved Eumundo plantation March 25th;

1 Company Marines moved Kulu River, 1 company
Linga Linga;

Patrol circled Willaumes Peninsula no contact.

Saibor: Amphibious patrol to Bogadjiim Plantation withdrew to Saibor.

Naval operations: PTs sank large troop laden
barge off Garove Island, sank 1 barge north Bangula
Bay;

Destroyers demolished Lolui and Matan villages
south coast Los Negros, shelled enemy positions inland,
also bombarded Lankau village Rambutyo Island.

Air: Operations March 24th;

(1) 6 RAAF A20s bombed and strafed Gogosi village
and Biella Plantation, 2 Beamfighters strafed Gogosi and
Stockholm Plantation destroyed 2 coastal barges.

(2) 2 Beamfighters searched south coast New
Britain bombed and strafed bridge and jetties Wide Bay.

(3) 23 RAAF P40s bombed and strafed gun positions
and bivouacs Garove Island.

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From: Rear Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
To: War Department
Number: GX10097
Date: 26th March 1944

Air Operations March 25th:

(4) B25 strafed Pityulu Island Admiralties.

(5) 2 Beaufighters destroyed large barge open bay strafed plantation area, 7 A20s bombed and strafed Kialla Gogosi area, 10 P40s raidied buildings Cape Reids.

(6) 36 B24s, 37 B25s, 16 A20s raided WAVAK Borau area caused extensives fires large explosions supply and bivouac areas, left 3 aircraft burning, 4 damaged.

1 B24 bombed Hanua Bay.

(7) 18 A20s bombed and strafed bivouac area Sunafun Harbour.

Northwestern area:

(8) 3 B24s bombed Utarum runway, 3 others hit Bebo runway with unobserved results.

SOUTH forces: Land: Enemy force estimated at 1 battalion attacked north perimeter Torokina made slight penetration, attack repulsed, position restored 300 enemy dead.

Naval Operations: Destroyers bombarded Elouan and Mussau Islands destroyed fuel dump Nei Plantation. Destroyers and PTs harassed gun positions Tekessi and Puriata Rivers.

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From: Rear Echelon G6G Southwest Pacific Area
To: War Department
Number: G10C 57 26th March 1944. Page 5.

Air operations March 24th:

(g) 64 Dauntless 25 Avengers hit gun positions, patrolled, spotted and bombed supply areas Tevuna and Larama Rivers;

4 Warhawks strafed buildings Matchim Bay.

(10) 49 Dauntless, 25 Avengers, 3 B35s dropped 48 tons of bombs Wanakaunu scored 22 hits runway hit 10 gun positions.

21 B35s bombed Fobara runway scored 80 hits, 37 F35s bombed Wanepepe supplies caused 50 fires. Fighters strafed Fobara and Rapopo, sunk barge off New Ireland.

(11) Patrolling aircraft shot down enemy bomber off Greenwich Island, bombed Kaviang and Kamtani.


(1) 18 by 250 lb, 6 by 500 lb general purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 50 feet, 5,400 rounds 50, 2,500 rounds 30 calibre fired by A20's; Beau-fighters fired 700 rounds 20 MM, 4,000 rounds 30 calibre from 200 feet.

(2) 4 by 250 lb general purpose 1 second tail delay bombs dropped from 650 feet, 225 rounds 20 MM, 1,200 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.
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(3) 22 by 500 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6,000 to 1,000 feet; 8,900 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude; slight to moderate light and medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 2,500 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(5) 6 by 250 lb., 6 by 500 lb. general purpose instantaneous bombs and 16 by 20 lb. parachute dropped, 200 rounds 50 calibre fired by A 20's; 700 rounds 20 MM, 3,600 rounds 30 calibre fired from 200 feet and under by Beaufighters; 10 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet, 4,800 rounds 50 calibre fired by P-40's from minimum altitude.

(6) 568 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Wewak, 16 dropped Combat Point by B-24's, 188 dropped by B-25's from 13,000 to 6,000 feet; 77 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 20,300 rounds 50 calibre fired by A-20's; only slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire reported.

(7) 53 by 500 lb general purpose 1/2 second delay demolition bombs dropped from 11,000 feet Utarum; 12 dropped from 10,000 feet Babo, 4 jettisoned; moderate heavy accurate, slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Utarum.

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25th March 1944.

To Chief of Staff War Dept CG Hawaiian Dept CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC AMNESCA AMNEEL CX10070. Signed MacArthur.

Operations report SOMEFPAC area period 1300Z/23 to 1300Z/24.

[New Britain: Cape Hookins:
Approximately 200 enemy reported moving east March 23rd.
New Guinea: Hollandia:
Photographs March 21 show 132 fighters 97 light bombers 45 medium bombers on 3 airfields.

Wewak/Hansa Bay:
Two barges sighted off Murik Lagoon March 23rd.

Northwestern Area: Halmahera:
Photographs March 23rd show 23 medium and light bombers 12 Oscars 2 twin engined fighters Galela, 55 dispersal points both runways (1 under construction); Miti airdrome 11 twin engined 2 other fighters, 34 dispersal points; new strip under construction Kace.

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Area, Brisbane, Australia
No : GX10070 25th March 1944.

Dutch New Guinea:
Photographs March 23rd show new strip Bagan (Macoluer Gulf), both runways serviceable Utaron.
Ceram:
Four light bombers 1 twin engined fighter photographed Amahai.
Broome:
Enemy reconnaissance plane over area morning March 24th.
End of Part 1.
Part 2.
Northeastern Area.
Land: Admiralties:

Elements Fifth and Twelfth Cavalry Regiments have surrounded enemy group on high ground 1/2 to 2 miles southwest Papitalai Mission; elements Seventh and Eighth Regiments advanced south Lorengau to within 100 yards Rossum meeting enemy positions prepared in depth; patrols from Lorengau reached Dréua via Salesia Plantation, reached Dréua 15 miles southwest Lorengau; estimated 103% enemy effectiveness remain in area, total 2223 enemy known killed.

New Britain; routine patrols continue.

Astrolabe Bay:
Routine patrols continue.

Naval activities:
Destroys shelled Fitiyulu Island destroyed 3 launches, fuel dump, houses and anti aircraft position; also destroyed fuel dump Enie Plantation on Mussau.

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From: CO, Rear Echelon Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
No.: CM10070 25th March 1944

Air Operations March 23rd:
1. 28 RAAP P40's bombed and strafed bivouacs and trails Butiolo area and barge hideout Lepoi (North Bangula Bay) left buts burning.

Operations March 24th:
2. Night B24 scored direct hit on mine sweep 100 miles north Wewak, caused large explosion, vessel left stationary.
4. Major operations cancelled due weather.

SOPAC Forces: Land:
Enemy guns shelled Torokina area, no damage few wounded.

Air Operations March 23rd:
5. Seven B24's bombed Eshili; 24 B25's, 1 B24 bombed Buka started fires; 14 P38's Kosmialn Point Shortlands, 18 Dauntless hit perimeter gun positions, 6 Avengers bombed and strafed Musuk area.
6. Four night B25's harassed Rabaul, 15 B24's bombed supply area Rewa started fires destroyed 10 buildings; 12 Warhawks raided Kaviapia Bay, fighters strafed shipping same area, 1 Corvair lost.

7. Reconnaissance aircraft bombed Kavieng and Namotanai.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.
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From: CC, Rear Echelon Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia
No : CX10070 25th March 1944.

Weather.

Northwestern monsoon caused increased low and middle
cloud along northern coasts New Guinea and New Britain;
broken middle cloud over northwestern area with conditions
mainly favorable except for low cloud and heavy rain over
Arafura Sea.

Air.

1. 24 500 pound, 2 100 pound instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 2,000 feet; 4800 rounds 50 calibre fired
in strafing by 12 aircraft.

2. Two 1000 pound, 4 500 pound one tenth second
delay demolition bombs dropped from 1700 feet; intense
medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

3. Two 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 8000 feet Alexisafen; 12 500 pound general
purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 4000 feet, 900
rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Sek Island.

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INFO: CC/3
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Admiral King
Field Marshal Dill
General Vandegrift
Log
Colonel Mathewson

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3 DD's bombarded South Central Side Petyillum Island. Demolished all houses. 3 launches and gasoline storage. Destroyed anti aircraft emplacements and sniper hideouts. 3 AK's 3 DD's 1 DE 2 LCT's enroute from Sudest due admiralties tomorrow. MACARTHUR.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINCSPWA
RELEASED BY
DATE 24 MARCH 1944
TOR CONTROL 24125
DECTED BY HUTCHINSON
PARAPHRASED BY STEVENS/GIBSON
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1 AVP ARRIVED LOS NEGROS FROM MILNE BAY. IT IS REPORTED THAT ALL KNOWN RESISTANCE ON LOS NEGROS HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE 1ST BRIGADE. PT'S LANDED SCOUTS ON RAMUTUYO AND NDRONA ISLANDS. AMPLOYING/REPORT LONJu 229732

PT PERSONNEL 3 BOATS MADE 3 SHORE RAIDS CAPTURING MANY VALUABLE DOCUMENTS, SNIPER FIRE. ALL OF THE CRAFT DESTROYED WERE LOADED INDICATING PREPARATIONS TO ESCAPE. MACARTHUR

COM 7TH FLT PASSES FOR CINCSPWA ACTION COWINCH INFO CINCPOAC COM 3RD FLT)

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   Ft Shafter, T.H.
   CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
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   CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
   Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
   CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
   Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

24 March 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department, CG Hawaiian Department,
CG USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC, AMHISGA, ANMEM from
GHQ SWPA CX 10043, signed MacArthur.

Operations report SOWESPA Area Period 1300Z/22nd
to 1300Z/23rd.

Ruins/Vaisi: 50 barges reported by patrol aircraft
east coast Fauro Island.

Nissan Island: Submarine sighted 25 miles east March
21.

New Guinea: Wewak:

20 to 30 bombers and fighters sighted Dagua
morning March 23.

Halmahera: 8 medium freighter transports, 8 small ves-
sels sighted Waville and Galera Bays; 24 medium bombers, 2
fighters on 1 strip Gallela, other unserviceable; 3,000 ton mer-
chant vessel off Mitu Island, 9 twin engined planes, 2 fighters
on strip.

Dutch New Guinea:

Manokwari: 4 small merchant vessels sighted in
area night March 22nd.

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From: G. S. Jones: Far East Area
Brisbane, Australia

Number: CX10043, 24 March 1944

Kaimana:

2 small freighter transports 4 seatruck reported in harbour, small merchant vessel Kokas, seatruck at Pak Pak night March 22nd; new strip under construction 12 miles west Babo, possibly another in same area.

Arce Islands:

Dokabarat strip reported serviceable, Trangan unserviceable.


Land:

Admiralties: Enemy resistance continues Rossun Area; enemy on Los Negros Island completely surrounded.

Saipan: Patrol to Bogadjim Plantation report no contact.

Naval:

Destroyers supported Ground Forces in Admiralties; PT's sank barge south Bogia, strafed coastal installations.

Air:

Operations March 22nd:

(1) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Tumleo Island (off Aitape).
(2) 32 B25's, 30 A20's 79 fighters bombed and strafed targets between Kovak and Aitape (refers Paragraph 8 preceding report), further 2 enemy aircraft destroyed Tadij.
(3) 2 B25's bombed and strafed Yeschan Village, Sepik River.
(4) 8 F47's strafed Alexishafen, and Uligan, strafed single aircraft Kuhia.
(5) 16 F39's bombed enemy positions Bogadjim road, silenced guns.

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From: S. H. Smith
Facility: XX
Brisbane, Australia

Number CX 10043, 24 March 1944

Operations March 23rd:

(6) Reconnaissance B-24's sank small cargo vessel Broken Water Bay, bombed Uligan.

(7) 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed Fondo Point Area, 5 RAAF P-40's strafed Bangula Bay barges and villages.

(8) 27 B-25's bombed Dagua and Kairiru, started fires dump and bivouac areas, destroyed 2 barges; in operations since March 11, 48 heavy anti-aircraft positions have been destroyed in the Wewak Boram area; 3 B-25's bombed Alexishafen.

(9) 44 B-24's 6 B-25's bombed Hansa Bay, silenced 2 gun positions started fires.

Northwestern Area:

(10) 5 B-24's bombed Babo airdrome, cloud obscured results.

SOUPAC Forces:

Land:

Minor contacts Torokina Area, 33 enemy killed.

Naval:

Destroyer bombed gun position Tekessi River.

Air:

Operations March 22nd:

(11) 34 fighter bombers, 22 Avengers bombed and strafed Laruma River supply area, started fires; 12 Avengers bombed Reini River area; 24 Dauntless bombed perimeter gun positions, 3 B-24's bombed Morotai Mission.

(12) 5 B-25's bombed Rabaul airdromes at night; 24 Avengers, 46 Dauntless hit guns and runway Yunankanau started fires, 23 B-25's bombed Lakauli started 2 fires probably aircraft; 10 B-24's bombed Tobera, others hit Kara Edhilli and Buja due weather.

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Erinete, Australia

Number 061043, 24 March 1944

Deep cloud with rain over northern Coral Sea, usual heavy showers over ranges, broken to overcast middle cloud over Bismarck Sea; broken low cloud and rain Arafura Sea.

(1) 2,000 1/10th's second delay bombs dropped from 10,000 feet.
(2) 256 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped, 85,000 rounds 50, 8,200 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing by bombers; 32 300 pound bombs dropped, 9,500 rounds 50 calibre spent by fighters; moderate some accurate anti-aircraft fire all calibres.
(3) 18 100 pound phosphorus bombs dropped from 500 feet, 2,600 rounds 50 calibre expended.
(4) 4,600 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing; slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Ulugan.
(5) 14 500 pound, 1 250 pound demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet, 348 rounds 37mm, 5600 rounds 50 calibre, 500 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing; moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.
(6) 2 1000, 4 500 pound bombs dropped on shipping from 1500 feet; 2 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Ulugan from 13,000 feet, slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.
(7) 400 rounds 30 calibre expended by Beau-fighters; 2,200 rounds 50 calibre spent by P80's.
(8) 127 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 8000 to 5000 feet; moderate to heavy medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; 3 same type bombs dropped Alexishafen.
(9) 335 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12,000 to 10,000 feet by B24's; 25 500 pound bombs dropped by B25's from 3000 feet; moderate heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.
(10) 20 500 pound bombs dropped from 9000 feet; slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Kainana.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/3, CG AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Mathewson, Field Marshal Dill, Gen Vandegrift, Log

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India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

To Chief of Staff War Dept to CO Hawaiian Dept to
CO USAFISPA pass to OCMOPAC to ANMMCA to ANMMCL
signed MacArthur.

Operations report SOWSPAC Area period 1300Z/21 to
1300Z/22.

Bougainville:

Enemy reported still apparently gathering strength
north perimeter March 21st.

New Britain: Rabaul:

Large dump area reported on Talili Bay, many build-
ings on Rabagada Bay.

New Guinea: Hollandia:

Three small freighters sighted in harbor morning
March 22.

Wewak:

Three sea trucks sighted Kairiri, 1 Muschu Island
morning March 21st.

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
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Brisbane, Australia.
No: CM1002
23 March 1944.

Hearst Bay:

Two sea trucks 11 barges sighted midday March 22nd.

Dutch New Guinea:

Two enemy aircraft reported in Kausnau Area and another over Princess Mariaana Strait morning March 22nd.

End of part 1.

Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land. Lorengau:

Stiffened resistance met south Rosson, enemy counter attack south Lombrum Point repulsed enemy pockets being cleared.

Saipan:

Total enemy casualties to March 21st:
219 killed
529 found dead
16 prisoners;

Australian and US patrols active Kaliko area.

Naval Operations:

Destroyers supported Admiralties Ground Forces.

Air Operations March 20th:

(1) Twelve A20's bombed and strafed gun position north Daumoina, bombing excellent.

(2) Fourteen P39's raided bridge north west Daumoina.

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No: CK1002

Operations March 21:

(3) Further 18 B24's, 12 A20's, and B32's, bombed Kairiru Island and Kuruma Plantation, caused fires and large explosions; escorted fighters strafed trucks along coast, barges, and Blup Blup Island, villages Uligan, Hanu Bay and Sepik River.

(4) Two B25's, three A20's, and 10 B32's, bombed and strafed Yesokan Village.

(5) Fifteen P39's, eight A20's, and 15 B32's, raided gun position north of Dauin. One plane scored near misses.

Operations March 22nd:

(6) Two RAF B24's, four B32's, and A20's, bombed and strafed Pando Point. Three barges destroyed.

(7) Thirty-three B24's, six A20's, and P40's, bombed Anti Aircraft positions. 150 planes destroyed 6 guns, destroyed 2 aircraft on Bora Airdrome; 2 other B24's, 2 A20's and 1 B32, hit Condor Point and Alexishafen.

(8) Preliminary Report. B24's, A20's, and P40's, bombed coast between Wewak and Aitape. 41 by 1000 ton, 1 by 500 ton freighter, 7 loggers, and 15 barges, probably destroy additional 8 barges; also bombed and strafed supply dumps and bivouacs, destroyed buildings Aitape; 1 A20 lost.

SOPAC Force. Land:

Ground troops, Aitape Island, report occupation complete, all enemy activity. Minor contacts reported around Torokina perimeter.

Naval:

Destroyers bombarded positions east of New Guinea, August Bay.

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Air. Operations March 21st:

(9) Twenty Dauntless 18 Avengers hit enemy camps and positions on Kiana, hit ammunition dump; 14 P39’s raided Huar Huma, 3 B24’s bombed Morotu Mission.

(10) Twenty two B25’s, 37 Dauntless, 18 Avengers bombed Vunakanau runway and gun positions scored number hits; 24 B25’s, 12 Warhawks, 11 P39’s, 8 P38’s raided Lakulai; hit runway started fires; 2 Venturas bombed Massawa Bay.

Part 3.
Weather.
Mainly favourable in both areas except for low cloud and heavy showers along boundary Banda Arafura Seas and usual evening deterioration northeastern area.

Air:

(1) 15 by 500 lb bombs dropped from minimum altitude 8000 rounds 50 calibre fired.

(2) 14 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 to 500 feet, 155 rounds 37 MM, 3800 rounds 50, 2100 rounds 50 calibre fired in 24 strafing passes at minimum altitude.

(3) 14 by 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by B24’s from 11,000 to 9000 feet, slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 30 by 500 lb four to five second delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude by A20’s; 6900 rounds 50 calibre, 90 rounds 20 MM spent by fighters.

(4) 44 by 100 lb parachute fragmentation bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 7200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

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(5) 15 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 500 feet; 216 rounds 37 mm, 4600 rounds 50, 5800 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing.

(6) 4 by 250 lb general purpose four to five seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 1800 rounds 50 calibre expended in strafing.

(7) 261 by 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 14,600 to 9300 feet Wewak area, 8 dropped Condor Point, 8 Alexishafen.

(8) No details received.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFC: CC/S
CGAAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col. Mathews
Field Marshal Dill
Gen. Vandegrift
Log

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21 March 1944.

To Chief of Staff War Dept to CG Hawaiian Dept to CG USAFISPA pass to CONUSFAC to ANMSEL to ANMISCA C 3178.

Admiralty Islands:

Enemy strength in islands locally estimated at 1,444 March 19.

New Guinea: Hollandia:

Medium freighter reported in harbour morning March 19; 1 medium 1 small merchant vessel sighted 12 miles north west early next morning; 2 freighters 5 barges sighted in harbour morning March 20.

Wewak: Medium freighter sighted in harbour from 20,000 feet morning March 20.

Uligan: 10 barges sighted in harbour March 19.

End of part 1. Part 2.

Northwestern area.

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From: CG, Rear Echelon Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia.
0 3176 21 March 1944.

Lands: Admiralties: Patrols met enemy parties 3 miles southwest Lorengau and 800 yards south Rosun, patrols to west report no contacts; Total 406 enemy killed Lorengau Area 295 bunkers captured; patrol on Los Negros raided Loniu Village destroyed coastal craft huts ammunition and stores. Astrolabe Bay: Destroyers supported Los Negros forces shelled and destroyed ammunition dump near Mataan (south coast).

Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1300Z/19 to 1300Z/20 signed MacArthur.

Air. Operations March 18:
(1) 7 RAAF P40's bombed and strafed villages Hoskins Peninsula, hit and left unserviceable 6 barges.
Operations March 19:
(2) 8 B24's scored direct hits on 6000 ton freighter transport 12 miles northwest Hollandia, caused extensive damage very large oil slick, also scored near miss on escorting gunboat.
(3) 12 RAAF P40's bombed and strafed bivouacs Garove Island, also hit gun position caused large explosion.
(4) Further 21 RAAF Beauforts bombed Fondo Point Area started fires.
(5) 2 RAAF Beaufighters strafed jetties Henry Reid Bay.
(6) Further 12 A20's bombed and strafed Cape Noem, escorting P40's strafed Angoram started fires.
(7) 17 B24's, 11 A20's 9 B25's attacked convoy off Wewak, report incomplete (refers paragraph 5 proceeding report); returning B25's bombed Nubia, Milotat Harbour and Alexishafun.

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Australia
C 3178  21 March 1944.

Operations March 20:
(8) 8 P39's bombed and strafed enemy position
   northeast Guadalcanal.
(9)  B25 bombed enemy position west end Los Negros
   Island.
(10) 4 P40's strafed villages Yalungu Bay.
(11) 38 B24's bombed Tadji Airdrome left strip
   unserviceable destroyed several grounded aircraft started
   fires.
(12) 4 B25's searched Sepik River bombed Yescham
   and Burui Drome.
(13) 8 P38's strafed Awar Plantation.
(14) 8 P39's strafed and sank 2 barges Madang
   Area, started fires inland villages.

SOFPA Forces. Land. Ground Forces landed
Elomusao Island * off Stura Island, Saint Matthias group
(Morning March 20, only slight opposition.

Naval: Battleships bombarded Kavieng for 3 and 
   hours midday March 20 caused large fires and explosions,
   left only few buildings standing.

Air operations March 19:
(15) 21 Dauntless 6 Avengers bombed targets
   around Torokina perimeter; 4 Corsairs strafed 3 barges Feni
   Islands.
(16) 24 Dauntless, 18 Avengers, 33 B25's bombed
   Vunapope supply areas caused fire; 12 Warhawks, P39's
   and 10 P38's raid Tavui Point Area, 6 Dauntless
   hit radar station Cape Saint George; 24 B24's bombed Panapa
   started 5 fires destroyed building.

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From: GO, Near Echelon Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane
Australia
0 3178 21 March 1944 Page-4-

(17) Reconnaissance aircraft bombed Ballale, Choisel Bay, Kavieng and Namatanai.


Weather. Northeastern Area controlled by Diurnal influences causing deep low cloud with heavy showers over land areas during afternoon; Northwestern area mainly favorable except for low cloud and frequent showers across Timor and Northern Arafura Seas.

(1) 3600 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing.

(2) 2 by 1000 pound, 4 by 500 pound demolition bombs dropped from 1700 feet.

(3) 12 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet; 3100 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing; Moderate heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 30 by 500 pound medium capacity, 52 by 250 pound general purpose, 12 by 250 pound rod extension, 144 by 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 9000 to 6300 feet.

(5) 2400 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing.

(6) 37 by 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 9400 rounds 50 calibre expended.

(7) 135 by 1000 pound 1/10 second delay, 21 by 500 pounds 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 12000 feet to minimum altitude; 16000 rounds 50 calibre, 600 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing moderate some accurate anti aircraft fire all calibres.

(8) 16 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 hundred feet; 276 rounds 37 MM, 5100 rounds 50 calibre, 6300 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing.

(9) 4 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs

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0 3178 21 March 1944 Page-5-
dropped from 4000 feet.

(10) 1600 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing.

(11) 297 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9000 to 7000 feet.

(12) 25 by 300 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs, 4700 rounds 50 calibre, 200 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing.

(13) 1200 rounds 50 calibre, 60 rounds 20 NM spent strafing; met *.

* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPE

INFORMATION: 0-2
CG AAF
Gen Vandegrift
Field Marshal Dill
CG/S
Adm King
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21 March, 1944

To Chief of Staff War Dept to OG Hawaiian Dept
to CC UARVSPA pass to ONSOPAC to ABNEEL to ASHIBOA
O 3178.

Insert the following on CM's copy page 3 line 16:

Ground Forces landed Klenasao Island (off Sturma Island,
Saint Matthias group) morning March 20,

Insert the following on page 5 line 7:

(13) 1200 rounds 50 calibre, 60 rounds 20MM spent
strafing; most slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(14) 700 rounds 50 calibre, 71 rounds 37MM expended.

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INFO: CG AAF, 0-2, Adm. King, Col. M. C. (Handwritten)

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To: War Department
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India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

18 March, 1944.

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
CONGEN Hawaiian Department CONGEN USAFISPA pass to CONSO-
PAO AMERICA AMEDEL, C 3045. BOWERSPAO Area Operations Re-
port period 1300Z/16 to 1300Z/17 signed MacArthur.

New Britain: Gasmata: Patrol landed from PT boats
on Gasmata Island March 17th, found nil enemy; mainland
natives reported area evacuated March 15th.

Wabi: 9 barges reported in vicinity by attacking
aircraft March 16th.

New Guinea: Hollandia: 2 medium freighters 5 other
vessels reported on northerly course 70 miles north east
early hours March 18th.

Northwestern Area: Enemy reconnaissance plane re-
ported Wewaku area March 17.

CM-IN-12824 (18 Mar 44)
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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
No. C 3045, 18 March, 1944.

Indian Ocean: Ship reported being shelled by en-
emy raider 780 miles southwest Cocos Island. (End of
Part 1.

Part 2.

Northeastern Area.
Land.

Admiralties: Ground forces on outskirts Lorengau
township, gained foothold east river mouth, also fighting
along road south west airdrome, island artillery and de-
stroyers bombarded enemy positions; Los Negros forces cap-
tured hill mile southwest Papitalai mission 50 enemy kill-
ed.

Gasmata: Patrol from PT boats landed Gasmata Is-
land, no contact.

Talasse: Marine patrols killed 45 enemy Linga
Linga area March 17th.

Naval Operations: PT's sank 3 small 2 large barges
Gasmata area; destroyers shelled Warcabu and Drava vil-
ages south Lorengau.

Air. Enemy action: Unsuccessful attack by 1 air-

craft on PT boats near Cape Beechey night March 15th.

Operations March 15th:

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From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
No: 03046, 18 March, 1944.

(1) 6 RAAF Beauforts bombed Sulu village
(Kimbe Bay) at night, excellent coverage.

(2) Night B24's scored hit on 1, damaging
near misses on second of 3 medium freighter trans-
ports 70 miles north north west Hamboldt Bay, also
strafed vessels.

(3) Further 12 A20's raided Kairiri Island,
destroyed 1 intercepting fighter, escorting fighter
claim 1 additional enemy fighter destroyed.

Operations March 16th:

(4) Night Catalinas strafed 6 beached barges
Muscohu Island, strafed Seleo Island off Tadji.

(5) 4 RAAF Beaufighters strafed 9 barges
Uvamona left 6 burning damaged 2 others, also
strafed plantations in area.

Operations March 17th:

(6) 24 RAAF Beauforts bombed Kalai plantation,
Wide Bay, started fires destroyed jetty, bombing
excellent.

(7) 30 B24's bombed Bovax gun positions sil-
enced fire, caused explosions; 29 A20's 24 B25's
bombed and strafed Cape Moea, caused fires and ex-
plions hit gun emplacements.

CM-IN-12624 (18 Mar 44)
(8) Patrolling B24 bombed Rabia strip.

(9) 9 B25's failed reach Wewak, raided Alexi-
shafen, runways started fires.

SOPAC Operations:

Land: Light enemy attack against north perimeter
March 15th; repulsed; 1325 enemy killed Torokina area since
March 8th.

Naval: Gunboat shelled Mosiiga (south west Bougain-
ville).

Air: Operations March 15th:

(10) 68 Dauntless 6 Avengers bombed gun positions
Sasa River and Mongarei River bridge.

Operations March 16th:

(11) 3 B24's destroyed buildings Moniitau mission,
4 Corsairs strafed 3 barges along south coast; 12 Daunt-
less 6 Avengers hit supply dump Torokina area started fires.

(12) 36 Dauntless 24 Avengers dropped 42 tons of
bombs on Kavieng installations hit 4 large 6 small gun
positions, exploded ammunition dump.

(13) 10 P38's started fires Tavui Point, 11 B25's
hit town area, 11 Warhawks 9 B25's bombed Vunakanau
areas started fires, 13 B24's 12 B25's bombed Vunakanau

CM-IN-12624 (18 Mar 44)
From: Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
No. 0 3045, 18 March, 1944.

Destroyed buildings, 10 B-24's dropped 25 ton bombs Tobarn, 7 P-38's shot down enemy bomber over area, strafed barges.

Part 3.

Weather. Cloud over land areas with associated showers, front reported by aircraft extending Finschhafen to New Britain and northwards; broken to overcast cloud through Timor and Arafura Seas.

Air.

(1) 10 500 lb, 9 250 lb general purpose rod extension fused, 16 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 144 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 6000 to 2000 feet; 2200 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(2) 3 1000, 4 500 lb demolition 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 250 feet and under; intense light accurate anti-aircraft fire from vessels

(3) No details received.

(4) No details received.

(5) 16000 rounds 20MM, 6000 rounds 30 calibre fired by 2 aircraft from 50 feet, no details received other 2.

(6) 40 500 lb medium capacity and 74 250 lb general purpose bombs same rod extension fused, plus 190 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 8000 to 4000 feet; 3500 rounds 30 calibre fired; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(7) 124 1000 lb general purpose, 268 300 lb,
24 250 lb all instantaneouS bombs dropped from 12000
to 9000 feet Bome by B24's; 125 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds
delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 46800 rounds
50 calibre fired by ARO's Cape Moes; moderate heavy and
medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Bome, slight light
accurate, slight heavy and intense medium inaccurate Cape
Moes.

(8) 1 1000 lb, 2 500 lb instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 12000 feet; slight heavy accurate anti-
aircraft fire.

(9) 45 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped
from 200 feet and under; 1100 rounds 30 calibre fired;
slight light anti-aircraft fire reported by 1 aircraft.

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CG AAF
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
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Field Marshal Dill
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16 March, 1944.

From GHQ SWPA C 2954 to Chief of Staff War Department CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to COMSPAC to AMM/SCA and ANN/EL Rabaul. Report of operations SWESPAC Area. 1300Z/14 to 1300Z/15 signed MacArthur.

Photographs March 14 show 2 small cargo ships 216 ft, Targus Simpson Harbor, 3 fighters, 2 dive bombers Lakunai.

New Guinea: Hollandia area: Photographs March 13 show 37 medium bombers, 9 fighters Wakde (70% coverage), 121 bombers, 39 fighters Hollandia (90% coverage); 3000 ton merchant vessel sighted 80 miles North by East Aitape course 60 degrees early morning March 14.

Dutch New Guinea: Babo: Catalina reports new dispersal way and 6 revetments. (End of Part 1)

Part 2.

Northeastern Area.

Land.

CM-IN-11277 (16 Mar 44)
Admiralties: Second Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division landed near Target mission 2242/74, after bombardment by artillery from Honan and Butjo luqo Islands, Naval fire from 4 destroyers and low level attacks from B25's; 1 squadron moved mile and half South to number 1 road turned East, 3th Cavalry Regiment Less 1 Squadron advance East along coast to within half mile of airstrip; 55 enemy killed; 2nd Echoon completed landing.

Talasea: Marine patrol in contact near Fatanga.

Naval: PT destroyed 1 captured 1 barge South shore Manus Island, strafed Cape Croisilles, shelled installations Karkar Island.

Air: Enemy action:

Yalau: 2 aircraft dropped bombs in sea night March 12.

Seidor: Single aircraft bombed early morning March 15, hit fuel dump; same time 2 aircraft bombed dumps, no damage, 1 aircraft shot down.

Operations March 12:

(1) B25's strafed Lorengau.

(2) 11 A20's bombed and strafed Wards village, destroyed huts.
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No. C-954 16 March, 1944.

Operations March 14:
(3) Reconnaissance B24's bombed buildings
Garkar Island.

(4) Night Catalinas strafed 6 barge Bropen Water
Bay, bombed encampments Muschu Island, damaged or
destroyed 15 barge same area.

(5) 12 A20's bombed and strafed Alexishafen
runway caused 2 large fires.

Operations March 15:
(6) 18 B25's bombed and heavily strafed Lugon
Mission (Lorengau) prior landing hit gun position and
entrance; further 18 B25's supported Ground Forces
after landing, hit Tingo village (South Ligos).

(7) 4 P39's strafed villages Open Bay destroyed
2 barges.

(8) 42 B24's bombed gun positions Wewak Area,
scored direct hits caused explosions destroyed build-
ings started fires.

(9) 35 B25's, 24 A20's bombed and strafed nearby
Kairiru Island, demolished houses badly damaged float-
planes ramp destroyed Lugger started number fires;
preliminary report states P38's covering combined
strike shot down 5 and 1 probable of intercepting
fighters.

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No 0 2954, 16 March, 1944.

(10) 5 P39's strafed villages west Nadang.

SOUFAO Forces,

Lani: Only slight enemy artillery activity encountered.

Naval: PT strafed bute Heini River and vicinity Poroporo.

Air: Enemy action: Float plane bombed PT's South West Bougainville night March 12; next night Ventura shot down floatplane over same area.

Operations March 13:

(11) B24 bombed Kahili, B25 bombed Bonis, 4 P38's raided Shortlands.

(12) 22 B25's bombed Rabaul water front started 3 large fires; 12 P39's 4 P38's, 11 Warhawks hit Vunakanu destroying 3 buildings caused fires.

Operations March 14:

(13) 7 P39's, 7 Warhawks strafed barge Kiseta destroyed 2 bridges Nibo River; 34 Avengers 115 Dauntless dropped 145 tons bombs on enemy positions Torokers Area, exploded ammunition dump; 1 B24 bomber Normandie started large fire supply area.

(14) 10 P39's, 12 Warhawks bombed Vunakanu; 23 B24's, 22 B25's dropped 102 tons of explosives.

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Brisbane, Australia
No. 0 2954, 16 March, 1944

along Rabaul water front started 11 large fires hit 50 buildings; 24 Dauntless, 18 Avengers with fighter escort raided shipping hit 16 barges, Kerovia Bay, destroyed 2 Naval guns.

Part 3.

Weather. Favourable in Northeastern Area except for afternoon cloud on ranges; overcast low cloud central Timor Sea, clearing towards north.

Air. (1) 2800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from 100 feet.

(2) 40 500 lb bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 5200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 2 1000 lb .025 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from 8,000 feet.

(4) Insufficient details received.

(5) 42 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 13,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) 154 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 300 feet and under; 58,500 rounds 50, 6,300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) 58 rounds 37 mm, 900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

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(8) 20 2000, 48 1000 lb aerial burst, 20 2000 lb, 154 1000 lb, 40 1000 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,700 feet; moderate to intense medium and heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) 159 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 5000 to 6800 feet by B25's; 127 250 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 500 feet and under, 25,700 rounds 50 calibre fired by B20's; 8170 rounds 20MM, 7100 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat by 2 Squadrons P38's; slight to intense light and medium accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) 95 rounds 37 MM, 1800 rounds 50, 1600 rounds 30 calibre fired.

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operations SOWESPAC Area. 1300Z/13 to 1300Z/14, signed
MacArthur.

New Britain: Natives report total 190 Japanese
to March 14 moving up coast Open Bay to Pondo.

Vitu Islands: PT boats report intense fire from
15 three and four point 7 inch guns P Harbour night March
12.

New Guinea: Tedji: Attacking B24's morning March
14 reported 11 fighters on runway, 10 airborne in vicinity.

Wewak: Catalina reported 15 to 20 barges west
Muschu Island March 13.

Alexishafen: 5 aircraft reported apparently service-able near number 1 runway March 13.

Indian Ocean: Cocos Island. Enemy reconnaissance
bomber reported March 14.

(End Part 1.)

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Part 2.

Northeastern Area.

Land:

Admiralties: Elements 5th Cavalry reached high
ground 800 yards southwest Papitalai slight opposition;
patrols active.

Saidor: Patrols occupied Saga Saga.

Mintjim Valley: Patrol reached point 400 yards
north northwest Daumoina, in contact.

Air Operations:

(1) Delayed report: 10 A20's bombed and strafed
Atemtle and Amolmon villages (west Madang) March 10,
destroyed huts.

Operations March 12:

(2) Further 12 A20's raided Bantu and plantation
caused large explosions hit 4 trucks.

(3) 15 F39's dive bombed and strafed Wards
Village (3 miles south Daumoina) caused heavy
damage.

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Operations March 13:

(4) 8 Catalinas destroyed 4 barges Musau Island, strafed fishing boat Murik Lagoon.

(5) 2 RAAF A20's bombed and strafed Palmalal Plantation.

(6) 26 RAAF Beauforts bombed Kamalaman anchorage area caused fires, bombing excellent, also strafed Outorp Plantation buildings.

(7) Further 10 A20's raided Brandi Plantation.

(8) 10 A20's raided Alexishafen runway, bombing excellent; 1 aircraft lost.

(9) 12 A20's raided Casual village (25 miles west Erima) destroyed huts.

(10) 16 F39's supported ground forces bombed and strafed Saga Saga village (Melanesia Harbour).

Operations March 14:

(11) 17 B24's bombed Tedji, left runway unserviceable destroyed single parked aircraft caused fuel fires.

(12) 22 B24's bombed and silenced number gun positions Boram area, 35 B25's, 36 A20's followed bombed...
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and strafed Brandon plantation started large number
fires destroyed buildings, bombers shot down 8 sure
2 probable of 30 interceptors; 3 B-24's bombed Hanka
Bay, 2 salvaged due mechanical trouble.

Northwestern Area:

(13) Night RAAF Catalina bombed Baco, started
fires.

SOUFAC Forces:

Land:

Enemy attack on north perimeter repulsed 109
killed; Allied attack supported by tanks restored original
lines killed 100 enemy; Allied casualties March 12;

35 dead, 213 wounded.

Air:

Operations March 13:

(14) 95 Avengers, 131 Dauntless carried out
27 raids on perimeter gun positions dropped 123 tons bombs,
report excellent coverage.

(15) 10 B-24's set buildings afire Monotu,
4 P39's bombed Namgata Area.

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(16) 16 Helecats strafed Tobra, 22 B24's started large fuel fires Rabaul town.

(17) Patrolling bombers hit Namatanai, Kavieng, Astara and Bridge Lulula points.

Part 3.

Weather:

Deep cloud with showers over northeastern area land regions during afternoon similar over sea at night; broken to overcast low cloud and showers Timor Sau.

Air:

(1) 25 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 15000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(2) 43 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 14000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 15 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 500 feet; 205 rounds 37mm, 4200 rounds 50, 3400 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(4) No details received.

(5) 8 100 pound, 2 250 pound, 2 500 pound General Purpose 11 seconds tail delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 1400 rounds 50, 500 rounds 30 calibre

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fired in strafing.

(6) 24 500 pound medium capacity, 27 250 pound general purpose, both types rod extension fused, 34 250 pound general purpose instantaneous, 386 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 10000 to 2000 feet.

(7) 38 500 pound bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 12000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(8) 40 100 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped; 17000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense medium and light accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(9) 36 100 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet; 10000 rounds 50 calibre fired; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(10) 11 250 pound, 4 300 pound, 1 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet; 239 37mm, 5700 rounds 50, 5300 rounds 30 calibre fired in 45 strafing passes.

(11) 136 1000 pound 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 9300 feet.

(12) 171 500 pound bombs from to 5 and 6 to 11 seconds delay fused, dropped from minimum altitude, 49700 rounds 50, 8500 rounds 30 calibre fired by B25's; 166 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped, 48400 rounds 50 calibre fired by A20's; 8 2000 pound aerol bursting, 11 2000 pound, 94 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped.

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Bom from 14900 to 10700 feet by B24's, 20 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Hansa Bay; slight to intense medium and heavy accurate and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(13) 6 500 pound instantaneous rod extension fuses, 10 30 pound fragmentation, 10 30 pound incendiary bombs dropped from 7000 feet.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: O-2
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REPORTS INDICATE "PERFECT COOPERATION BETWEEN ARMY NAVY AND AIR". CATALINAS NIGHT 13/14 DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY 4 OF SCORP OF MEDIUM BARGES UISUCHI ISLAND. STRAFED FISHING BOATS OFF WENAK. ECHELON 1AK 7 LST 6DD EN ROUTE
FROM CREVIN DUE LOS NEGROS TOMORROW.
ECHelon 5 LST & DD RETURNED CREVIN FROM
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ment CG Hawaiian Department CG USAFISPA pass to COMMOPAC
AMMIGCA to AMMDEL. Operations report SOWESPAC Area.
1300Z/11 to 1300Z/12 signed MacArthur.

New Britain: Gasmata: natives report skeleton
force at airfield, islands in vicinity clear of enemy.

Admiralty Islands: No enemy reported on Bear Point
(Manus Island).

New Guinea: Wewak: 2 sea trucks reported anchored
off coast midday March 11.

Netherlands East Indies: Soemba: medium merchant
vessel with two escorts, 1 sea truck sighted in area on
Northerly courses March 12, in Waingapoe Harbour 2 small
freighter transports, possible strip on Sawoe Island.

Philippines: 2 battleships 1 heavy cruiser 1 car-
rrier several destroyers sighted heading South West N Luzon
midday March 11.

Part 2.

Northeastern Area: Land. Admiralty Islands: Cavalry
Forces landed on Butjo Luo and Hauwei Islands following
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artillery shelling and Naval bombardment of latter; force routed enemy group holding high ground West Papatuai.

Saidor: Yalau force meeting opposition Kambara River mouth. Air. Enemy action; light raid Saidor night March 11.

Operations March 11:

1. 7 B24's bombed and strafed Lugos mission destroyed buildings.

2. Patrolling B24's bombed gun positions Bunabum and Uligan, buildings at Lorengau; B25 bombed Cape Cunningham, started fires.

3. Night Catalina unsuccessfully bombed shipping Hollandia.

4. 25 RAAF Beauforts bombed Kamalgaman Anchorage and Wunung plantation, Jacquinot Bay, clouds hindered operation.

5. 26 B24's, 19 B25's, 22 A20's bombed and strafed Boram Airdrome (refer paragraph 9 preceding report); 3 B24's failed reach target bombed Bansa Bay, 1 other bombed Alexishafen, P47's escorted.

Operations March 12.

6. 12 B25's bombed and strafed roads Lorengau Area, destroyed huts.
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(7) Patrolling B24 bombed Karkar Island.

(8) 18 B24's 32 A20's, 18 B25's bombed and heavily strafed Boraum anti aircraft guns and supply areas, scored number direct hits, caused fires and explosions. SCUPA0 forces: land; enemy attack in force against Torokina repulsed, large number enemy killed. Naval: PT sank 5 barges 1 boat west Cape Saint George; destroyers shelled Noli Point (Choiseul).

Air Operations March 11:

(9) 57 Avengers, 103 Dauntless patrolled Torokina perimeter bombed enemy positions hit ammunition dump silenced machine guns; 4 B24's bombed Monopo Mission, 8 Corsairs strafed Tippins Harbour, Warhawks raided Nosigotta.

(10) 20 B24's, 24 B25's dropped 105 tons of bombs on Rabaul Town, photographs show 50 buildings destroyed pier damaged large fires; 12 Warhawks attacked fires Vunakanup; 5 Helcats 7 Corsairs strafed small craft Keravia Bay, 6 Avengers destroyed 4 barges same area.

(11) Night patrols bombed Motupena Point, Cape Haplan, Namatanai and Kavieng, scored near misses on small vessel off Warangoi 1 boat left listing, bombed barge Adler Bay.

Part 3.

Weather. Deep cloud masses over coastal and inland areas caused many heavy showers; broken middle level and low cloud with showers over Timor and Arafura Seas.

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Air.  

(1) 208 by 100 lb general purpose bombs dropped from 1400 feet; 11500 rounds 50, 1500 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 2 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 6000 feet Bunabun and Uligan; 2 by 500 lb general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 2000 feet Lorengau; 1 by 1000 lb, 1 by 500 lb instantaneous bombs dropped from 1000 feet Cape Cunningham; intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres Bunabun.

(3) No details.

(4) 22 by 500 lb medium capacity, 20 by 250 lb general purpose bombs all rod extension fused, 50 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 242 by 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 8000 to 5000 feet.

(5) 13½ by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition, 8 by 1000 lb aerial burst, 50 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition, 9 by 500 lb aerial burst, 1A5 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 9000 feet to minimum altitude, 52000 rounds 50 calibre expended strafing; moderate some accurate anti aircraft fire all calibres; 6 by 1000 lb bombs dropped Alexishafen, 18 same type Hansa Bay.

(6) 52 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 200 feet and under; 17800 rounds 50, 1100 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(7) 2 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs

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dropped from 7,400 feet.

(8) 8 by 2000 lb, 10 by 500 lb aerial burst, 80 by 500 lb, 62 by 1000 lb, 32 by 2000 lb instantaneous demolition, 111 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 16,500 feet to minimum altitude; 4 by 2000 lb bombs salvaged; 37,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

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COMGEN Hawaiian Department, COMGEN USAFISPA pass to COMSOPAC
AMNISCA AMMDEL. C-2754. Report of Operations SOWESPAC
Area. 1300Z / 10 to 1300Z / 11 signed MacArthur.

Bougainville: 2 submarines sighted heading west
from Getchyn Bay morning March 11th; 3 barges strafed by
night Catalina 55 miles east Cape Laverdy.

Saint Georges Channel: 2 loaded barges sighted
evening March 10th.

New Guinea: Hollandia: Catalina reports several
ships approximately 20 barges in bay night March 10th; also
2 sea trucks with submarine chaser off Tadji.

Wewak: 20 barges sighted off Muschu Island midnight
March 11th.

Madang: New supplies reported in area by fighter
patrol, roads well used.

Dutch New Guinea: Habire: Strip reported serviceable
with 9 revetments, 2 fighters.

Japen Island: Sea truck sighted off Seroei midday
March 11th. End of part 1.

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Part 2.

Northeastern area. Land. Los Negros: Resistance met on high ground west Papitalai area, engaged by artillery.

Arave: Patrol base established. Move.

Talasea: Nil contact reported.

Naval: PT's ran enemy patrol boat aground Garove Island, shelled and left craft heavily damaged; destroyer shelled enemy gun positions Hauvei Island.

Air: Operations March 10th:

1. Patrolling B24's bombed Eankar Island destroyed buildings and huts, B25 bombed gun position Jacquinot Bay.

2. Night Catalinas strafed patrol boat off Cape Orford, strafed 4 barges Rondahf Harbour, destroyed 1 fuel barge, badly damaged 2 others Cape Jacquinot, scored damaging near miss on sea truck bombed and silenced gun positions Hollandia Bay.

3. 9 RAAF Beauforts bombed dump areas Gasmata, 17 others attacked Gavuu Village, bombing excellent.

4. 8 RAAF Beaufighters 2 A20's on New Britain searches sank 1, left another troop laden barge sinking 20 miles north Cape Hollman, strafed Ubal Village, attacked barges off Lanaga and Tarobi, strafed Pusabopn Harbour.

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5. Searching B25 strafed 2 luggers near mouth Sepik River.

6. 2 P39's strafed 5 trucks, buildings and stacks of supplies Madang.

Operations March 11th:

7. 12 B25's bombed and strafed Lorengau area, destroyed bridge and huts, started small fire.

8. 5 RAAF Beaufighters bombed and strafed villages and trails south shore Stettin Bay, 2 RAAF A20's raided Nano plantation (Cape Beschey).

9. Preliminary report:

   Escorted B24's, B25's, A20's bombed and strafed Boram airdrome, hit runway dispersal and supply areas, destroyed number aircraft on ground, silenced gun positions and started numerous fires throughout area; of large number enemy fighters intercepting, 26 were shot down, 6 others probably; our losses, 1 bomber, 1 fighter; aircraft failing reach target bombed Hansa Bay.

10. 4 P47's strafed warehouse Hanam Island and beached boat Bagabag Island, damaged both.

SOUTPAC forces. Land: Brief enemy shelling of Torokina Airfield morning March 10th.

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Naval Operations: 2 destroyers shelled enemy positions around Frobakina perimeter March 10th.

Air. Operations March 9th:
11. 22 P-40's, 21 P-39's bombed Rabaul Wharf area, 4 Helcats strafed barge Wide Bay.

Operations March 10th:

13. 22 New Zealand Warhawks, P-39's bombed Vunapope started fires, 19 B-24's dropped 76 tons bombs Rabaul Town started large fires fuel dump seaplane base, 6 Avengers sank large barge and 2 schooners Keravia Bay, also damaged pier and 2 barges.


Far 3. Weather. Mainly favourable in northeastern area except for usual afternoon deterioration; much low cloud with frequent heavy showers through Timor Sea and southern and eastern Arafura Sea.
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Air.
1. 2 by 1,000 lb general purpose, 4 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped by B24's from 8,000 to 5,000 feet; 2 by 500 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped by B25 from 8,000 feet.

2. No details received.

3. 12 by 500 lb medium capacity, 20 by 250 lb general purpose bombs some rod extension fused, 24 by 40 lb, 56 by 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 11,500 feet Gasmata; 6 by 500 lb semi armour piercing .025 seconds delay, 54 by 250 lb instantaneous general purpose, 215 by 20 lb fragmentation bombs dropped from 7,000 to 3,500 feet Oevuvu Village where slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

4. 9 by 250 lb general purpose bombs 1 to 5 seconds delay dropped from 700 feet, 3,950 rounds 20 MM, 1,500 rounds 50 calibre, 9,000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

5. 3,200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

6. 27 rounds 37 MM, 1,700 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

7. 15 by 500 lb bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay, 30 same type 8 to 11 seconds delay reported dropped by 12 B25's from minimum altitude; 11,500 rounds 50 calibre, 700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by 6 B25's, no details other 6 aircraft.

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8. 6 by 250 lb general purpose bombs 1 second tail delay dropped from 700 feet and under, 1,900 rounds 20 mm, 5,900 rounds 30 calibre fired by Beaufighters in strafing from 50 feet; 4 by 500 lb, 4 by 250 lb general purpose bombs 11 seconds delay dropped from 500 to 50 feet, 1200 rounds 50 calibre, 1,700 rounds 30 calibre fired by A 20's.

9. Insufficient details received.

10. 1,600 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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CATALINAS NIGHT 9TH/10TH DAMAGED 2 BARGES OFF RONDAHL HARBOR. PROBABLY SANK 1 2040 TON AO WITH 16000 POUND BOMB FORCED 1 SMALL AKS TO BEACH NEAR HOLANDIA. SAME AREA STRAFED BARGES FORCED TUGBOAT TO BEACH AND SANK LIFEBOATS FROM TUG. ECHELON 6 LST 12 LGI 1 AK 7 DD'S DUE SOUTHEST TONIGHT FROM ADMIRALTIES. ECHELON 6 LST 2 DD'S LEAVES SOUTHEST TONIGHT DUE LOS NECROS MARCH 13TH.

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report of operations signed MacArthur. 02670.

New Britain: Small merchant vessel sighted anchored
off Cape Hoskins Peninsula midday March 8; track along
western shore of peninsula reported to show signs recent
heavy use.

Gaamata: 3 barges reported westbound, 3 eastbound
off Lindenhaven night March 8.

New Guinea: Rumboldt Bay: 3 small merchant vessels
2 sea trucks sighted night March 8 by Catalina.

Wewak Area: 3 small vessels sighted heading north
east from Tadji midday March 8; 7 planes Tadji revetment
area in afternoon. Possible 2500 foot strip 10 miles
southeast.

Karkar Island: 3 floatplanes reported taking off
north east coast afternoon March 9.

Admiralty Islands: Mokerang Plantation northern
end Los Negros reported clear of enemy March 8.

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SOWESPAC Area, Northeastern Area. Land. Los Negros: Only occasional enemy fire, enemy dumps and anti aircraft guns captured, mopping up continues; LST's entered Seeadler Harbour, no opposition.

Areave: Coastal patrols reached point 27 miles east Moewe, nil contact.

Talasea: Marines occupied Talasea town, airstrip and Waru Village, patrols active.

Saidor: Yalau patrols advanced through Bau Plantation, only slight opposition.

Naval operations: FT's sank small cargo vessel off Lindenfahen night March 7; next night fired 75 MM shells into Madang, sank 3 large troop laden barges damaged 4th off Cape Holman (Willatudes Peninsula).

Air. Enemy action: 3 aircraft raided Saidor night March 8, little damage, few casualties, ground fire destroyed 1 bomber. 1 aircraft strafed area south of Momote strip.

Operations:

(1) 3 B24's bombed coastal guns on islands Seeadler Harbour March 7.

Operations March 8:

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(2) 4 B24's bombed Bear Point (East end Manus Island), 1 other bombed Hauwei Island.

(3) 6 B24's bombed Ndrilo Island, 5 others bombed Pityulu Island (Seeadler Harbour) caused large explosion in probable ammunition dump, destroyed buildings, areas also strafed.

(4) 4 B25's bombed and strafed Lorengau Township, bombing excellent.

(5) 6 B25's searched north and west coast Manus Island, strafed villages blew up warehouse Kali Plantation.

(6) Patrolling B25 bombed strafed and left burning barge west Ubili.

(7) Night Catalina sank 2 barges Lindenhafen, scored near miss and left beached 2000 ton vessel Humboldt Bay, bombed barracks on Muschu Island, scored hit on small freighter 15 miles east Tadji, vessel left abandoned and sinking.

(8) 8 RAAF F40's supported Ground Forces bombed and strafed Waru Village (Talasea) during morning.

(9) Patrolling B25's strafed barge Pulldocorn Plantation and buildings Cape Dampier, 2 RAAF A20's bombed and strafed Ubai and Tarobi Villages Commodore Bay.

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(Tenu) Further 21 A20's & B25's turned back by weather from strike on Dagua, 12 B24's dropped bombs through cloud over target due interception; P47's and P40's escorted (Refer paragraphs 7 and 9 preceding report).

(11) 2 P39's strafed Amele mission.
(12) 12 A20's, 16 P39's bombed and heavily strafed Atembele Village (Ramu Valley west Madang) destroyed huts.

Operations March 9:
(13) 6 B25's bombed and strafed Bear Point, Madus Island, bombing excellent; 5 other B25's bombed and strafed Lorengau and Lugos mission, destroyed buildings.
(14) Reconnaissance B24 bombed Karkar Island destroyed buildings, also strafed.
(15) RAAP A20's strafed and left burning fuel laden barge east Waterfall Bay.
(16) 8 RAAP Beauforts bombed Cape Hoskins Dump Area started fire, 6 other Beauforts bombed Gasmata Dumps.

SOUPAC Forces. Land: Enemy artillery fired intermittently on March 8, caused damage to aircraft on Piva Airdrome.

Air operations March 8:
(17) 78 Dauntless, 40 Avengers attacked enemy gun
positions upper Torokina River, report good coverage, 8 Dauntless bombed Bivouac Area Sana River, F39's silenced gun position east Torokina River and raided Reini Area, Corsairs strafed mouth Jaba River; 9 F38's bombed Buka runway.


(19) Patrolling aircraft bombed the Puria-Mosiga Area, Cape Saint George Radar Station and Poporang.

Part 3.

Weather. Deep cloud over ranges in afternoon and evening and over sea at night in northeastern Area, also considerable low cloud Bismark Sea and New Britain; broken middle level cloud over Timor and Arafura Sea, scattered showers at night.

(1) 16 1000 pound general purpose bombs dropped from 5,600 feet by 2 aircraft.

(2) 6 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Haueri Island, 24 same type dropped Bear Point from 8000 feet.

(3) 20 1000 pound 8 to 11 second delay, 6 1000 pound general purpose instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Haururiu Island from 5000 to 200 feet; 4 1000 pound 8 to 11 second delay bombs salvoed; 300 rounds 30, 3500 rounds 50 calibre fired; 36 by 1000 pound general purpose bombs, 12 by 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 8000 feet Hdrilo Island, 5,800 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing.
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(4) 20 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 7700 rounds 50 calibre, 700 rounds 30 calibre fired.

(5) 5 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 100 feet, 25 others returned; 19000 rounds 50, 2500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(6) 2 500 pound, 1 1000 pound bombs dropped from 6000 feet, 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude.

(7) No details round fired, met slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire from shore guns Lindenhausen, 25 fragmentation bombs dropped Muschau Island; 500 pound bomb dropped on freighter.

(8) 16 100 pound bombs dropped from 600 feet, un-stated number of rounds spent strafing.

(9) 300 rounds 50 calibre fired by B25's; 5 250 round general purpose bombs dropped, 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired by A20's.

(10) 40 1000 pound .025 seconds delay, 30 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 12000 feet; 11900 rounds 50 calibre fired in interception.

(11) 200 rounds 50, 28 rounds 37MM fired from minimum altitude, encountered machine gun fire.

(12) 32 500 pound 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 8900 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by A20's; 15 500 pound instantaneous demolition

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bombs dropped from 500 feet, 4000 rounds 30, 4200 rounds 50, 167 rounds 37MM fired by P39's.

(13) 30 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped Bear Point from minimum altitude, 10,800 round 50 calibre fired in strafing; 25 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 12,100 rounds 50 calibre, 4500 rounds 30 calibre spent in strafing.

(14) 2 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 6000 feet, 1000 rounds 50 calibre expended.

(15) 500 rounds 50 calibre fired from 50 feet.

(16) 34 250 pound general purpose, 132 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Roskims; 13 250 pound general purpose .025 seconds delay, 11 250 pound instantaneous rod extension, 144 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped Gasmata from 7700 feet, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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ECHOLN OF 6 LST'S 6 DD'S 1 AK 12 LCI'S ENTERED SEADLER HARBOR YESTERDAY WITHOUT OPPOSITION NOW RETURNING DUE SOUTHEST LATE TOMORROW. 1 AGP 15 PT'S ARRIVED HYANE FROM DREGER HARBOR. 4 DD'S CONTINUE IN ADMIRALTIES AS CLOSE SUPPORT GROUP. PRESUMED LOST IN PT 337 REPORTED PREVIOUSLY WERE 3 ENSIGNS 9 ENLISTED. PT'S NIGHT 7/8 SANK SMALL AK NEAR LINDENHAFEN WITH GUNFIRE AFTER 4 MISSED TORPEDOES. NIGHT 8/9 BOMBARDED MADANG CAPE JUNO ALEXIS-HAFEN WITH 75 MW EXPERIMENTAL MOUNTS. NO RESULTS OBSERVED. OTHERS SANK 3 BARGES DAMAGED 1 ALL LOADED WITH PERSONNEL OFF CAPE HOLLMAN. CATALINAS NIGHT 8/9 SANK 2 STRAFED 3 BARGES AND 1 FISHING VESSEL OFF LINDENHAFEN. FORCED 2 SEATRUCKS TO BEACH NEAR HOLLANDIA. DROPPED
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FRAG BOMBS IN BARRACKS AREA MUSCHAU ISLAND. OTHER WITH 500 POUNDER BOMBED SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT EAST OF TAJUL. SHIP ABANDONED. 2 LCT’S DAMAGED BY SHRAPNEL AT SAILOR. 3 MEN WOUNDED.

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Bougainville: Indications reported March 7th of enemy attack developing in Torokina Area.

New Ireland: Kavieng: 13 single engined planes signed by reconnaissance aircraft morning March 8th.

New Britain: Rabaul: 21 fighters photographed Tobera, 6 at Lakunai morning March 7th.

Jacquinton Bay: Natives report concentrations of Japanese in vicinity.

Cape Hoskins: 8 barges reported along west shore, Commodore Bay March 7th.

New Guinea: 3 sea trucks towing barges reported heading down coast near Hollandia night March 7th.

Northwestern Area: 2 large unidentified vessels sighted heading south through Lombok Strait early morning March 6th.

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Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land:

Los Negros: Artillery shelled enemy positions Papitalai Area night March 7th; next morning Allied minesweepers and destroyers cleared Beadler Harbour, LCV's landed Lombrum Point, by 04002/8th 2nd Squadron 7th Cavalry reported area occupied.

Telasea: Marines reached Bitokara, east shore Willaumez Peninsula, night March 7th; Allied casualties 13 killed, 80 wounded, 75 enemy killed.

Naval Operations: PT's strafed and sank lugger in Hansa Bay and barge John Albert Harbour (Garove Island).

Air.

Northeastern Area.

Operations March 7th:

11 RAAF Beauforts bombed Telasea and Waru Villages, started fires.

2 P-39's strafed 8 barges Cape Hoskins Area.

6 B-24's bombed Boram Airdrome at night caused large fires and explosions.

Operations March 8th:

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(4) 2 B-25’s strafed gun positions Lombrum Point (Les Negros) at direction of ground forces.

(5) 2 P-39’s strafed barge Bangula Bay, strafed Kumersaki (Talasea) in support of Marines.

(6) 2 P-38’s on fighter sweep strafed and left lugger burning Aitape Area, 1 P-38 lost.

(7) 18 B-25’s to attack Dagua; target cloud covered, 1 aircraft bombed Kronprinz Harbour, 1 Aitape, rest returned; 23 A-20’s on same mission also returned due weather.

(8) Single A-20 search strafed villages, trucks and 5 barges Uligan Harbour Area.

(9) Preliminary report: 13 B-24’s to attack Dagua turned back by weather, bombed Nubia/Avar Airdromes, destroyed bridge; of approximately 40 enemy fighters intercepting over Wewak 17 were destroyed and 10 others were probably destroyed; 1 B-24 lost.

(10) 36 RAAF Vengeances, 12 P-40’s bombed and strafed Rampi Village Area, destroyed buildings, cloud hindered operation.

(11) 2 P-39’s strafed cattle herd Matupi Plantation, supplies and lugger Madang and 2 trucks Erima Area.

Northwestern Area.

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(12) 5 RAAP Beaufighters bombed and strafed targets Saumlaki Waterfront, damaged huts.

(13) 4 Catalinas bombed Bebca starting number fires, also bombed Kaimana and Timoeke.

SOPAC Force. Land:

Enemy artillery shelled Piya Airdrome, damaged aircraft on ground, Allied return fire silenced some enemy positions.

Naval: Destroyers bombarded enemy positions east Torokina River.

Air:

Operations March 7th:

(11) P-39's strafed Jaba River Area, bivouacs south Marirei River and Piano Mission, started fires; P-38's strafed Koromira Mission (south Kietta); 6 Avengers and 12 Dauntless raided Sua/ Meini Area and Marirei River Bivouacs; 2 B-24's bombed Monoitu Mission.

(15) B-24 heckled Rabaul at night; 47 Dauntless, 24 Avengers raided Lakurai, caused large fires, scored number hits on gun positions, damaged bomber on ground, destroyed 4 others, also destroyed floatplane off Motupi; 24 B-25's bombed Tobera, started fires, escorting fighters strafed tug off Prasad Point; 12 Warhawks bombed Rabaul town causing large explosion; Corsairs strafed 18 barges and 8
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small craft north Rabaul; 3 Avengers attacked
Rabaul shipping, sank 1, left other sinking, of
5 small vessels Malaguna Area.

(16) 24 B-24's bombed Panapaz Airdrome, left run-
way unserviceable, started fires, destroyed 1
grounded aircraft.

Part 3.

Weather. Low cloud and heavy rain over Bismark Sea
covering New Guinea Coast, Admiralties and to north, else-
where mainly favourable; broken cloud and scattered showers
over Timor Arafura Seas deteriorating at night.

Air.

(1) 54 bombs unstated size dropped from 6000 feet.

(2) No details.

(3) 38 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 9000 feet, 400 rounds 50 calibre fired;
intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire encoun-
tered.

(4) 1200 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from
minimum altitude.

(5) 200 rounds 50 calibre, 28 rounds 37 MM fired
from minimum altitude.

(6) No details rounds fired; encountered small

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arms fire from lugger.

(7) 6 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped Kronprinz, 2 same type on Aitape.

(8) 1600 rounds 50,700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; intense light and medium fairly accurate anti aircraft fire Uligan.

(9) 112 by 1000 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 9600 feet; 21200 rounds 50, 500 rounds 30 calibre fired during interception; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Wewak, slight heavy some accurate Hansa Bay.

(10) 77 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition rod extension fused bombs dropped from 1000 feet; 4700 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing; slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) 1000 rounds 50, 33 rounds 37 MM fired from minimum altitude.

(12) 8 by 250 lb general purpose 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude, 3900 rounds 30 calibre, 1800 rounds 20 MM fired.

(13) 6 by 500 lb, 6 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous rod extension fused bombs, 40 by 20 lb fragmentation, 20 by 30 lb incendiary bombs dropped Bado; 2 by 500 lb, 6 by 250 lb bombs, 10 by 20 lb fragmentation bombs, 10 by 30 lb incendiaries dropped Kaimana, same Timoeka; moderate
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pass to COMSOPAC, AMMISCA and AMDELS 0 2596. SOWSPAC Area
Report of Operations. 1300Z/6 to 1300Z/7 signed MacArthur.

Rabaul: Photographs Tobera March 6th show 23
fighters, runway serviceable; in Simpsons Harbour 2 small
freighters 260 barges.

New Guinea:

Hollanda: Medium freighter transport reported by
reconnaissance aircraft off Vanimo night March 4th.

Hansa Bay: 2 small vessels, 10 barges sighted in
area March 6th.

Rai Coast: Patrols by Western Saidor Force report
nil enemy contacts between Mindiri and Kumisanger.

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Part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land:

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Los Negros Island: Allied Forces captured Papitalai Mission, meeting resistance; total 1231 enemy killed to date, many others not counted.

Arave: Patrol reached Rein Bay.

Nalasea: Marines meeting resistance, encountering artillery fire, 55 enemy killed.

Saidor: Patrols from Yalau reached Mindiri and Cape.

Naval Operations: Cruisers and destroyers bombarded enemy gun positions Seeadler Harbour March 7th.

Air

Enemy action: 4 fighters strafed Guap Airdrome March 4th, no damage. Enemy aircraft dropped 8 bombs Homote Area evening March 7th, few casualties, nil damage.

Operations:

1. 2 patrolling P-47's caught and left damaged bomber on ground Dagau March 4th; further 2 B-24's bombed But Airdrome same day.

Operations March 5th:


3. 2 patrolling B-24's bombed and pos-

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sibly damed small freighter transport
27 miles west Hollandia.

(4) 11 B-20's bombed and strafed Yalau Plantation prior landing silenced gun fire.

Operations March 6th:

(5) Patrolling B-25's bombed Malpas Plantation, Wide Bay.

(6) 2 P-70's strafed 3 beached barges Cape Hoskins.

(7) 11 P-39's bombed and strafed Bivouac Area Aiyau (Mintjim Valley); 2 others strafed trucks Rempi Plantation.

Operations March 7th:

(8) 6 B-24's bombed enemy installations Ndrilo Island (Seeadler Harbour); adverse weather reported.

(9) Patrolling B-24 bombed Dogowar River Area, Narkan Island.

SOUFAC Forces:

Naval Operations: PT's destroyed 4 barges Feni Islands.

Air:

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Enemy action: Floatplane unsuccessfully bombed PT's off southern Bougainville night March 6th.

Operations March 6th:

(10) 16 P-39's bombed and strafed Momoit Mission and Mibo Area, 8 Dauntless raided east Duma River, 3 P-39's bombed and strafed Bosexual Plantation, 4 P-39's attacked Al lang Village (Shortlands).

(11) B-24 harassed Rabaul, 14 Corsairs damaged 8 barges Massawa Bay and lugger south Watom; 48 Dauntless, 24 Avengers bomber Lakoumi, escorting fighters strafed barge Watom Island; 24 B-25's bombed Tobera, started 6 fires revetment areas, (3 possibly aircraft), escorting Corsairs strafed 2 barges north Vunakan and barges Rapopo.

(12) 21 B-24's bombed Kavieng, hit runway revetments and town area, set long pier on fire; 3 B-24's bombed Panapai.

(13) Patrolling aircraft bombed Jaba Area, targets in Shortlands, sank barge north Cape Lambert, hit floating crane Funiatia River.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

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     Weather.

Unsettled conditions over Solomon Sea, considerable
development low cloud with showers over Bismark Sea and
along northern coasts New Britain and New Guinea; broken to
overcast low cloud and rain areas over Arafura and Timor
Seas, tropical cyclone further west.

Air.

(1) No details received P-47’s; 29 by
1000 pound general purpose bombs dropped
from 146000 feet but moderate medium and
heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) 96 by 1000 pound general purpose
instantaneous demolition bombs dropped
from 2800 feet; 13800 rounds 50, 200
rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 2 by 1000 pound, 4 by 500 pound bombs
dropped from 2000 feet; intense light
accurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) 12 by 500 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs
dropped from minimum altitude; 8000 rounds
50 calibre fired; slight light inaccurate
anti aircraft fire.

(5) 1 by 500 pound, 1 by 1000 pound 4 to
5 seconds delay bombs dropped from 5000
feet.

(6) 900 rounds 50 calibre fired.

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(7) 11 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1000 to 500 feet in dive bombing attack, 199 rounds 37 MM, 3800 rounds 50, 2900 rounds 30 calibre fired in 22 strafing passes by P-39's Aiyau; 3 rounds 37 MM, 900 rounds 50 calibre fired Rempi Plantation.

(8) Reported as 13 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition dropped from 4200 to 2500 feet; 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(9) 2 by 100 pound 1/10 second delay bombs dropped.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Vandegrift
Sir John Dill
CC/S Capt Royal USN
Adm King
Col Mathewson
Log

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Ft Shafter
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Chungking

7 March, 1944

3 submarines sighted to north during March 5.

Rabaul: Fighter Bleep Report 16 single engine planes Lakumai, nil other aircraft sighted from 8000 feet March 5.

New Guinea: Wewak: Medium freighter transport 3 escort vessels reported by Catalina heading south 40 miles north west night March 5; 4 fighters Airborne, 8 seen taking off Dagua.

Sepik River: 30 barges report Yutia River (40 miles south east Wewak) by B-24 morning March 4.


Land: Los Negros: Allied Forces crossed Skidway reached Salam Plantation Landing beach, formed beach head

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and sank enemy barge attempting to land; airdrome force
moved west captured Furiaka Village; artillery and Naval
vessels supported attacks; Allied total casualties 103
killed, 444 wounded; 1,179 enemy killed.

Talasea: 1st Battalion 5th Marines reinforced with
medium tanks and amphibious tractors landed against light
opposition Volupai Plantation morning March 6.

Arawe: Patrons reached Amgoring (28 miles east
Arawe).

Saidor: Yalau Plantation force engaged in patrolling,
no contact.

Naval operations: Destroyer shelled and silenced
24 inch guns entrance Seeadler Bay morning March 5. PT's
sank 2 Luggers Angela Bay (Bogla) destroyed fuel and ammuni-
tion dump.

Air operations March 4:

(1) 2 P-38's strafed enemy positions north of Yana
Harbor, 1 P-38 lost on return.
(2) 3 night P-70's strafed and damaged schooner and
10 beached barges Cape Hoskins.
(3) Further 14 B-24's bombed. But airdrome causing
explosions and fires; 17 escorting P-47's destroyed 1 enemy

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7 March, 1944

Fighter Weyak Area and 2 others south Bogadjim.

(4) 12 A-20's bombed and strafed Cape Rigney destroyed huts.

(5) Late report: 9 P-39's divebombed and strafed enemy headquarters Aiyau rpt Biau March 3 started fires hit huts.

(6) 6 B-24's bombed personnel area west Salami Plantation, Los Negros Island.

(7) Night Catalinas sank 2, heavily damaged 5 other large barges off Cape Hoskins.

(8) 10 RAAF Beauforts bombed Gasmata area 9 bombed Hoskins Airdrome, 7 bombed Gauvu Village, all bombing excellent.

(9) 3 P-47's engaged and shot down 3 enemy bombers and 1 fighter Dagua; 1 P-47 lost.

(10) 4 night B-24's harassed Nubia - Avar Area started small fires; 1 aircraft missing.

(11) 2 P-39's strafed and damaged 2 motor vehicles Mugin Harbor 1 truck Erima, hit dump area northwest Erima.

(12) 13 P-39's bombed and strafed Mabelebu Village (Minijim Valley).

Operations March 6.

(13) 17 B-25's bombed and strafed in support of ground troops Papitalai and Salami Plantation Los Negros Island.

(14) 9 RAAF Beauforts bombed Talasea, 8 others bombed Hoskins Runway.

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(15) 13 B-24’s bombed Avar and Rubia Airdromes, hit runways; escorting P-40s strafed barges Bogia and Hatafeldt Harbours

Northwestern Area:

(16) 7 Dutch B-25’s bombed Tegal, started small fires, 1 B-25 missing.

SOFIPAC Forces: Naval operations:

Destroyers bombarded targets southern Bougainville.

Air operations March 5:

(17) 118 Dauntless, 72 Avengers dropped 111 tons of bombs on enemy positions North Kuraio Mission, bivouacs West Fork Torokina River and supply dumps North Torokina Fork Area; 12 Dauntless bombed enemy concentration Reini River, 3 B-24’s bombed Nawanaka Area, P-38’s hit bivouacs Bien Plantation, 16 P-39’s bombed and strafed Monoiwu Area; 1 P-39 lost.

(18) Might B-24 harassed Rabaul, 22 B-25’s, 9 B-24’s bombed Townships started large fires wharf areas, 13 B-24’s bombed Tofolus destroyed 5 aircraft on ground; 1 B-24 lost; 11 P-38’s bombed and started large fire Borpop Airdrome.

(19) 6 Avengers 8 Corsairs attacked and left beached 2 small cargo vessels Ragaga Bay, damaged 2 barges Rabira Bay.

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(20) Night Catalinas bombed barges northwest Uka,
Moila Point Area and Poporang; Venturas sank 1 damaged
another barge Ataliklikum Bay. End of part 2.

Part 3. Air.

(1) 3000 rounds 50 calibre and 20 MM fired from
minimum altitude.
(2) 1000 rounds 50 calibre fired from 800 feet.
(3) 112 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 15,000 feet; moderate medium and heavy
inaccurate antiaircraft fire; 3200 rounds 50 calibre fired
by fighters.
(4) 37 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay, 10,000
rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.
(5) 11 by 500 pound instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 1,500 feet; 150 rounds 37 MM, 4000 rounds 50,
6,700 rounds 30 calibre expended strafing.
(6) 58 by 1000 pound general purpose bombs dropped
from 3,000 feet; 2000 rounds 50 calibre spent strafing.
(7) No details.
(8) 4 by 500 pound medium case, 14 by 500 pound,
26 by 250 pound general purpose bombs dropped from 10,000
feet Gasmata, met moderate, medium and heavy inaccurate
anti aircraft fire; 18 by 500 pound, 34 by 250 pound semi
armour piercing .025 seconds delay dropped Hoskins from
11,500 feet; 14 by 500 pounds, 28 by 250 pound bombs dropped
Gavuvu from 9,000 feet.

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(9) No details.
(10) 40 by 100 pounds instantaneous demolition, 480
by 20 pound fragmentation bombs dropped from 5,000 feet;
slight medium and heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.
(11) 450 rounds 50, 56 rounds 37 MM fired in strafing.
(12) 10 by 500 pounds instantaneous demolition bombs
dropped from 2,000 feet, 155 rounds 37 MM, 3,600 rounds 50,
3,300 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing.
(13) 78 by 500 pound 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs
dropped from minimum altitude, 22,000 rounds 50 calibre,
1,100 rounds 30 calibre spent strafing.
(14) 12 by 500 pounds, 18 by 250 pounds general
purpose, 24 by 250 pound rod extension fuse bombs dropped
from 5,400 feet salases; 16 by 500 pound .025 seconds delay,
32 by 250 pounds general purpose bombs dropped Hoskins from
12,000 feet.
(15) 104 by 1000 pounds instantaneous demolition
bombs dropped from 8,000 feet, moderate heavy some accurate
anti aircraft fire.
(16) 28 by 500 pound demolition bombs dropped from
9,000 to 6,000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft
fire from Langgoer.

Weather.
Thick weather conditions over southern Bismark Sea and
Northern Solomons Sea including Vitiaz Straits; thick weather

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7 March, 1944

Java to Timor and over Timor Sea, cloudy weather and showers
Arafura Sea.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:
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Field Marshal Dill
Gen Vandegrift
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SECURITY CONTROL

From: GHQ Rear Echelon SWPA
To: War
No: C2555 7th March 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C2555.

It is impossible at this time to give a categoric answer to your 49:9 of the 6th. The Admiralties are the scene of sharp fighting and the enemy reaction can not be definitely and completely foreseen. I intend to eventually secure control of the entire group but the date of such operation is indeterminate. Potentialities for airfields can not be ascertained until this is accomplished and reconnaissance of airdrome sites completed. Our local knowledge along such lines is still very limited. However we have initiated engineering reconnaissances and are studying every possibility for locating airfields in the Admiralties in the hope of developing heavy bomber fields. These are acutely needed to support operations to the west by broadening the base from the Arafura Sea to the Admiralties thereby relieving the existing congestion on our fields in New Guinea. This was actually the basic factor which caused me to risk their early capture. The Momote airfield will shortly be ready for fighters and transports but it is not contemplated to use the field for other operational purposes. Its top soil is friable and much work including matting cover is necessary to keep it in operation.

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CRUISER GROUP RESUMED NORTHERN COVER POSITION ADMIRALTIES.
CLOSE SUPPORT GROUP 4 DD'S STANDING OFF HYANE.
ECHLON 5 LST'S 4 DD'S ARIVED HYANE FROM CRETIN. ECHLON
9 DD'S 3 APD'S RETURNED CRETIN FROM HYANE. ECHLON OF
2 LST'S 2 SC'S 1 DD RETURNED CRETIN FROM SAILOR. 7 PT'S
NIGHT 4/5 COVERED SMALL ARMY LANDING AT POMFERN BAY
REST OF SAILOR BOMBARDING THE BEACH WITH ROCKETS AND
CUNIFIRE. RECEIVED RETURN FIRE FROM 3" GUNS BUT NO
CASUALTIES. OTHER PT SAME NIGHT SANK 2 BARCES NORTH OF
ALEXISHAVEN.

MACARTHUR.
OPD 381 (Sec) SWPA (6 Mar 44)
Strategy & Policy Group, W. E. T.,
Operations Division, WDGS

March 6, 1944

CINC SWPA BRISBANE AUSTRALIA

Number 4919

To MacArthur signed Marshall

The following information desired for planning purposes: Estimate of the number, characteristics, capacities and earliest possible dates heavy bomber airfields could be made available for operations in area now occupied, or expected to be occupied in the Admiralties.

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From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department
COMGEN Hawaiian Department COMGEN USAPIPA pass to COMSOPAC
CG AMHIBOA CO AMHIBEL. C2497, signed MacArthur.

SOMESPAC Area report of operations period 1300Z/4
to 1300Z/5.

New Britain:
2 submarines sighted off Cape Gazelle March 4.

Ubilil:
Approximately 500 enemy troops reported arrived in area during week; 7 landing barges sighted off Cape Hoskins
night March 5.

Gasmata:
4 barges sighted heading east off Baronga Island
evening March 4.

Admiralty Islands:
Enemy forces involved estimated 3 battalions several
machine gun companies and light tanks; large number enemy
reported Salami plantation.

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Northwestern Area:

3 unidentified aircraft reported Bilanden River area
(Dutch New Guinea) March 5, 1 floatplane sighted over
Arafura Sea 125 miles north west Cape Wessel, enemy plane
indicated off Derby.

End of part 1, part 2.

Northeastern Area. Land. Los Negros Island:

Enemy launched unsuccessful attack on south
perimeter March 5, during late afternoon our forces estab-
lished bridgehead north of native Skidway.

Saidor:

First Battalion 126th Infantry completed unopposed
landing Yalau Plantation (29 miles west Saidor); patrols
proceeded Bibi, nil contacts.

Naval operations:

PT's covered landing Pommern Bay, bombarded beach
with gunfire and rockets; PT's sank 2 large barges Garum
point (Bunabun Area) night March 3.

Air. Operations March 3:

(1) Reconnaissance B25 shot down enemy bomber north
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Manam Island.

(2) 17 B24's failing reach Los Negros, bombed runway and dump areas Alexisafen.
Operations March 4:

(3) 10 RAAF Beauforts bombed Cape Hoskins runway, bombing fair.

(4) 16 RAAF Beauforts bombed Talasea strip and hospital point, cloud obscured results, 1 aircraft bombed dump areas Anwel River.
Operations March 5:

(5) 17 B25's bombed and strafed enemy positions Salami Plantation.

(6) 2 squadrons A20's, 7 squadrons B24's to attack enemy positions north Rarson Harbour. All turned back by weather except 1 B24 which found target under low clouds; 2 B24's lost.

(7) 23 RAAF Vengeances 8 P40's bombed and strafed Alexishafen airstrip area, further damaged unserviceable runway; 1 aircraft missing.

(8) 12 A20's to attack Yalau Plantation prior landing, 8 failed locate target due weather, 4 bombed and strafed area.

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(9) Same time 4 B25's bombed and heavily strafed Cape Rigney; 3 raided Dumum village; 1 B25 missing; RAAF P40's covered.

SOUTH PAC Forces. Air. Operations March 4:

(10) 12 Avengers, 10 Dauntless bombed and strafed enemy concentrations Sava River area and Jaba pillboxes; 12 F39's raided Monica silenced guns; 3 P38's silenced guns Kieta Area, 4 P40's strafed Malial (Shortlands).

(11) Night Catalinas, Venturas, Dauntless and B24's dropped 105 tons of bombs and heavily strafed embarkation points on Choiseul.

(12) Night B24 harassed Rabaul, 26 Avengers, 48 Dauntless bombed and scored number direct hits on gun positions east Rabaul; 23 B25's, 23 B24's, 12 P38's bombed Rabaul township started large fires on waterfront.

(13) Corsaires strafed barges north shore Gazella Peninsula, Avengers and Corsaires sank 2 small cargo vessels Ragaga Bay and bombed targets Rabaul Area; Venturas raided houses Ataliklikun Bay strafed targets along New Ireland Coast.


Broken to overcast deep low cloud over northern Solomons sea with heavy showers, frontal zone across

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narrow Bismarck Sea; mainly overcast with showers Arafura Sea.

Air.

(1) 2000 rounds 50 calibre fired in combat at 1000 feet.

(2) 5\% by 1000 lb instantaneous, 18 by 1000 lb 1/10th second delay, 320 by 100 lb white phosphorous bombs dropped from 9000 feet.

(3) 1\% by 500 lb medium capacity, 24 by 250 lb general purpose instantaneous, 19 by 250 lb semi armour piercing .025 seconds delay bombs dropped from 9500 feet.

(4) 13 by 500 lb medium capacity instantaneous, 2 by 250 lb general purpose rod extension fuse, 36 by 250 lb .025 seconds delay, 18 by 500 lb semi armour piercing .025 seconds delay bombs dropped from 5000 to 3000 feet Talasea, 2 by 250 lb instantaneous bombs dropped Anwek River.

(5) 82 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 100 feet; 33000 rounds 50, 4000 rounds 30 calibre fired.

(6) 7 by 1000 lb bombs dropped from 3000 feet.

(7) 45 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 1500 feet, 9500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by Vengeances; 8 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs CM-IN-3943 (6 Mar 44)

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dropped, 2200 rounds 50 calibre fired by P40’s; slight light inaccuracy mortor type, moderate medium Bofors type anti aircraft fire.

(8) 13 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from minimum altitude; 4800 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(9) 23 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay, 36 by 100 lb white phosphorus bombs dropped from 500 feet to minimum altitude; 11,600 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 caliber fired.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Adm King
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4 DD'S CLOSE SUPPORT GROUP ADMIRALITIES BOMBARDED ENEMY GUN POSITIONS AT THE ENTRANCE TO LORENGAU HARBOR DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY AND DURING THE NIGHT BOMBARDED ENEMY FORCES ATTACKING OUR GROUND TROOPS. DD'S PATROLLING NORTHWEST OF LOS NEGROS ATTACKED BY 4 ARTILERY. NO DAMAGE. ECHELON OF 6 LST'S 2 DD

GREITIN

2 DD'S RETURNED FROM HYANE, ECHELON 2 DD 3 APD ARRIVED HYANE FROM GREITIN. ECHELON 5 LST 5 DD

LEAVING GREITIN DUE HYANE EARLY MARCH 6. ECHELON 3 LST 3 DD RETURNED SUDWEST FROM GLoucester.

CATALINAS ON NIGHT PATROL SILENCED RIFLE FIRE WITH FRAG BOMBS NEAR CAPE ENTRANCE NEAR HANOVER, MACARTHUR

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ECHELON 6 LST'S 3 DD'S FROM HYANE SOMewhat DELAYED DUE
SUDEST EARLY TOMORROW, 1 CA 2 CL'S 4 DD'S PROCEEDING
TO COVERING POSITION NORTH OF ADMIRALTIES, 6 DD'S STAND-UP
OFF HYANE AS CLOSE SUPPORT AND FOR BOMBARDMENT AS
MAY BE REQUIRED, SPECIAL GLOUCESTER ECHELON 3 LST'S
3 DD'S RETURNING DUE SUDEST TOMORROW, PT SILENCED
MACHINE GUN FIRE AT BANAP IN MADANG AREA, ECHELON OF
9 DD'S 3 APD'S DEPARTED SUDEST WITH REINFORCEMENTS DUE
HYANE TOMORROW MORNING.

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AFTER LEAVING FURTHER UNITS U.S. CAVALRY AND USN SEABEES, ECHELON 6 LST, 3 DD, RETURNING FROM HYANE DYE SUDEST LATE TOMORROW. COUTN OF DEAD NOW 3 USN, 2 WOUNDED 4 USN 2 USN. CATS BOMBED BUT MISSED 5 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS OFF WENAK.

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2 March 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, Commanding General USAPAC pass to CONGENSOPAC, AMHSCA, AMHSCB C2356. Report of operations SOWESOPAC area period 1300Z/29th to 1300Z/1st signed MacArthur.

Wewak: 5 ship convoy including escort vessels sighted 40 miles North course varying 20/270 degrees north February 29th.

Hansabay area: 3000 feet strip observed in good condition and recently used cut in Kunai grass near Wasamb 14 miles South Hibisc. Another strip with single fighter thereon reported Malas Point (15 miles Northwest Cape Croisilles)

Bogadja area: possibly 10/20 barges observed, 5 more Erina March 1st.


Part 2. NE Area: Land.
Admiralty Islands: enemy force attack on Allied perimeter 1700/29 repulsed, 60 enemy killed, Allied losses light; no further change in situation, nil enemy aircraft sighted; Bl7's dropped supplies.

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Arawe: Third Battalion 158th Infantry landed 3 miles
      East Pulie River unopposed; patrol from Arawe reached point
      14 miles South Hein Bay.

Air, Operations February 28th:
(1) further 6 B25's, 7 B24's bombed Los Negros Island.
(2) 2 Reconnaissance B24's bombed Karkar Island and
      Madang townships.
(3) 2 Patrolling P38's caught and destroyed enemy
      bomber landing Wewak airdrome, also strafed 2 loaded trucks
      and barge Hansa Bay.
(4) 4 P39's searched coast Astrolabe Bay strafed
      enemy troops and Modilon Plantation.

Operations February 29th:
(5) 2 P39's strafed Gagat Island, 8 P47's strafed
      2 barges, bridges and guns in Alexishafen Area.
(6) P38's, 39's, 47's, covered Admiralty Island
      operation.
(7) 12 A20's bombed and strafed Kriete Plantation
      area left jetty and motor vehicle burning, started 6 fires.

Operations March 1st:
(8) 37 B24's, 24 B25's dropped 170 tons of bombs on
      supply and bivouac areas Hansa Bay caused huge fires and
      explosions, some from fuel dumps, destroyed jetty.

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(9) 12 RAAF Vengeances, 12 P40's bombed and strafed
Alexishafen airdromes and villages in area.
(10) 9 RAAF Vengeances, 2 P39's bombed and strafed
targets Madang Area, 1 P39 lost.

SOUPAC Forces: Naval operations: surface unit
bombed Namatamai started fires, silenced shore batteries,
also shelled Borpop and Cape Saint George.

Air Operations February 29th:

(11) 16 Corsairs, 12 Warhawks, 4 P39's searched
Bougainville strafed barge Tonoai, destroyed 2 others and
damaged a 3rd along the South coast, strafed and killed num-
ber troops Fauro Island, damaged barges Feni Islands, destroy-
ed truck and damaged float plane Faisi; 90 Dauntless, 45
Avengers supporting ground forces dropped 76 tons bombs on
enemy positions Express August Bay.

(12) 23 B25's, 12 P38's bombed Rabaul town, started
large fires wharf area, 3 P38's bombed Duke of York Island;
major strikes cancelled due weather.

(13) Corsairs and Hellocats on barge sweeps Saint
Georges Channel strafed troop laden barge off Halis Planta-
tion killed 30, damaged another barge same area, fired barge
Cape Budgen, hit coastal shipping Waterfall Bay.

(14) patrolling Venturas bombed Buka area, Camp
Adler Bay, strafed trucks and bridge Warangoi River, hit
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radar station Ever Bay, bombed and strafed Elizabeth Bay.

Part 3. Weather. Broken to overcast middle cloud over Bismark Sea and North coast New Guinea; fresh North-westerly monsoon weather caused night deterioration; Northwestern area mainly favourable.

Air:
(1) 30 by 500 pound demolition 8 to 11 seconds delay bombs dropped from 100 feet; 9,500 rounds 50, 300 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by B25's; 72 by 500 pound general purpose instantaneous, 40 by 100 pound phosphorous bombs, 12 by 30 pound fragmentation clusters dropped from 4000 feet, 1000 rounds 50, 900 rounds 30 calibre fired by B24's slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
(2) 4 by 500 pound general purpose instantaneous bombs dropped from 7000 feet, 500 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing Karkar Island; 4 by 500 same type bombs dropped from 5000 feet Madang.
(3) No details received.
(4) Ammunition fired unknown.
(5) Five rounds 37M, 400 rounds 50 calibre fired from minimum altitude Gragat, no details received F47's.
(6) Nil report.
(7) 48 by 300 pound bombs dropped from 1000 feet, 20,000 rounds 50 calibre fired; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(8) 276 by 1000 pound instantaneous demolition bombs, 40 by 120 pound fragmentation clusters dropped from 15,000 to 9000 feet, 8 instantaneous bombs jettisoned by B24's; 120 by 500 instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 10,000 to 5,000 feet by B25's; moderate to intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(9) 22 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay bombs dropped from 2,000 feet, 4,800 rounds 30 calibre fired by Vengeance; 10,000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing by P40's; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) 16 by 500 lb 1/10th second delay demolition bombs dropped from 1000 feet, no details rounds fired by Vengeance; 200 rounds 50 calibre fired by P39's; slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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SOWESPA Area. 1300Z/28 to 1300Z/29 signed MacArthur.

Bougainville: 11 to 16 barges reported northbound off south west coast night February 28th.

Rabaul: 300 foot cargo vessel seen approaching harbour morning February 28th.

New Ireland: Cargo vessel sighted stationary off coast 30 miles north west Namotanai midday February 29th.

New Guinea: Hollandia: 5 ship convoy reported heading up coast east of Hollandia night February 28th.

Wewak: 3 Destroyers or Corvettes sighted heading south east 50 miles north by east midday February 29th.

Hansa Bay: 5 planes sighted Nubia airdrome, 4 on AWAR strip, serviceability doubtful midday February 28th.

End of part 1.

Part 2: Northeastern Area.

Land. Admiralty Islands: 2nd Squadron 5 Cavalry
Regiment reinforced landed, after Naval bombardment, southern
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-edge Hyane Harbour 2115Z/28 to carry out reconnaissance in
force: meeting only slight opposition moved inland captured
remote runway and dispersal areas; patrols operated west
toward Oria and to south west met no resistance, patrol to
north in contact with enemy force near native skidway,
artillery silenced enemy gun north skidway; our losses 1
dead 8 wounded; nil enemy counter attack or air reaction
February 29th.

Air
Operations February 28th:
(1) Further 23 A20's bombed and strafed stores
and buildings Hansa Bay.

Operations February 29th:
(2) 23 B25's supporting ground forces bombed
and strafed Lou and Pak Islands off Los Negros
destroyed buildings.

(3) 2 composite squadrons B24's to attack
Hollandia pre dawn: 8 aircraft bombed target through
cloud, 5 falling locate target bombed Tadjji, air-
drome in Wewak Area and Hansa Bay.

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(4) 17 B24's bombed airstroes and gun positions
Hansa Bay, started fires left runways unserviceable;
RAAP P40's escorted.

(5) 34 RAAP Vengeance, 13 P40's bombed and
strafed personnel and supply areas Madang.

(6) 2 P40's strafed targets north Bogadjim,
causced explosions in dump Erima, strafed trucks.

Northwestern Area:

(7) 2 RAAP Beaufighters strafed shipping Roti
Island (Koepang), destroyed coastal vessel damaged 3
luggers 4 barges.

SOUPAC Forces. Naval Operations: PT's sank 1
damaged 7 other barges off Furiata River.

Air. Enemy action: Enemy floatplane unsuccess-
fully attacked PT's south west Bougainville.

Operations February 28th:

(8) Night Catalina bombed and strafed 3 south-
bound barges Altara, 12 P39's raided Monoitu Mission,
light bombers hit enemy positions upper Sua River.

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(9) New Zealand aircraft scored 6 direct hits to radar station Alder Bay, Corsairs strafed barges Wide Bay and dive bombed Fondo Point; 48 Dauntless 24 Avengers dropped 48 tons bombs on Vanapope buildings starting fires.

(10) 22 B25's, 11 B24's, 12 P38's bombed Rabaul town through cloud; 6 B25's bombed Rapopo destroyed Medium Bomber on ground.


Part 3. Weather. Broken middle cloud over northern section of north east area with heavy development low cloud along north coast New Guinea; broken deep low cloud brought frequent showers Timor and Arafura Sea.

Air.

(1) 68 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bombs dropped; 20100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing; moderate to intense accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

(2) 92 by 500 lb 8 to 11 seconds delay demolition bomb dropped from 150 feet and under;
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20,500 rounds 50 and 1500 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing.

(3) 106 by 100 lb instantaneous demolition bombs, 80 by 100 lb fragmentation, 18 by 500 lb incendiary clusters dropped from 10,000 feet Hollandia 10 by 100 lb fragmentation clusters dropped from 10,500 feet Tadjit; 74 by 100 lb instantaneous bombs, 40 fragmentation, 12 by 500 lb incendiary clusters dropped Wewak area; 30 fragmentation clusters Hansa Bay from 8000 feet; 80 bombs jettisoned in sea.

(4) 24 instantaneous, 48.035 seconds tail delay, 64 one tenth second delay 1000 lb bomb dropped from 10,500 feet; slight to intense medium and heavy accurate and inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 46 by 500 lb instantaneous demolition bombs dropped from 1500 feet by 22 Vengeances, 10,000 rounds 30 calibre fired by 34 aircraft; 3 by 200 lb one tenth delay bombs dropped from 8000 to 2000 feet, 5 others dropped safe, 9000 rounds 30 calibre fired in strafing by P40's.

(6) 1100 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing from minimum altitude.

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(7) No details received.

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