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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 31, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

An enemy force of approximately 300 officers and men armed with rifles and bayonets counter-attacked our positions at the head of Chichagof Valley at dawn May 29. This force penetrated one battalion of infantry and attacked a second battalion and rear regimental command post. Elements of the enemy continue to work their way through and cut our communication wires at the head of Sarana Valley. A reserve force subsequently mopped-up enemy units which had penetrated this area and total enemy casualties are reported as 270 known dead. Only scattered snipers remain from this thrust.

At 0530 W May 30, another counter-attack was attempted by enemy troops against our right flank S. of Lake Cories. An additional 50 Japs were reported killed and hand to hand fighting continues.

The afternoon of May 30, our troops were reorganizing for the advance down Chichagof Valley.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the afternoon of May 29, a B-24 unsuccessfully bombed and strafed a DD and possible CL off Empress Augusta Bay (SW Bougainville).

(B) New Britain

On May 29, a B-17 on reconnaissance bombed and strafed loaded barges along the NW coast of New Britain and 4 were set afire.

Single Catalinas strafed Cape Gloucester airdrome the nights of May 28-29. Two enemy planes in the dispersal area were damaged.

(C) New Guinea

A B-24 on reconnaissance May 29, bombed and strafed enemy shipping in the Hansa Bay area (between Wewak and Madang). Two near misses left one vessel smoking. Four enemy fighters attempted interception, of which two were shot down. This same plane strafed villages along the New Guinea coast from Saidor to Finschhafen while a B-17 dropped eight 500-lb. bombs on the wharf area at Alexishafen.

The same day, four B-17's bombed the town and dock area at Madang starting fires.

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(D) N.E.I.

Allied planes carried out extensive offensive reconnaissance over Dutch New Guinea and enemy-held islands. 1-2 Allied planes attacked Timika, Nabire, and Bebo in Dutch New Guinea, and Mamlea airdrome (N. Boeroe Island), and enemy shipping off the S. coast of Boeroe Island, Penfoei and Dilli airdromes (Timor), Eima (Soembawa Island), Damar Island, Waingapoe (Soemba Island), and Rambang airdrome (Lombok Island). Three grounded enemy planes and small shipping were damaged and fires were started among installations at many of these places.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific area has reported sinking two 6,000-ton AK's and 1 3,000-ton AK by torpedoes, and six smaller vessels by gunfire. Total tonnage sunk amounted to 16,475-tons.

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(3) Australia

On May 28, Japanese Naval Activities
attacked Millingimbi. Summary as of 0800, May 30, 1943.
suffered and only light material damage was sustained. Seven Mitsubishi attacked
the enemy force and destroyed three bombers. No fatalities were lost.

I. Northwestern Pacific

U. S. air operations have been suspended because of adverse
weather.

Our forces continue attacks against isolated enemy positions on
the N. and E. slopes on the SE tip of the fishhook-shaped ridge on Attu.

Our right flank in the Chichagof Valley was pierced by a strong
enemy counter-attack on May 29, but our reserves have destroyed the enemy ex-
cept for small sniper groups.

Enemy pockets in the area W. of Sarana Pass are being liquidated.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Eight TBF's bombed Munda May 28. Adverse weather forced the
abandonment of a large mission to contact enemy shipping in the Kolombangara
area.

A B-24 on reconnaissance sighted three enemy AK's and two DD's in
the Kahili area, May 28.

(B) New Ireland

Photographic reconnaissance May 28, reported two 1,500-ton Japan-
ese merchant vessels, one submarine chaser and one coaster 20 miles off East Cape,
heading toward the Solomons. Photographs show a new 50x1,400 yard landing strip
under construction at Somo (SE New Ireland).

(C) New Britain

Allied heavy bombers attacked Talasea (N. coast of Central New
Britain) and destroyed a jetty on Garua Island in the Vitu Group, May 28.

(D) New Guinea

Four B-24's and six B-17's bombed enemy airfields at Wewak, Borneo
and Dagua, May 28. Sangar Village (55 miles SE of Wewak) was also strafed.

Six A-20's were scheduled to attack Salamaua May 28, but only one
plane reached the target area and bombed a supply dump at Kela Point.

An enemy convoy of 4 medium merchant vessels, one DD and a gunboat
was sighted May 28 about 90 miles NW of Hanks Bay on a 160 degree course.

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(S) Australia

On May 28, eight Japanese medium bombers with six Zero fighters attacked Millingimbi Aerodrome (250 miles E. of Darwin). No casualties were suffered and only light material damage was inflicted. Seven Spitfires engaged the enemy force and destroyed three bombers. Two Spitfires were lost.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, May 29, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the late afternoon of May 27, and the morning of May 28, our forces in the Chichagof area, Attu pushed to the highest point of a steep slope on the fishhook-shaped ridge and reduced a strong enemy position.

An assault was carried out on enemy positions on the ridges at the E. end of the fishhook extending to Chichagof Valley. This attack was only partially successful and enemy resistance continues on these slopes.

Our northern troops are covering the ridges E. of the E. arm of Holtz Bay to prevent enemy troops from infiltrating toward Holtz Bay.

Our planes assisted these operations on May 27 but no attacks were made during the morning of May 28, because of bad weather conditions.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

A force of 8 P-40's and 8 P-39's bombed Munda May 28, starting one fire. Weather conditions were unfavorable and no other details were reported.

(B) New Britain

Photographs of Rabaul Harbor, May 27, reveal a total of 36 vessels, including 1 CL, 5 DD's, 5 SS's, and 25 AP/AK's of approximately 118,000 tons.

Incomplete coverage of Vunakanau and Lakunai airdromes showed 122 fighters and 68 bombers. There were 11 floatplanes and 1 flying boat in the harbor.

(C) New Guinea

During the morning of May 26, 5 B-25's bombed and strafed Madang airdrome and town. A radio station and the enemy headquarters building were reported hit. The same planes strafed villages in the Saidor area on the return trip.

At the same time, a force of 24 enemy bombers, covered by 7 fighters, attacked our positions at Morobe, Membere and Douglas Harbor. *One man*

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was killed and damage was reported as light.

The morning of the next day, a coordinated attack force of 9 B-24's, 15 B-25's and 8 Beaufighters bombed and strafed the airdrome, installations and barge hideouts in the Lee area. Direct hits were scored on 2 grounded aircraft and other large explosions and fires were observed in the area. A/A fire was encountered and 1 Beaufighter was lost.

A B-24 on reconnaissance bombed Pischhafen and Seidor with unobserved results.

Photographs taken May 27, of Wewak, Boream and Dagua airfields reveal a total of 79 enemy planes.

The morning of May 28, an enemy convoy of 3 5,000-ton AK's, 2 DD's, and 1 smaller vessel was sighted at a point approximately 75 miles NE of Wewak. The ships were heading SE.

(D) N. E. I.

At noon, May 27, a Hudson bombed Timika and the evening of the same day 3 Hudsons and a B-25 bombed the airfield at Langgoer (Kai Islands). No details were reported.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 28, 1945.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Combined units of our Northern and Southern forces at Attu advanced slowly along the ridge W. of Chichagof Valley during the night of May 26-27, and the following morning. Several important gains were made on the fishhook shaped ridge after artillery and mortar fire were concentrated on the enemy strong points. Much hand to hand fighting with bayonets, grenades, and rifle butts was necessary to gain these positions.

The right flank of our Southern forces in Chichagof Valley are moving slowly forward on a line about 400-yards S. of Lake Cories, while strong patrols are operating to the S. shore of the lake and along the high ground E. of the lake to a point which commands the position between the two lakes.

In the area between Chichagof and Cape Khlebnikof, our scouts reported only scattered evidence of the enemy except for one strong point on the crest of the high ridge E. of the center of Lake Cories.

On May 26, a total of 9 B-24's, 11 B-25's, and 12 P-38's in 5 attacks dropped over 30-tons of bombs on enemy positions in the Chichagof area. 3 attack missions consisting of 9 B-25's and 16 P-40's scored hits on the main camp area, Gertrude Cove, North Head, and the runway at Kiska. 2 unidentified floatplanes were reported over Amohitka the same afternoon, but this report has not been confirmed and our fighters were not able to intercept the planes. On May 27, the area between the 2 lakes in Chichagof Valley, was bombed and strafed by our attack planes, and 4 P-40's bombed the main camp at Kiska.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-17 on reconnaissance strafed the coastal area NW of Arawa May 26.

At 1020 K May 27, 1 of our reconnaissance planes sighted an enemy convoy of 6 5,000-ton AK's and 2 PC's at a point approximately 90 miles SW of Kavieng and heading toward Rabaul.

(B) New Guinea

The Morobe area was attacked by enemy planes during the early morning of May 24, and 16 bombs were dropped but all were reported to have fallen in the sea, and no damage resulted.

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During the morning of May 26, 4 B-24's bombed the airdrome at Madang with unobserved results. At the same time, 8 Beaufighters strafed an island S. of Madang.

Enemy positions in the Mubo area were bombed and strafed by 5 A-20's the same day.

(C) N.B.I.

Langgoer airfield (Kai Islands) was bombed by 1 B-25 causing explosions and fires. 3 other B-25's set out on the same mission but returned because of bad weather.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 27, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 25, a coordinated attack of our Northern and Southern forces along the ridge W. of Chichagof Valley, gained a foothold on the fish-hook-shaped ridge approximately 2 miles S. of Attu Village. The main force of the enemy is believed to be firmly entrenched in this area.

The right flank of our Southern forces is opposed by the enemy dug in W. and S. of Lake Cories, and between Lake Cories and Lake Canirca.

A total of 12 B-24's, 12 B-25's, and 14 P-38's bombed and strafed enemy positions and 1 of our surface vessels bombarded shore installations throughout the day with the result that all buildings in the Chichagof area have been destroyed.

The same day, 16 P-40's attacked the Kiska main camp and Little Kiska scoring hits on enemy installations.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

Single Allied bombers attacked barges off Talasea and Cape Gloucester airdrome during the late afternoon and evening of May 24, and the following morning a Catalina strafed buildings and enemy positions in the Gasmata area.

(B) New Guinea

Kainantu (90 miles NW of Lae), was bombed by 8 Japanese planes May 24, and the following day, the emergency landing field at Chimbu (approximately 75 miles SW of Madang) was strafed by 6 twin-engined planes. There were emergency landing fields at both these places prior to the outbreak of the war.

During the night of May 23-24, 1 of our PT's sighted an enemy SS in Huon Gulf (approximately 30 miles E. of Salamaua), but the SS escaped.

Buildings at Finschhafen were strafed by a Catalina during the night of May 24, and the following noon, 1 B-24 bombed Madang. Results were not reported.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 26, 1945.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 24, a strong enemy pocket on the ridge to the W. of Chichagof Valley was reduced. The left flank of our Southern Forces joined by elements of our Northern Forces, moved to the high ground on the ridge while other forces cleared the area within 400-yards of Lake Cories. Strong patrols operated throughout the day in an effort to seek out enemy weak points.

A total of 8 B-24's, 11 B-25's, and 4 P-38's in five flights attacked enemy positions and dropped demolition bombs on designated locations and thoroughly strafed enemy installations and trenches. Fires were started in the Chichagof area where little activity was noted. No A/A fire was encountered, but 2 Allied planes crashed when returning to base.

U. S. reinforcements are moving in and heavy air support is planned for May 25.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

12 SBD's, 1 TBF, and 8 F4F's escorted by an additional 24 F4F's attacked the Rekata area at 0945 L May 25. 12 1,000 and 1 2,000-lb. bombs were dropped and the area was thoroughly strafed causing large fires and explosions in the ammunition dump area. All Allied planes returned safely to their base.

Ten minutes later a force of 19 SBD's and 20 F4F's bombed and strafed wharves and barge anchorages at Ringi Cove (just W. of Vila).

(B) New Britain

Vunakanau, Lakunai, and Rapopo airdromes and the seaplane base at Rabaul were bombed during the early morning of May 24 by 6 B-17's and 5 B-24's. Over 16-tons of bombs were dropped at these targets causing large explosions and fires. 1 B-24 and 1 B-17 crashed on the return trip, but the crew of the latter is safe.

The afternoon of the same day, 7 B-25's dropped 35 500-lb. bombs on the runway and dispersal areas at Gasmata, but details were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

Buildings at Finschhafen and villages in the vicinity were bombed 3 times by single Allied reconnaissance planes May 23-24. Results were not reported.

Before dawn May 24, direct hits were scored on the wrecked ship off Lae by A-20's causing explosions and fires.

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Port Moresby was attacked at approximately the same time by 2 enemy bombers but no damage resulted.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 26, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 23, and during the night of May 23-24, enemy troops were cleared from the Sarana Valley and the nose of the ridge at the right of the Chichagof-Sarana Pass, while our patrols advanced to the S. shore of Lake Cories in the Chichagof Valley. Other slight advances were made along the ridges on both sides of Chichagof Valley but our Northern Force has not yet captured the Holtz Bay-Chichagof Pass.

The main force of the enemy has occupied the high ground S. of Chichagof Harbor and apparently intends to make a last stand in that area. Another stronghold of enemy resistance remains on the ridge to the NW of Chichagof Harbor about 1,200-yards NW of the head of the bay.

Additional details of the enemy air attacks on the afternoon of May 23 have been received. 6 P-38's intercepted the enemy formation of 16 bombers at about 10,000-feet. 4 bombers were definitely shot down in flames and a 5th was completely out of control. 7 other enemy bombers were probably destroyed as they were smoking and apparently out of control when last observed, and only 4 planes departed in formation. Neither our shipping or ground troops were attacked as the enemy jettisoned their bombs when our planes opened fire.

A Japanese communique claims that these air attacks sank 1 U.S. DD and seriously damaged another DD and a CL. They also claim that a Japanese SS in the same area seriously damaged a BB and a cruiser and slightly damaged 2 other warships.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of May 23-24, Kahili airdrome and the coastline from Buin to Tonolei Harbor were heavily bombed for an hour by 14 B-17's and other B-24's. At the same time, 5 other B-24's hit the runways at Kahili and Ballale with 500-lb. bombs. An AK off Ballale was attacked with unobserved results.

The same night, a force of 10 B-17's carrying 1,000-lb. bombs was broken up by bad weather and the planes sought out various targets. Kahili and Ballale airdromes, Shortland Harbor area, Munda and Rekata were reported hit.

3 enemy planes raided our base at Guadalcanal the same night. 1 man was injured, but no other damage resulted.

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(B) New Hebrides

1 enemy plane was over Espiritu Santa during the night of May 23-24, but no damage resulted, as bombs fell in the water.

(C) New Britain-New Ireland

The Rabaul-Lae shuttle SS's were sighted on schedule off Cape Orford. The southbound SS passed at 0720 K May 23, and the northbound at 1500 K. This service has been in operation almost daily since the Bismarck Sea Battle, and the enemy vessels are reported sighted off Cape Orford at approximately the same time each day.

Before dawn May 23, 4 B-17's and 1 B-24 bombed the airdrome at Kavieng and scored 1 near miss on a medium AK in the harbor. Results were not observed.

The same day, single heavy bombers bombed or strafed Ubili, Arawe, Gasmata, and Cape Gloucester.

Shortly after noon, Gasmata was again hit by 4 B-24's. Interception was attempted by 10 enemy fighters, 2 of which were shot down.

(D) New Guinea

4 Beaufighters and 5 A-20's attacked enemy installations and small coastal craft in the Salamaua area May 23. Finschhafen was bombed that night by a Catalina. Results were not reported.

(E) N.E.I.

The evening of May 23, Dilli and Penfoei airdromes were each bombed by 2 B-25's, and the next night B-25's again hit Penfoei. Results were not observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0600, May 24, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the late afternoon and evening of May 22, patrols of the Southern Force were mopping up the few remaining enemy pockets in the Sarana Valley, thus confining all enemy resistance with the exception of snipers to the Chicagof area.

During the night the left flank of our Southern Force met both M/G and probably AA fire in a drive along the W. ridge of Chicagof Valley and at the same time some progress was reported by our troops along the high ridge E. of Chicagof Valley.

A second enemy air raid was made at 1555 W. May 23 by 16 twin engined bombers which attacked our ground forces. 6 P-38's intercepted this force and shot down at least 5 enemy bombers. 1 P-38 was destroyed but the pilot is safe. Another P-38 is missing.

The main camp and SS base at Kiska were bombed May 21 by 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's but results were not observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain - New Ireland.

Single reconnaissance bombers attacked the airdromes at Gas-mata and Cape Gloucester during the night May 21-22 and again on the following afternoon. Results were not reported.

(B) New Guinea

During the afternoon of May 21, a B-24 on reconnaissance bombed buildings at Finschhafen.

(C) N. E. I.

Kaimana town and shipping in the harbor were bombed by 6 B-24's the morning of May 22. 54 500 pound bombs were dropped and fires were started in the wharf area and a 500-ton vessel was hit and sunk. On the return trip the same planes strafed 3 motor launches in the Kai Islands and 2 of the launches were set afire.

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(D) Australia

3 enemy planes raided the Exmouth Gulf area (N.W. Australia) the night of May 21. 9 bombs were dropped but all fell harmlessly in the sea.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 23, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

The enemy stronghold on the top of the ridge of Massacre - Sarana Pass, which held out for 48 hours, was finally overcome during the afternoon of May 21. At the same time, it was reported that only snipers and small groups of enemy troops remained in the ridges on the north side of Sarana Valley.

During the night our forces continued strong patrol activity and heavy artillery fire on the nose at the right of the entrance to Sarana-Chicagof Pass, and at 0730 W, May 22, our troops crossed the valley and 3 companies gained a foothold on the nose and were mopping up this strong enemy position. The enemy withdrew from this position to a new defense line approximately 3,000 yards south of Chicagof Harbor.

Our troops along the ridge S.W. of Chicagof Harbor are making a slow advance in the face of heavy enemy resistance. Other patrols are moving into the valley toward Attu Village and others are attempting to flank enemy positions on the right.

At 1600 W, May 22, a force of 12-15 twin engined enemy torpedo planes, which resembled Mitsubishi 97's, attacked 2 of our surface vessels but none of their torpedoes hit the target. Following the torpedo attack the same planes strafed the vessels but no casualties resulted. One Jap plane was shot down. Two (2) planes dropped by parachute 2 large packages to their troops in the Chicagof area. Our air attacks were cancelled because of poor visibility and bad weather.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

Before dawn, May 21, 4 B-17's bombed the airdromes at Vanakanau and Rapopo starting large fires and causing explosions. 6 B-17's set out on this raid and 2 of them are missing.

During the night of May 20-21, 8 Beaufighters bombed and strafed Gasmata runway and camp area and fires were started. The following day 6 B-24's bombed the fuel dump area starting other fires. 15 enemy fighters attempted interception of which 3 were shot down and another probably destroyed. 1 Beaufighter is missing from the night attack.

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A Catalina raided the airfield at Cape Gloucester during the night of May 20-21 and an explosion and fire resulted in a fuel dump.

(B) New Guinea

During the evening of May 20, our patrols, at a point approximately 8 miles W. of Salamaua, were forced to withdraw because of heavy enemy pressure, but 50-60 casualties were inflicted upon enemy troops while our losses were very light.

Five (5) enemy barges off the shore near Alexishafen were sunk and others forced ashore by 3 B-25's during the evening of May 20. 3 other barges off Cape Cretin (S. of Pischhafen) were destroyed by the same planes.

Over Salamaua, approximately 20 enemy planes attacked 12 P-38's which were escorting an air transport to Wau. In air combat 6 of the enemy planes were destroyed, 5 others were probably destroyed and 2 were damaged while all our planes returned safely, although some were damaged.

Four (4) Beaufighters, on May 21, strafed enemy villages W. of Salamaua in support of our ground forces.

(C) N. E. I.

Nabire airdrome was bombed by 3 B-24's May 21, and 3 Dutch B-25's attacked Saumlaki. Explosions resulted in the stores area at Nabire. Heavy A/A fire at Saumlaki shot down 1 B-25.

(D) Australia

During the night of May 20-21, 3 enemy planes were over Exmouth Gulf (N.W. Australia). Only 1 bomb was dropped which fell in the sea causing no damage.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 22, 1945

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 20, our Southern forces were continuing attacks toward Chichagof Harbor. The right flank of these forces had moved forward to clear the high ground at the entrance of the Chichagof-Sarana Pass, while the left flank was working slowly down the ridge toward the pass. The enemy was still in possession of the elevated ground at the mouth of the pass.

The enemy apparently was establishing defenses on the floor of Chichagof Valley, along the E. wall of the valley high up around the nose of the same ridge to the N. side of Sarana Valley, and across Sarana Valley at the head of Lake Nicholas.

Units of the South Force on the 21st, were moving through the Chichagof-Massaore-Sarana Pass from the S. with the main effort being made on the left flank, where an advance of about 2,000-yards was made along the high ridge over a series of shoulders, each fortified. On the right, our troops moved into positions on the nose at the junction of Sarana and Chichagof Valleys with troops and heavy equipment. The enemy key position for the Sarana-Chichagof Pass appears to be the upper slope of the spur between the two valleys. It is well fortified and dominates the head of both Sarana and Chichagof Valleys.

In the Northern area, our troops continued to advance over the sharp ridge SW of the Chichagof Harbor area. Considerable hand to hand fighting with bayonets and grenades was in progress.

On May 21, 18 P-38's in 3 flights dropped parachute fragmentation bombs on enemy positions in the Chichagof area and carried out strafing missions from an altitude of about 100-feet. It is reported that the whole of Chichagof Village, with the exception of the church and 1 other building, have been destroyed and a fuel dump has been set afire. AA fire is being encountered from the church steeple and nearby vicinity. Enemy troops were seen to be in fox-holes and deep slit trenches around Chichagof.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of May 20-21, 3 B-24's were sent on a harassing mission in the Kahili-Ballale area. Bomb hits were reported to have been made on the Kahili runway and on a searchlight position.

At Munda, work apparently was going forward on resurfacing the airstrip on May 20.

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(B) New Britain

Yunakanau airdrome at Rabaul, was attacked by 2 flights of heavy bombers during the early morning of May 20. The first flight of planes was composed of 6 B-24's which started 3 small and 2 large fires in the dispersal area at the airdrome. The second flight of planes was composed of 7 B-17's. Bombs from these planes started fires in the dispersal areas and destroyed a searchlight position. AA fire of all calibres was encountered by both flights of planes. The fire was reported to be intense and accurate. 1 B-24 is still missing.

Gasmata was attacked by 4 B-17's in 2 flights during the same day. The dispersal areas were hit with many bombs which started a fire, and a heavy explosion possibly from an ammunition dump.

The buildings and new runway at Cape Gloucester were bombed by a B-24 with unreported results.

(C) New Guinea

Enemy planes dropped 6 bombs near Rorona in the Port Moresby area on the night of May 19.

On May 20, Allied patrols in the vicinity of Drong (10 miles WNW of Salamaua) noted approximately 170 Japanese.

In the Wau area, 2 B-24's on a search mission were intercepted by 9 enemy fighters. 2 of the enemy planes were shot down, a third was probably destroyed, and 2 others damaged.

The same day, 4 B-25's on armed reconnaissance strafed trails in the vicinity of Nusen Village (26 miles NW of Finschhafen). Another flight of 3 B-25's on a search from Lae to Madang strafed and exploded barges S. of Finschhafen. The same 3 planes attacked Salamaua while returning to base.

Enemy positions in the Francisco River area, inland from Salamaua, were bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. The planes encountered intense, accurate AA fire.

On the evening of May 19, single enemy planes raided the Dobodura area twice. Slight damage was reported.

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Summary as of 0800, May 21, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the evening of May 19, our southern forces operating from Massacre Bay captured the Massacre-Sarana Pass and were on the high ground at the head of the Sarana Valley between the Massacre-Sarana and Sarana-Chichagof Passes. It was not clear whether the enemy had abandoned the strong position on the E. nose of the Sarana-Chichagof Pass, but they appeared to be retreating N. in the direction of Chichagof Harbor to make a last stand on the high ground immediately E. of Attu Village. At 1700 W May 19, 2 attack forces of 11 B-25's dropped 87 300-lb. bombs on enemy positions N. of Sarana Bay, where strong entrenchments and mortars had been established.

Advance elements of our northern force operating from Holtz Bay had crossed the high ridge of the mountain mass SW of Chichagof Harbor, and had approached NE along the ridges to a point approximately 2,500-yards SW of Chichagof Harbor.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

8 enemy planes were over Guadalcanal during the night of May 19-20. Night fighters shot down 2 enemy bombers. Our casualties as a result of enemy bombing, totaled 14 killed and 20 injured.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

During the morning of May 19, single Allied bombers attacked the airdromes at Gasmata and Cape Gloucester, but results were not observed.

The same afternoon, 3 B-24's dropped 30 500-lb. bombs on Gasmata airdrome, but results were not reported.

Photographic reconnaissance reports a new and nearly completed enemy airdrome on Ataliklikum Bay, 14 miles SW of Rabaul.

Other reconnaissance May 19, reported a damaged AO stationary in the water in Steffen Strait (Kavieng area).

(C) New Guinea

On May 19, there were 62 bombers, 55 fighters and 22 unidentified twin-engined aircraft at the airfields at Wewak, Boram, But, and Dagua.

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During the evening of the same day, 4 enemy bombers attacked the runway at Milne Bay, but only slight damage resulted.

Another force of 12 enemy planes raided Douglas Harbor (S. of Cape Ward Hunt) at noon May 19. Strafing attacks destroyed 1 small Allied vessel and damaged another.

(D) N.E.I.

At daybreak May 19, a force of 6 Beaufighters followed shortly afterward by 6 B-24's attacked the Penfoei airdrome at Koepang (SE Timor). From a low altitude the Beaufighters strafed the airfield destroying 2 enemy bombers and damaging another bomber and a fighter. 3 Beaufighters failed to return. The B-24's bombed buildings and radio installations causing fires. 8 enemy planes attempted interception, 3 of which were shot down and 2 others probably destroyed. Photographs of the airdrome revealed considerable improvements and new resurfacing.

(E) New Hebrides

On May 20, a small party of Japs were reported to have landed on the W. coast of Malekula Island.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

In this report for May 18, a U. S. SS was reported to have sunk 3 AK's and a sloop. Instead of a sloop, the vessel reported sunk should be a 17,500-ton AP loaded with troops.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 20, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Amohitka based bombers and fighters were over Attu May 18, but did not attack due to poor visibility. On the return trip, the same planes dropped bombs in the Gertrude Cove camp area, Kiska, starting fires, and the beached ship was reported burning. Barges operating throughout the area were strafed by our fighters.

U. S. small boats and AM's can now safely use and carry out ferrying operations in Holtz Bay.

At midnight May 18-19, 2 U. S. rifle companies set out to take the Massacre Bay-Sarana Bay ridge. The force which went to the right was temporarily held up by heavy M/G fire, but by the afternoon of May 19, were in control of the lower ridge and only isolated enemy positions remained on the higher ground. 1 patrol circled the ridge and was attacking enemy positions from E. to W. Our forces on the left of the pass had obtained limited artillery observation into Sarana Bay, while the main force was preparing to push through the center of the pass.

Strong patrol action had also been begun in the pass from the E. arm of Holtz Bay to Chichagof Harbor where the main force of the enemy had withdrawn to make a last stand. At 1246 W, our heavy bombers dropped 240 100-lb. bombs on enemy positions at Chichagof Harbor, and half of these were reported to have landed in the target area.

2 BB scout bombers were damaged by A/A fire but can be repaired and 2 others are available.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of May 18-19, 6 enemy bombers were over our positions in Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands. Only a few bombs were dropped and no casualties or damage have been reported to date.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-24 on reconnaissance May 18, bombed the airfield at Cape Gloucester and buildings at Arawe and Lorengau (Admiralty Islands). This plane also attacked 2 enemy float planes, 1 of which was damaged in air combat. A convoy of 2 PC's and 3 3,000-ton AK's was sighted heading SE at a point approximately 45 miles W. of New Hanover Island.

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Before dawn May 18, 2 B-24's bombed Vunakanau airdrome but results were not observed.

Photographs of Rabaul the same day, revealed 36 enemy vessels in the harbor including 1 CL, 2 DD's, 5 SS's, 2 AM's, 1 PG, 2 AD's, 1 AS, 2 AO's, and 20 AP/AK's aggregating 99,300-tons. 54 bombers and 46 fighters were shown at Lakunai and Vunakanau airdromes, and 15 float planes were in the harbor.

During the day, 1 B-17, a Catalina, and 6 Beaufighters bombed the runway and dispersal areas and strafed the camp at Gasmata.

(C) New Guinea

25 Jap fighters bombed and strafed the airstrip at Wau during the morning of May 18. The airfield was temporarily rendered unserviceable and 1 plane on the ground was damaged. No casualties or other damage resulted.

The evening of the same day, 9 enemy planes harmlessly raided Oro Bay. 1 enemy plane was shot down by A/A fire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of USOC, May 19, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Our Holtz Bay landing forces occupied the beach at the E. arm of Holtz Bay the afternoon of May 17, and the enemy was reported to have withdrawn toward Chichagof Harbor. The following day, these forces had possession of the high ridge at the E. side of the E. arm of Holtz Bay.

Our Southern forces attacking from Massacre Bay had advanced 2,200-yards up the pass toward the E. arm of Holtz Bay by the morning of May 18, and during the afternoon our forces cleared this pass thus making contact with our Northern forces.

The enemy continued to hold the pass to Sarana Bay and orders were issued to drive the enemy from positions on both sides of this pass before a coordinated attack is launched against Chichagof Harbor by the Holtz Bay-Massacre Bay forces May 19. Control of this pass will give us the best positions for artillery observation against Chichagof.

As of noon May 16, an incomplete report of casualties totaled 68 killed, 321 wounded and 62 missing.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Air reconnaissance May 17, reports 8 AK's and 3 corvettes in the Buin area and 30 planes on Munda airfield.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Single B-17's and a force of 6 B-25's bombed the airdrome at Gasmata. Explosions resulted in dispersal areas and a supply dump and 1 enemy bomber on the ground was destroyed. Photographs taken after the raid revealed 6 to 9 fighters and 3 bombers on the field, but they are probably not serviceable.

Other single heavy bombers on reconnaissance attacked the airfield at Cape Gloucester but results were not observed.

During the morning of May 17, air reconnaissance reported 4 enemy DD's just W. of New Hanover Island proceeding toward Kavieng.

(C) New Guinea

A runway at Lae and the dock area at Finschhafen were bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance May 17.

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The same day, 21 enemy bombers escorted by a like number of fighters dropped some 200 bombs on Wau. Some damage and a few casualties resulted.

(D) N.E.I.

At dawn May 17, 6 Beaufighters raided the airfield at Langgoer (Kai Islands), and destroyed 3 enemy fighters by strafing.

The same day, single B-25's bombed Penfoei and Dilli airdromes starting fires.

Another force of 3 Hudsons and 2 B-25's bombed and damaged buildings at Barique (30 miles SE of Dilli).

(E) Wake Island

According to a navy communique, a force of B-24's on May 15, attacked enemy installations on Wake Island. Bad weather prevented observation of results. 22 enemy fighters intercepted of which 2 were destroyed and another probably destroyed. There was no mention of any loss or damage to our planes.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Southwest Pacific area has reported 2 hits on each of 2 medium AK's and 1 DD.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 16, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 16, our landing forces in the Holtz Bay area had occupied the whole beach of the W. arm and were attacking enemy positions in the high ground between the W. arm and the E. arm of the bay. The following day, enemy forces strongly counter-attacked in this ridge but our troops held and during the evening were in possession of this area.

The Massacre Bay landing forces were clearing out enemy positions in the pass which leads from Massacre Bay to the E. arm of Holtz Bay, but our advance was very slow. Patrols were dispatched to flank an enemy nest on the W. of the pass. An unsuccessful attack was launched against enemy positions on the slope N. of the pass between Massacre Bay and Barana Bay where patrols report additional enemy entrenchments. Our surface vessels continued to bombard enemy positions and to cover our advance.

Air operations May 16 included a bombing attack by 12 P-38's on enemy positions in the E. arm of Holtz Bay and on installations around Chichagof Harbor. The same planes effectively strafed barges and other targets in the Chichagof area. Heavy and medium bombers were over Attu but returned to their base without attacking because of poor visibility. 2 of these planes dropped bombs on Kiska on the return trip. Results were not observed.

Allied light surface vessels were patrolling the area between Kiska and Attu to prevent enemy reinforcements by submarine from Kiska.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

13 SBD's, 4 P-39's, and 16 F4F's bombed and strafed A/A positions and the bivouac area at Rekata Bay May 17. All our planes returned.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

The night of May 15, Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, was bombed by 5 B-24's. Results were not observed.

A B-24 on reconnaissance the following morning bombed the airdrome at Kavieng. The same plane sighted an enemy convoy of 6 medium AK's and 2 CL's in Gaselle Channel heading SE.

Single heavy bombers on reconnaissance attacked barges at Gasmeta and in Kimbe Bay (N. New Britain), and the airdrome at Cape Gloucester and Gasmeta.

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(C) New Guinea

During the evening of May 15, a total of 7 B-25's bombed and strafed the runway and dispersal areas at Lae. Large fires were started, some of which were possibly burning aircraft on the ground. 1 Allied plane is missing.

The following day, single Allied planes on reconnaissance bombed buildings at Finschhafen and a bridge over the Kumul River (40 miles NW of Madang). Results were not reported.

Enemy aircraft raided Morobe at the mouth of the Waria River the night of May 14. 8 bombs were dropped but no damage resulted.

(D) N.E.I.

Kendari airdrome (SE Celebes) was attacked by 6 B-24's at dusk May 16. Large explosions and fires in dispersal areas were observed.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific has reported sinking an 8,000-ton AK, a 1,500-ton AP/AK, a sloop, and a 500-ton AK. In addition, a patrol vessel was possibly damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 17, 1945

I. Northwestern Pacific *yard*

On May 15, our troops in the Holtz Bay area had established a line from a point 800 miles inland from the mouth of the North stream to a point 1,700 yards W. of the beach. At 1830 W, they were reported along the N. side of the South stream. Enemy troops were concentrated on a ridge between the two streams and were putting up stubborn resistance. On May 16, our troops were reported fighting on the peninsula in the center of Holtz Bay.

Our forces which moved in at Massacre Bay by May 16 had cleared the mouth of the main pass and the lower part of the valleys to the left and right of the main pass where only a few enemy M/G positions remained. 6 dug-outs at the mouth of the main pass had been cleared and a strong foothold should be achieved here soon.

Patrols were already moving around the left flank in the Holtz Bay-Massacre Bay pass (operating from the Massacre Bay side).

Air activities May 15, were curtailed because of fog and poor visibility. However, 6 P-38's bombed and strafed the area around the E. arm of Holtz Bay and Navy scout bombers attacked the N. beach of the Sarana Bay area. On May 16, 3 attack forces of P4F's attacked enemy positions in support of our ground troops, and P-38's strafed the ridge in the center of Holtz Bay with good results. No heavy or medium bomber attacks were carried out because of bad weather.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

After dark May 15, 7 TBF's attacked shipping in Tonolei Harbor and hits were scored on a 3,000-ton AK. Fires and explosions resulted.

The same night, 2 B-17's and later 2 B-24's bombed Kahili airdrome. Other single B-24's bombed Ballale and Munda. Results were not observed.

(B) New Britain

Vunakanau airdrome was bombed by 6 B-17's and 4 B-24's after dark May 14. Fires and explosions were seen in the dispersal and barracks areas. 15 ships were sighted in Rabaul Harbor.

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Gasmata was attacked at dawn May 15, by 5 B-25's. The same day, single heavy bombers bombed and strafed the runways at Cape Gloucester and Gasmata. Results were not reported.

A force of 6 B-17's, 14 B-25's and 8 Beaufighters set out the morning of May 15 to attack enemy shipping off Arawe. The vessels could not be located, but 4 of the Beaufighters sighted and attacked an enemy SS 60 miles S. of Gasmata. Results of the attack were not reported.

A B-24 on reconnaissance the same day, observed 24 enemy fighters at a point approximately 30 miles W. of Talasea. Our plane was attacked by 5 of the fighters, 2 of which were destroyed and 1 damaged.

(C) New Guinea

7 B-25's returning from the search for enemy shipping, were attacked by 10 enemy fighters and 2 bombers at a point approximately 60 miles N. of Buna. 1 enemy fighter was shot down and a bomber damaged.

The village of Simbang (3 miles SW of Finschhafen) was bombed by a Catalina the same day but results were not reported.

On May 14, our forward positions were pushed back by the enemy in the Bobdubi area. The following morning, 9 enemy bombers and 15 fighters followed later by 40 dive bombers attacked our positions near Bobdubi. Another attack force of 20 enemy bombers and 14 fighters struck at Wau the same time. There was little or no damage although full details have not been reported.

2 groups of 2 enemy bombers attacked Port Moresby during the evening of May 15. An A-20 night fighter intercepted the first group and shot down 1 enemy plane and possibly the 2nd. 1 of the enemy planes in the 2nd attacking group was shot down by A/A fire. Bombs dropped by the enemy planes hit the runway and damaged 1 aircraft on the ground.

Enemy planes on the airfield at Lae were strafed at noon by 10 A-20's. Several fires resulted probably from burning aircraft.

During the night of May 14-15, 3 enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Dobodura.

(D) N.E.I.

During the morning of May 15, 3 B-24's attacked Nabire (Dutch New Guinea). The dump area was hit and a fuel fire started. Over Langgoer our planes were intercepted by 3 enemy fighters, 1 of which was destroyed.

(E) Australia

At a point approximately 50 miles E. of Australia, an enemy SS torpedoed and sank an Australian hospital ship of 3,200-tons. 55 men and 1 nurse of a total of 326 aboard the vessel were rescued.

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Summary as of 0800, May 16, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

By 1900 W May 15, little change had taken place in the positions of our ground forces, the only advance being a minor one to the NW of the West arm of Hils Bay, where 2 BCT's and reinforcements had advanced to the stream at the N. head of the West arm of Holtz Bay with artillery support of our surface units. There was no report of the exact nature of resistance encountered but apparently our forces were not in close contact with the enemy. The commander in the Massacre Bay area reported that enemy action consisted of sniping and M/G fire from locations which were difficult to find and very hard to reach by artillery.

Our casualties were reported at 175 in the N. area by 0940 W May 14. Later figures are not available. Enemy strength has been estimated at about 1,500 men.

Unloading was continuing and by 1900 W May 15, 4 ships had been completely unladen and others were well along.

Air activity continued light because of the weather. At 1433 W May 14, bombs were dropped between Holtz Bay and Chichagof Harbor by a B-24, but with unobserved results. A/A fire was encountered from the Chichagof area.

5 U. S. planes were missing from operations of May 14. A B-24 on a supply mission has not been heard from and 4 F4F's are missing.

On the afternoon of the 15th, the weather was reported slightly improved.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On May 14, photographs indicated the following enemy aircraft at the locations indicated:

Kahili - 1 bomber, 24 dive bombers, 47 fighters;
Ballale - 1 bomber;
Faasi - 15 float planes;
Buka - 1 bomber and 3 fighters.

Enemy shipping at Tonolei Harbor was attacked by 4 TBF's during the night. 2 direct hits were reported on an enemy AK.

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During the same evening, a force of B-17's were on a harassing mission to act as cover for the attack on enemy shipping at Tonolei. Fires were started at both Kahili and Ballale.

The night of May 14, our planes while returning from the Buin-Faisi area noted a string of yellow lights on the N. coast of Choiseul Island.

At 1940 L May 14, 4 enemy planes were over Guadalcanal. 11 bombs were dropped setting fire to an ammunition dump. P-38's intercepted, destroyed 1 enemy plane and probably destroyed a 2nd.

(B) Admiralty Islands

On May 14, an enemy CM was observed at Lorengau.

(C) New Britain

Gasmata airdrome and village were heavily attacked by Allied planes in 2 attacks on May 14. The first raid was made by 13 B-25's and 10 Beaufighters. A/A positions were silenced, the runway, dispersal area, and installations were heavily damaged, and a jetty and buildings were destroyed. The second attack was made on Gasmata village by a single B-17 on armed reconnaissance. The same plane bombed buildings at Ubili and a supply dump at Cape Gloucester.

On the same day, a B-24 bombed the Unea Island area (Witu Islands) and observed new enemy camp sites there.

On May 15, an enemy convoy consisting of 7 small AP/AK's (under 1,000-tons each) and 2 escorts was sighted off Arawe on an easterly course.

(D) New Guinea

Boram airdrome was bombed by 3 B-24's the night of May 13. Fragmentation and incendiary bombs were used and caused several large fires and 2 explosions.

On May 14, an enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down by a P-40 40 miles NE of Buna. An hour and a half later, 20 enemy bombers and about 25 fighters were intercepted by 11 P-38's and 32 P-40's NW of Oro Bay. About 50 bombs were dropped at Oro Bay and others at Port Harvey. 1 bitumen and 1 gasoline barge were destroyed. 7 enemy bombers and 9 fighters were destroyed. 1 enemy fighter and 5 bombers were probably destroyed. Our losses were 1 P-38 lost in combat and 1 P-40 which crashed landed. Both pilots are safe.

During the afternoon of May 14, a bridge over the Kumul River (40 miles NW of Nadang) was bombed by a patrol B-24. A second B-24 attacked the village of Finschhafen during the afternoon.

Photographs of Nubia showed 2 new jetties and 12 barges there.

At Lae, 32 enemy fighters were on patrol during the evening while barges were unloading from ships in the harbor.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 15, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 13, enemy forces were able to make a small landing with approximately 150 men behind our Holtz Bay line. A slight break in the weather allowed for some air support of our ground forces but the extent of the support has not been ascertained. Enemy barges loaded with troops and other enemy positions ashore were strafed by 9 F4F's permitting our ground forces to improve their positions. Our artillery on the W. arm of Holtz Bay is in operation and is firing in cooperation with our surface vessels. The situation ashore is not available other than the report that positions for the most part remained unchanged. By the morning of May 14, additional troops had been landed and unloading was continuing at Massacre Bay. The attack on May 13 was not begun because of poor visibility but it was intended to start on May 14 with surface vessels supporting.

Incomplete reports of casualties at 2400 W May 12 totaled 4 officers and 40 men killed and 57 wounded. Several enemy SS contacts were reported but none were definite. Kiska was raided on May 13 by 4 B-24's and 8 P-40's hit installations on Little Kiska.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

Lakunai and Vunakansau airdromes (Rabaul) were bombed before dawn May 13 by 3 B-17's with unobserved results. 3 other B-17's returned to their base when they were unable to locate the target.

Photographs of Rabaul the same day revealed 116 fighters, 84 bombers, 2 flying boats, 11 float planes, and 2 unidentified aircraft at the airbases in the area. Shipping in the harbor totaled 43 vessels including 1 CL, 7 DD's, 2 AO's, 4 AM's, 1 SS, 1 AS, 1 PC, 1 AV, and 25 AK's, aggregating 117,000 tons.

At a point approximately 65 miles SW of Gasmata, a Catalina unsuccessfully attacked an enemy SS.

During the morning of May 13, 5 A-20's bombed Cape Gloucester airdrome starting 2 large fires.

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Single B-17's on reconnaissance the same day bombed Cape Gloucester and Gasmata airdromes and strafed barges off Cape Dampier, 60 miles E. of Gasmata, and Rudiger Point, 80 miles E. of Cape Gloucester.

A total of 13 B-25's and 8 Beaufighters made 2 attacks on Gasmata airdrome, waterfront, and camp areas on May 13. 3 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and other hits were scored on buildings, AA positions, and barges.

A single B-24 on reconnaissance bombed Lorengau, Admiralty Islands, but the results were not reported.

(B) New Guinea

Photographs of But, Boram, and Wewak airdromes on May 13 revealed a total of 52 fighters, 26 bombers, and 10 additional light bombers or twin engined fighters.

4 B-17's bombed Wewak airdrome and dispersal areas before midnight the same day. "Daisy Cutters", fragmentation bombs, and incendiaries fell on the target areas starting fires possibly from burning aircraft.

Single Allied bombers raided Finschhafen airdrome, a village 15 miles S. of Medang, and the wrecked vessel off Lae during the same day.

During the night of May 13-14, Dobodura airfield (10 miles SW. of Buna) was attacked by 3 enemy bombers, but no damage resulted.

Japanese casualties during patrol clashes May 11-12 in the area between Mubo and Salamaua totaled 90 killed and many others wounded.

During the evening of May 13, Port Moresby was ineffectively raided by 2 enemy bombers.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 14, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 12, 6 air attacks were made on enemy positions at Attu by a total of 12 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 24 P-38's. Hits were observed on both the E. and W. arms of Holtz Bay. Heavy A/A fire was encountered and 1 of our fighters was shot down and 5 planes were damaged. In addition to the above attacks, an unreported number of P4F's attacked enemy positions and 4 enemy barges were destroyed in Chichagof Harbor.

Our ground forces were meeting strong enemy resistance and operations were hampered by fog.

An enemy SS was reported to have fired a torpedo at one of our large surface units. For several hours thereafter, the SS was depth-charged and finally at about midnight of May 12, the SS surfaced and was fired on and believed sunk.

During the morning and early afternoon of May 13, our surface vessels bombarded and neutralized enemy batteries in the Holtz Bay area thus permitting our artillery to move up.

There was little change in troop positions and air support was not available May 13, because of poor visibility and high winds. Unloading operations are continuing.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili and Ballale airdromes were bombed by single B-24's at approximately 0200 L May 13. 6 500-lb. bombs were dropped on each field, but results were unobserved.

The same day at 1300 L, our fighter planes intercepted an enemy force of approximately 25 Zeros over the Russell Islands. Our planes definitely shot down 16 enemy aircraft and probably destroyed 2 more, while 5 of our own planes were lost of which 2 pilots were saved.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Reconnaissance over Kavieng May 13, reports 2 large AK's, 1 small AK and 1 DD in the harbor. 11 medium bombers and 14 fighters were seen on the airdrome.

Gasmata and Cape Gloucester airdromes were bombed May 12 by single Allied reconnaissance bombers.

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(C) New Guinea

During the morning of May 12, 7 B-25's bombed and strafed the airfield and buildings at Finschhafen. Several buildings were reported destroyed.

1 B-24 scored a direct hit on a building at Salamaua the same day.

On May 11, our troops ambushed a small party of Japs at a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. of Komiatum while other advanced patrols occupied positions held by the enemy on Bobdubi Ridge.

Shipping in Newak Harbor at noon May 13, included 1 CL, 4 AX's, and 2 unidentified vessels.

(D) N.E.I.

During the evening of May 12, 4 B-24's bombed Saumlaki, Tanimbar Islands, causing 6 large fires.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 13, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the afternoon of May 11, our forces made landings at Massacre Bay and the W. arm of Holtz Bay on the enemy held island of Attu. By noon of May 12, our troops were making headway inland where our surface vessels had previously neutralized enemy positions. 2 B-24's dropped bombs on the Chichagof Harbor area May 11, but no other air missions were carried out because of bad weather conditions. A force of medium bombers, unable to locate any targets at Attu, dropped bombs on the main camp and runway at Kiska on the return trip.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Shortly after 0300 L May 12, B-17's were over the Suin area and bombs were dropped on Ballale and Kahili starting 1 large fire at the former and numerous fires, probably from burning planes, at Kahili.

Munda was bombed the same day at 0840 L, by a force of 12 SBD's and 12 TBF's escorted by 24 fighters. 12 1,000-lb. and 45 500-lb. bombs fell on the runway, revetment area, and A/A positions. Inaccurate A/A fire was encountered.

During the night of May 12-13, our surface vessels bombarded Vila and Munda. Only ineffective light battery fire was received from enemy positions.

(B) New Britain

2 B-24's and 6 B-17's attacked Vunakamau and Rapopo airdromes before dawn on May 11. 6 fires were started probably among burning aircraft on the ground as a result of bombs dropped on the runway and dispersal areas. 3 B-24's and 2 B-17's were forced to return to their base without reaching the target because of unfavorable weather conditions.

A B-17 on reconnaissance bombed and strafed the building area at Arawe during the afternoon of May 10, and the following morning another B-17 bombed the new runway at Cape Gloucester.

(C) New Guinea

On May 11, 7 A-20's bombed and strafed barge hideouts in Labu Lagoon (Lae area) while a lone B-24 strafed a small surface craft in Alexis-hafen Harbor. Results were not observed.

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Photographs of Newak May 11, reveal 30 barges and 2 coastal vessels in the harbor. A total of 33 fighters and 10 medium bombers are shown at Newak and Boram airfields, and an additional 8 probable fighters at But.

A small Allied convoy at a point approximately 30 miles SW of Samarai (SE tip of New Guinea) was attacked by an enemy SS. An Allied patrol plane observed the torpedoes' tracks which missed the vessels, but the SS was not seen.

(D) N.E.I.

Only slight damage and a few casualties resulted when 9 enemy bombers attacked the center of the town of Merauke during the morning of May 11.

Dili and Panfoei (Koepong) airdromes were raided by 2 and 3 B-25's respectively at approximately 2200 E May 11. Results for the most part were unobserved.

(E) Australia

At a point approximately 20 miles SW of Cape Wessel, 2-3 enemy floatplanes unsuccessfully attacked 2 small Allied ships which were unloading. Beaufighters intercepted the enemy planes and shot down 1 of them.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returning from patrol in the West Pacific area reports sinking 3 enemy AK's aggregating 25,000-tons, and damaging 1 other AK.

Another SS in the Southwest Pacific area reports sinking all 5 AK's of an enemy convoy. This SS had previously reported (summary of May 11) sinking 4 AK's and damaging a 5th which was stationery in the water.

A 3rd SS in the Southwest Pacific area reports attacking an enemy convoy, sinking 1 AK and damaging others.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Between 0305 L and 0355 L May 11, 3 B-17's dropped 24 500-lb. bombs on Kahili airdrome causing 2 fires. 2 B-17's dropped the same tonnage on the Shortland Islands area at 0400 L. Results were not observed.

The same day at 0940 L, a force of 13 SBD's, 1 TBF, and 8 P-40's with a covering escort of 16 P4U's dropped 500 and 1,000-lb. bombs on A/A positions in the Rekata Bay area. The fighters thoroughly strafed the target area and 1 floatplane was set afire. None of our planes is missing.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Cape Gloucester airdrome and installations were bombed at noon May 10, by 7 B-25's. Results were not observed.

A B-24 on reconnaissance the same day, strafed barges on the S. shore of Kimbe Bay (N. New Britain).

At 1700 K the same day, an enemy force of 3 medium AK's escorted by 3 PF's was sighted just off Cape Matanalem (W. New Hanover). The ships were heading NW.

(C) New Guinea

On May 10, single B-24's bombed roads at Finschhafen and destroyed several buildings near the runway at Salamaua.

Barge hideouts in Labu Lagoon (Lae area) were strafed by 6 A-20's the same day.

During the evening, Milne Bay was harmlessly raided by 2 enemy planes.

(D) N.E.I.

At 2220 K May 9, 5 Catalinas attacked installations and the airfield at Babo. 3 enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground and approximately 20 fires broke out in dispersal areas indicating other planes destroyed or damaged. Large fires and explosions were observed along the waterfront and in the fuel dump area. A 500-ton vessel was also strafed. Enemy aircraft on the field during the raid totaled 10-12 medium bombers, 4 transports, and 16 fighters. Our planes on the return trip strafed a coastal vessel at Kaimana and the town of Dobo.

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The following day, Saumlaki was bombed by a single reconnaissance plane and 2 Beaufighters strafed and sank 2 motorboats in the Arce Islands.

At 1100 K May 9, a small Allied ship at Mappi Post (100 miles NW of Merauke) was attacked by 2 enemy floatplanes, but no damage resulted.

(S) Australia

Millimgimbi (Castlereagh Bay) was attacked by 9 Jap fighters during the morning of May 10. A 70-ton Allied AK was set afire and destroyed, 1 Beaufighter was destroyed, and 2 were damaged on the airfield. 5 Spitfires intercepted and shot down 2 enemy planes, probably destroyed a 3rd, and damaged 2 others while 1 Spitfire was lost. The same planes later unsuccessfully attacked 2 small vessels off Millimgimbi and 1 Zero was damaged by A/A fire from the ships.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 11, 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

The enemy DD hit directly by our SBD's at Giso Island during the morning of May 8 was still burning at 1825 L. The DD which was forced on the reef at Pailorongoso Island in Ferguson Passage, was no longer there on May 9.

An Allied force of 84 planes including 18 SBD's and 18 TBF's escorted by 48 fighters searched for enemy shipping in the Blackett Strait area during the morning of May 10. When no ships could be located, the planes dropped heavy bombs on Munda at 0920 L. A/A positions and gun emplacements were believed hit and other bombs were dropped on the runway and retetment areas.

The same afternoon, 6 SBD's and 6 TBF's with 21 F4U's as escort continued the search but no ships could be located. 6 1,000-lb. and 24 500-lb. bombs were dropped on Vangavanga (SW Kolombangara). All our planes returned from these 2 raids.

(B) New Britain

During the morning of May 9, single B-17's bombed buildings 15 miles E. of Gasmata and the airstrip at Cape Gloucester. 1 of the planes also strafed 5 50-foot barges which were unloading approximately 150 troops at the SE side of Rooka Island (W. of Cape Gloucester). Results were not reported.

The afternoon of the same day, a force of 7 B-25's bombed installations and the airdrome at Gasmata. There were 8 wrecked but no serviceable planes on the field.

(C) New Guinea

Madang, Saidor, and Finschhafen were attacked by 1-2 B-17's May 9. Results were not observed.

The same day, 3 B-24's dropped fragmentation and incendiary clusters on the airdromes at But and Wewak, but bad weather prevented observation of results.

Storehouses, huts, and the radio station in the Komiatum area were strafed by 6 A-20's.

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Our ground patrols at dawn May 8, ambushed a party of 60 Japs at a point S. of Bobdubi, and 20 of the enemy were killed and others wounded, while we suffered no casualties.

(D) N.E.I.

Manokwari town and waterfront was attacked by 5 B-24's during the morning of May 9, starting fires. 1 8,000-ton AP, 1 PC and 6 small vessels were observed in the harbor. Interception was attempted by 3 enemy fighters, 1 of which was destroyed.

The same day, single B-24's attacked Kaimana, Nabire, small vessels off Sorong (NW tip of Dutch New Guinea), and Geser (SE tip of Ceram). Results were not reported.

(E) Australia

A force of 7 enemy medium bombers raided the airdrome and shipping at Millingimbi (N. coast of Australia in Castlereagh Bay) before noon May 9. 1 bomb fell near a small Allied vessel. Only slight damage and a few casualties resulted from the attack. 1 enemy bomber was damaged by a single Beaufighter which attempted to intercept the formation.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Southwest Pacific area reports hitting a convoy of 5 enemy AK's, sinking 4 of the vessels and damaging a 5th which was stationery in the water.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 10, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In conjunction with the air attack on enemy shipping near Giso Island during the morning of May 8, our PT's attacked enemy vessels in Ferguson Passage near Pailorongoso Island, in the middle of the passage. Some enemy vessels were damaged. Enemy losses from the coordinated attack total 1 DD badly damaged and probably sunk, 2 DD's badly damaged of which 1 was beached, and a 4th DD slightly damaged.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

During the morning of May 8, air reconnaissance sighted an enemy convoy of 2 large and 2 medium AP/AK's escorted by 2 DD's, and a CL at a point 10 miles S. of Cape Matanalem (W. New Hanover Island). A large illuminated hospital ship followed the convoy. The vessels, which were headed SE, were followed by our aircraft until after dark.

The same day, 4 B-17's bombed Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, starting 1 fire, but other results were not observed because of bad weather.

Other single B-17's hit the coastal area S. of Cape Gazelle, barges along the N. coast, a building at Ubili, and a beached supply ship 11 miles SW of Ubili.

(C) New Guinea

Our troops near Bobdubi (SW of Salamaua) threw back 3 enemy counter-attacks May 7, but a 4th forced the withdrawal from our advanced position.

On May 8, a force of 9 B-25's, 8 Beaufighters, and 16 P-38's bombed and strafed Madang and shipping in the harbor. A small AP/AK crowded with troops and a small AO were hit from mast-height. The vessels were afire and probably sank. Interception was attempted by 14 enemy fighters of which 1 was destroyed and 2 were damaged. Another fighter plane was destroyed on the ground. Our planes bombed and strafed Saidor on the return trip.

Over Wewak the same day, a B-17 was unsuccessfully attacked by 7 enemy fighters. 2 aerial bombs were dropped but our plane was not hit.

(D) N.E.I.

3 Hudsons bombed Langgoer airfield (Kai Islands) on May 8, and 2 others raided the airfield at Timika. Results were not reported.

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II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Southwest Pacific area reports sinking 3 enemy AK's aggregating 17,000-tons.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwestern Pacific

Air operations against Kiska and Attu have been handicapped because of adverse weather. Six P-40's, on May 7, were forced to jettison their bombs after failing to locate target areas at Kiska. Other attack missions were cancelled.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of May 6-7, two B-24's made harrassing attacks on Kahili, Ballale and Fauro Island.

On May 8, a large Allied air force heavily bombed Munda and strafed AA positions. One enemy DD was struck at Gizo anchorage and two other DD's, one off Shelter Island and one off Apanga Island, received near misses. In the afternoon another large force of Allied bombers and fighters was forced back because of bad weather.

(B) New Ireland - New Britain

An enemy force of 4 large AK's and 2 DD's was sighted about 75 miles N. of Kavieng May 8. Three small AK's were also sighted in the same area. On May 6, a 2,000-ton AK was observed in Kavieng Harbor.

(C) New Guinea

Fifty-three enemy fighters and seven bombers were observed in the Wewak area.

Allied ground forces on May 7 made an unsuccessful attack against enemy positions at Green Hill in the Mubo area.

Thirteen heavy bombers attacked Madang on May 7 causing fires and explosions in the dispersal area and among fuel dumps.

Three heavy bombers bombed Finschhafen May 7.

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During the night of May 6, five Catalina bombers bombed the enemy airfield at Babo. Thirteen grounded aircraft were also strafed.

Five B-25's heavily attacked the Iespang airdrome on May 7, firing buildings and installations

Five Hudsons were intercepted over the Arce Islands by 3 enemy fighters on May 7. One Hudson was lost.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, May 8, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 6, Kiska was attacked a total of 5 times. Thirty-six P-40's were used in the attacks on the Main Camp area, Gertrude Cove and Little Kiska. Hits were seen in the Main Camp area, and on a Gertrude Cove gun emplacement.

Attu was attacked 6 times the same day by a total of 14 B-24s, 15 B-25s, 12 P-38s, and 2 photo planes. Hits were observed on 2 gun emplacements. A burned enemy plane was sighted in Holtz Bay.

A newly discovered enemy installation on Rat Island was attacked by 2 P-38s. Bombs were dropped and the area was strafed. Fires were started.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomons

Vella Lavella island was strafed by 8 P-38s and 8 F4Us on May 6.

An enemy float plane was shot down over southwest New Georgia by an Allied search plane the same day.

Eleven enemy AKs were sighted at Buin anchorage May 6.

(B) New Guinea

Ground action continues in the Mubo area with isolated enemy pockets north of Bobdubi ridge being mopped up by Allied advance units on May 6. On the same day Allied patrols were operating near Duali (on the coast) where they met heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. An enemy party north of Komiatum was ambushed, and 25 men killed.

Madang was attacked by a B-24 the same day with unobserved results.

(C) N.E.I.

Manokwari was attacked by 5 B-24s during the morning of May 6. Fires and explosions were observed and buildings were destroyed. Four or five AK's were in the area. The same planes later attacked Toعال.

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Taberfano (in the Arce Islands) was attacked by 6 Beaufighters the same morning. Nine enemy float planes were destroyed. A lugger with 12 enemy soldiers aboard was sunk. One Beaufighter is missing.

Dilli was attacked in the early morning May 6 by 3 B-25s. Fires were started.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 7, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 5, Kiska was attacked 6 times by a total of 6 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 32 P-40's. Enemy ground installations were hit and a building at North Head was destroyed. Fires broke out near the SS base and on the beach.

8 B-24's, 7 B-25's, and 16 B-38's conducted 4 raids on Attu. Strafing passes silenced A/A positions and destroyed 1 floatplane. Bomb hits were scored on installations around Holtz Bay and Chichagof Harbor.

47.8-tons of bombs were dropped on the 2 enemy-held islands during the day. A/A fire was encountered but no planes were reported lost.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 0830 L May 6, a force of 77 Allied planes including 19 SBD's, 18 TBF's, 8 P-40's, 16 F4U's, and 16 F4F's dropped 1,000 and 2,000-lb. bombs on Munda and later thoroughly strafed the entire area. Many fires were started and explosions continued for 2 hours after the attack. 1 TBF was shot down and 1 F4F is missing.

The same day, a force of Allied fighters set out to attack enemy positions on Vella Lavella, but results have not been reported.

(B) New Guinea

The village of Bobdubi (3 miles SW of Salamaua), was occupied by our ground forces May 5, and the Japs were forced to withdraw towards Salamaua.

(C) N.E.I.

On May 5, Toeal (Kai Islands), was bombed by 6 B-25's causing fires, and Timika (SW Dutch New Guinea), was attacked by a single Hudson.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 6, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

At 1600 W May 4, 5 B-24's and 6 P-38's bombed A/A batteries and installations at Hells Bay and Chiohagof Harbor, Attu. Bomb hits were observed in these areas and the P-38's strafed the same targets.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain-New Ireland

During the morning of May 5, at a point approximately 75 miles SW of Kavieng, search planes sighted 2 enemy CL's and 2 DD's on a SE course.

Single B-24's on May 4, attacked barges off Talasea and Lolobau Island (W. of Ubi). Villages in the Talasea area were also strafed.

Another B-24, N. of Cape Gloucester, was unsuccessfully intercepted by 12 enemy fighters.

(B) New Guinea

6 B-24's attacked shipping in the harbor and the town of Wewak on May 4. 2 direct hits and near misses were scored on a medium AK setting the vessel afire and causing it to list. Other large bombs were dropped in the building area causing a large explosion. 9 enemy fighters attempted interception, 1 of which was damaged. 90 barges and 10 other small vessels were revealed in photographs of the area.

Our ground forces in the Mubo area are pressing enemy positions at Bobdubi (3 miles SW of Salamaua).

(C) N.E.I.

Babo (Dutch New Guinea), was raided by 6 B-24's May 5, and bombs fell on barracks and buildings starting fires and destroyed 1 enemy plane on the ground. Over the Aroe Islands, our planes were intercepted by 6 enemy fighters, 1 of which was shot down and another probably destroyed.

The same day, luggers and barges in the Kai Islands were bombed and strafed by a Hudson on reconnaissance.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 3, Kiska was attacked 9 times by a total of 6 B-24's, 11 B-25's, 24 P-40's, and 20 P-38's. A total of 36½-ton of bombs was dropped on installations at North Head, South Head, the runway, the main camp, radar area, and Gertrude Cove. 3 fires were started at the main camp and heavy smoke rose from a position on North Head. 5 B-24's, 1 B-25, and 1 fighter were damaged by A/A fire.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

1 DD and 11 AK's were sighted in the Buin area May 3.

During the morning of May 4, 8 P-40's and 16 F4F's bombed and strafed Vangavanga and Ringi Cove (SW Kolombangara). Following up these attacks, two forces of 6 SBD's, 6 TBF's, and 8 F4U's attacked the same enemy positions starting fires. All our planes returned and the attack was reported as very successful.

Early the same morning, Vila was bombed by 3 B-17's which had set out to harass Kahili but could not get through because of bad weather. The same Fortresses dropped 14 300-lb. bombs on Rekata on the return trip starting a fire.

(B) New Britain

A B-17 on reconnaissance May 3, strafed 2 small enemy coastal vessels off Lolebau Island (W. of Ubi). 1 of the vessels was probably sunk.

Gasmata was strafed the same day by 4 B-25's with unobserved results.

(C) New Guinea

Photographs and reconnaissance of Newak May 3, report 75 barges and other small vessels in the harbor.

(D) N.E.I.

3 of 5 Beaufighters reached Koepong during the afternoon of May 2 and thoroughly strafed the area destroying 2 bombers and 2 fighters on the ground. On the return trip, 2 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

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The same day, a single enemy floatplane dropped 1 bomb and strafed Mappi (100 miles NW of Merauke).

III. Tonkin Gulf and S. China Sea

During the late morning of May 3, a force of 18 B-24's, 9 B-25's, and 19 P-40's attacked enemy installations at Haiphong and Samah, S. Hainan Island. The B-24's heavily bombed Samah airdrome, dock installations and fuel dumps. Large fires were started visible for many miles. The B-25's hit dock installations, warehouses and an ammunition dump at Haiphong. No enemy planes attempted interception and A/A fire was ineffective. 1 B-24 failed to return, another safely made a crash landing on an Allied field, and all other planes returned to their original base.

IV. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking 4 enemy AK's for a total of 28,000-tons. A 5th AK of 7,600-tons was damaged, and a 6th AK of 5,000-tons was probably beached.

Another SS returning from patrol has reported damaging a 3,500-ton naval auxiliary vessel by torpedo and sinking a trawler and leaving a 2nd burning by shellfire.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked 3 times May 2, by a total of 5 B-25's, 6 P-40's, and 8 P-38's. Hits were observed at North and South Head, the radar installation area, and on batteries on Gertrude Cove. Small explosions and fires resulted and 1 building was destroyed. 1 B-25 was damaged by A/A fire. Unfavorable weather conditions prevented additional attacks.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Between 0810 L and 0830 L May 3, 12 TBF's, 12 SBD's, and 12 F4U's escorted by 22 fighters bombed and strafed buildings, A/A positions, and the camp area at Rekata Bay. 2,000-lb. "daisy cutters" started 1 large fire and caused other heavy damage. All our planes returned.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Over Gasmata May 2, a B-17 on reconnaissance was intercepted by 7 enemy fighters, 2 of which were damaged.

At least 5 serviceable aircraft were observed on the airfield which was also serviceable.

Reconnaissance over Kavieng the same day, showed 2 beached vessels, but the "Aoba" class CA was not seen.

(C) New Guinea

On May 2, a B-17 bombed the waterfront area at Finschhafen and 5 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy installations in the Mubo area.

(D) N.E.I.

4 B-25's attacked a group of small enemy vessels N. of Tosal, Kai Islands May 2. The largest vessel, approximately 1,000-tons, ran aground.

At night, 4 other B-25's bombed Penfoei runway, Kospang, starting fires.

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Photographic reconnaissance May 1, at Nabire (NW Dutch New Guinea), reveals a well surfaced runway 3,700-feet long, revetments nearing completion, and evidence of additional construction work being planned.

At Manokwari Harbor, the same day, there were 7 small vessels and some barges and 1 floatplane.

(E) Anstralia

During the morning of May 2, Darwin was attacked by 21 enemy bombers covered by 25-30 fighters. 32 Spitfires intercepted, destroying 3 fighters, probably destroying 5 more, and damaging 4 fighters and 1 bomber. Our losses totaled 14 Spitfires, most of which were forced down through shortage of fuel. Only slight damage resulted to buildings and ground installations.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 8, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On May 1, Kiska was attacked 13 times between 0640 W and 2035 W, by a total of 14 B-25's, 35 P-38's and 38 P-40's. A total of 40.8-tons of bombs was dropped on North Head, radar installations, the beached ship at North Head, the SS base, and the runway. Many hits were observed on or near their target and many explosions and fires resulted. 1 P-38 is missing and 4 other planes were damaged by A/A fire. A B-24 returning from an attack on Attu also bombed Kiska runway.

5 B-24's made the attack on Attu at 1700 W. 12 500-lb. bombs were dropped on the town and Chichagof Harbor and Holts Bay installations.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

6 TBF's escorted by 16 F4F's dropped 6 2,000-lb. bombs on the runway and revetments at Munda May 2. 1 fighter pilot was forced to parachute, but was believed safe.

(B) New Britain

Cape Gloucester was bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance May 1. Results were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

On May 1, a B-24 bombed Reiss Point (30 miles SE of Saidor), and 7 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy installations in the Mubo area.

(D) N.E.I.

On May 1, single Hudsons attacked Toenai and Langgoer in the Kai Islands, and Timika airfield, SW Dutch New Guinea. Results were not observed.

In Manokwari Harbor (NW Dutch New Guinea), a 5,000-ton enemy AK was attacked by 2 B-24's the same day. 1 direct hit and a near miss were scored and the vessel was reported in a sinking condition. The same plane later sighted a large ship at the wharf at Waren (SE of Manokwari), and dropped incendiaries on Nabire.

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Over Bima airdrome (E. Soembawa Island), a B-24 on reconnaissance was intercepted by 6-8 enemy fighters, 3 of which were destroyed while our plane, although damaged, returned to its base.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, May 2, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Further details of the April 26 bombardment on Attu by our CL group indicate it was much more effective than the February bombardment. Many hits were seen in target areas, fires were started at both Chichagof and Holtz Bay, and an ammunition dump was hit and set off.

Kiska was attacked twice on April 30 by a total of 10 P-38's. Bombs were dropped on North Head installations, the SS base, Gertuude Cove, and the hangar area.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

One P-38 is missing from the April 28 raid on Kieta (reported yesterday).

(B) New Ireland-New Britain

On April 30, a B-24 on reconnaissance sighted 5 small vessels in Kavieng Harbor. 11 small craft were unsuccessfully bombed in Steffen Strait by the same plane. 1 Zero attempted interception but was driven off.

At Rabaul on April 30, photographic reconnaissance showed 41 ships including 1 CL, 6 SS's, 5 PC's, 1 CM, 1 AVP, 1 AS, 1 AD, 24 AP/AK's, and 1 AO (the merchant shipping totalling about 135,000-tons). At the same time, incomplete coverage showed some 38 fighters and 29 bombers on Vunakanau and Lakunai airdromes.

The same plane which was over Kavieng bombed and strafed Cape Gloucester runway where a new air strip was reported near the present runway.

Gasmata was bombed by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

(D) New Guinea

Lae town was bombed on April 30, by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

Low level bombing and strafing attacks were made by 6 A-20's on the enemy positions in the Mubo area the same day.

Near Wewak, an Allied plane on reconnaissance early May 1, sighted a CL or DD, and in the harbor saw 5 AK's of from 6,000 to 8,000 tons each.

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(D) Australia

on April 30. An enemy reconnaissance plane was reported over Darwin about noon

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1845 L April 29, a B-24 dropped 40 100-lb. bombs near the copra shed and wharf at Numa Numa (E. coast of Bougainville). The same plane later strafed the target area.

At the same time, Kieta (E. coast of Bougainville) was attacked by 6 B-24's which scored hits throughout the target area starting 4 fires, 2 of which were visible for 50 miles.

Before dawn April 30, 5 B-17's dropped 70 300-lb. bombs in the camp and revetment areas at Kahili starting a large fire.

Vila received 36 500-lb. bombs and 1,000-lb. "daisy cutters" at 1125 L the same day. The camp area E. of the runway was the target of our attack force consisting of 9 SBH's, 9 TBF's, 4 P-39's and an escort of 28 P4F's. Following the bombing, the P-39's made a strafing attack over enemy positions.

At 1710 L the same afternoon, 4 P4U's in a surprise attack strafed the camp area at Rekata Bay. No enemy floatplanes were seen nor was A/A fire encountered. In all of the above 5 attacks our planes returned safely.

Photographs taken of the Buin area April 29, revealed a total of 12 bombers and 73 fighters at Kahili and Ballale airdromes, and 20 floatplanes in the Shortland Islands area.

(B) New Guinea

On April 29, single B-24's bombed Madang, Finschhafen, and villages in the Saider area. A large explosion, possibly from a fuel dump, was observed at Finschhafen, while houses were destroyed and fires started at Madang.

The same day, our ground patrols report encountering the enemy in well defended positions $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of Komiatum and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Mubo.

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4 B-25's bombed Keepang before dawn April 29, but results were not observed.

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The same day, an RAAF Hudson on reconnaissance bombed Langcoer airfield and nearby villages in the Rai Islands, and probably sank a lugger in the Tumbur Islands.

At 0830 1 April 29, 6 B-24's bombed Halong seaplane base at Anson. A large explosion and fires resulted among barracks and hangars. 12 to 15 enemy fighters attempted interception of which 2 were probably destroyed and 1 damaged. Photographs of the airbase taken during the raid revealed 12 bombers (1 damaged) and 2 fighters on the field. In the harbor there were 3 AK's of approximately 8,000-ton, 1 FC, 1 DD, 1 AO, and 1 1,000-ton AK.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Between 0400 L and 0845 L, April 29, 2 B-17's dropped 8 500-lb. and 14 300-lb. bombs at both ends of Kahili runway. Results were not observed.

The same day, Munda was bombed by 6 SBD's and 6 TBF's with an escort of 16 F4F's at 0800 L. 6 1,000-lb. and 19 500-lb. bombs fell on the runway and revetment areas and 1 A/A position was hit.

Gatere and Pelpeli (SW Kolombangara Island) were each attacked by a force of 8 SBD's, 6 TBF's and 4 F4U's covered by 12 to 16 fighters. A barge pier and an A/A position were destroyed at Gatere at 0630 L, April 29. Pelpeli was attacked at 1545 L, and 1 fire was started.

At 0630 L, April 28, our troops discovered and killed an enemy patrol of 8 men and an officer who were about to depart by small boat from a point near Beaufort Bay (SW Guadalcanal). The Japs had apparently landed the night before.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A lighted area in Gazelle Channel (S. of Kavieng), possibly a seaplane alighting area, was strafed by a Catalina before midnight April 27. A possible enemy plane was the target.

A B-17 over Wide Bay the same day, was attacked by 7 enemy fighters, but our plane returned safely.

(C) New Guinea.

On April 27, the buildings at Finschhafen airdrome and villages in the Saidor area were attacked by single B-17's on reconnaissance. A building at Finschhafen was probably destroyed.

(D) N.E.I.

During the morning of April 28, 4 B-25's attacked 2 small enemy AK's at a point approximately 90 miles NW of Dobo (Aree Islands). A direct hit and a near miss with 500-lb. bombs were scored on 1 vessel, and 2 near misses on the other. The ships were bombed and strafed from a low altitude and were left stationary in the water. 1 B-25 was shot down by A/A fire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 29, 1945.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 26, 2 additional attacks were made on Kiska by RCAP pilots in P-40's making a total of 15 attacks for the day. Bombs were dropped near radar installations, the North Head, Main Camp, and Little Kiska.

The following day, 4 P-38's made 1 attack on the same installations at Kiska, but results were not observed because of bad weather.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili and Villi were bombed April 26 by single B-24's, but bad weather prevented observation of results.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-17 on reconnaissance April 27, strafed the airdrome at Cape Gloucester.

The same day, another B-17 strafed fuel drums on W. Willaumes Peninsula and bombed Gasmata setting a building afire and destroying the antenna mast of the wireless station.

(C) New Guinea

On April 27, single enemy planes attacked Morobe and a small vessel off Cape Ward Hunt, but no damage resulted.

Lae airdrome was bombed by 3 B-24's the evening of April 26. The following morning, enemy barges hidden in Labu Lagoon (just S. of the mouth of the Markham River) were strafed by 6 Beaufighters.

A coastal vessel off Newak, the town of Marienburg, a barge at Alexishafen, and buildings at Finschhafen were strafed by a B-17 on reconnaissance April 27. Fires resulted at Finschhafen.

During the early hours of the same day, the dump area of Finschhafen was bombed by a Catalina causing large explosions.

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3 A-20's strafed enemy positions in the Mubo area.

(D) N.E.I.

2 medium AK's at a point approximately 50 miles NW of Dobo (Aroe Islands), were bombed by a B-24 on reconnaissance April 27. A direct hit and near miss were scored on 1 vessel, and 2 near misses on the other. The same plane dropped small incendiary bombs on Nabire (Geelvink Bay, NW Dutch New Guinea).

The same day, the village of Beru (E. tip of Timor) was bombed by 3 B-25's when the planes were attacked by 3 enemy fighters.

Enemy villages in the Kai and Aroe Islands were bombed and strafed by 1 to 2 Allied planes April 26-27. 1 Beaufighter is missing.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific area reports sinking 2 AK's of 6 and 7,000-tons, possibly sinking a 10,000-ton AO, and scoring hits on a 7,000-ton AK. A 2,000-ton AP/AK and a 120-ton schooner were also sunk by gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 28, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

When our surface force bombarded Holtz Bay and Chichagof Harbor, Attu, the morning of April 26, some shell hits were seen in the target area by a search plane, but low clouds prevented accurate observation of results. Enemy artillery did not return our ships fire.

The same day, Kiska received 48-tons of bombs from a total of 11 B-24's, 6 B-25's, 28 P-40's, and 21 P-38's in 13 attacks. Hits were scored on North Head, the runway, the main camp, and near radar installations. Photographic reconnaissance revealed large barracks and other buildings destroyed. 4 B-24's were damaged by A/A fire but all planes returned.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

From 0020 L to 0135 L April 27, Kahili airdrome was bombed by 12 B-24's, but results were not observed. 1 enemy fighter ineffectively attempted interception. The same force attacked Ballale airfield and on the return trip hit Vila starting fires at both places. Fires were still burning at Vila an hour before noon.

The same morning between 0430 L and 0515 L, Kahili was again bombed with unobserved results by 5 B-17's.

Heavy enemy barge activity is reported from Buka Passage to Numa Numa (E. coast of Bougainville Island), and from Vangavanga (W. Kolombangara) to Ringi Cove and Vila.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Enemy shipping in the Kavieng area April 26 included 1 10,000-ton AK escorted by a PC heading SW at a point approximately 8 miles S. of Cape Matanalem (N. New Hanover Island); 6 AK's of 3 to 10,000-tons escorted by 2 PC's heading W. at a point approximately 25 miles SW of Kavieng; 1 serviceable AK and 3 wrecked vessels in Kavieng Harbor.

Photographs of Rabaul Harbor the same day, reveal 38 ships including 1 CL, 8 DD's, 3 SS's, 2 AD's, 1 AS, and 23 AK's aggregating 110,000-tons.

On April 26, a B-17 on reconnaissance strafed Arawe and Ubili and later bombed Gasmata destroying a wireless tower and damaging a building.

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(C) New Guinea

Photographs of Wewak taken April 26, show considerable construction work continuing on the runways and revetment areas in the vicinity. On But and Wewak airfields there was a total of 55 fighters (12 unserviceable) and 4 bombers (1 unserviceable).

A B-24 on reconnaissance bombed the runway at Finschhafen April 26. 1 explosion resulted and a building received a direct hit.

7 A-20's made attacks on enemy positions in the Mubo area during the same day.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

OK An Allied SS on patrol in the Southwest Pacific reports sinking an 8,000-ton AK in escort.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 27, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the morning of April 26, enemy positions at Attu were bombed by our surface force. Several fires were started but complete details have not been reported.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili was under attack from 0145 L to 0315 L April 26. 3 B-24's dropped bombs starting small fires.

(B) New Guinea

On April 24, an Allied advance unit attacked and surrounded an enemy defense position NE of Mubo.

The following day, single B-24's on reconnaissance bombed the waterfront at Finschhafen and Madang runway. A large fire was started at Madang.

4 B-17's attacked Newak before dawn April 25. Bombs fell around the runway starting fires. The same planes strafed Saidor and Madang on the return trip.

The same day, 3 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions NE of Mubo.

(C) N.E.I.

On April 25, Toعال (Kai Islands), Dobo (Aroe Islands), and Timika were attacked by 1-2 Hudsons. Results were not reported.

The same day, enemy villages in the Southern Aroe Islands were strafed by 3 Beaufighters. 2 enemy float planes ineffectively attempted interception.

(D) Australia

3 or more enemy SS's are believed to be operating in the area around Brisbane.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 28, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked 10 times April 25, by a total of 24 P-40's, 19 P-38's, 9 B-24's, and 12 B-25's. Bombs were dropped at the hangar and runway, the main camp, North Head, radar installations, and the beached ship at North Head. Clouds prevented accurate observation of results.

5 heavy bombers attacked Attu with the runway and Holts Bay as the main targets. 1 float plane and 5 barges were observed in the area.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1215 L April 25, 4 F4U's, returning from a strafing mission of the Vila area, sighted 10 enemy bombers with 20 fighters as escort over Buraku (Murray Island). Our planes attacked and shot down 5 Zeros while 2 of our planes are missing. The enemy attack force which was originally headed SE turned around and was last reported over Vela Lavella on route to Buin.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Considerable damage to the superstructure of the Aoba class CA, beached at Kavieng since the attack on April 3-4, is revealed in photographs taken April 25. An oil slick surrounds the vessel, but damage to the hull could not be estimated.

A B-24 on reconnaissance April 24 dropped 6 500-lb. bombs on the runway at Cape Gloucester, but results were not observed.

(C) New Guinea

On April 24, a B-24 dropped 8 500-lb. bombs at an enemy convoy of 3 12,000-ton AP's, 2 5,000-ton AK's, and 2 DD's which were heading NW at a point approximately 300 miles NNW of Newak. No hits were scored.

Another B-24 on reconnaissance the same day, was attacked over Newak by 12 Zeros. In air combat lasting over half an hour, 5 enemy planes were shot down and another damaged. Our plane, with 1 engine shot out and other damage, returned to its base.

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Enemy villages in the Saidor area and Lao airfield were bombed and strafed by B-24's in single attack causing fires.

4 A-20's flying at a low altitude, made 12 strafing passes on enemy positions in the Mubo area April 24.

The same day, an enemy plane ineffectively attacked Dona (at the mouth of the Waria River).

(D) N.E.I.

Enemy coastal shipping in the Kai, Aroe, and Babar Islands was attacked April 24 by Hudsons. 2 small vessels were sunk and others damaged.

The same day, 7 B-25's made a surprise attack on Dili airdrome (N. Timor) and dropped bombs which started fires visible for 25 miles.

Kendari airfield (SE Celebes) was hit at dusk the same day, by a force of 9 B-24's. Bombs fell among workshops causing explosions and fires visible for 75 miles. 5 enemy planes on the ground were destroyed and 5 of 15-20 intercepting fighters were shot down and another probably destroyed. All our planes returned. Our planes on route to their target sighted an enemy convoy of 3 medium AK's and 2 DD/PC's at a point approximately 200 miles SE of Kendari. The ships were heading SW.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, April 25, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

Bad weather prevented heavy attacks on enemy positions in the Aleutian area, but 2 P-38's were over Kiska at 1117W April 24. Two 500-pound bombs were dropped and enemy personnel were strafed, but results were not observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific

A. Solomon Islands

During the early hours of April 24, fifty 500-lb. bombs were dropped on enemy positions at Tarawa Island, in the Gilbert Islands. Results of damage have not been fully determined. Enemy fighters attempted interception and AA fire was encountered, but no planes were reported lost.

The same day at 1345 L, 12 SBD's, 12 TBF's, and 16 F4F's attacked Munda and dropped heavy bombs, including 1,000 and 2,000 pounders, on the runway, dispersal areas and AA positions. Two buildings were destroyed, and a hit on an AA position caused an explosion and large fire.

Shortly afterward, 7 F4U's strafed Ringi Cove (just west of Vila). No planes were lost in these two attacks.

B. New Ireland - New Britain

A B-24 on reconnaissance April 23 sighted an enemy convoy of 3 medium AK's and 2 smaller unidentified vessels at a point approximately 50 miles southeast of Kavieng. A direct hit and a near miss were scored on a 7,000-ton AK, the largest ship of the group, and the vessel was left afire and in a sinking condition.

A B-17 on reconnaissance strafed Ubi11 the same day, with unobserved results.

C. New Guinea

Villages in the Saidor area were bombed by a B-17 April 23, with

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unobserved results.

Three other B-24's made single attacks on Finschhafen during the day, scoring hits on buildings, the runway, and a beached vessel in the harbor.

On April 23, Seafighters attacked a wrecked ship at Lae and enemy positions at Salamaua and in the Mubo area. Eighteen strafing passes were made on the latter positions.

Photos of Wewak April 23 reveal considerable barge activity in the harbor and 3 medium bombers, 8 twin-engine fighters, and 25 other fighters on the airfield.

The previously reported withdrawal from Salamaua of enemy naval landing forces corresponding to our Marines should be disregarded.

D. H.B.I.

Single R.A.A.F. Hudsons bombed Tonal, Kai Islands, and Dobo, Arce Islands, on April 23rd. Results were not observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 24, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Munda was attacked by TBF's at 1600 L, April 22. Bombs were dropped on the runway and AA positions. An hour later F4U's attacked, strafing the area from a very low level. 3 enemy planes on the ground were set afire.

Vila was next attacked by the same F4U's that raided Munda, as reported above. No enemy planes were seen, but a truck on the runway was set afire.

All planes returned.

During the night of April 22-23, Kahili was harassed by 3 B-24's. Bombs were dropped near the beach and at the N. end of the airstrip.

Rakata was bombed and strafed by 12 SED's and 14 F4U's during the early morning of April 23. The whole area was bombed and strafed repeatedly.

(B) New Ireland-New Britain

Near Kavieng, a B-17 on reconnaissance April 22, was intercepted by 4 enemy fighters. After a 160 mile running fight, the enemy planes were shaken off. There was no reported damage on either side.

Photographic reconnaissance at Rabaul on April 22, showed 46 vessels in the harbor comprising 1 CL, 2 DD's, 2 AD's, 6 SS's, 1 AS, 3 PC's, 1 AM, 1 AE, 2 AG's, and 27 AP/AK's (the latter totalling about 105,000-tons).

Aircraft seen on Rabaul airdromes were: 67 bombers, 53 fighters, 6 dive bombers, and 4 transports. It was not stated whether or not this was a complete coverage.

An unidentified SS was seen off Cape Orford during the afternoon of April 22. It was on a S. course.

(C) New Guinea

Mabia was raided by a B-17 the morning of April 22. AA positions were the targets. AA fire encountered was intense, accurate and medium.

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Lababia Island, Dumli, and other villages in the vicinity of Nassau Bay were bombed and strafed by 4 B-26's and 4 A-20's on April 22. Extensive damage was caused by low altitude bombing and repeated strafing attacks.

Reports received on April 22, indicate that enemy troops in the Sidor area are being concentrated 2 miles SE of that place at Wilwila, and that at Salamua, enemy troops are sick and short of food, and that Japanese Naval Landing Parties have been withdrawn.

(D) H.E.I.

On April 22, at about noon, a Hudson bombed Dobo. Later the same day, a second Hudson attacked the Saumlaki area.

(E) Pacific Islands

A second enemy air attack was made on Funafuti by 8 bombers the morning of April 23, a short time after the attack reported yesterday. 2 grounded B-24's were destroyed and some installations were damaged.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific has reported damaging an enemy DD and 1 7,000-ton AK. Possibly other vessels in the same convoy were damaged but the SS was forced to submerge and could not observe results of torpedoes fired. Numerous explosions were heard.

In addition, 1 small schooner and a 40-foot sampan were destroyed by shellfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 23, 1943.

(A) Solomon Islands

Cape Alexander (NE tip of Choiseul Island), was attacked twice by Allied planes April 21. A reconnaissance plane scored near misses on a radio station, and a force of fighters later strafed the area hitting radio installations and a supply depot.

(B) New Britain

Another reconnaissance plane was intercepted by 4 enemy fighters NW of Rabaul. 1 enemy plane was shot down.

(C) New Guinea

The Saidor area was attacked by 2 B-17's the same day, but results were not reported.

Further reconnaissance reveals that there is no foundation for the existence of an enemy airfield at Teliata Point (45 miles NW of Finschhafen), as reported in yesterday's summary.

(D) N.E.I.

On April 21, Kaimana, Timika, Dobo (Aroe Islands), and enemy positions in the Tanimbar Islands were attacked by Allied planes. Results for the most part were unobserved.

Laga (N. coast of Timor), was attacked the same day by 3 B-25's causing fires.

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(E) Pacific Islands

Nauru Island, W. Gilbert Islands, was heavily bombed April 21 by Allied bombers. Heavy damage resulted to enemy installations in spite of heavy A/A fire and intercepting enemy planes. 5 enemy fighters were shot down and 2 others probably destroyed, while all our planes returned.

5 enemy bombers attacked Funafuti, Ellice Islands, during the night of April 22-23. 2 casualties resulted and small fires were started, but damage was negligible.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific has reported sinking an 8,500-ton AK and possibly sinking a 6,600-ton AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 20, Kiska was attacked 10 times by a total of 14 B-24's, 9 B-25's, 32 P-40's, and 10 P-38's, which dropped a total of 604 tons of bombs on the SS base, North Head, the main camp, Little Kiska, the runway, installations on the shore, and the 4 beached ships. Many of the same areas were strafed. The beached ship at Trout Lagoon was still burning from the attack of the day before. New fires were started near the beached ships at North Head, and South Head, and a building at Little Kiska was destroyed. 2 B-25's were damaged.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Between 1840 L and 1900 L, April 20, 5 B-24's dropped heavy bombs on Numa Numa (E. coast of Bougainville). Bad weather prevented observation of results.

(B) New Guinea

During the early morning of April 20, 6 B-17's attacked shipping and the airdromes in the Wewak area. Direct bomb hits were scored on a 6,000-ton AK, destroying the vessel, and another smaller vessel was reported hit. Heavy enemy activity was observed throughout the whole area.

The Saidor area was strafed with unobserved results by a B-17 the same day.

A single enemy plane attacked Morobe but no damage resulted.

Air reconnaissance reports a new long airstrip running parallel to the sea at Teliata Point (45 miles NW of Finschhafen). The field appears to be in good condition and some buildings were observed at the S. end of the runway.

(C) N.E.I.

On April 20, installations in the Arce Islands and the town and airfield at Kaimana were attacked by 3 B-24's. Fires were started.

Photographs taken the same day, reveal 3 very small AK's and 71 barges in Koepang Harbor, SW Timor.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 19, Kiska was raided 11 times by a total of 14 B-24's, 14 B-25's, 24 P-38's, and 32 P-40's. Bombs were dropped on North Head, the main camp, the SS base, Radar installations, the new runway, and the 4 beached ships. The beached ship at Trout Lagoon was hit directly and burned fiercely throughout the day. 2 of the other ships at North and South Head were probably hit by bombs and were also heavily strafed, as was other smaller shipping throughout the area. Small fires were started. 3 fighter planes and 1 bomber were damaged by heavy A/A fire. A total of 60-tons of bombs was dropped on Kiska during the day.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

7 B-17's dropped 17-tons of bombs on Kieta (E. Bougainville Island), at 2030 L, April 19. No further details were reported.

At the same time, 10 TBF's heavily bombed the runway and blast pens at Kahili airdrome.

7 other TBF's attacked shipping in Tonolei Harbor a few hours later, scoring a direct hit on 1 AK and near misses on another.

At 0740 L, April 20, 8 TBF's and 12 SED's dropped heavy bombs, including 7 2000 pounders on the runway, A/A positions, and revetments at Munda, starting fires.

(B) New Britain

On April 19, the airfields at Gasmata and Cape Gloucester were bombed by single reconnaissance planes with unobserved results.

(C) New Guinea

During the early morning of April 19, a Catalina bombed Finschhafen scoring a direct hit on a building which was set afire. The same plane attacked buildings and a small vessel approximately 30 miles up the coast at Wald Bay.

Lae airdrome was hit by bombs from a B-24 the same day.

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Photographic reconnaissance of the Wewak area April 19, reveals considerable activity and construction work at airdromes in the vicinity, and unloading activity in the harbor.

(D) H.E.I.

A small vessel in the Tanimbar Islands and buildings at Hollandia were attacked by single reconnaissance bombers April 19. Results were not reported.

Enemy reconnaissance planes have recently been making trips over the Wissel Lakes and Tanahmerah (Dutch New Guinea).

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 20, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 18, Kiska installations were attacked 9 times by Allied fighters between 0645 W and 1930 W. A total of 37 P-40's and 22 P-38's dropped 17-tons of bombs on the runway, North Head, the SS base the main camp, and beached ships at North Head and Trout Lagoon. Fires were started and a gun position was silenced. Considerable barge activity was observed around the beached ships. No enemy planes attempted interception.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

4 B-24's bombed Munda on April 18, scoring hits on the runway and blast pens, and a large explosion was observed.

During the night of April 18-19, enemy bombers attacked Allied positions at Guadalcanal. An ammunition dump was set afire, 2 men were wounded, and a plane was damaged. An Allied night fighter shot down 1 of the attacking enemy bombers.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-24 on reconnaissance during the morning of April 18, bombed a 10,000-ton enemy AK in Kavieng Harbor. Results were not observed. 2 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception. Returning from Kavieng, our heavy bomber shot down a twin-engined enemy fighter over Vitias Strait, W. of New Britain.

Another Allied plane on reconnaissance the same day, bombed Cape Gloucester airfield but results were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

On April 18, the town and airdrome at Finschhafen and villages in the Saidor area were attacked by Allied reconnaissance planes during the day. Results were not reported.

Enemy troops along the coast of New Guinea to a point at Sachen Bay (approximately 15 miles S. of Salamaua), are being reinforced from Lae. It is reported that there are no Japanese S. of Sachen Bay.

(D) N.E.I.

Penfoei airdrome at Koepang (SW Timor), was bombed by 9 B-25's and Hudsons during the evening of April 18. Fires were started.

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The same day, an Allied reconnaissance plane bombed a village in the Aros Islands with unobserved results.

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Summary as of 0800, April 19, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

6 B-24's bombed Attu at 1350 W April 17. 56 250-lb. bombs were dropped and hits were observed on the runway, in the camp, and on installations near Chichagof Harbor. No enemy planes attempted interception.

The same day, Kiska was attacked 8 times by fighter planes, including a total of 31 P-38's and 14 P-40's, between 0935 W and 1948 W. A 9th attack was made by 4 B-25's and 8 P-40's. The main camp, North Head, installations near Reynard Cove, and the SS base were heavily bombed, and planes on the beach and M/G emplacements were strafed. 1 large building was destroyed and others damaged. 5 of our fighters were damaged during the day's attacks.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the evening of April 17, 8 B-17's, 8 B-24's, and 8 TBF's attacked Kahili airdrome, Buin, and many fires were started near dumps and in the revetment areas. 5 hits were claimed on a 10,000-ton AK, which was last seen with decks awash, at 2000 L. 4 other AK's were attacked by TBF's and hits were claimed on 1 and near misses on another. All our planes returned.

The same day, Munda was attacked by 12 SB2D's, and 13 F4F's scoring bomb hits on the runway and dispersal areas.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-24 on reconnaissance April 17, attacked a possible PG 50 miles SW of Kavieng, and a 5,000-ton AK 90 miles SW of Kavieng. Neither vessel was hit.

2 reconnaissance planes bombed Gasmata airdrome with unobserved results, the same day.

(C) New Guinea

On April 17, a B-24 bombed a 1,000-ton AK in Bogia Harbor. Results were not reported.

(D) H.E.I.

1-2 Hudsons bombed villages in the Kai and Aroe Islands, and the airstrip at Timika (Dutch New Guinea), April 17. Results were not observed.

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At dusk the same day, 4 B-24's bombed the town and jetty at Ambon causing many large fires and explosions. 10 to 12 enemy fighters attempted interception, 4 of which were destroyed and 1 damaged. During the time of the raid, 9 ships were observed in the harbor, the largest of which was about 5,000-tons.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 18, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

It has now been estimated that the landing strip at Kiska, with a width of 150-200 feet, could be used to a very limited extent by April 19, with approximately normal operations about April 24, provided the present construction effort is maintained.

The strip on Attu can be completed June 15-30 if the present construction rate is kept up.

Attu was attacked by 8 heavy bombers, accompanied by 2 photo planes, on April 6. Because of heavy overcast, only 2 planes dropped bombs which landed between the new runway and the shoreline.

Kiska was attacked 10 times on April 16, 9 times from Amchitka and once from Adak. From Amchitka, 5 of the 9 attacks were made by 29 P-38's, and 4 by a total of 32 P-40's. From Adak the attack was made by 5 heavy bombers and 12 B-25's, accompanied by a photo plane. Bombs were dropped in all target areas and, in addition, some fighters strafed various targets.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On April 16, both Kahili and Ballale were attacked by 9 B-24's, 5 B-17's and 11 TBF's. 1 large and 5 small fires were started at Kahili and 3 fires were seen at Ballale. In addition, 2 TBF's attacked shipping, scoring near misses on an AO and an AK.

All planes returned.

On April 16, the Kahili area was raided by P-38 planes. 3 enemy bombers and 3 enemy fighters were shot down. 1 P-38 has not returned.

The night of April 16, 2 enemy planes on individual runs bombed Guadalcanal. 3 men were wounded and a small fuel dump was set afire. One plane was claimed shot down by AA fire.

(B) New Ireland - New Britain

On April 16, photo reconnaissance at Kavieng showed 1 small AK there. In addition, a damaged CA was shown off Baudisson Island with tug alongside. 1 wrecked and 1 sunken AK were observed as well.

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On April 17, 2 enemy convoys were observed NE of Kavieng. One, 180 miles away, was composed of 2 DD's and 3 AK's, and the second, 270 miles away, consisted of 1 possible cruiser, 2 DD's and 1 AK. The second was on a westerly course, but the direction of the first was not certain because the vessels were on different headings when observed.

Photographic reconnaissance at Rabaul on April 16, showed 46 ships including 7 DD's, 2 AD's, 5 small SS's, 1 AS, 1 converted AVP, 4 PC, 2 AO and 24 AP/AK. At Vunakanau airdrome, 69 fighters and 9 bombers were seen (with incomplete coverage). At Lakunai 120 fighters, 4 transports and 13 bombers were observed and at Rapopo, there were 36 bombers.

A possible new airstrip near Ubili was bombed by a B-17 and Gasmata was bombed by a Catalina on April 16. Both planes were on reconnaissance.

(C) New Guinea

Reconnaissance now indicated that 1 8000 ton AK was sunk and 1 gunboat was probably sunk on the Wewak raid the night of April 16-16.

The morning of April 16, 9 B-24's attacked Wewak waterfront, and airfield, Madang and Lae airfields when they could find no shipping at Wewak.

During the morning of April 16, an enemy convoy of 1 CL, 1 DD, and 2 AK's was sighted 60 miles N. of Wewak on a NW course.

2 enemy fighters were over Port Moresby during the day on April 16. They probably were on reconnaissance.

(D) N. E. I.

On April 16, Baucan (Timor) was bombed by 3 B-25's. At about the same time 2 B-24's bombed the dump area at Kaimana. 3 huge fires were started when a possible ammunition store was hit.

The afternoon of the same day, 3 barges on the west coast of the Aroe Islands were strafed by a Beaufighter.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returned from patrol in the Southwestern Pacific has reported a torpedo hit on a 2500 ton enemy AK and an unknown number of hits out of 3 torpedoes fired at a 5000 ton AK.

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Summary as of 0800, April 17, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

In addition to the already reported 8 attacks on Kiska April 14, there were 2 other fighter attacks making a total of 10 raids for the day. No new shipping was observed, nor were any enemy planes seen in the area. 2 B-24's, 1 B-25 and 1 fighter plane were damaged during the attacks of the day.

On April 15, 91-tons of bombs fell on enemy positions at Kiska when Allied bombers and fighters attacked 13 times. Photographs taken after the attacks reveal many large fires were started, buildings destroyed and damaged. 1 B-24 was hit by A/A fire and fell in flames. 2 other B-24's and 2 B-25's were damaged.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain-New Ireland

B-17's set out to attack Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, before dawn April 15. 3 of the planes reached the target and dropped bombs, and 2 others bombed Gasmata, but results were not observed.

A B-17 on reconnaissance over Kavieng the same day, was intercepted by 8 to 10 enemy fighters, 3 of which were possibly destroyed or damaged in air combat.

Another of our reconnaissance planes sighted 2 enemy SS's on the surface off Cape Orford. The vessels were moving S.

(B) New Guinea

On April 15, a B-17 on reconnaissance dropped bombs among grounded aircraft at Lae airdrome, and 3 A-20's made strafing attacks on enemy positions and installations in the Mubo area. No results were reported.

Enemy shipping at Wewak was attacked by B-17's and B-24's during the evening of April 15. 1 8,000-ton AK was hit directly and appeared to be sinking when last observed. Another AK was damaged and listing, and a 3rd AK was beached.

(C) N.E.I.

The enemy vessel attacked approximately 100 miles W. of the Tanimbar Islands on April 14, and described as a CL or a large DD, was revealed in photographs to be a 500-ton torpedo boat.

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An enemy float plane at Dobo (Aroe Islands), and a beached ship in the Tanimbar Islands were attacked by Hudsons April 15. Extent of damage was not known.

The same day, 3 other Hudsons bombed and strafed an enemy village in Central Portuguese Timor. Explosions resulted and 2 buildings were possibly destroyed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 16, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked 8 times April 14, by heavy bombers, medium bombers, and fighters. A 9th attack of 16 B-24's and 11 B-25's turned back before reaching the target because of bad weather. Approximately 31-tons of bombs were dropped during the day on the main camp, Gertrude Cove, the SS base, the new runway area, and Little Kiska. Fires were started, 4 planes on the beach were strafed, and A/A guns were believed put out of action.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1130 L April 15, 6 TBF's escorted by 15 fighters bombed the runway and dispersal area at Munda.

During the afternoon of the same day, Vila received 5 1,000-lb. bombs from 5 SBD's accompanied by 14 fighters. A large building, which was probably a power plant, was destroyed.

2 TBF's with 19 fighters as escort, attacked and sank an 80 foot vessel in Rekata Bay the same day.

(B) New Britain

Buildings at Arawe and Ubili and the airdromes at Cape Gloucester and Gasmata, were attacked by single Allied reconnaissance planes April 14. Barges and float planes at Gasmata were strafed but results of these attacks were not reported.

On April 15, at a point approximately 35 miles SW of Kavieng, 5 enemy AK's of 2-5,000-tons were sighted heading toward Rabaul.

(C) New Guinea

B-24's and B-17's attacked a 4,000-ton AK in Hansa Bay during the morning of April 14. Direct hits were scored and 3 hours later the vessel was still burning. Some of the heavy bombers attacked the airdrome and A/A positions at Nubia, on Hansa Bay.

Barges in Finschhafen Harbor were strafed by an Allied reconnaissance plane the same day.

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Shortly after noon April 14, 36 medium bombers and 10-25 dive bombers escorted by 30 fighters attacked Allied shipping in Milne Bay. 1 3,000-ton AK was hit directly and forced to the beach and the cargo destroyed. 2 other AK's and 2 corvettes were damaged. Numerous casualties resulted on 3 of the ships. Damage to ground installations was negligible. Enemy losses totaled 10 bombers and 5 fighters destroyed, 8 bombers and 1 fighter probably destroyed, and 4 bombers and 2 fighters damaged. 2 Allied fighter planes were lost and 2 others damaged.

April 15
At 0910 K, a convoy including a possible CL, 1 DD, 1 PC, 3 AK's of 6 to 8,000-tons, 2 smaller AK's and an unidentified vessel entered Newak Harbor.

(D) N.E.I.

On April 14, 3 B-25's bombed 2 small AK's in Kaimana Bay. The vessels were not hit.

Tocel (Kai Islands) and Timika (SW Dutch New Guinea), were bombed the same day by Hudsons with unobserved results.

At the same time, 6 B-25's attacked a CL or a large DD at a point approximately 100 miles W. of the Tanimbar Islands. Near misses were scored on the vessel which changed its course from E. to N.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 15, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked ten times on April 13. 63 tons of bombs were dropped by a total of 6 B-24's, 15 B-25's, 28 P-38's, and 20 P-40's. Enemy installations at North Head, the main camp, the new airstrip, Little Kiska, and float planes on the beach were bombed with good results and numerous fires were started. 1 P-38 failed to return and 1 P-38 and 1 B-25 were damaged by AA fire but reached our base safely.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

An enemy barge at Bambatana (W coast of Choiseul Island) was attacked and set afire at mid-day April 13 by 8 Allied fighters.

The following day enemy barges and installations in Viru Harbor were bombed and strafed by 6 TBF's escorted by 16 fighters. 3 fires were started.

(B) New Britain

On April 13 a B-24 unsuccessfully attacked small enemy coastal vessels in Wide Bay.

An Allied reconnaissance plane the same day sighted a convoy of 3 large AK's escorted by 4 warships heading N off Praed Point (Rabaul area).

On April 14 another convoy of 3 DD's and 2 AK's was sighted at a point approximately midway between Rabaul and the Admiralty Islands. The ships were heading toward Rabaul.

(C) New Guinea

During the late afternoon and evening of April 12 B-24's and B-17's bombed shipping in Hansa Bay (midway between Madang and Wewak). 2 large AK's were set afire by direct hits. Near misses were claimed on a DD and a small AK. 3 B-17's unable to locate the shipping because of bad weather attacked enemy installations at Bogia. 15 enemy planes attempted interception and 6 of them were shot down.

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Approximately 40 miles NW of Hansa Bay another enemy convoy of 3 DD's, 3 large AP's, and 3 medium AK's was proceeding SE down the coast of New Guinea.

The heavy bombers returning from the raid on Hansa Bay dropped bombs in dispersal areas at Lae Airdrome with unobserved results.

On April 13 3 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions and M/G batteries in the Mubo area. The same day a B-17 on reconnaissance bombed the Finschhafen runway with unobserved results.

(D) N.E.I.

Enemy villages in the Kai Islands were bombed and strafed by a Hudson on reconnaissance on April 13. Fires and explosions were observed after the attack.

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Summary as of 0800, April 14, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Enemy installations and positions at Kiska and Little Kiska were attacked six times on April 12. Five raids were made by fighter planes and the sixth by 3 B-25's. Results for the most part were unobserved.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili airdrome received 21 500-lb. bombs from 2 B-24's between 2105 L and 2155 L April 12. Enemy searchlights could not locate our planes until an engine of 1 caught fire.

The following morning at 0815 L, 11 TBF's escorted by 21 fighters dropped heavy bombs on the runway, dispersal areas and camp at Munda starting fires. 1 fighter failed to return.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Before dawn April 12, 13 B-17's set out to attack Rabaul. 1 plane crashed while taking off and 2 others returned without bombing any target. The remaining planes heavily attacked the airdromes at Rabaul, Gasmata, Ubili, and Talasea. Fires were started, 1 at Vunakanau airdrome visible for 50 miles. An enemy AK and SS were bombed in St. Georges Channel and the SS was reported sunk. Enemy fighters attempted interception and 3 of them were shot down.

Photographs of Rabaul taken before noon the same day, reveal a total of 59 ships in the harbor including 10 DD's, 3 SS's, 3 tenders, 4 AO's 1 of 14,000-tons, 2 PC's, 1 AM, and 36 AK's with a gross tonnage of approximately 181,000-tons. A total of 104 fighters, 48 medium bombers, 14 light bombers, 15 dive bombers and 5 transports were shown at the airfields in the Rabaul area. These pictures were taken at the same time that approximately 100 enemy planes were raiding Port Moresby.

On April 12, at a point approximately 75 miles NW of Rabaul, a B-24 sighted and attacked 3 small enemy AK's towing small fishing vessels. Near misses were reported on the AK's and 1 of the smaller ships was set afire by a strafing attack.

During the night of April 12-13, another reconnaissance plane sighted 1 AK and 7 DD's at a point approximately 200 miles NE of Kavieng. The course of the vessels was not reported.

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(C) New Guinea

Approximately 50 enemy medium bombers escorted by 50 fighters attacked the airdrome at Port Moresby before noon April 12. 3 Allied aircraft on the ground were destroyed and 9 others damaged. Bombs set a gas dump afire and killed 7 ground personnel. Intercepting Allied fighters shot down 15 enemy bombers and 9 fighters, and 4 bombers and 1 fighter were probably destroyed. A/A batteries claim to have destroyed 2 other bombers with 6 probably destroyed. Our losses in air combat totaled 2 fighters shot down of which 1 pilot is safe and 5 fighter planes damaged. The enemy bombed from 22,000-feet and it is reported that some bombs exploded 100 to 200-feet above the ground.

Enemy planes returning to their base from Port Moresby were intercepted by an Allied fighter patrol near Cape Ward Hunt. 4 additional enemy bombers and 1 fighter were destroyed.

The same day, a single enemy bomber attacked Morobe but no damage resulted.

Over Wewak a B-24 on reconnaissance was attacked by a force of at least 12 enemy fighters of which 6 and possibly a 7th were shot down.

During the afternoon of April 12, a B-24 on reconnaissance sighted 4 AK's of 6 to 8,000-tons, 2 smaller vessels and 2 DD's in Hansa Bay (approximately midway between Wewak and Madang). 2 AK's were reported damaged by a direct hit or near misses and both vessels were left smoking.

Another B-24 bombed Madang starting fires along the waterfront.

(D) N.E.I.

The town of Toetal (Kai Islands), and shipping at Kaimana and Dobo were attacked by a single Allied reconnaissance plane April 12. Results were not reported.

The same day, an AK in the harbor at Hollandia (N. coast Dutch New Guinea), was attacked by a B-24. Results were not observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 11, 3 fighter attacks were made on Kiska and Little Kiska. A few hits were observed which started fires. A fourth attack was made by B-25's and P-40's but results were not observed.

Bad weather which has limited Allied attacks during the last week was used to advantage by the enemy who have now completed the runway at Kiska.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili and Ballale airdromes were under attack from 2120 L to 2150 L April 11. 1 B-17 dropped flares to light up the target while 6 others dropped bombs but results were not observed. 2 B-17's are missing probably due to unfavorable weather conditions.

During the night of April 11-12, Munda received 4 500-lb. bombs from a Catalina.

The following morning, Vila and Ringa Cove (5 miles W. of Vila), were bombed and strafed by 6 TBF's escorted by 23 fighters. 2 fires were started.

On April 11, enemy positions at Rekata Bay were strafed by 7 P-38's and 8 F4U's silencing 4 enemy gun positions.

(B) New Ireland-New Britain

A B-17 on reconnaissance April 11, was attacked by 10 enemy fighters at Kavieng. 3 enemy planes were shot down and 3 others were damaged.

The same day, near Vitu Islands (NE of Cape Gloucester), a B-24 on reconnaissance reported an ineffective attempt at interception by 10 enemy fighters.

At 0445 K April 12, a 10,000-ton AK and 2 DD's were sighted heading E. at the S. end of St. Georges Channel.

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(C) New Guinea

During the night of April 10-11, 6 B-17's, 12 Beaufighters, and 1 B-24 searched for the 2 enemy DD's reported yesterday moving W. along the S. coast of New Britain toward Finschhafen. The planes were not able to locate the vessels and bombed and strafed Lae and Finschhafen. 2 buildings were destroyed and a fuel dump was set afire at Lae. Other results were not observed. The 2 DD's were eventually sighted at 0335 K April 11, at a point 25 miles SW of Gasmata heading E. No attack was made on the vessels.

Finschhafen and Madang were bombed by single reconnaissance planes April 11. Fires broke out in the Madang dock area and buildings N. of Finschhafen airdrome.

Allied shipping just S. of Oro Bay was attacked shortly after noon April 11, by 45 enemy dive bombers and fighters. 25 to 30 bombs were dropped scoring hits on a small supply ship, a corvette and a 2,000-ton AK, which was later beached. Approximately 50 Allied fighters intercepted and shot down 5 enemy bombers and 11 fighters, while 5 additional fighters and 1 bomber were possibly destroyed or damaged. 1 P-38 was forced to make a crash landing.

(D) N.E.I.

Babo, Kaimana, and the airstrip at Timika were attacked April 11 by RAAF Catalinas. An 800-ton vessel and 4 float planes at Kaimana were damaged and fires and explosions were observed at Babo and Timika.

Baucau airdrome (N. coast of Timor, 45 miles E. of Dili), was heavily bombed by 5 Dutch B-25's causing considerable damage.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 12, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

At 1100 W April 10, 1 of our search planes sighted and bombed 2 enemy DD's at a point approximately 120 miles WNW of Attu. The vessels were not hit, however, when last seen at 1315 W, they had changed their course from E. to SW.

During the same afternoon, fighter planes made 2 raids on enemy positions at Kiska but results were unobserved.

A third attack mission of 4 B-25's and 6 P-38's set out to attack Kiska but turned back because of a solid overcast over the target.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of April 10-11, a Catalina dropped a few bombs on the camp area at Munda starting a fire.

The early morning of April 11, Kahili airdrome and A/A positions were bombed by 3 B-24's on harassing missions.

The same morning, 12 TBF's dropped heavy bombs on the runway and A/A positions at Munda causing fires and explosions.

(B) New Britain

1 of our reconnaissance planes on April 10 covered 2 enemy DD's from a position off Cape Orford to a point approximately 25 miles SW of Gasmata. The vessels, when last observed, were heading W.

The same day, a B-17 on reconnaissance bombed Arawe airdrome with unobserved results.

On April 11, another search plane sighted an enemy CL and DD's at a point approximately 200 miles NE of Rabaul. The ships were headed WNW.

(C) New Guinea

At dawn April 10, a total of 10 B-17's and 6 B-24's attacked Wewak and scored a direct hit on a 1,000-ton AK destroying the vessel.

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Another smaller ship was severely damaged and a third vessel was set afire by a strafing attack. A large ammunition dump was blown up, searchlight and A/A positions were hit, and fires were burning in the town and at the airfield. The seaplane base at Kairiru Island (just N. of Wewak), was also heavily bombed. 1 enemy fighter attempting interception was shot down and 1 of our B-24's is reported missing.

The same day, Madang, Alexishafen, and Bogia (halfway between Wewak and Madang), were attacked by B-25's and Beaufighters covered by P-38's. An enemy machine gun battery was destroyed and a power barge sunk.

(D) N.E.I.

Dobo, Arco Islands, and a village on Tanimbar Islands were bombed by single reconnaissance planes April 10. Results were not reported. Enemy villages in Central Portuguese Timor were bombed and strafed by 6 Hudsons the same day. Large fires broke out probably in the fuel dump area.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 11, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

On April 9, 2 groups of Allied fighters were over Kiska during the day, but no bombs were dropped due to poor visibility.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

It is reported that the enemy are increasing the strength of their garrison at Numa Numa (East coast of Bougainville) and are constructing a camouflaged runway.

In the enemy attack on Allied shipping at Tulagi, April 7, 12 dive bombers and 25 fighters were shot down by our planes. 2 other enemy planes are reported to have crashed on the return trip. Of the 7 Allied planes lost, 5 pilots have been rescued.

(B) New Ireland--New Britain

Kavieng airdrome was bombed with unobserved results by 2 B-17's during the evening of April 8.

Photographs of Kavieng airdrome, April 9, reveal 90 enemy planes, including 48 serviceable fighters and 29 serviceable bombers. 6 vessels were in the harbor and 3 of them were apparently beached.

The same day a B-17 on reconnaissance attacked trucks on Lorengau airdrome, Admiralty Islands.

Other Allied planes on reconnaissance during the day sighted 18--20 enemy fighters heading west over Ubili and 12 Zeros over Wide Bay.

(C) New Guinea

13 B-25's and 10 Beaufighters escorted by P-38's made a coordinated attack upon enemy installations and shipping at Madang and Alexishafen during the morning of April 9. The whole area was thoroughly strafed and bombs landed on the airdrome and along the water front. 6 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and large fires were started. 3 loaded barges were destroyed in the harbor by strafing attacks.

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The same day enemy positions in the Mubo area were attacked by 6 A-20's with unobserved results.

A B-17 bombed the town of Bogia (half-way between Hewak and Madang) and barges in the harbor were strafed.

(D) N. E. I.

On April 9, Dobo (Aroe Islands), Saumlaki (Tanimbar Islands), and the air field near Kaukenau (southwest Dutch New Guinea) were attacked by 1-2 Hudsons during the day.

(E) Arafura Sea

At a point approximately 200 miles northeast of Darwin an enemy float plane bombed a small Allied convoy during the morning of April 9. No damage resulted.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the northwest Pacific reports attacking and possibly hitting an escorted supply ship.

Another SS in the southwest Pacific reports attacking an enemy convoy of 5 AK's and 1 DD. Hits were scored on 1 AK and the DD, forcing the vessels to be beached.

A third SS, operating in the southwest Pacific, reports sighting 7 enemy vessels, including a possible CV. Possible hits were scored on the CV.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 10, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

A U. S. Navy communique has reported 1 U. S. DD damaged and later sunk, 1 corvette, 1 AO, and 1 small fuel oil boat sunk as a result of the Japanese bombing at Tulagi April 7.

(B) New Ireland-New Britain

On April 8, the new Ponapai airdrome near Kavieng was bombed by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

An enemy convoy of 1 CL, 1 DD, 2 AP's and 1 AK was sighted on a NW course 40 miles NW of Kavieng about noon April 8. 2 DD's, 1 AP and 1 AK were sighted in the harbor during the evening the same day.

Enemy installations at Ulaona were bombed and strafed by a B-24 on April 8. Results were not observed.

(C) New Guinea

Photos taken of Wewak on April 8 showed 1 DD, 2 possible AO's, 1 small AK and 35 barges in the vicinity.

Finschhafen was bombed and strafed by a B-24 with unobserved results on April 8.

(D) N.E.I.

The Timika airfield was bombed by a Hudson on April 8. Saumlaki was bombed and strafed by a Hudson and small enemy coastal vessels S. of the Aroe Islands were strafed by another Hudson the same day.

Off Kankemau, a Hudson on reconnaissance sighted and attacked a convoy of 12 barges and a PC moving along the coast from the NW. Direct bomb hits were scored on 2 vessels and all were strafed for an hour. Fires were started on the escort vessel and on 3 of the barges. All vessels were damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 9, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On April 7, 1 CL, 6 DD's and 2 AK's were observed in the Buin-Faisi area.

At 0420 L, April 8, 5 of 12 TBF's reached Kahili airdrome and dropped bombs on the target area. 1 plane crashed shortly after taking off and the other 6 were still missing the afternoon of the same day. 2 B-17's had intended to light up the area with flares for the TBF's but arrived 16 minutes after the attack and dropped bombs on searchlights and AA positions at Kahili.

A Japanese communique claims that their attack on Tulagi April 7, sank Allied shipping including the following: 1 CL, 1 DD, and 10 AP's. 3 AP's were also damaged. The same attacking planes report shooting down 37 Allied fighters while losing only 6 of their own. This battle will be known as the Naval Battle of the Florida Island Waters.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-17 on reconnaissance April 7, sighted 1 DD and 2 medium AK's heading NNW approximately 15 miles NW of Kavieng. Our bomber strafed the 3 vessels. An enemy float plane escorting the vessels was damaged in air combat. The same B-17 strafed an enemy SS 60 miles SE of Lorengau and forced the SS to submerge.

Enemy planes on the Cape Gloucester airfield were bombed and strafed the same day by a B-17 on reconnaissance. Results were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

Wewak, Finschhafen, Lae, and Salamaua were attacked by single reconnaissance bombers April 7. 1 building at Salamaua was destroyed.

Saidor and small enemy villages along the coast SE of Saidor were bombed and strafed by 6 B-25's the same day. 3 villages were set afire.

(D) N.E.I.

B-24's bombed Babo and Fak Fak, SW Dutch New Guinea, April 7. Explosions and fires resulted at Babo.

2 Hudsons on reconnaissance the same day, were over the Tanimbar and Aroe Islands, and 1 bombed Saumlaki and the other Dobo. Results were not observed.

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II. U. S. Submarine Report

A U. S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific reports sinking 2 enemy AK's, 2 AO's, and probably sinking another AK. The SS also reports damaging an enemy PC with gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 8, 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On April 8, an enemy DD 80 miles W. of Buin was unsuccessfully bombed by a Beaufighter on reconnaissance.

The following day in the Buin area, 114 fighters, 5 medium bombers, and 1 heavy bomber were reported at Kahili; 95 fighters and 1 medium bomber at Ballale; and 6 float planes at Faisi. At Buka there were 37 enemy fighters and 6 medium bombers. This makes a total of 246 enemy fighters in the Bougainville area, although identification of all planes was not positive.

B-17's made a harassing raid on Ballale airdrome during the night of April 6-7.

At 0615 L April 7, 14 SBD's and 4 TBF's covered by 11 fighters attacked Vila and dropped bombs on A/A positions and the bivouac area, starting a large fire. 2 direct hits were claimed on A/A positions. Enemy A/A fire was intense but all our planes returned.

During the night of April 6-7, Catalinas harassed enemy positions at Vila and Enogai Inlet (on New Georgia Island, across Kula Gulf from Vila).

A B-17 on April 7, bombed 2 enemy tankers in Manning Strait (between Choiseul and Santa Isabel Islands). The vessels were not hit.

Enemy shore positions and one 4-engined flying boat at Rekata Bay were hit when 6 SBD's and 6 TBF's accompanied by 12 fighters attacked at noon, April 7. Very little A/A fire was encountered and all our planes returned.

Between 1925 L and 2045 L on April 8, 3 enemy planes were over Guadalcanal. Some bombs and flares were dropped but damage was reported as very light and no casualties resulted.

Tulagi and nearby shipping were attacked at 1440 L April 7, by 50 enemy bombers escorted by 48 fighters. 67 U. S. fighters in combat claim 1 enemy fighters and 5 dive bombers shot down. An additional enemy plane reportedly crashed on the return trip off Vella Lavella. Our losses totalled 6 F4F's and 1 P-39, of which 1 pilot was saved.

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A half hour later, 7 enemy planes attacked 2 Allied AX's off the NE coast of Guadalcanal causing minor damage but no casualties. 3 of the enemy planes were shot down.

(B) New Britain

Photographic reconnaissance of a section of Rabaul April 6, show approximately 75 vessels in the harbor.

The same day, a B-17 on reconnaissance strafed buildings at Cape Gloucester and another B-17 bombed Gasmata airdrome and a small coastal vessel near Montagu Harbor (35 miles E. of Gasmata). Results were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

Salamaua was heavily attacked twice by Allied planes April 6, and a B-17 on reconnaissance bombed buildings at Finschhafen.

(D) N.E.I.

Enemy positions in the Tanimbar and Arce Islands were attacked with unobserved results by Allied planes April 6.

III. Formosa Straits.

Reconnaissance April 1 over N. Formosa and the SE China coast from Foochow to Amoy reported 61 enemy aircraft at Shinchiku airfield (NW Formosa), and 6 enemy naval vessels at Amoy.

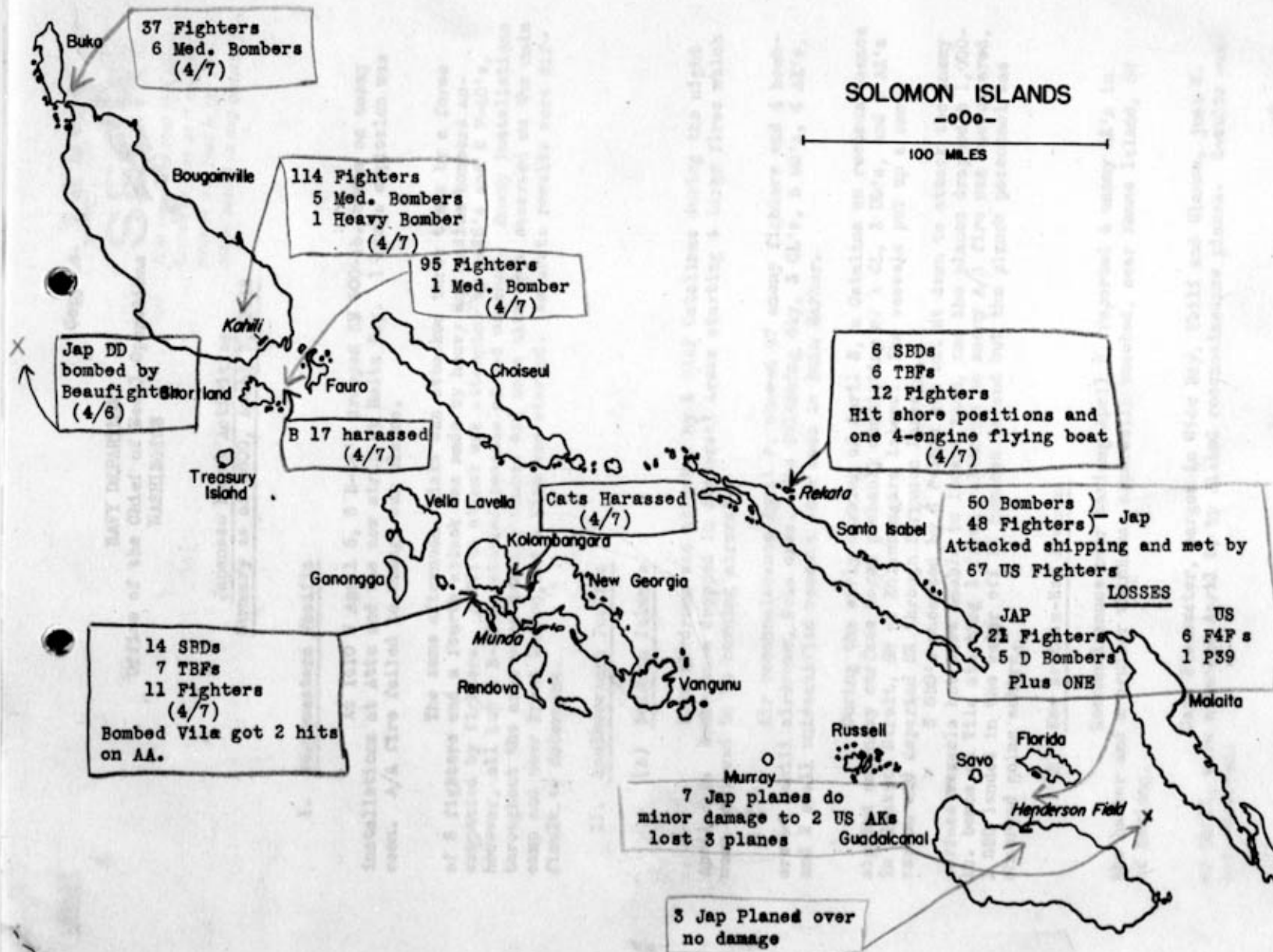
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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 7, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

At 1410 W April 5, 6 B-24's dropped 69 500-lb. bombs on enemy installations at Attu and the new strip at Holtz Bay. 1 large explosion was seen. A/A fire failed to damage our planes.

The same afternoon, Kiska was attacked three times by a force of 8 fighters and a fourth attack was made by heavy and medium bombers accompanied by fighters. A fifth attack was attempted by B-25's and 8 P-40's, however, all but 2 B-25's returned because of bad weather. Enemy installations throughout the area were heavily bombed and some hits were observed on the main camp and near Trout Lagoon, and a fire was started. Accurate results were difficult to determine.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Buka airdrome was attacked by 4 RAAF Catalinas during the night April 4-5. Bombs were dropped in dispersal areas starting 4 large fires which were believed to be burning aircraft.

Air reconnaissance April 3, showed 47 enemy fighters and 4 bombers at Kahili airdrome, Buin area. The following day, 3 CL's, 5 DD's, 4 AK's, and 2 small unidentified vessels were seen in Buin Harbor.

During the early morning of April 6, a Catalina on reconnaissance sighted an enemy surface force probably consisting of 1 CL, 2 DD's, and 2 AK's in Blackett Strait, SW of Kolombangara Island. The vessels put up a smoke screen and departed SW through Ferguson Passage.

6 SBD's escorted by 6 P-38's set out at dawn to attack the enemy surface vessels but were unable to locate them, and the planes dropped 5 1,000-lb. bombs on Vila starting 1 fire. Although no enemy A/A fire was encountered, 1 SBD landed in the water off SW Rendova Island but the plane's personnel was observed going ashore.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Reconnaissance over Kavieng April 5, reported 4 enemy AK's in the harbor and a cruiser which was apparently beached, near Manne Island, SW of Kavieng.

Cape Gloucester, barges in Wide Bay, Ubili and Ula-moa, just W. of Ubili, were attacked April 5, by Allied reconnaissance planes. Results were not observed.

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(C) New Guinea

On April 5, Finschhafen, Salamaua, and Madang airdromes and enemy huts at Saidor, were attacked during the day by our reconnaissance planes. Results were not reported.

(D) N.E.I.

2 B-24's sighted and attacked 6 enemy vessels including 3 AK's and 3 possible lighters, in Sekar Bay (SW Dutch New Guinea, 15 miles N. of Fak Fak). Near misses were scored with 500-lb. bombs.

A Hudson attacked enemy positions at Timika, SW Dutch New Guinea, the same day starting a fire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 6, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Ireland

8 B-17's attacked the airdrome and town of Kavieng, and shipping dispersed throughout the area before dawn on April 4. Enemy shipping in the harbor included 1 CL, 2 probable CL's, 1 DD, 1 possible SS, 1 corvette, and 4 medium AK's. In Gazelle Channel, approximately 15 miles S. of the city, there were 4 or 5 other warships including 2 possible DD's and 1 AK or SS tender. In addition to the ships reported hit in yesterday's summary during this attack, a large DD received a direct hit which caused an explosion, and a near hit was scored on another DD. Other bombs were dropped with unobserved results. 3 of the B-17's attacked the wharf area of the town and dispersal areas at the airdrome, but results could not be ascertained.

(B) New Guinea

Lae was heavily attacked March 4, by a total of 12 B-25's, 6 A-20's, and 9 Beaufighters. The area was thoroughly strafed causing damage to buildings, and fires and explosions resulted from bomb hits.

The same day, 6 A-20's made 28 strafing runs over enemy positions in the Mubo area.

Salamaua was bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance with unobserved results.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS in the Southwest Pacific area has reported sinking a large enemy AP/AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 6, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

An eighth attack was made by 3 P-40's on enemy positions at Miska at 1605 W April 2, in addition to the seven reported yesterday. Results were not observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Shortly after midnight April 4, 1 of our DD's attacked an enemy SS on the surface at a point approximately 50 miles ENW of the Russell Islands. The SS was shelled and depth charged causing a large explosion. The SS is believed to be either severely damaged or totally destroyed.

(B) New Ireland

In a pre-dawn attack April 3, 8 B-17's raided enemy shipping at Kavieng. 4 direct hits were scored on a probable CL, which sank bow first in five minutes. 1 direct hit and skip bomb hits were scored on a probable CA which exploded while enveloped in flames and probably sank. 1 DD is reported as probably sunk as a result of direct hits and near misses followed by 2 large explosions. Another DD was probably hit and other vessels were bombed with unobserved results. 1 B-17 attacked Kavieng airdrome at the same time.

During the afternoon, a reconnaissance plane attacked an enemy AK between Kavieng and Rabaul. The vessel was sighted later escorted by 3 DD's and appeared to be undamaged.

Between midnight and dawn the following morning, our heavy bombers returned to Kavieng and again attacked enemy shipping approximately 10 miles S. of the city. 2 AK's of 6 to 8,000-tons were reported to have been hit directly and near misses were claimed on a CL. No planes were reported lost in these attacks.

(C) New Britain

Gasmata and Cape Gloucester were bombed by a RAF Catalina on reconnaissance April 3. A large building at Gasmata was destroyed.

An enemy village E. of Ubili was bombed the same day by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

(D) New Guinea

On April 3, Pischhafen, Madang, and Alexishafen were bombed by Allied planes on reconnaissance.

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The Mubo area and adjacent coast were attacked 3 times during the day by A-20's. Strafing attacks were carried out from a low level but results were not observed.

(E) N.E.I.

Saumlaki, Tanimbar Islands, the runway near Tocal, Kai Islands, and the dump area at Timika, SW Dutch New Guinea, were attacked on April 3 by Allied planes. A barge was sunk and enemy installations were strafed.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

An SS returning from patrol in the Southwest Pacific area has reported damaging a 7,200-ton AK with 2 torpedoes.

Another SS returning from patrol in the West Pacific has reported sinking 8 enemy ships totaling 37,000-tons and damaging an additional 6,000-ton AK. A trawler and 2 sampans were also destroyed, probably by gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, April 4, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific:

The enemy base at Kiska was bombed 7 times on April 2. A total of 16 P-38's, 16 P-40's, 6 B-25's and 16 B-24's, were over the area attacking the main camp area, the SS base, North Head, and the new airstrip. Direct hits were reported in all areas although some results were not observed in the later raids because of heavy overcast. Two B-25's collided over North Head, injuring one turret gunner, and 2 planes were damaged by AA fire, but all returned.

Attu was attacked by 4 heavy bombers on April 2. The Holtz Bay fighter strip was the main target and hits were observed on it.

II. Southwestern Pacific:

(A) Solomon Islands.

On April 2, an enemy AK and many small boats and barges were seen at Kieta. The same day, a U.S. search plane depth-charged and bombed an SS, shot down an enemy float plane and later was successful in fighting off 2 enemy float planes in the Central Solomons area. Three enemy DD's were sighted off the North Central part of Choiseul Island during the morning of April 2. They were headed in a n.w. direction.

(B) New Britain:

On April 2, reconnaissance over Rabaul reported 55 ships there with an additional 6 vessels headed toward Rabaul from the North.

Gasmata and Cape Gloucester airdromes were bombed during the day by Allied reconnaissance planes.

(C) New Guinea.

The Finschafen area was bombed by a B-17 during the afternoon of April 2. Fires were started when barges, buildings, and the airdrome were bombed and strafed. A B-24 bombed a camouflaged ship near the town during the afternoon with unobserved results.

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The coastal road at Alexishafen and the airdrome and building area at Madang were raided by a heavy bomber on reconnaissance the same day. Fires broke out at Madang.

Small islands off the New Guinea coast East of Mubo, and the coastal area (where barges had been seen operating) were attacked by 3 A-20's during the morning of April 2.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, April 3, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific

On March 31, Kiska was attacked by allied fighters and on April 1, our planes made 4 additional raids. 6 P-38's made the first two attacks and bombed the main camp and seaplane hanger area. 5 B-24's and 5 B-25's were over Kiska at 1355 W, and 10 B-24's made the 4th raid of the day at 1730 W. 3 2000-lb. bombs and 72 500-lb. bombs and other lighter bombs were directed at the new runway, North Head, the main camp, and installations at Gertrude Cove. Results for the most part were unobserved.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

An enemy AK off Vella Lavella Island was bombed and strafed from a low altitude by 13 allied fighters on April 2. The ship was badly damaged and set on fire.

(B) New Ireland

A B-17 on reconnaissance April 1, sighted an enemy convoy at 1530 K, N.E. of Kavieng. The convoy consisted of 3 CL's, 3 or 4 DD's, 3 AK's of 8/12,000 tons and 3 AK's of 5,000 tons. At 1820 K the vessels were at a point approximately 20 miles SW of Kavieng.

At dusk a force of heavy bombers attacked Kavieng airdrome and the ships of the convoy, dispersed 10-20 miles S. of the city. 2 B-24's observed a large explosion indicating a direct hit on 1 vessel. A B-17 reported near misses on another large unidentified vessel. Results could not be ascertained because of darkness.

(C) New Guinea

Finschhafen was bombed on April 1 by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

The same day, 6 Bostons bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Mubo area, starting fires.

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(D) N. E. I.

During the morning of April 1, Samlauki, Tanimbar Islands, was bombed by 3 B-25's and 3 Hudsons with unobserved results.

Another B-25 on reconnaissance scored a near miss with a 500-lb. bomb on a 3,000 ton enemy vessel near Kaimana, S.W. Dutch New Guinea. 2 enemy fighters attempted interception and 1 was destroyed and the other probably destroyed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 2, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

8 P-38's made another attack on Kiska March 30, in addition to the three attacks reported yesterday. Results were not observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of March 31-April 1, a Catalina sighted a force of 5 enemy DD's and 1 AK SW of Kolombangara Island. The ships were probably returning to Buin from Vila. Flares and 2 500-lb. bombs were dropped near 1 DD. Army B-24's were lead to the target and attacked from a low level with unobserved results, as the DD's set up a smoke screen. Another force of Allied planes set out but were unable to locate the vessels.

SBD's escorted by fighters searched for an enemy AK reported N. of Rekata Bay on March 31. When the vessel could not be found, the planes dropped their bombs at supply dumps on Suavanau Plantation, Rekata Bay.

On March 30, E. of San Cristobal Island, enemy bombers unsuccessfully attacked 2 Allied YP's.

At 1040 L, April 1, an Allied fighter force of 41 planes including F4F's, F4U's, and P-38's intercepted an enemy attacking force of 30 to 40 planes over the Russell Islands. 16 enemy planes were shot down, while our losses amounted to 6 planes, of which 2 pilots were rescued.

(B) New Guinea

Salamaua and neighboring villages were attacked three times during the morning of March 31, twice by 13 A-20's and a third attack by 4 Beau-fighters escorted by 8 P-38's. Some buildings were destroyed. A/A fire was encountered but no enemy interception was attempted.

The same day, Lae airdrome and a bridge 35 miles NW of Madang were bombed by Allied planes on reconnaissance. The bridge was hit causing a large gap in the structure.

(C) N.E.I.

The airdrome at Timika, near Kaukenau (SW Dutch New Guinea), was attacked by 5 Hudsons before noon on March 31.

The same day, 6 B-24's bombed buildings and the dump area at Babo causing large fires and explosions. 2 AK's were sighted off Babo and 1 AK's

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including a large one, were sighted approximately 40 miles SE of Pak Pak.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, April 1, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked 3 times on March 30 and a 4th mission composed of heavy and medium bombers turned back due to bad weather. 4 P-38's made the first raid at 1015 W, and bombs were dropped on Little Kiska. At 1430 W, the main camp area was bombed by 5 B-24's escorted by 4 P-38's. Accurate A/A fire destroyed 1 heavy bomber. 5 B-25's made the 3rd attack at 1850 W, causing an explosion near radar installations and a large burst of fire at the SS base. The whole area including enemy personnel was also strafed. A/A fire damaged 1 plane.

The Holts Bay area, Attu Island, was also attacked during the day by 6 B-24's. The runway and vicinity was hit by 10 tons of bombs. A/A fire hit 1 of our planes injuring 1 of the crew. About 10 barges were seen in Chichagof Harbor.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1600 L March 30, Munda runway and dispersal area was heavily bombed by 16 SBD's escorted by 23 F4F's. Fires were started and the runway was badly damaged. All our planes returned.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-24 on reconnaissance March 30, sank a small enemy vessel near Cape Gloucester and also unsuccessfully bombed another small vessel near Ubili.

The same day, Gasmata airdrome was bombed by 5 B-24's which were unable to locate the 4 enemy DD's N. of New Britain. The runway and installations were hit with 1,000-lb. bombs, starting fires.

The 4 enemy DD's returning toward Kavieng were followed by a B-24 during the morning of March 30. 3 enemy fighter formations including 4, 8, and 9 planes respectively, attacked our bomber. 2 Jap planes were shot down and 2 others were probably destroyed, while our plane returned to its base.

(C) New Guinea

21 additional Jap troops were killed in patrol engagements in the Mubo area March 28-29.

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On March 29, villages along the E. coast of New Guinea, N. of the Waria River, including Morobe, were cleared of enemy troops.

An enemy force of DD's was attacked off Finschhafen at 0230 X March 30, by B-17's. 1 DD was possibly damaged or sunk but 4 DD's were sighted the following morning 120 miles NE of Cape Gloucester proceeding toward Kavieng.

During the morning of March 30, 2 B-17's and 3 B-24's attacked the waterfront and town of Finschhafen and later in the day 9 Seafighters, B-25's, and A-20's escorted by 12 P-38's bombed and strafed the same area. Considerable damage was inflicted upon the town and many fires broke out, however, no unusual barge activity or supply installations could be observed by our planes in the area.

Lae airdrome, Salamaua, Saidor, and barges NW of Madang were attacked the same day by Allied planes on reconnaissance. Results were not observed.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS on patrol in the Southwest Pacific reports sinking a large enemy AK in convoy.

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