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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 26 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 25 June, Paramushiru was bombed by 2 Army heavy bombers. Fires were noted. Both planes returned.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Bonin Islands

On 24 June, Iwojima was attacked by planes of a U.S. Task Force. A total of 116 enemy planes were claimed shot down and 11 were reported probably shot down. U.S. plane losses were 5.

(B) Mariana Islands

Complete reports on enemy aircraft destroyed on 19 June have increased the total from 353 to 402. Planes shot down have increased from 335 to 369. The figures for planes shot down by A/A fire remain at 18. 15 enemy planes were caught and destroyed on fields in the Marianas (there was no previous report on grounded planes destroyed).

Our losses were 27 planes, 18 pilots and 6 aircrewmen missing.

With additional pilots rescued after the attack on 20 June on Jap warships, revised figures for losses have been received. Enemy planes destroyed have been increased to 26 (previously reported at 15 - 20).

U.S. plane losses have now been put at 95. 22 pilots and 27 aircrewmen have not yet been recovered.

Enemy ship losses have been revised to the following:

Sunk

1 Hayataka Class CV
2 DD's
2 AO's

Probably Sunk

1 Hayataka Class CV (hit by 4 - 7 1000 lb. bombs plus 6 - 8 500 lb. bombs)

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1 CVL (hit by 2 torpedoes, 3 bombs. Lead in water, burning exploding. Searchlights going hours apparently to effect rescues)

Damaged

2 AO's (left burning)
1 Shokau Class CV (hit by 3 - 4 1000 lb. bombs)
2 CA's (1 hit by torpedo, 1 hit by 1000 lb. bomb).
1 CVL (7 500 lb. bombs)
1 BB (1 1000 lb. bomb hit)
1 CL
2 DD's

On 23 June, Pagan Island was attacked by a U.S. Task Force, according to a Pacific Fleet Communique.

4 small AK's and 1 sampan were sunk. 2 small AK's and 2 sampans were damaged. 4 enemy aircraft were claimed destroyed and 2 were probably destroyed on the ground while 5 planes were shot down. U.S. forces lost 1 F6F and a pilot.

Wharf and fuel dumps were destroyed and buildings and runways were damaged.

On 23 June, enemy shipping at Rota was attacked by U.S. carrier-based planes. A 4000 - 5000 ton AK was sunk by torpedo. An auxiliary nearby was attacked by one group of planes but later was not seen. Buildings on the island and an enemy plane at the airfield was destroyed.

On 24 June on Saipan, ground forces were moving slowly against very stiff opposition. Land mines and 1 booby trap were being encountered in increasing numbers. Small gains were scored in the vicinity of Mt. Tapotchau where our forces are now almost to the summit. Heavy attacks were being made by all U.S. forces with strong artillery support. Enemy air attacks continued against our shipping and positions.

Enemy batteries on Tinian were active and did some damage to our shipping and supplies.

Tinian was attacked by U.S. fighters and bombers. Enemy bombers on the airfield were set afire.

On 24 June on Guam 96 enemy planes were seen on Orote field. Of these 21 appeared serviceable. At Agana, 8 planes were seen. 3 of these appeared serviceable.

The same day on Rota 7 planes were obscured. 3 appeared serviceable.

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(C) Caroline Islands

On the morning of 24 June, (0901K) at Truk, the Moen airfields were bombed by 15 Army heavy bombers from the Central Pacific. 37-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped. 5 enemy planes intercepted and 3 of them were damaged. 2 B-24's received manor damage.

The same morning Ponape was bombed by 2 Army heavy bombers. Also on 24 June 9 Army medium bombers (B-25's)dropped 6 tons of bombs and started fires.

The same morning Truk was attacked by an Army heavy bomber from the Southwest Pacific. No details are available.

On 24 June Palau was bombed by 2 Army heavy bombers from the Southwest Pacific. Details have not been received.

(D) Marshall Islands

On 23 June it has been reported that natives are being evacuated from Wotje to Armo and that the evacuation is nearly complete.

On 24 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	12 F4U's (Marine)	1-1/3 tons	A/A positions hit. 1 plane shot down.
	8 F4U's		Strafed installations.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 23 June, in Mawaraka area, Fiji patrols were withdrawn under cover of supporting fire from U.S. gunboats (LCI's). The gunboats killed 12 Japs and knocked out several pillbbxes.

The same day, scattered coastal targets along Bougainville were strafed by F4U's on patrol.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On 19 June, in S. Wide Bay, Jap concentrations were attacked by 11 B-25's. About 6 tons of bombs were dropped and 30,000 rounds of m/g used in strafing. A M/T station was probably wrecked and huts were set afire.

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On the night of 22 - 23 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's. At Lakunai, a fire was caused. 1 B-25 did not return.

On the morning of 23 June, in Rapopo area, A/A gun positions were attacked by 99 bombers -- 42 SBD's, 12 New Zealand TBF's, 24 B-25's and 14 P-38's. 81 tons of bombs were dropped. Tobera was hit by 6 B-24's, which dropped almost 10 tons of bombs. The area was swept by fighters, which in Raluana Point area strafed A/A and trucks.

The same day, Duke of York was raided by 4 New Zealand B-34's. A building was wrecked and fires caused.

(C) New Guinea

On 23 June a point 4-1/2 miles NW of Sorido was reached by our patrols, which reported meeting no Japs and finding an abandoned ammunition dump.

On 24 June, Wewak area was again attacked by 28 P-47's. 8-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped. Fires resulted. NW of Wewak, enemy installations and bivouacs along the coast were attacked by 11 Australian Beaufighters, and 35 Beauforts. About 26 tons of bombs, 28,800 rounds of m/g and 5,900 rounds of 20 mm were used by the Australians. MT were hit, and a bridge was wrecked. 1 barge was sunk also.

The same day, Suain-Matapau area was hit by 24 A-20's. 22-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 18,500 rounds of m/g.

At Maffin Bay area, support for our ground forces was provided by 9 A-20's, which dropped 4-1/2 tons of bombs and strafed with 15,600 rounds of m/g. These planes were scheduled to hit Japen Island, but turned back.

On 24 June, at Biak, our ground forces were engaged in mopping up scattered Jap pockets. Enemy positions and caves were bombed by 12 B-25's. Total enemy dead was reached 2,370 and 11 Japs have been taken prisoner.

The same day, Noemfoor targets were attacked by 31 A-20's. 3 airfields - Namber, Kamiri and Kornasoren - were hit, and supply dumps were bombed.

Near Sorong, Jefman airfield was attacked by 16 B-24's. Several planes on the ground were set afire, and explosions were caused. There was no enemy air interception.

The coastal area and shipping off Kokas were raided by 4 A-20's. 1 lugger and 1 seatruck were damaged.

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On the afternoon of 24 June, at NE Timor, Cape Chater airfield was attacked by 7 Dutch B-25's. About 9 tons of bombs were dropped on gun positions and dispersal area. Ineffective interception was made by 1 Jap fighter.

The same day, in Aroe Islands, Doka Timoer airfield (Trangan) was hit by 4 Dutch B-25's. 6-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

NE of Timor, a small Jap coastal vessel of prahu-type was strafed by 1 Australian Beaufort.

On the evening of 24 June, off Watoobela Island, a 1,500 ton AK was attacked by 4 Dutch B-25's. 1 near miss was scored. Shore targets were also hit.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 1 AO and 1 AK. (Tonnage not reported).

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Summary as of 0800, 25 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 24 - 25 June (2315-2330), Paramushiru was attacked by 4 PV's. Incendiary bombs were dropped on Kashiwabara, causing fires visible 80 miles away. Intense A/A fire was met, but no damage was caused.

At about the same time (2315-2333K), Kurabuzaki (Paramushiru) was raided by 3 Army heavy bombers (B-24's). About 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Meager A/A fire was encountered.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

Further details of the air attack of 20 June on Jap forces W. of the Marianas (see Naval Summary for 23 June) state that 1 Jap DD was definitely sunk. This had been listed as probably sunk. In addition, our planes shot down 2 more Jap bombers.

(B) Caroline Islands

Early on 22 June, at Palau, Kobor Island was raided by a single B-24. 1 ton of bombs was dropped.

On the morning of 22 June, Yap Island was attacked by 33 B-24's. The airfield area received 33 tons of bombs. Large fires were caused. 12 Jap planes on the ground were destroyed, and 8 - 10 more probably wrecked. There was no enemy air interception, although photos that day showed 5 bombers and 44 fighters present. Woleai airfield was attacked by 6 B-24's, which dropped 18 tons of bombs, while Ulithi was raided by 1 B-24, which bombed buildings. Sorol was attacked by 4 B-24's, which dropped 4 tons of bombs. A pier was wrecked, and the radio station was set afire. A floatplane was also strafed.

All the above bombers came from SW. Pacific.

On 23 June, targets in W. Carolines were again attacked by SW. Pacific bombers.

Yap was attacked by 30 B-24's, which dropped 45 tons of bombs. A/A gun positions were bombed, and 2 planes on the ground wrecked. Our planes were intercepted by 10 aggressive Jap fighters. 1 B-24 was shot down; 1 Jap fighter was damaged. The airfield was seen in photos to be unserviceable.

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Woleai airfield was again hit by 6 B-24's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped. Photos showed the airfield was not serviceable. There was no enemy air interception.

Sorol was raided by 2 B-24's. 3 tons of bombs were dropped.

Also on the morning of 23 June (0918K), Truk was attacked by 15 B-24's from Central Pacific. Airfields on Moen received 35 tons of bombs, while Falas received 2½ tons of bombs. Interception was made by 4 - 5 Jap fighters, which dropped phosphorus bombs. 1 Jap fighter was probably shot down. Moderate A/A fire was met.

At 0838K, Ponape was raided by 1 Army B-24. Jokaj gun positions received 2¼ tons of bombs. Meager A/A fire was met.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 23 June, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs	Results
Taroa 0815L	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	3 tons	A/A guns hit. Meager A/A fire was met. 1 SBD suffered minor damage.
1426L	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)		
Wotje 0900 - 1525L	29 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV (Navy)	10 tons	Coastal and A/A guns hit. Targets heavily strafed. Meager A/A fire.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 22 June, in S. Empress Augusta Bay, a Jap outpost at Mawaraka was driven away by our ground troops. Scattered targets in Bougainville were attacked by 4 New Zealand B-34's and F4U's, which, off Buka, set a barge on fire.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On 22 June, E. of Rabaul Town, Nordup Plantation supply dumps were attacked by 64 bombers (12 TBF's, 18 SBD's, 10 P-38's, and 24 B-25's). 66 tons of bombs were dropped. Large fires were caused. Supply dumps at Ralum were hit with 10 tons of bombs from 22 SBD's from Emirau. The area was again swept by New Zealand F4U's. One truck was damaged, and 2 were set on fire.

The same day, in central W. coast of New Ireland, buildings were wrecked by 4 New Zealand B-34's. 1 barge was set afire.

Kavieng airfield was also hit by 24 F4U's. About 6 tons of bombs were dropped.

On the night of [illegible], in spite of rough weather, a patrol was flown by 1 Marine B-25.

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(C) New Guinea

On 22 June, in addition to previous reports, in Susin area, enemy bivouacs were attacked by 8 more Australian Beauforts. 8 more tons of bombs were dropped.

At Maffin, E. of the airfield, our forces were continuing their drive to knock out Jap positions. Enemy casualties to 22 June included 79 dead.

On the night of 22 - 23 June, W. of But, 3 Jap trucks were strafed by U.S. PT's. Intense return fire from the shore was encountered. The same night, off W. coast of Noemfoor Island, a Jap barge loaded with supplies was sunk by U.S. PT's.

The same night, NW. of Mokmer airfield, a sharp Jap counter-attack was thrown back, and 109 Japs were killed.

On 23 June, at Cape Moem (Wewak, supply dumps were attacked by 16 P-47's which glide-bombed about 6 tons of bombs. Muschu and Kairiru Islands were raided by 2 Australian Beaufighters. About 7 barges were hit. The area was also attacked by 10 P-39's. An ammunition dump was blown up, trucks, bridges and large hideouts were hit.

The same day, near Yakamul, in Hareeh River area, enemy troop concentrations were attacked by 16 Australian Beauforts, some of which dropped over 9 tons of bombs. This area was also hit by 6 Australian Beaufighters, while early the same day, coastal targets were raided by 2 Australian Beauforts, which dropped over 1 ton of bombs.

The Aitape area, meanwhile, was watched over by Australian P-40's.

At Maffin, air support for our ground forces was provided by A-20's.

At Biak, N. of Mokmer, a Jap strong point was cleared by our troops. Total enemy casualties have reached 2,275 dead, and 10 Japs taken prisoner. In order to reach the center of the island, the Korim River is being used by the enemy for boat traffic, it was reported.

Also 23 June, in spite of rough weather, 2 airfields on Noemfoor--Kornasoren and Kamiri--were attacked by A-20's. Dispersal areas were bombed, and a gun position was knocked out.

(D) N. E.I.

On the night of 22 - 23 June, Balikpapan was observed by Navy PBY's. In the area, 2 possible Jap DD's, 1 or 2 cruisers and over 5 small vessels were seen.

In the evening of 23 June, off Watoebela Islands (between Kai and Ceram), enemy shipping was attacked by 4 Dutch B-25's. 2 small seatrucks (150 tons each) and a small AK (1,500-ton) were strafed and set afire. A/A fire from shore and the AK brought down 1 bomber.

On the morning of 23 June, off Aroe Islands, a small seatruck was [illegible] without success by a [illegible]

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 24 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 23 June (0115 - 0125K), Shimushu was attacked by 3 Navy PV's which dropped 2-3/4 tons of bombs on Kataoka. 3 large fires and several smaller fires were seen. Meager A/A fire was met. An additional Navy bomber (medium) which started on this raid was forced to turn back before reaching the target. All planes returned to base safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 21 June (0951K) Ponape was attacked by 9 Army B-25's from the Central Pacific which dropped 9 tons of bombs on gun positions at Jokaj. Meager A/A fire was met.

On 21 June (1008) Truk was attacked by 16 Army B-24's which dropped 40 tons of bombs on runways and dispersal areas at Moen. 5 Jap fighters intercepted and damaged 1 Army bomber with phosphorous bombs. One crew member was injured. 2 Jap fighters were damaged. Moderate A/A fire was encountered.

On 21 June, Truk was attacked again by 1 Army heavy bomber. On Dublon Island a large fire was started.

On 22 June, 0910K) Truk was attacked by 13 Army B-24's from the Central Pacific which dropped 28-1/2 tons of bombs on the airfield at Param causing considerable damage. 9 Jap planes intercepted causing some damage to 1 heavy bomber. 1 Jap fighter was damaged. A/A fire was meager.

The same day, (1040K), at Ponape, 2 Army B-24's hit gun positions at Jokaj. 4 tons of bombs were dropped.

On the night of 22 June at Truk, 2 Army B-24's attacked Dublon dropped 2-3/4 tons of bombs. A/A fire was slight.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 20 - 21 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Marshalls area	2 PBY's (Navy)	1-1/3 tons	Personnel areas.

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On 21 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	22 F4U's (Marine)	5-1/2 tons	Hit gun positions. Fires started. Meager A/A.
Taroa	8 SBD's (Marine) 7 SBD's (Marine)	6 tons	A/A positions hit. Also coastal defenses. Meager A/A damaged 1 SBD.

On 21 - 22 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Marshalls area	2 PBY's (Navy)	1-1/3 tons	Personnel areas.

On 22 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	3 F4U's (Marine)	2-3/4 tons strafed	Hit A/A positions. Meager A/A.
Taroa	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	6 tons	Hit A/A positions. Coastal defenses hit. Meager A/A.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 21 June, at Buka passage and Matchin Bay, 20 New Zealand F4U's and 1 B-34 attacked the coastline and destroyed buildings. Fuel drums were set ablaze.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On the night of 21 - 22 June Vunakanau, and Duke of York Island (Rabaul area) were attacked by 4 B-34's and 4 B-24's. Buildings were destroyed and fires were started.

On the night of 22 - 23 June, N. Central New Ireland was attacked by U.S. PT's. Near Kavieng, one Jap plane strafed our boats.

(C) New Guinea

On 21 June, at Suian, 7 Australian Beauforts and 20 P-39's dropped 4-1/2 tons of bombs, expended 79,200 rounds of m/g and 310 rounds of 37mm in an attack on enemy ground force concentrations.

The same day, at Maffin airfield, Jap positions were being encircled by U.S. troops one-half mile to the E.

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On the night of 21 - 22 June, Sowam, (N. of But), enemy troops were strafed by U.S. PT's and 1 barge and 1 truck were wrecked.

N. of Mokmer airfield U.S. troops repulsed Jap counter-attacks. 109 Japs were killed. The same night N. of Sorido, our troops repulsed 3 counter-attacks. Mopping up continues.

On 22 June, the area W. of Wewak was bombed by 24 A-20's. 26-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped causing damage to stores and bivouacs.

On 22 June, inland from Suain, bivouacs were attacked by 25 Australian Beauforts. 23-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

The same day Moem, Boram and Suain were strafed and bombed by P-39's and P-47's which damaged barges and bridges in the area.

At Maffin Bay, A-20's started fires at the Jap headquarters and camps which were strafed and bombed.

That day Namber and Kamiri airfields were attacked by A-20's. Explosions and fires resulted.

In the Sorong area, between Cape Sansapor and Sele Strait, B-25's with P-38 cover damaged one 3000 ton AP-AK and sank 3 barges and 5 luggers. Targets on Salawati Island were also attacked. We lost 1 B-25.

The same day off Batanta Bay, 5 enemy warships were sighted -- 1 cruiser, a possible cruiser, 1 DD and the other 2 were unidentified.

IV. Andaman Islands

Additional information on the air strike on the morning of 21 June on Port Blair reveals that the attack was carried out by Allied carrier-based planes of the Eastern Fleet under the command of Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Power. Considerable damage was done to military installations and workshops. An oil fire was observed at a seaplane base. 2 Jap planes were set on fire at the Port Blair airfield and a radar station was destroyed and a second was damaged. No enemy planes were encountered and no effort was made by the enemy to attack our task force. Heavy A/A fire was encountered and 1 of our planes was destroyed; another was severely damaged.

On the night of 21 June, also at Port Blair the No. 1 airfield was attacked by an undetermined number of Allied bombers. The visibility was poor and the results were not reported.

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Mariana Islands

Preliminary reports claim 353 enemy aircraft shot down in the Jap attack on 19 June on our task forces W. of Saipan. Of this total, 18 were claimed shot down by A/A fire and 335 by planes. In these actions, 2 U.S. CV's suffered superficial damage from near misses and 1 U.S. BB was damaged by a bomb hit which did not impair here efficiency. We lost 21 planes and 19 airmen in combat.

Details have been received of the attack on 20 June on Jap forces W. of the Marianas.

Sunk

1 Hayataka Class CV
3 AO's

Probably Sunk

1 Hayatake Class CV
1 DD

Damaged

1 BB (Kongo Class)
1 CV (Shokaku Class - 3-1000 lb. bomb hits)
1 CVL
1 CA
2 DD's
2 AO's

In addition 15 - 20 enemy planes were shot down. 49 U.S. pilots and 59 air crewmen have not yet been recovered.

On 22 June at Saipan our attacks and gains continue against stubborn resistance. Steady, continual bombardment of the enemy continues. On our left flank, advances have been made to the slopes of MOUNT TAPOTCHAN and in the center. We have taken more of the Magicienne Bay shore line as far north as Laulau. The situation at Nafutan Point is not clear but some advances have been reported.

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Enemy planes were over Saipan in the early morning and bombed the shore and in the vicinity of shipping, but no damage was done. Enemy shore batteries fired on our AP's but were soon stopped.

It now appears probable there were approximately 23,000 enemy on Saipan. 7000 men were landed recently from ships sunk but it is not clear whether or not they were included in this figure.

Much enemy equipment has been captured, including artillery, machine guns and ammunition, and is being used by us wherever practical. In addition, 1 bomber and 4 fighters, practically without damage, and 4 small guage locomotives with cars have fallen to our troops.

Aslito field is being used by U.S. fighters.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 20 June Truk was attacked by 17 Army B-24's which dropped 34 tons of bombs on airfields. Several fires were started. Intense A/A fire was met.

On the night of 20 June, Dublon was hit by 1 Army B-24 which dropped 1-3/4 tons of bombs. Intense A/A fire was encountered.

The same night, N. of Palau, 1 Army heavy bomber sank one medium AK. 14 other vessels were seen.

Also 20 June, Ponape was attacked twice by a total of 3 Army B-24's and 9 Army B-25's which dropped 18 tons of bombs on gun positions at Jokaj. Meager A/A fire was encountered.

On 21 June a Navy search plane near Losap Atoll sank a 50 foot boat at Laol.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 19 - 20 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Marshalls	2 PBY's (Navy)	7/10 tons	Personnel areas.

On 20 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	1 PV (Navy) 12 F4U's (Marine)	2-1/4 tons & strafed	Meager A/A. Gun positions attacked.
Taroa	14 SBD's (Marine) 8 F6F's (Navy)	6 tons	Hit gun positions and coastal defenses. Meager A/A. 1 F6F downed; pilot is missing.
Mille	15 F4U's (Marine) 20 SBD's (Marine)	10-3/4 tons	Hit A/A positions and coastal defenses. Meager A/A. 1 F4U lost on account of weather on way home.

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II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 20 June, on Buka Island coastal targets were strafed and 2 trucks were wrecked by F4U's.

On the night of 20 - 21 June, in S. Empress Augusta Bay, Fiji units were landed. Support was provided by U.S. gunboats (LCI's).

(B) Bismarck Islands

On the night of 19 - 20 June, Rabaul area was raided by a B-25.

On 20 June, the Rabaul area was swept by 11 F4U's. 3 vehicles were wrecked. We lost 1 F4U. S. of Rapopo, gun positions were bombed by 101 planes. 95 tons of bombs were dropped.

On 20 June, SW coast of New Ireland was attacked by 5 New Zealand B-34's which wrecked buildings in that area.

The same day, Kavieng was raided by F4U's.

On the night of 20 - 21 June, on the E. coast of New Ireland, vehicles along a highway were shelled by U.S. PT's.

(C) New Guinea

On 19 June, in the Wewak area, targets were bombed by 2 B-25's, 24 A-20's and 4 P-39's. 26 tons of bombs were dropped and 80 rounds of 34 m/m and 2,400 round of 50 cal. m/g were used.

On the night of 20 - 21 June, in the Wewak - Suain area a Jap truck was wrecked by U.S. PT's.

Also on the night of 19 June, at Maffin, enemy positions were shelled by U.S. DD's.

On 21 June in the Wewak-Suain area, 1 Australian Beaufighter and 7 Beauforts wrecked 2 trucks and dropped 5 tons of bombs on bivouacs.

The same day, S. of Yakamul, Jap positions were attacked by P-39's. Also on 21 June, in Hansa Bay area, the mouth of the Ramu River was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. No enemy troops were met.

The same day, in Maffin Bay area, a point 2,000 yards E. of Maffin airdrome was reached by U.S. ground troops.

Also, along the Mamberamo River, (Cape Durville) villages were strafed and bombed by 31 B-25's. 20 tons of bombs were dropped and 34,100 rounds of m/g were expended. A/A fire met was moderate. The E. coast of Geelvink Bay was swept by A-20's. No Jap activity was observed.

That day Kornasoren and Kamiri airfields on Noemfoor Island were attacked by B-24's. Explosions and fires resulted.

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At Biak, N. of Soride village, minor enemy resistance was reported by our ground forces. Isolated enemy pockets are still holding out N. of Mokmer airfield.

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On 21 June, W. coast of Timor, 4 Dutch B-25's sank a 30 ton coastal ship. 3200 rounds of 50 cal. m/g were used.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 22 June 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Mariana Islands

On the afternoon of 20 - 21 June (1540K) about 670 miles W. of Saipan, search-planes from U.S. CV's sighted strong elements of the Jap fleet. 13 minutes later (1553K) full strength strikes were launched from our CV's operating about 270 miles to the E. of the enemy force. 2 hours and 49 minutes later at 6:42 PM (1842K) the attack on the enemy ships was started at a position 35 miles W. of the original sighting. At the time of our attack the main elements of the enemy fleet were 6 CV's, 4 BB's and 6 cruisers. It was noted that the enemy CV's had very few planes airborne and none were seen on the decks.

Results of the attacks are not yet available because many planes made water landings on their return and recovery of pilots is still being carried out.

The morning of 21 June (0700K) the enemy fleet was again sighted by fleet search planes about 170 miles NW of the scene of the night of 21 June attack. When sighted, the ships were on a 300° course and travelling at about 20 knots. At that time the enemy fleet was scattered over a wide area and was composed of 4 BB's, 3 CV's (one of which was trailing oil) 11 cruisers and 17 DD's. 3 CV's and 2 Jap fleet AO's which had been seen during the attack on the evening of 20 June were not with the fleet units and have not been located. Strikes sent out at dawn did not locate the enemy, and the search for cripples was continued but without success.

Our fleet retired from the area at 1923K on 21 June.

On 21 June on Saipan very heavy fighting continued. By mid-afternoon (1410K) the 27th Division had advanced further toward Nafutan Point where the enemy was still holding out. In the 4th Marine sector, advances were made along the shore of Magicienne Bay and inland. There is no report from the 2nd Marine front.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 19 June Truk was attacked by 14 Army B-24's which dropped 4-3/4 tons of bombs on the airfields at Moen. A large fire was started and some air strips were made inoperational. Meager A/A fire was met but there was no enemy air interception.

Also 19 June, Ponape was attacked by one Army B-24 which dropped 3 tons of bombs. No A/A was met.

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On 21 June (0100K) Truk was attacked by 1 Army B-24 which dropped 1-3/4 tons of bombs on Dublon Town. One large fire was started. Intense A/A fire was met. A second Army B-24 which started on this mission was forced to turn back because of weather.

On 20 June Woleai was attacked by 2 Army B-24's which dropped 5 tons of bombs through overcast. 6 additional planes were forced to turn back because of weather.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 15 - 19 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
General Area (night attacks)	2 PBY's	7/10 tons	Personnel areas.

On 19 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	23 F4U's (Marine)	5-3/4 tons	Meager A/A.
Taroa	8 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	6 tons	Hit gun positions, 1 SBD damaged by meager A/A. Landed on water, crew rescued.
Mille	10 SBD's (Marine) 8 F4U's (Marine)	5 tons	Heavy A/A.

(D) Nauru

On 19 June, Nauru was attacked by 11 Army B-25's which dropped 11 tons of bombs on buildings and gun positions, starting large fires. Heavy A/A fire was met.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 19 June, Numa Numa area was attacked by 14 New Zealand B-34's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 35,000 rounds of m/g.

On the night of 19 - 20 June, Teopasino (NE coast) was shelled by U.S. PT's.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On the night 18 - 19 June, Vunakanau airfield and targets in the Rabaul area were raided by 4 B-25's. 3 small fires were started at the airfield.

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On the morning of 19 June, Rabaul supply areas were bombed again by 24 B-25's, 51 SBD's and 12 P-38's. 70 tons of bombs were dropped. A number of buildings were wrecked. New Zealand F4U's damaged 10 trucks in a sweep of the area.

The same day Kavieng was bombed by fighters based on Emirau. 6 tons of bombs were dropped.

(C) New Guinea

On the night of 19 - 20 June, off NE Biak, a large barge loaded with fuel was sunk by U.S. PT's. Jap aircraft attacked our boats ineffectively.

On 20 June, Suain area was again bombed by 22 Australian Beaufforts and Beaufighters, 60 A-20's and 6 B-25's. 54 tons of bombs were dropped on barge hideouts and bivouacs causing fires. 19,000 rounds of m/g and 5,000 rounds of 20mm were fired.

On 20 June, the Wewak area was bombed by P-47's which struck at Mosmi, Brandi and Dagua.

On 20 June, at Biak, Borokoe and Sorido airfields and the town of Sorido were captured by U.S. troops advancing W. from Mokmer. The area to the N. of Borokoe has been occupied, and resistance is being overcome, 2000 yards to the N. of Mokmer airfield and Sorido village. Total enemy dead has reached 1,857 and 7 Japs have been captured.

On 20 June, off Japen Island, and NW New Guinea, A-20's on patrol sank 5 barges and 2 luggers, and caused damage to other Jap ships. Ransiki airfield was also hit.

The same day, Kamiri airfield was again bombed by 25 B-24's. Fires were started in bivouac and dispersal areas, causing fires. Smoke column rose to 1000 ft. 68 tons of bombs were dropped.

On 20 June, in the Maffin Bay area, U.S. ground forces driving W. of Tor River encountered strong Jap positions 1 mile S. of Maffin Bay. Air support was provided by P-47's.

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Photos on 19 June of Kendari airfield (Celebes) showed 13 Jap fighters and 8 bombers present. 3 miles to the N., at Boro Boro, a new strip is being built.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 21 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 19 June (2230 - 2238K), Paramushiru (Suribachi) was attacked by 2 B-24's. Results were not observed due to overcast. Both planes returned safely.

The same day (2245 - 2330K), Paramushiru was attacked by 3 PV's which dropped 2½ tons of incendiary bombs. Results were not observed. Meager A/A fire was met. These 3 planes returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 20 June (local time), on Saipan, our troops continued heavy attacks against the enemy with local gains reported in the southeast and northeast. Very heavy resistance was being encountered, particularly in the Nafutan Point and Magicienne Bay area, and in the pocket remaining east of Lake Susupe. Large concentrations of enemy troops were reported in the Magicienne Bay area.

Both Charan Kanoa and Aslito airstrips were reported serviceable for emergency landings.

During the day an enemy fighter crash-landed at Aslito. The pilot claimed his was one of 5 fighters left on the Orote field at Guam and that he did not know our forces had landed on Saipan.

Also on 20 June the enemy airfields on Tinian were bombarded by surface vessels and bombed by planes to prevent their use by the enemy. 3 U.S. planes were shot down, but 2 of the pilots were rescued.

On 20 June, according to preliminary reports from Admiral Nimitz, powerful units of the Japanese Fleet were sighted W. of the Marianas, and the possibility of a major naval engagement was indicated. No further reports have been received.

On the morning of 19 June (1120K), 170 miles NW. of Yap, a U.S. reconnaissance plane sighted an enemy force of 2 CV's, 2 CA's, and 5 or more DD's. The ships were on a SE. course.

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(B) Caroline Islands

On 18 June, Ponape was attacked by 5 B-24's and 6 PB4Y's from the Central Pacific which dropped 8 tons of bombs on gun positions and waterfront area. One warehouse was demolished. A/A fire was meager.

On 18 June, Truk was attacked by 18, out of a force of 39, B-24's from the SW. Pacific. 36½ tons of bombs were dropped through overcast.

The same day, the Satawan barracks area was attacked by 2 B-24's. Some A/A fire was met.

The other 19 B-24's were forced to turn back before reaching the target due to weather conditions.

On 19 June (1122-1136K), 39 B-24's from the SW. Pacific attacked Truk. 4 enemy planes were airborne but did not intercept. 116 tons of bombs were dropped. Moderate A/A fire was met.

On 20 June (0255 and 0315K), Truk was attacked by 2 Army heavy bombers from SW. Pacific. Dublon town was hit with 3-3/4 tons of bombs which started a fire. No A/A was met. One of 3 unidentified planes fired on our bombers without causing damage.

On 19 June an Army heavy bomber (B-24) on a reconnaissance mission claimed to have destroyed an enemy flying boat 146 miles NE. of Palau and an enemy fighter was probably destroyed 510 miles WSW of Saipan.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 18 June, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs	Results
Taroa	8 F4U's 8 F6F's 13 SBD's	5½ tons and strafed	Gun positions and coastal defenses hit. Boats strafed. Installations attacked. 2 SBD's damaged by meager A/A fire.
Jaluit	2 PV's (Navy) 10 SBD's (Marine) 8 F4U's (Marine)	5½ tons	Gun positions hit. 1 SBD and 1 PV damaged by moderate A/A fire. Injuries sustained by pilot and crew of PV.

(D) Nauru

On 18 June, Nauru was attacked by 10 B-25's which dropped 10 tons of bombs. One plane was damaged by intense A/A fire. Results of the raid were not reported.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 18 June, coastal targets around Bougainville were attacked by

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our fighters. In upper Laruma River valley, Jap trail blocks were shelled by our artillery.

On the night of 18 - 19 June, in SW. Bougainville, Jap coastal positions were shelled by U.S. gunboats (LCI's).

(B) Bismarck Islands

On the night of 17 - 18 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 18 June, at Rabaul, Lakunai-Matupi area received 68 tons of bombs from 63 planes (11 TBF's, 17 SBD's, 24 B-25's, 5 B-24's, 6 P-38's). 20 buildings were wrecked. The area was swept by 12 F4U's, which set a truck on fire. On Vunakanau airfield, our fighter patrols reported seeing several Jap fighters.

The same day, Cape St. George, Borpop and Namatanai were attacked by 7 New Zealand B-34's. Buildings were wrecked. Kavieng was attacked by planes from Emirau. 25 tons of bombs were dropped.

(C) New Guinea

Further reports of the 17 June attack on Jefman airfield by B-25's covered by P-38's state that our fighters probably shot down a Jap light bomber.

Later reports of the 18 June attacks on Wewak-Suain area state that Muschu Island and Suain were hit by 4 more Australian Beauforts and 4 more Beaufighters. About 3 tons of bombs were dropped on camouflaged barges and other targets.

Reports of total enemy casualties in 4 New Guinea areas up to 18 June state that a total of 8,102 Japs were killed, and 646 taken prisoner. This breaks down to:

Area	Killed	Captured
Hollandia	3,265	610
Aitape	1,063	---
Maffin	1,954	30
Biak	1,820	6

On the night of 18 - 19 June (N. of Hansa Bay), at Bam and Blupblup Islands, scouting parties were landed from U.S. PT's.

On 19 June, Kairiru Island and NW. Wewak area were attacked by 10 Australian Beaufighters, 16 Australian Beauforts, 12 A-20's, 2 P-39's, and P-47's. Over 25 tons of bombs, 37mm, 5,300 rounds of 20mm, and 27,900 rounds of m/g were used against supply dumps and bivouacs. A naval gun was wrecked.

At Biak, Jap resistance was reported to be weakening, as our ground forces NW. of Mokmer airfield continued to push forward against Jap positions on ridges.

About 55 miles S. of Cape Durville, a Jap post was reported.

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On 19 June, Manokwari area was attacked by 33 A-20's. Bombs were dropped on the airfield and supply dumps, and shipping offshore. One plane on the ground was probably wrecked, 1 lugger was sunk, a seatruck was left sinking, and 3 barges were set afire. We lost 3 A-20's, but the pilots of 2 were rescued.

The same day, Kamiri and Moemi airfields were also attacked by A-20's. Fires were caused.

On the night of 19 - 20 June, Wewak area was bombarded by 3 U.S. DD's and 1 British warship.

On 20 June, according to press reports, at Biak Island, Sorido and Borokoe airfields were both captured by U.S. troops. There was almost no opposition, it was reported.

(D) N. E. I.

On the night of 18 - 19 June, at Borneo, U.S. PBY's were over Balikpapan. About 30 Jap ships were seen in the area, including a probable converted carrier, a large warship and probable tankers.

On 19 June, at NE. Timor coast, Cape Chater airfield was attacked by 12 Dutch medium bombers (B-25's). 14½ tons of bombs were dropped. An explosion and fires were caused.

IV. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. submarine has reported sinking 3 AK's and 1 AO for a total of 26,900 tons. In addition a Nagato class BB (32,700 tons) and a 4,000 ton AK were reported damaged.

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Summary as of 0800, 20 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

Nine hours after the bombardment of Matsuwa, air photos were taken which show that the western and eastern of the four hangars, plus one large and one small building near Tagan Point were damaged. 20 hits were seen in the E-W runway and 5 hits in the N-S runway but all craters had been filled. There were 104 hits in the vicinity of the runways and in the beach area.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 16 June, Guam was shelled for 2 hours by heavy units of our task forces.

By noon on 16 June one landing beach at Saipan extended N. from the main pier at Charan Kanoa for 600 yards and by 1230 K enemy artillery which had prevented landing of equipment and supplies had inflicted heavy casualties was silenced, and the pier, beaches and lagoon were open.

By 1500, the 4th Marines had attacked to the S. and had extended the beachhead to about 1 mile ESE. of Agingaw Point. Small advances were made by the 2nd Marines.

Early the morning of 17 June (0300K) a heavy enemy counter-attack was made against our left flank and our lines were driven in. The enemy suffered heavy casualties, and lost 30 tanks.

That morning (0930K) with strong artillery support a general U.S. attack was started with the 2nd Marine Division on the left, the 4th Marines in the center and the 165th Infantry Regiment (27th Div.) on the right. Against very strong resistance our troops advanced on the center and right and some elements reached Aslito airfield but were driven back by enemy counter-attacks.

At 1800K the U.S. beachhead extended from E. of Agingan Point to the southern outskirts of Garapan on the N. to Agingan Point on the S. and was from 1 to 2 miles deep. On the left, some units have reached almost 3 miles

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inland. On the right we have established our lines within 300 yards of Aslito airfield. Landing of supplies and troops has been delayed by bad beach conditions. The 4th Division sector and 27th Division sector were still being heavily shelled by enemy artillery, but the beaches are now comparatively free from artillery fire.

By 1700K, it was estimated that 3,000 Japs had been killed.

On the morning of 19 June, before dawn (0115K), a reconnaissance plane from the SW. Pacific sighted an enemy task force of about 40 ships about 540 miles WSW. of Saipan. No report of this contact was received by U.S. Naval forces until 0915K when searches were sent out to contact the enemy force. No contacts were made, but enemy air attacks started on U.S. task force vessels at 1045K. The first planes came from the W. and some attempted to land at Rota and Guam which were attacked by our planes to prevent their use by the enemy. Enemy air attacks continued over several hours at the end of which over 300 enemy planes were claimed destroyed by U. S. planes and A/A fire. (It is probable the enemy planned to use the fields on Guam and Rota for refueling and servicing his planes after long flights from his carriers. In that case his losses may be even more than reported above.)

Searches sent out to contact the enemy forces were unsuccessful in their search.

U.S. plane losses have not yet been assessed. One U.S. ship was damaged by a bomb hit, but only minor damage was done.

By noon on 19 June, (1200K), Aslito airfield was captured and was being put into serviceable condition by Seabees. The W. shore of Magicienne Bay was in our hands and our lines were running from Cape Obiam on the SW. to the headland S. of Magicienne Bay and from the Bay NW. to the southern outskirts of Garapan, with the exception of an enemy pocket east of Lake Susupe. Our troops were preparing a drive to wipe it out. Several enemy counter attacks have been made but were driven off.

Unloading is being handled more rapidly and beaches are being improved.

Preliminary reports indicate many enemy planes were destroyed after landing.

(C) Caroline Islands

On 17 June, Truk was attacked by 33 Army heavy bombers (B-24's) hitting Dublon, Eten and Param with more than 57 tons of bombs. Fires and a large explosion were caused. 25 Jap planes intercepted and 12 of these planes are claimed shot down with 6 others damaged. 2 Army heavy bombers which started on the raid were forced to turn back before reaching the target. 2 additional bombers were lost. Several ships were seen in the Truk lagoon, including a possible light cruiser, a cargo ship and 2 subs.

Also on 17 June (0910K), Ponape was attacked by 6 Army medium bombers (B-25's) which dropped 6 tons of bombs on gun positions (Jokaj) and on harbor areas (Motalanim). Meager A/A was met.

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III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 17 June, various Bougainville targets were raided by fighter-bombers on patrol. At Kieta, huts were wrecked by 1 New Zealand B-34. Jap gardens were again sprayed with diesel oil.

On the night of 17 - 18 June, campfires at the mouths of Maririci and Tavena Rivers and the trail to Mosigetta were shelled by U.S. gunboats.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On 17 June, Kavieng was raided by F4U's from Emirau. 3 tons of bombs were dropped.

The same day, targets on Selapiu Island were attacked by 6 SBD's which dropped 3 tons of bombs.

17 June photos showed 3 Rabaul airfields -- Lakunai, Tobera and Vunakanau -- and Kavieng were serviceable. Other Bismarcks airfields were not.

On the night of 17 - 18 June, targets at Muliama Harbor (SE. of Borpop), Enang and Selapiu Islands were shelled by U.S. PT's.

(C) New Guinea

In the air attack of 14 June on Babo airfield, it was reported that no useable enemy planes remain.

On 17 June at Kairiru Island, barge hideouts were attacked by 8 Australian Beaufighters, which dropped 1½ tons of bombs and strafed with 20MM and M/G. The Suain area was also hit by 10 Australian Beauforts, which dropped 6½ tons of bombs.

On the night of 17 - 18 June, Jap gun positions in Wewak area were strafed by U.S. PT's aided by 2 Australian Beaufighters. Some guns were silenced, 9 trucks were strafed, and fires were caused.

On 18 June, Wewak area and the area to the W. were attacked by 7 B-25's, 58 A-20's, 24 P-47's, 4 Australian Beauforts, 7 Australian Beaufighters and 10 P-39's. About 93 tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps, camps, gun positions and installations.

In the Hollandia area, total enemy casualties have reached 3,265 dead. 610 Japs have been taken prisoner.

In the Biak area, total enemy dead has reached 1,655. Our ground forces NW. and W. of Mokmer airfield were continuing to reduce enemy strong points. Stiff resistance by the enemy was reported, but with the aid of tanks, several strong points were captured.

On the night of 18 - 19 June, gun positions in the Wewak area were bombarded by 3 U.S. DD's.

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(D) N. E. I.

Photos on 18 June of NE. Timor Island revealed that in Puiloro area, a new runway is being built.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports damaging a 4,000 ton AK, a 6,000 ton AK and a 3,500 ton AK, for a total of 14,500 tons. A second U.S. SS reports damaging 1 or 2 unidentified ships for a total of 8,000 tons. A third U.S. SS reports probably sinking a Shokaku-Class CV (29,800 tons), with 3 torpedo hits scored.

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Summary as of 0800, 18 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 14 - 15 June (0020K), Shimushiru was raided by 2 Army B-24's on an armed photo mission. Bombs were dropped, but overcast prevented observation of results. There was no enemy opposition.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

Details of our landings on 15 June on Saipan:

About 20,000 Marines were landed S. and N. of the town of CHaron-Kanoa. Offshore, there were no reef mines or obstacles, but 12 x 60 ft. boats were anchored to be utilized as streng points. These were knocked out. The enemy was entrenched in strong, well-organized beach defense positions. The first wave of our troops was allowed to land without serious fire, but once ashore, the enemy opened up. The beaches were swept by Jap artillery, mortar and m/g fire, slowing down the landings and causing heavy casualties in a few units. As of 1800K, our beachhead was about 1-2/3 miles deep and 4-2/3 miles long. The enemy put up stiff resistance as our troops advanced inland against many bunkers and mortar and field artillery fire. The advance was supported by bombardment from our ships and bombers. A/A fire brought down 2 of our bombers, and damaged others.

The Tinian - Saipan channel was swept, an no mines were found. It is believed that on N. Tinian and Saipan, most heavy A/A guns and coastal defense guns have been destroyed. It was believed probable that enemy airfields on Rota and Guam were still operation on 15 June. During the day, our fleet units were attacked by several enemy torpedo bombers, at least 12 dive-bombers and 4 fighters.

Our tank and LVT losses were reported to be light. Jap units on Saipan were identified as elements of the 13th and 29th Divisions. Total enemy force on Saipan was estimated at 20,000 troops.

At sea, 126 Jap Navy men, 5 Koreans and 6 children were taken prisoner.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 15 June at noon, Truk was attacked by 27 B-24's from the Admiralties. About 43 tons of bombs were dropped. 10 - 15 Jap planes intercepted, and 1 was shot down and 4 seaplanes damaged. In the lagoon, 1 AK, 1 [illegible] damaged.

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possible CL and 5 - 6 unidentified ships were seen. Weather and mechanical trouble prevented 15 more B-24's from reaching the target.

Early 15 June (0140 - 0332 K), Truk was hit by 13 B-24's from the Marshalls. 26 tons of bombs were dropped. 1 Jap plane was airborne, but ineffective.

Also early 15 June (0226K), Ponape was raided by a single B-24 from the Marshalls. 2 tons of bombs were dropped on A/A guns at Jokaj. No A/A fire was met.

On the night of 15 - 16 June, Yap received over 5 tons of bombs from 4 B-24's, while Palau was raided by 1 B-24. These bombers came from the Southwest Pacific.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 15 June, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	8 SBD's (Marine) 8 F4U's (Marine)	4 tons strafed	A/A guns on Emidj hit.
Taroa	14 SBD's (Marine) 8 F6F's (Navy)	6 tons	Coastal and A/A guns hit.
	8 F4U's	strafed	----------
Mille	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 fighters (Navy)	1-1/2 tons	Coastal battery hit.
Wotje	5 PV's (Navy) 28 F4U's (Marine)	10-1/2 tons strafed.	Coastal and A/A guns hit. Islands strafed. 1 F4U shot down by A/A, but pilot in water of Wotje lagoon, rescued by Navy PBY.
Various	2 PBY's	1-1/3 tons	Personnel areas hit.

On 16 June, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	3 tons strafed	Torpedo storage area hit. A/A guns strafed.
Mille	27 SBD's (Marine) 15 F4U's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	9 tons total	Coastal and A/A guns hit.
Taroa	6 SBD's (Marine) 4 fighters (Navy)	2-1/2 tons	Coastal defense positions hit.
	2 PBY's	ton	Mille, Taroa personnel areas hit.

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(D) Ocean and Nauru

On 15 June, Ocean and Nauru were raided by 2 PV's. Bombs were dropped on barracks.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 15 June, Bonis and Buka areas were attacked by 8 P-39's. Jap gardens on Bougainville also received another coating of diesel oil from TBF's.

(B) Bismarck Islands

On the night of 14 - 15 June, Rabaul and Kavieng were raided by 4 B-25's, while Rabaul was also harassed by 1 B-34.

On 15 June, in Rabaul area, the following attacks were made: Between Rapopo and Tobera, A/A gun positions received 99 tons of bombs from 120 planes (including TBF's, SBD's, P-38's, P-39's, B-25's). We lost 1 TBF. The area was swept by 20 New Zealand F4U's, which set 4 trucks on fire and strafed 6 more.

At New Ireland, buildings at Namatanai were bombed by 3 New Zealand B-34's.

Photos on 15 June of Bismarck airfields showed 4 were serviceable--Kavieng, Lakunai, Vunakanau and Tobera.

On the night of 15 - 16 June, at an unreported point, U.S. PT's were ineffectively attacked by 1 Jap plane.

On 16 June, 22 miles N. of Rabaul, a Jap SS was sighted.

(C) New Guinea

Photos on 12 June of 3 Geelvink Bay airfields -- Ransiki, Moemi, and Manokwari -- showed no planes present, but the runways serviceable.

On 15 June at Biak, NW of Mokmer airfield, our ground forces repulsed 3 Jap counter-attacks. 160 Japs were killed, and 3 enemy tanks knocked out. Our ground forces captured more enemy gun positions, gradually reducing the defensive positions set up by the enemy.

On 16 June, Condor Point (NW Hansa Bay) was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. No Jap troops were met.

The same day, Broken Water Bay targets were hit by P-47's, while off Muschu Island, 2 barges were sunk and 9 damaged by Australian Beaufighters. Barge hideouts along the coast received over 1-1/2 tons of bombs from 8 P-39's, while W. of Dagua, bivouacs, lines of communication, and supply dumps were attacked by 3 B-25's and 22 A-20's, which dropped 24 tons of bombs.

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At Sarmi and Maffin Bay areas, fuel stores were hit and destroyed by P-47's.

On 16 June, near Sorong, Samate and Jefman airfields were attacked by 2 groups of B-25's covered by P-38's. Explosions and large fires were caused. According to incomplete reports, at least 40 - 50 Jap planes were shot down or destroyed on the ground. In Sorong area, 2 AK's, 3 DD's, 1 possible CL, and several PG's were seen.

The same day, Macoluer Gulf shipping was attacked by an unreported number of A-20's. 2 barges were sunk, a small AK was strafed, and more barges set afire. Kokas (on S. shore) was also attacked, and buildings and warehouses hit.

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Early 15 June, between Sorong and Halmahera, a small AK was attacked without success by a B-24 on patrol.

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Summary as of 0800, 17 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 14 June, in a daylight mission (1015 - 1120 K) 4 Army photo planes were over the Kuriles. 3 planes covered the area from Matsuwa N. to Suribachiwan where enemy fighter planes attacked. One enemy fighter which intercepted broke off the attack and disappeared with a smoking engine. One Army photo plane had an engine destroyed and other damage but all 4 photo planes returned safely. The 4th plane started at Raieske and covered the area from this point S. through Shimusairu. Most of the islands were completely covered. At Karabuzaki there was intense A/A fire. At Matsuwa A/A ranged from moderate to intense.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Bonin Islands

On 15 June, according to a Pacific Fleet Communique, Chichijima, Haha Jima and Iwo Jima were attacked by carrier aircraft. 33 enemy planes intercepted at Chichijima and were shot down. 4 enemy flying boats were attacked and damaged at the same place. At Iwo Jima, 2 airborne enemy aircraft were probably destroyed and 14 were destroyed on the ground.

One medium AK was sunk at Chichijima and 4 small AK's and 6 small craft were damaged. An AP discovered nearby was bombed and heavily damaged by aircraft and was later sunk by a U.S. DD. 112 survivors were rescued.

Ground installations, including barracks, airfields and fuel tanks were bombed.

4 U.S. planes and 5 flight personnel were lost.

(B) Marianas Islands

On 17 June on Saipan, according to Press Reports, U.S. forces had captured Charan Kanda and the airstrip just N. of the town and had gone 2 miles inland. Heavy mortar and artillery fire was still being encountered in the airstrip and beachhead areas. A strong U.S. attack has been made from the S. end of the beachhead toward Aslito airfield and at last reports they were near the field.

On the N. end of the beachhead, artillery has been set up and is being used against Garapan.

On 16 June and the night of 16 June, intense enemy mortar and artillery fire caused U.S. troops to withdraw toward the beachhead but during the [illegible] positions were consolidated and strong naval sup[illegible]

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reducing enemy gun positions. On the morning of 17 June enemy resistance was broken in Charan Kanoa and our troops started a major attack at noon, which advanced our lines about 1/2 mile. Heavy fighting has developed behind Charan Kanoa near the lake. It was here that an enemy tank supported counter-attack was turned back.

(C) Caroline Islands

On the night of 13 - 14 June, in the attack on Yap Island, 2 Army heavy bombers (B-24's) from SW Pacific dropped 2-1/2 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Other heavy bombers were forced to jettison 5-1/4 tons of bombs.

On 14 June, Ponape was attacked by 6 Army B-25's from the Central Pacific which dropped 5-3/4 tons of bombs on gun positions at Jokaj. Meager A/A fire was met.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 14 June Monoitu, Kieata and Bonis were bombed and strafed by 28 P-39's. Huts were destroyed, a pier was damaged and fires were started.

On 15 June SE of Kieta PT's shelled coastal positions.

(B) New Ireland

On 14 June Kavieng was attacked by fighter bombers and the same night, patrol planes bombed Fangalawa Bay.

(C) New Britain

On 14 June, at Rabaul 87 TBF's, SBD's, B-25's and fighter-bombers attacked gun positions and buildings, destroying them and starting fires and explosions. The same night 4 B-25's and 1 Catalina were on harassing missions in the same area.

Also 14 June P40's strafed A/A positions and 2 floatplanes.

(D) New Guinea

On 10 June off Japen Island an enemy fighter was shot down by 6 AAF P-40's.

On 11 June at both Soepiori and Biak Islands, villages were bombed and strafed by 10 B-25's. 6 tons of bombs and 76 rounds of 75 mm were expended.

On 15 June, at Nightingale Bay PT's and Beaufighters attacked shore positions. At Muschu and Kairiru, 3 barges were hit. 2 motor trucks were strafed S. of But.

From But to Yakamul, 2 B-25's were active against transportation and personnel areas.

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East of Aitape to Dagua and inland, 58 A-20's, 4 B-25's, 6 P-39's and 8 Beaufighters attacked villages, camps, stores and concentrations along the trails. 35-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped and all areas were strafed.

At Maffin Bay P-47's attacked buildings, and fuel dumps, destroying them.

At Namber airfield, 6 B-24's dropped 18 tons of bombs. Supplies were set afire.

At Manokwari A-20's and P-38's attacked enemy shipping, sinking a barge and a lugger. A small AK and several luggers were damaged and fires were started ashore.

On Biak strong resistance is still being met N. of the Mokmer field where strong enemy tank and infantry attacks were repulsed. Along the coast, patrols found no defense positions at Borokoe airfield. The airfield had not been completed. Naval fire is being used to silence enemy guns and mortars which were working to cut our supply lines.

(E) N. E. I.

On 15 June on Timor, Lautem W. airfield was attacked by 5 B-24's. Dilli and Fuiloro were bombed by 2 B-24's and the Leca area was bombed by 2 B-24's. 23 tons of bombs were dropped.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

On 13 June at Boela (Ceram) a U.S. SS bombarded oil installations. 1 fuel oil and one gasoline storage tank were set afire and a power house was possibly hit. Return fire was met from A/A installations.

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy DD and a 4800 ton AK.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Japan - Korea

On 15 - 16 June (1339 Q time) the USAAF announced that Japan had been bombed by a flight of Superfortresses (B-29's) of the 20th Bomber Command. A Jap communique later confirmed the attack and stated that it was carried out 0200, 16 June (I - Tokyo - time) by 20 China-based Superfortresses (B-29's) and B-24's and that the targets were located in the industrial area of N. Kyushu. Other Jap broadcasts stated that Moji, Yawata and the Kokura area had been hit. Moji is an important communications center on the S. shore of the Straits of Shimonoseki and is the home of several Mitsui industrial plants while Yawata is an important iron and steel manufacturing center in which is located the Imperial Steel Works.

Also at 0200, 16 June (Tokyo time), another Tokyo broadcast stated that several "enemy" planes raided S. Korea. This would be the first Allied attack on Korea.

(B) Kurile Islands

Details of the U.S. task force attack on Matsuwa area on 13 - 14 June:

Just after midnight 13 June (0113 - 0143K) a U.S. force of 2 CA's, 2 CL's and 9 DD's bombarded the island. Heavy fog prevented observation of results. Our ships suffered no casualties or damage. There was some evidence of enemy return fire, but there were no hits in the vicinity of our ships. No enemy ships or aircraft were encountered at any time.

On the morning of 15 June (1013 - 1115K) 4 Army photo planes (heavy bombers) were over the Kuriles. 3 of the planes were over the area from Paramushiru to Matsuwa. Intense A/A was met at Matsuwa and Paramushiru. 1 enemy plane intercepted at Matsuwa but did no damage. 19 enemy fighters were seen over Paramushiru. Interceptions were made and 1 U.S. plane was damaged. An enemy bomber was damaged and an enemy fighter was probably damaged. 1 U.S. plane was damaged by A/A fire.

The same day (1430 - 1450K) 7 Navy medium bombers bombed Shimushu and Paramushiru. 15 enemy planes intercepted. 1 enemy fighter was probably damaged. 2 U.S. planes have not returned, and 3 were damaged.

The night of 15 June (0004 - 0020K) Shimushiru was bombed by 2 Army heavy bombers with unobserved results. There was no opposition and both planes returned safely.

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II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 15 June landing of troops and supplies on Saipan continued, covered by aircraft and surface craft. Beach-heads have been established on the SW portion of the island and troops have moved inlands inspite of heavy armored counter-attacks. Fighting was reported in progress in Charan Kanoa.

(B) Bonin Islands

On the afternoon of 16 June, according to a Japanese Headquarters announcement, an enemy Task Force raided Chichijima and Iwo-Jima in the Bonins. This has not been confirmed from U.S. sources.

(C) Caroline Islands

On 9 June, in addition to previous reports, Palau was raided by 2 more B-24's from SW Pacific. 3-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped. Some Jap planes intercepted -- 2 were shot down and another probably shot down.

On the night of 11 - 12 June, at Palau, Peleliu airfield was hit by 4 B-24's from SW Pacific. 6 tons of bombs were dropped. 1 B-24 did not return.

On 12 June at midday, Truk was attacked by 39 B-24's from SW Pacific. About 97 tons of bombs were dropped on Dublon. Buildings were wrecked, and explosions and large fires caused. Of about 20 intercepting Jap fighters, 6 were shot down and 5 more damaged.

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Palau was raided by a single B-24. An unidentified island was bombed.

On 13 June at noon, Truk was attacked by 26 B-24's from SW Pacific. (This is evidently a separate attack from the one reported on the afternoon of 13 June in Naval Summary for 15 June, 1944). Eten and Dublon Islands received 84 tons of bombs. Fires and explosions were caused. Of 15 - 20 intercepting Jap fighters, 3 were shot down, 1 was damaged and 1 was probably shot down. In the lagoon, 4 AK's and 2 DD's were observed.

The same day, Satawan airfield received 11 tons of bombs from 4 B-24's from SW Pacific. There was no A/A fire. Moleai was also hit by 6 B-24's from SW Pacific. 17 tons of bombs were dropped, and 2 planes on the ground probably wrecked.

On 14 June, Truk was again attacked by B-24's from SW Pacific, according to preliminary reports. Fires and explosions were caused.

(D) Marshall Islands

On 14 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	7 F4U's (Marine) 10 SBD's (Marine)	4-1/2 tons	Hit gun positions. 1 F4U & 1 SBD slightly damaged.

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Mille	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine) 6 B-25's (Army)	9-12/ tons 5-3/4 tons	Hit magazines, moderate A/A. Hit gun positions, meager A/A.
Taroa	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	3/4 tons	Hit guns along coast. 1 SBD slightly damaged by A/A.
	4 F4U's		Fires started by strafing.
Wotje	8 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	3 tons	Hit gun positions. Ship was beached - no A/A.
	16 F4U's (Marine)		Installations and coastal guns strafed. 2 F4U's damaged by moderate A/A.
	3 PBY's (Navy)	1-1/2 tons	Hit barracks area.

(E) Ocean and Nauru

On 14 June (0455L) Ocean was attacked by 4 Navy PV's which dropped 3 tons of bombs. Gun positions and barracks were hit. Moderate A/A damaged slightly 1 medium bomber.

The same day (0620L) Nauru was attacked by 2 Navy PV's which dropped 3/4 tons of bomb on the barracks. Meagor A/A was encountered.

Later 14 June (1150L) 14 Army B-25's attacked gun positions with 7-3/4 tons of bombs.

(Note: A similar raid was reported for 13 June at the same hours.)

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Buka Passage, Numa Numa and Kieta were raided by patrol planes.

On 13 June, supply dumps at Buka received 14 tons of bombs from 43 fighter-bombers.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Borpop was raided by 1 B-25.

On 13 June, at Kavieng, a Jap fighter which had taken off from Kavieng, was shot down by our fighters, which also dropped a few bombs on the airfield.

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(C) New Br[illegible]in

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Rabaul area was raided by PBY's and PV's.

On 13 June, in a 15 minute (0930 - 0945L) attack on A/A gun positions at Tobera and Rapopo, 93 planes (types unreported) dropped 54 tons of bombs. Later, Tobera was hit by 6 B-24's. 22 tons of bombs were dropped. Praed Point was hit by 6 B-25's and Kabanga Bay and Cape Gazelle by 6 PV's. 1 barge was sunk by sweeping fighters.

(D) New Guinea

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Wakde was attacked by Jap planes. Some damage and a few casualties were caused.

On 13 June, in addition to previous reports, targets SE of Aitape were hit by 23 more A-20's.

On the night of 13 - 14 June, Biak was raided by 2 Jap planes. No damage was caused. The same night, about 60 miles W. of Manokwari, 3 empty Jap barges were strafed by a PBY on patrol.

On the night of 13 - 14 June, bivouacs, a shore battery and 3 motor trucks in Matapau area (SE of Aitape) were strafed by PT's aided by B-25's.

On 14 June, Potsdam Harbor -- about 5 miles from S. shore of Hansa Bay -- was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. No opposition has been met.

The same day, targets in Ramu and Sepik Rivers area was strafed by P-39's, while Cape Moem supply dumps were hit by Australian Beauforts.

SE of Aitape, enemy villages and troop concentrations were attacked by 70 A-20's, and an unreported number of P-39's, P-47's, B-25's and Australian Beaufighters. Incomplete reports state that some of the planes dropped 49 tons of bombs and strafed with 37 mm and over 25,500 rounds of m/g.

In Hollandia area, near Arso, 400 Jap dead were found by our patrols. Cause of death was air attacks and starvation.

On 14 June, in Maffin Bay area, supply and fuel dumps were bombed by P-39's.

Also 14 June, at Biak, a point 1,000 yards S. of Borokoe airfield was reached by U.S. patrol moving along the coast. There was no opposition, but our main forces heading directly for Borokoo were still meeting stiff resistance. N. of Mokmer airfield, a small Jap counter-attack was repulsed.

The same day, at Noemfoor, Kamiri airfield was heavily attacked by 2 squadrons of B-24's. Explosions and fires were caused. The same day, Babo airfield was hit by A-20's. Unserviceable planes, fuel dumps and buildings were set afire.

(E) N. E. I.

Early 14 June, at Ambon, Halong seaplane base was attacked by 8 [illegible] but 18 tons of bombs were dropped, but results were not seen.

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On the evening of 14 June, at Timor, Lautem airfield was attacked by 12 Dutch B-25's, which unloaded 15 tons of bombs on the west airfield. The runway was left unserviceable, and fires were caused.

The same day, NE of Halmahera, a Jap transport plane was shot down by a B-24 on patrol.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported damaging 3 enemy AK's for a total of 15,500 tons. A second SS reports damaging an enemy AO.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 13 and 14 June (E. longitude date), Jap installations in Kuriles were attacked by a U.S. task force, according to a Pacific Fleet communique. While airfields on Paramushiru and Shimushu were bombed by carrier-based planes, Matsuwa Island was bombarded by surface units. Further details have not yet been reported.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 13 June Saipan and Tinian were very heavily bombarded. The area from Garapan town to the seaplane base, and Mania assa Island were the particular targets. At the beginning of the bombardment some enemy 3" fire was received, but soon ceased. Numerous explosions and heavy fires were started. Enemy gun positions on the W. coast of Saipan and the NE. coast of Tinian were also bombarded very heavily.

Also 13 June, Pagan Island was attacked by U.S. carrier-based planes. Enemy installations were heavily hit.

At dawn 15 June, U. S. Marines began landing on the southern part of the W. coast of Saipan. Resistance ashore was strong but a beachhead has been established with moderate losses.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 13 June (1540 - 1705K) 19 Army B-24's attacked Truk dropping 38 tons of bombs on airfields at Moen. Fires were started. 10 to 15 Jap fighters intercepted. One enemy plane is claimed shot down, 2 probably shot down, 4 damaged. Two planes were probably destroyed on the ground. A/A ranged from moderate to intense.

Also 13 June, Ponape was attacked by 2 Army B-24's. A/A positions were hit with 4 tons of bombs.

A further report on the attack on the night of 11 June on Palau indicates that 40 to 50 enemy planes intercepted. 20 are claimed shot down with 8 planes probably shot down. 10 Army B-24's dropped 27 tons of bombs. A/A fire was intense.

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On 13 June, NE of Palau, an Army B-24 on patrol shot down a Jap bomber. That night, SW of Woleai, a patrol bomber strafed an enemy vessel and left it sinking.

On the night of 13 - 14 June, Yap Island was attacked by Army B-24's from SW Pacific. The airfield and dispersal area were bombed, and fires caused.

(D) Marshall Islands

On 13 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	20 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV (Navy)	6 tons	Meager A/A.
Taroa	12 F4U's (Marine) 8 F6F's (Navy) 14 SBD's (Marine)	4-1/2 tons	Hit gun positions. Meager A/A.
Jaluit	7 SBD's (Marine) 9 F6F's (Navy)	1-1/2 tons	A/A positions hit. Meager A/A.
Mille	8 F4U's (Marine) 24 SBD's (Marine)	6 tons	Coastal guns hit. A/A. meager to moderate.
Eastern Marshalls	3 PBM's (Navy)	2 tons	

(E) Ocean and Nauru

On 13 June (0455L) Ocean was attacked by 4 Navy PV's. A/A positions and barracks areas were hit with 3 tons of bombs. The same day (0620L) Nauru was attacked by 2 Navy PV's which dropped 3/4 ton of bombs on barracks, scoring direct hits. A/A fire ranged from meager to moderate.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 12 June, scattered Bougainville targets were attacked by 44 P-38's. At Kahili, a pier was hit, fires were caused at Buka airfield, Tsirogei and Tonolei, W. of Komai several huts were wrecked, and at Tunubu a barge was damaged. Off Tonolei, A/A fire brought down 1 P-38, but the pilot was rescued. Tonolei was also strafed by F4U's, which strafed a barge.

On 13 June, about 12,000 yards N. of the Torokina perimeter, minor patrol action was reported. 2 Japs were killed.

(B) New Ireland

On 12 June, SE coast of New Ireland was again attacked by 5 New Zealand B-34's. Buildings were hit.

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(C) New Britain

On the night of 11 - 12 June, Rabaul area was raided by B-25's.

On the morning of 12 June, supply dumps at Ralum received 33 tons of bombs in a 45 minute attack by 12 TBF's, 16 SBD's, 10 P-38's and 22 P-39's. Kalapau Plantation was hit by 20 B-25's which dropped 12-1/2 tons of bombs, while Rapopo and Tobera were raided by 6 B-24's.

On 13 June photos of Rabaul airfields showed 2 -- Tobera and Lakunai -- were serviceable.

(D) New Guinea

Later reports of the attacks on Wewak area on 12 June state that 24 more A-20's participated. 18 more tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 18,000 rounds of m/g.

Later reports of action against enemy planes over Biak (see Naval Summary for 14 June 1944) state that 1 Jap fighter and 7 torpedo bombers were shot down by 16 P-47's.

Photos on 12 June of Babo airfield show that no more operative Jap planes remain there.

On the night of 12 - 13 June, Condor Point was shelled by U.S. PT's, while off SW coast of Biak, 3 large Jap barges loaded with supplies were sunk by other U.S. PT's.

On 13 June, enemy concentrations and bivouacs SE of Aitape and W. of But were attacked by 58 A-20's, 23 B-25's, and an unreported number of P-39's and Australian Beaufighters and Beauforts. Incomplete reports state that some of the planes dropped 63 tons of bombs. In foothills S. of Yakamul, a number of enemy groups were reported.

In Maffin area, supply dumps at Sarmi and a bridge over Orai River were bombed by P-47's.

At Biak, the coast from Mokmer to Bosnek was entirely in our hands after an enemy unit in a defile about 900 yards E. of Parai was cleaned out. Our forces W. of Mokmer airfield were continuing their advance, knocking out Jap pillboxes on the way. Air suppot on 13 June was provided by 2 squadrons of A-20's. The target was gun positions N. of Borokoe airfield.

(E) N. E. I.

Further reports of the attack on 12 - 13 June on Liang airfield (Naval Summary for 14 June 1944) state that the 22 B-24's dropped about 50 tons of bombs. Explosions and fires were caused.

The same night, NE of Halmahera, a Jap medium bomber was shot down by a Navy bomber (PB4Y) on patrol.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 13 June (0525 - 0540 K) Paramushiru and Shimushu were attacked by 5 PV's. Photos of Kakumabetsu airfield were obtained by 2 of these planes. A/A here was inaccurate. 1 plane was over Kataoka and 2 planes were over the Kiyoshino airfield in Central Shimushu. One plane was forced to jettison bombs in water. Upon returning, one plane made a landing in the water but the crew was saved.

On 10 June, 1 PV over Shimushu reported sighting planes on the runway and several large vessels were seen in the Parmushiru Strait. One enemy plane was airborne but did not attack.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

First details of the strikes on 11 - 12 - 13 June on Guam, Saipan, Tenian and Rota have been received. The first planes were launched at 1:05 PM (1305 K) on 11 June and apparently caught the enemy by surprise. During the first days attacks a total of 124 enemy planes were destroyed, about three-fourths of them being shot down.

On the night of 11 June a number of enemy planes came near our ships but did not attack, although flares were dropped. 1 enemy plane was shot down by A/A fire.

On 12 June, in continuing attacks, an additional 16 enemy planes were destroyed bringing the two day total to 140.

On 11 June, our losses were 11 fighters (F6F's) and 8 pilots. On 12 June we lost four planes and 7 flight personnel, making a total of 15 planes and 15 men in the two days.

On 12 June, an enemy convoy attempting to escape the area (225 miles NW of Saipan) was heavily attacked and 10 vessels (1 large AO, 1 DD, 3 corvettes, 1 large AK, 1 medium AK and 3 small AK's) were claimed sunk. In addition 10 vessels (5 AK's and 5 Corvettes) were reported damaged. (Of the damaged vessels, the 5 Corvettes were dead in the water and were smoking. 2 of the AK's were burning and of the remaining 3 AK's, 1 was down at the stern and 1 was listing.

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The same day at Saipan, 2 small AK's and a small AO were destroyed. On the afternoon of 13 June, 1600 K, 180 miles NW of Saipan a second enemy convoy of 3 AK's and 2 escorts was sighted. An AK, 130 miles NW of Saipan, was bombed and set afire and was being abandoned. A second AK, 95 miles NW of Saipan, was hit, and was being abandoned.

Also 13 June, 1 remaining AK of the convoy attacked 12 June was again bombed and completely wrecked but afloat. A second AK was found and seemed to be abandoned and a third vessel was reported sunk.

A summary of shipping strikes:

12 June:

13 vessels sunk
10 damaged

13 June:

1 sunk (previously reported damaged)
3 abandoned but afloat (1 previously reported damaged)
1 completely wrecked but afloat (previously reported damaged.)

(B) Caroline Islands

On 12 June (0803 K) Ponape gun positions were attacked by 6 Army B-25's which dropped 6 tons of bombs. Meager A/A fire was met.

On 13 June (0205 - 0358 K) 15 Army B-24's from Central Pacific attacked Truk. 37-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on runway and seaplane base at Moen, the airbase at Eten, and installations at Param, Fefan, and Tsis. 3 enemy fighters were in the air, 1 attacked our planes damaging 1 B-24, and killing 1 member of crew. 4 other crew members were wounded. A/A was meager. Large fires were started.

Furhter details have been received on the attack on Truk on the night of 11 June. 27 Army B-24's attacked Dublon, Eten, and Moen dropping 58 tons of bombs. Buildings were destroyed. A/A fire ranged from moderate to intense. Between 15 and 20 Jap fighters intercepted. One is claimed destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and 9 damaged.

Satawan was hit by 2 Army B-24's as a secondary target.

Also the night of 11 June, in the previously reported strike at Palau, 11 Jap fighters intercepted. 1 was claimed destroyed, 1 damaged. 4 Army B-24's took part in the raid, dropped 7-1/2 tons of bombs. A/A fire ranged from moderate to intense.

The morning of 12 June, S. of Palau, a B-24 on patrol strafed an enemy bomber on the water and left it sinking.

(C) Marshall Islands

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On 12 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Tarea	12 F4U's (Marine) 7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	3 tons	Hit guns and shelters. Meager A/A.
Wotje	16 F4U's (Marine)	strafed	Hit coastal defenses. Meager A/A.

(D) Ocean & Nauru

On 12 June (0535 L) Nauru was attacked by 3 Navy PV's which dropped 3 tons of bombs on guns and barracks.

The same day (0845 L) Ocean was attacked by 1 Navy PV which dropped 1/2 ton of bombs. A/A was moderate throughout.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 11 June, scattered Bougainville targets mainly in Buka Passage area, were attacked by 44 P-39's. 10-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped. Tinputs and Kieta were also hit by strafing F4U's.

On 12 June, in upper Laruma River area, Jap trail blocks received artillery and mortar fire from a Fiji battalion in the area.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 10 - 11 June, targets in Fangalawa Bay area were bombarded by U.S. DD's. The same night, East Cape area was shelled by U.S. PT's.

On 11 June, Borpop and Cape St. George buildings were attacked by 5 New Zealand B-34's.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 10 - 11 June, Rabaul area was raided by B-25's.

On 11 June, Rapopo was attacked by 6 B-24's. 22 tons of bombs were dropped on revetments and the runway. S. of Rapopo, A/A gun positions were hit in a 25 minute attack (0950 - 1015 L) by 190 planes, including B-25's, P-39's and P-38's. 87 tons of bombs were dropped. At least 5 A/A positions were hit.

On the night of 11 - 12 June, off Adler Bay, U.S. PT's were bombed by 1 Jap plane. Minor damage was caused.

(D) New Guinea

Later reports of the attack on 9 June by A-20's on Jap shipping off Manokwari (see Naval Summary for 12 June, 1944) state that 6 more small

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coastal vessels were sunk.

Details of the attack on 10 June on Babo state that 17 A-20's dropped 11-1/2 tons of bombs and strafed with 27,750 rounds of m/g. 1 fighter on the ground was destroyed, and 2 planes damaged. Warehouses were also hit.

On the night of 11 - 12 June, in Nowak area, 3 Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's. The same night, SE of Biak, a Jap fighter was shot down by U.S. PT's.

On 12 June, Dagoi, 12 miles from Hansa Bay, was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. without opposition.

The same day, Nowak area was again attacked by 12 P-47's and 32 A-20's, which dropped 22 tons of bombs and strafed with 30,000 rounds of m/g. Targets were gun positions and bivouacs. Intense light-calibre A/A fire was encountered. Meanwhile targets W. of Nowak were attacked by P-39's and Australian Beauforts.

W. of Hollandia, in Toarim River area, 71 enemy dead were found on trails by a U.S. patrol from Hollandia.

Also 12 June, in Maffin Bay area, Jap positions were shelled by U.S. DD's and attacked by P-47's. Fires resulted.

On 12 June at Biak, our advance to the W. continued, in spite of Jap resistance. Our troops, supported by tanks and artillery, reached a point 1000 yards W. of Mokmer airfield, cleaning out Jap pillboxes and m/g nests on the way. E. of W. end of Mokmer airfield, some Jap pillboxes remain, and the enemy still maintains a roadblock NE of Parai.

Early 12 June, our positions at Mokmer airfield were attacked in 2 raids within 1 hour by 2 Jap planes each time. Some casualties were caused. Later 12 June, 6 Jap planes were over Biak. 3 were shot down and 2 more probably shot down by our fighters. According to SWPA communique, Mokmer airfield is now operative for our planes.

Also 12 June, N. of Manokwari, a 2000 ton AK was probably sunk and 4 seatrucks and 3 luggers were sunk by B-25's.

The same day, Noemi was attacked by A-20's covered by P-38's. Smoke rose 4000 feet in the air from the many fires caused. There was no Jap air interception.

Early 13 June (0309 K), at Biak, our positions were ineffectively attacked by 2 Jap planes.

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On 12 June, NE of Halmahera, a Jap transport plane was shot down by a Navy PB4Y on patrol.

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On the night of 12 - 13 June, at Ambon, Liang airfield was attacked by 22 (prob. Army) B-24's. Details were not reported.

(f) Australia

On the morning of 12 June, 80 miles SW of Darwin, a Jap plane on reconnaissance was shot down by 16 Australian Spitfires.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking a 8,360 ton XGVS by torpedo and 2 schooners (180 ton total) by gunfire. In addition, a converted obsolete 8,500 ton cruiser was damaged.

A second U.S. SS reports sinking 1 medium AK. A third U.S. SS reports sinking 1 large AP, 1 medium AP and 2 trawlers. A fourth U.S. SS reports sinking a 2,900 ton CL, a 1,900 ton AK, and an 8,800 ton AK, for a total of 13,600 tons sunk.

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Summary as of 0800, 13 June 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 10 June, 420 miles E. of Guam, an enemy bomber was shot down by a Navy search plane.

On 12 June, Guam, Tinian, Saipan and Rota were again attacked by carrier-based aircraft, according to a Pacific Fleet announcement. Further details have not been received.

(B) Caroline Islands

Early the morning of 9 June an airfield at Palau (probably on Peleliu Island) was attacked by 3 B-24's from the Admiralties. Explosions and fires were caused.

On 9 June a third raid was made on Palau when 7 heavy bombers (B-24's) from the Southwest Pacific hit Peleliu airdrome. Fragmentation bombs were dropped on the airfield area. 2 of 10 - 15 intercepting enemy planes were claimed shot down and 2 were damaged. 1 bomber is missing. Photos taken now show that there were 80 enemy fighters on the Peleliu field. 1 possible CL and 2 DD's were seen near the island.

On 10 June, 540 miles NE of Truk, an enemy patrol bomber was destroyed 40 minutes after sighting, by a Navy patrol bomber.

On the night of 10 - 11 June (2145 K) Truk was hit by a squadron of Army B-24's from the Central Pacific. Param, Moen and Eten were hit and several fires were seen. A/A was met but did no damage our planes.

The same night over Ponape 2 Army B-24's hit the town area, and gun positions.

On 11 June Peleliu airdrome at Palau was attacked by Admiralties-based heavy bombers. Bombs dropped blew up an ammunition dump, started fires and explosions. 1 heavy bomber is missing.

On the night of 11 June Palau and Truk were both attacked by heavy bombers from the Southwestern Pacific, according to a preliminary report. 2 planes are missing.

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On the night of 11 June (2145K) Truk was bombed by a squadron of Army B-24's from the Central Pacific. 16-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on Dublon, Moen and Param, concentrating on enemy airfields.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 10 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	F6F's (Navy) SBD's (Marines)		Hit gun positions. 1 SBD damaged by meager A/A.
Taroa	26 SBD's (Marine) 18 F4U's (Marine) 6 F6F's (Navy) PBY's (Navy)	8 tons & strafed	Hit gun positions & coastal defenses. Meager A/A.
Mille	SBD's (Marine) F4U's " PBY's (Navy)	6 tons	Hit coastal defenses. Light A/A.
Wotje	20 F4U's (Marine)	bombed & strafed	Hit guns and buildings. Light A/A seen by one flight.

On 11 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	3 PV's (Navy)	3 tons	Hit gun positions. Meager A/A.

(D) Ocean & Nauru

On 10 June Ocean Island was bombed by 6 Navy PV's. A/A damaged one plane.

The same day at Nauru, 2 Navy medium bombers strafed boats in the boat basin.

On the morning of 11 June (1020 L) Nauru was attacked by 13 Army B-25's which dropped 6-1/2 tons of bombs on A/A positions and surrounding areas. Fires started could be seen for 20 miles. Intense A/A fire destroyed 1 plane and damaged 3. The crew of the destroyed plane was rescued by a Navy plane.

The same morning 2 Navy medium bombers attacked both Ocean and Nauru, concentrating on gun positions.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

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On the night of 9 - 10 June, Buka, Numa Numa and Kieta areas were raided by patrol planes.

On 10 June, Buka area was attacked by 32 P-39's and 26 F4U's. 20 tons of bombs were dropped. Trucks were hit and fires caused.

(B) New Ireland

On 10 June, buildings on SW coast of New Ireland were attacked by 5 New Zealand B-34's. Kavieng was hit by 6 Emirau-based fighter-bombers, which dropped 3 tons of bombs.

Early 10 June, Cape Reis (between Borpop and Namatanai) was strafed by PBY's and East Cape was shelled by U.S. PT's.

Also 10 June, about 130 miles N. of Emirau, a Jap SS was sunk by a U.S. DD.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 9 - 10 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 10 June, Rabaul area was attacked as follows: Rapopo was hit by 12 B-25's, 18 SBD's, 11 TBF's and 20 P-39's. 26 tons of bombs were dropped. Supply dumps at Ratavul received over 7 tons of bombs from a squadron of B-25's. At Keravia Bay, bombs were skipped at low altitude into storage tunnels and A/A gun positions were strafed by 12 P-38's. Results were not seen. Fighters continued their patrols, and set barges afire and wrecked a truck.

(D) New Guinea

On the night of 9 - 10 June, at Biak, our positions near Parai jetty and W. of Mokmor airfield were attacked without success by Jap planes.

On the night of 10 - 11 June, Wakde was raided by 1 Jap plane which dropped its bombs in the water.

The same night, Boram and But areas were hit by 5 Australian Beauforts which dropped almost 4 tons of bombs. Slight A/A fire was met.

Meanwhile, Musohu Island was attacked by U.S. PT's and P-39's.

On 11 June, Wewak area was again attacked by 67 A-20's and some B-25's. Incomplete reports state that some of the bombers dropped over 20 tons of bombs on Musohu Island and Brandi, hitting supply and troop areas. Large fires resulted.

Nightingale Bay and Hansa Bay areas were bombed by P-47's, while targets in Suain area were strafed by P-39's.

In Maffin Bay area, at Tirfoam River, a Jap strong point was cleared by our ground troops. Several enemy field guns were wrecked.

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At Biak, W. and N. of Mokmer airfield, our ground forces were continuing to clean out Jap gun positions and pillboxes. A large ammunition dump was blown up. In support of this activity, Borokoe and Sorido airfields were attacked by B-24's, and other targets by A-20's. The A-20's also made a sweep of Geelvink Bay. 1 large barge was sunk.

On the morning of 12 June, off Biak, our shipping was attacked by 4 Jap fighter-bombers. Minor damage to 1 ship was caused.

(E) N. E. I.

On the night of 9 - 10 June, off SE Halmahera, a Jap AK was attacked without success by a B-24 on reconnaissance.

On 10 June photos of NE Soemba Island showed that the enemy is constructing 3 new airfields in Waikalo Bay area. 1 will have 1 runway, the second 2 runways, and the third 4 runways. No planes were present, but 1 runway is serviceable for 3,300 ft., and another for 4,600 ft.

On 11 June, NE of Halmahera, a Jap transport plane was shot down by a Navy PB4Y on patrol.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 11 June at Midday (1305K) a U.S. task force began an attack on Guam, Tinian and Saipan according to a preliminary report. Details of the attack have not yet been received.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 8 June Ponape was bombed by 5 Army B-25's. 4-1/4 tons of bombs were dropped.

On the night of 8 - 9 June Truk was attacked by 11 Army heavy bombers from the Central Pacific. 16-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on Moen, Fefan, Tol and other islands. A/A was meagre and inaccurate.

The same night Ponape was bombed by 4 Army heavy bombers.

On 9 June, Palau was attacked by 4 of a group of 12 U.S. heavy bombers (B-24's) from the Southwest Pacific. At least 22 grounded enemy planes of a total of 40 seen were claimed destroyed with fragmentation bombs. The remaining 8 planes were unable to reach the target because of bad weather. No A/A fire was met.

The same day at Truk 25 U.S. heavy bombers (from the Admiralties) attacked Eten, Dublon, Moen, Mesegon. 51 tons of bombs were dropped on the target areas. 25 - 30 enemy planes intercepted. 1 was claimed shot down, and a second was probably destroyed and a third was damaged. Moderate to intense A/A fire was met. 1 U.S. plane was lost.

Alet Island (Puluwat) was also bombed by planes of this group. Meagre and inaccurate A/A fire was met.

The same day Woleai was bombed by a B-24 from the Southwest Pacific.

Also the same day Puluwat was attacked by a Navy plane on patrol. The radio station and gun positions were claimed probably destroyed. A/A damaged the plane.

The same night Truk was attacked by a squadron of Army heavy bombers from the Central Pacific. 12 tons of bombs were dropped, most of them at Moen. No A/A or interceptors were met.

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Also the night of 9 June Ponape was bombed by 1 Army heavy bomber. No A/A was met.

Again on 10 June Palau was bombed by U.S. bombers from the Southwest Pacific, according to a preliminary report. Further details are lacking.

On 11 June, about 200 miles S. of Truk, an enemy plane was shot down by a U.S. plane on patrol.

(C) Marshall Islands

The following enemy targets were attacked on 8 June:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	20 F4U's (Marine)	3 tons & strafed	Hit gun positions. 2 explosions.
Mille	9 SBD's (Marine) 8 F4U's "	4-1/2 tons	Hit gun positions & coastal defenses. 1 F4U shot down by moderate A/A. Pilot rescued.
Jaluit	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	1-1/2 tons & strafed	Hit gun position. 1 SBD badly damaged by moderate A/A.
Taroa	13 F6F's (Navy) 23 SBD's (Marine)	9-3/4 tons & strafed	Hit runway (NE-SW) and coastal guns. Strafed piers and trucks. 3 SBD's damaged by meager A/A.

The following enemy targets were attacked on 9 June:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Taroa	11 SBD's (Marine) 16 F4U's (Marine) 7 F6F's (Navy)		Runway (NE-SW) hit. Gun positions and installations attacked. Moderate A/A shot down 2 F4U's. 1 pilot & Dumbo crew rescued.
Jaluit	6 SBD's (Marine) 4 PV's (Navy)	3 tons	Hit supplies. No A/A. Attacked Jabor & Kabbenbock. 1 PV damaged, crew member wounded by A/A fire.
Wotje	7 SBD's (Marine) 16 F4U's (Marine)	3 tons & strafed	Hit runway (NE-SW). Meager A/A.

(D) Ocean & Nauru

On 8 June Nauru was bombed by 5 Navy medium bombers (PB4). Bombs were dropped on gun positions and barracks areas. A/A damaged one plane.

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The same day, 2 Navy medium bombers bombs Ocean Island. A/A batteries N. of the boat basin were the targets.

On 9 June Nauru was attacked by 12 Army B-25's and later by 1 Navy medium bomber. Bombs were dropped on gun positions. Intense and accurate A/A fire damaged one Army bomber slightly and wounded one man. The Navy plane met no A/A fire.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 9 June, scattered Bougainville targets -- particularly at Buka Passage and Kahili area -- were attacked in 48 sorties by fighter-bombers and New Zealand F4U's. 14 tons of bombs were dropped. At 1 point, a pumping station which provided water to irrigate Jap gardens was destroyed. Buka Passage and Kieta areas were also hit by New Zealand B-34's.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 8 - 9 June, on N. central coast of New Ireland, Lamerika Plantation was strafed by U.S. PT's and bombed by an assisting PBY.

On 10 June photos of Kavieng showed no planes present, but the runway serviceable.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 8 - 9 June, Tobera was raided by B-25's. At Talili Bay and Rataval, supply dumps were attacked from 1005 - 1106 L, by 17 SBD's, 10 TBF's, 23 B-25's and 9 P-38's on 9 June. 46 tons of bombs were dropped. At Ataliklikun Bay, piers and buildings were wrecked by 5 New Zealand B-34's. Fighters continued their sweeps of the area, and 2 barges were damaged.

In Wide Bay area, it was reported that defensive positions were held by an enemy force of over 500 men.

(D) New Guinea

Details of the attack on 6 June on Manokwari by A-20's (see Naval Summary for 8 June 1944) state 11 luggers and barges and 1 seatruck were sunk, fires ashore were caused and buildings wrecked. 23 of the A-20's dropped over 11 tons of bombs and strafed with 28,300 rounds of m/g.

Later reports of the attack on 8 June NsW. of Manokwari on Jap DD's by B-25's state that 3 of the DD's were loaded with troops.

On 9 June, in Nightingale Bay, villages were hit by 9 A-20's. 9 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed. The same day, at Bagabag Island, a scouting party reported meeting no Jap troops.

On the night of 9 - 10 June, in Maffin area, U.S. and Jap patrol clashes were reported. The same night at Korim Bay (NE Biak) 8 beached barges were strafed by U.S. PT's.

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On 10 June, Suara -- between Prince Albert Harbor and Dogumur Bay -- was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. towards Hansa Bay, 20 miles away. No Jap troops were met.

The same day, W. of Hansa Bay, Boroi and targets on lower Ramu River were attacked by P-47's, while enemy positions, camps and installations at Muschu Island and along the coast from Nightingale Bay to But received 40 tons of bombs from at least 57 A-20's and 8 B-25's. There was no A/A fire, and the bombers hedge-hopped, strafing with 49,300 rounds of m/g. The same day, Brandi was attacked by 9 Australian Beauforts which dropped 6-1/2 tons of bombs and strafed.

Also 9 June W. of Wewak, bivouacs at Suain were attacked by P-39's and Australian Beaufighters, while at Matapau, a Jap camp was strafed by the P-39's.

At Hollandia, total Jap casualties have reached 3,119 killed and 291 taken prisoner.

At Biak, mopping up operations against Japs in caves and at strong points between Parai and Mokmer airfield were continuing, with tanks aiding our combat patrols. Jap positions W. of the airfield, meanwhile, were receiving the attention of our troops and artillery, and enemy fire has been reduced.

Also 10 June, Manokwari was attacked by 10 B-25's. 6 luggers, 1 seatruck and 1 barge were sunk, and buildings ashore wrecked.

The same day, Babo was hit by A-20's. Fires were caused.

(E) N. E. I.

On the morning of 10 June, Atamboea (N. central coast of Timor) was attacked by 12 Dutch B-25's). 14 tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and buildings. Fires were caused

Early the morning of 10 June, off SE coast of Ceram, Goser Island was raided by a single Australian bomber (PBY).

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Summary as of 0800, 11 June 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 8 June Truk was attacked by 18 B-24's from Admiralties. Param was hit by 11 of these, and Dublon by 7. Over 44 tons of bombs were dropped. 15-20 Jap fighters intercepted and 1 was shot down, and another probably shot down.

At the same time, Satawan was attacked by 5 B-24's, also from Admiralties. Over 11 tons of bombs were dropped.

Early on the morning of 9 June, an airfield at Palau (probably on Peleliu I.) was attacked by 3 B-24's from Admiralties. Explosions and fires were caused.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 8 June Buka was attacked by 32 P-39's. Houses were wrecked, fires started and explosions caused.

The same day, Monoitu was hit by 6 P-38's, which dropped 6 tons of bombs, while Teop was raided by 2 TBF's. At Kahili, a truck was set on fire by F4U's, 1 of which was lost.

On the night of 8-9 June, Tinputs Harbor and Taki were strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 9 June, 25 miles NW of Torokina, a Jap SS was sighted.

The same day, NE. of Torokina perimeter, at an old Jap command post, 70 graves and 35 skeletons were found by a U.S. patrol.

(B) New Britain

On 8 June, supply dumps at Rataval were bombed by 24 B-25's and 23 P-39's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped. Other strikes were cancelled because of rough weather.

On 9 June, at Vunakanau, a U.S. plane was ineffectively intercepted by 2 Jap fighters.

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(C) New Ireland

On 8 June, in Namatanai area, buildings and a bridge were wrecked in an attack by 6 New Zealand B-34's. SE of Kavieng, targets were raided by patrol planes from Emirau.

(D) New Guinea

On 7 June, in addition to previous reports, the following air attacks were reported.

Hansa Bay area was hit by 4 more P-47's. 1 ton of bombs was dropped.

Near Sarmi, supply dumps at Orai River were attacked by 11 B-25's. 7½ tons of bombs and 12,500 rounds of M/G were used. A fuel dump was left on fire.

At Biak, Jap gun positions were hit by 11 B-25's. Over 6 tons of bombs and 10,200 rounds of M/G were used.

On 8 June, Wewak area was raided by 4 P-39's. 2 barges were set afire, and 2 more barges, a truck, and a bridge were hit.

The same day, E. of Aitape, it was reported that a large unit of enemy troops was on the move to Yakamul from Matapau.

Also the same day, NW of Manokwari, a Jap lugger was sunk by 5 B-24's from Darwin. 8 Jap fighters intercepted and 2 were probably shot down.

At dawn on 8 June, in Maffin Bay area, U.S. forces attacked to SW and W, meeting only slight resistance.

On the night of 8-9 June, off Muschu Island, 3 Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's. Jap coastal positions from Aitape to Wewak, and islands offshore, were also strafed and rocket-shelled by the PT's, which encountered some return fire.

The same night, Wakde airfield was raided by 2 Jap planes. Some damage was caused. Our positions at Owi Island and on Biak were also raided by 2 Jap planes.

Also the same night, Babo airfield was attacked by U.S. B-25's. 7 Jap planes on the ground were reported damaged.

On 9 June, Hansa Bay area was raided by P-47's, while Wewak-Hut area was attacked by 36 A-20's, 22 B-24's and 13 Australian Beauforts. Incomplete reports state that the B-24's dropped 66 tons of bombs. No A/A fire was reported.

The same day, villages at Sepik River mouth, Nightingale Bay and Suain were attacked by P-39's; and in Maffin Bay area, Jap pillboxes were being knocked out by tank-supported U.S. patrols.

Also the same day, at Biak, the coast from Parai to Mokmer airfield was secured by our troops, which met some resistance. During the afternoon, however, on a cliff NE of Parai, an enemy unit estimated at 1 company was still firing down at our troops. The Jap unit was armed with 8-10 M/G's.

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Along the coast S of Mokmer airfield, enemy troops in caves were being mopped up by our forces aided by tanks.

Also on 9 June, off Manokwari, Jap shipping was attacked by 17 A-20's. 2 seatrucks were sunk, a third seatruck was left on fire, a lugger was damaged and a barge sunk.

(E) N. E. I.

On 9 June, NE of Halmahera, 2 Jap transport planes were shot down by B-24's on patrol.

The same day, at Trangan Island, a radar station was raided by 2 Dutch B-25's. 2 tons of bombs were dropped.

Photos of Koepang airfield on 9 June, showed no planes present, but the runways were serviceable.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 10 June 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 6 June, 60 miles E. of Truk, a Jap bomber is reported to have been shot down.

On 7 June, Truk was attacked by 11 B-24's. 37 additional bombers turned back before reaching the target, due to weather conditions.

Eten was hit by 6 B-24's which dropped 18 tons of bombs, starting large fires and causing explosions. Intense A/A fire was met. 20 to 25 Jap planes intercepted and 3 are claimed shot down.

Eta (Gin ?) was attacked by 4 B-24's which dropped 9 tons of bombs. Results were not seen due to overcast.

1 B-24 hit Uman with 3 tons of bombs. 10 to 15 cargo ships were seen in the Truk lagoon. From the above operations 1 heavy bomber is reported missing.

Also on 7 June (1600 K) Ponape was attacked by 5 Army B-24's which dropped 2-1/2 tons of bombs on airfields, town areas and harbour. Meager A/A fire was met.

The same day Pakin was attacked by 2 Navy PV's which dropped 3/4 tons of bombs. Results were not reported.

A preliminary report indicates that Satawan was attacked on 8 June by an unreported number of B-24's.

(B) Marshall Islands

Further reports on the 6 June strike at Mille indicate that 88 (reported as 8) Marine F4U's strafed the runway.

On 7 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Mille	8 F4U's (Marine) 11 SBD's (Marine)	2-3/4 tons	Hit gun position. Fire started. Explosion seen. Moderate A/A.
Taroa	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	8-1/2 tons	Hit gun positions, coastal defenses, and runway (NE-SW). Meager A/A caused slight damage to 2 F6F's.

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	22 F4U's (Marine)	2-1/2 tons & strafed	Hit Toton radio stations and ammunition dump area. Also gun position. Strafed Wotje and nearby islands. Meager A/A.

(C) Nauru Island

On 7 June (1145 L) Nauru was attacked by 2 Navy medium bombers which dropped over 1/4 ton of bombs on gun positions. Results were not reported.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 7 June, targets on Bougainville were hit by 50 P-39's. Monoitu was attacked by 7 P-38's.

A patrol to Cape Moltke did not contact any Japs. Another patrol on the E. of the perimeter contacted an enemy patrol about 2500 yards NE of Hill 250. After the contact, the enemy withdrew.

(B) New Ireland

On 7 June an Admiralty-based Navy medium bomber reports shooting down a Jap borber 250 miles N. of Emirau.

On 8 June, 270 miles NE of Emirau, a U.S. plane twice attacked a surfaced SS. A half-mile wide oil slick was visible in the area 2 hours later.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 6 - 7 June 2 harassing B-25's went through bad weather to bomb Malaguna and Vunakanau.

(D) New Guinea

On 3 June at Woske River (in Maffin Bay area), 28 P-47's dropped 51 tons of bombs. From Cape Durville to Saivar 16 P-37's strafed enemy positions.

On 7 June, at Hansa Bay, 8 P-47's dropped 2 tons of bombs.

On the night of 7 - 8 June near Mushu, PT's (from Aitape) destroyed 2 enemy barges.

On 8 June the Wewak area was bombed by 14 RAAF Beauforts and 35 A-20's. 31 tons of bombs were dropped in the bivouac and stores area.

The same day inland in the Maffin Bay area P-40's bombed enemy held village. At Sorido 29 B-25's and 21 B-24's in 2 waves dropped 61 tons of bombs with reported excellent results in stores and personnel area. In addition the B-25's fired 17,600 rounds of 50 calibre, 3000 rounds of 30 calibre ammunition. Meagre inaccurate A/A was met.

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Also 8 June, (1330K) 10 B-25's attacked an enemy task force of 2 CL's and 5 DD's 100 miles NW of Manokwari. 4 enemy DD's were claimed sunk and a fifth was damaged, before the enemy force retired to the NW. P-38's flying over claim destroyed 5 - 10 enemy fighters. 3 B-25's have not returned.

The same day at Kamiri 24 A-20's bombed and strafed that area. Large fires were started.

NE of Halmaherea a B-24 on reconnaissance shot down an enemy bomber. Nabire was hit by 13 B-24's from Darwin, 21 tons of borbs were dropped and left the runway unserviceable.

The same night (2330K) a U.S. task force encountered an enemy force of 5 DD's, 45 miles N. of Manokwari. Our force pursued the enemy until 0100 K and elements continued the pursuit until 0230 K, but abandoned the chase when unable to close with the enemy.

Our ships suffered no damage. 1 enemy DD was possibly damaged. Meanwhile, in the area of first contact, an enemy barge was sunk by other units of our force. Number was attacked by a B-24.

Australian patrols have reached Hatsfeldt Harbor (27 miles NE of Hansa Bay) without making contact with the enemy.

On 8 June at Biak, the enemy forces in the Mokmer area were confined to a strip 1800 yards wide, going N. from Mokmer village. U.S. artillery continued destruction of enemy fortification and dumps E. of the Mokmer airdrome, while ground units reduced an enemy position NW of Mandon. Otherwise only patrol actions were reported.

At Wakde - Sarmi, U.S. troops attacked W. of the perimeter and met only slight opposition.

At Aitape patrolling continues. At dawn, Allied shipping at Bosnek was attacked by 2 enemy torpedo bombers. The attack was reported as unsuccessful. An enemy aircraft was over Merauke during the morning. During the morning an enemy plane ineffectively bombed an Allied barge off Aitape.

(E) N. E. I.

On 8 June Dobo was bombed by a B-24. The same day Lingat was attacked by a B-24.

On 8 June an enemy bomber was shot down E. of Halmahera, by a Navy PBY.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 1 large AK. Another U.S. SS sank 1 large AK and damaged a second AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 6 June Ponape was attacked by 6 Army B-25's. Enemy A/A positions were bombed.

On 7 June Truk (Tonelik and Falou) was attacked by 2 heavy bombers (from the Admiralties) on a harassing mission. 3-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 6 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	2 F6F's (Navy)	strafed	4 seaplanes claimed probably destroyed at Emidj. 1 F6F lost in crash.
Mille	12 SBD's (Marine) 8 F4U's (Marine)	6 tons	Hit runway (NE-SW). Intense A/A. Serious damage to 1 SBD. 1 F4U and 2 other SBD's, some damage. No injuries to crews.

(C) Nauru Island

On 6 June Nauru was again attacked. 2 Navy medium bombers (PV's) and 2 Army B-25's dropped 6-1/2 tons of bombs in the SW part of the island. Heavy but inaccurate A/A was met.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 6 June, on road between Empress Augusta Bay and Kahili, at a point N. of Mosiga (near Hari), an enemy artillery convoy moving N. consisting of about 12 camouflaged guns, was attacked by 37 P-39's, 2 TBF's and some F4U's. 6 vehicles were probably damaged, and explosions were caused. Scattered targets, including Tsirogei and Kahili, were also raided by P-39's.

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On 7 June, results of a Fiji unit's reconnaissance of Mawaraka area included the killing of 27 Japs, capturing of 1, and the capturing of several Jap artillery pieces. The Fiji unit has withdrawn.

About 10,000 yards N. of the Torokina perimeter, other Fiji units killed 3 Japs and attacked a trail block.

(B) New Ireland

On 6 June, off Duke of York, 1 barge and 10 canoes loaded with supplies were strafed by our fighters. Near Kavieng, a possible Jap fighter was seen airborne.

Also 6 June, Tabar Island was strafed by U.S. PT's and about 100 houses were wrecked. Lossuk Bay, (SE of Kavieng) was shelled by LCI gunboats. In Dolomakas Bay, (between Borpop and Namatanai), a Jap floatplane attacked U.S. PT's, causing some damage and 1 casualty.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 5 - 6 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 6 June, supply dumps at Talili Bay and Vulcan Crater were attacked by 13 SBD's and 9 TBF's. Rataval received 6 tons of bombs from 11 B-25's, causing a large explosion, while Ataliklikun Bay was hit by 5 New Zealand B-34's, which dropped 7 tons of bombs. 3 piers were damaged, and a few buildings razed. Nordup Plantation was attacked by 7 P-38's.

(D) New Guinea

Details of the attack on 5 June on Babo (Naval Summary for 7 June 1944) state that 45 A-20's dropped 18-1/2 tons of bombs and strafed with 47,700 rounds of m/g. 5 planes on the ground were wrecked and others damaged, and warehouses and buildings were destroyed.

Later details of the attack on the evening of 6 June at Kaboei Bay (Waigeo Island) (Naval Summary for 8 June 1944) state that photos showed 1 probable hit and near misses on the Jap CA. 12 Jap planes attempted to intercept the B-24's.

On the night of 6 - 7 June, between Sorong and Manokwari, Jap barges were attacked by a PBY.

The same night, Wakde and Bosnek were raided by a few Jap planes. No casualties or damage resulted.

On 7 June, a point about 30 miles from Hansa Bay was reached by Australian troops moving W. along the coast.

The same day, in spite of rough weather, Wewak area was again attacked by 8 Australian Beauforts and 44 A-20's and some P-47's. Over 42 tons of bombs were dropped and targets strafed with 20,600 rounds of m/g. Fires were started at supply dumps. Sepik River villages were also raided by P-39's.

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E. of Aitape, on W. bank of Drinumor River, (W. of Yakamul), our ground forces set up a patrol point, while our patrol were active.

In Makde area, near Maffin airfield, a Jap bivouac was shelled by our artillery. Total enemy dead has reached: 1,734.

Details of the capture on 7 June of Mokmer airfield (Biak): the airfield was attacked from the N. in the morning by U.S. troops with strong artillery support. Before noon, the airfield was in our hands. Shortly afterwards, our troops reached the beach. 3 Jap pillboxes and a 75 mm gun were smashed by our tanks, which were landed on the beach. Only a few Jap troops were met, but intense artillery, m/g and rifle fire was received from NW and NE of the airfield, where the Japs were on ridges.

The other U.S. column advancing W. along the coastal road was stopped by enemy resistance 800 yards NE of the Parai jetty. However, at 1327 I, U.S. units were landed at this jetty without opposition.

Support for our ground forces was provided by U.S. surface units and B-24's.

(E) M. E. I.

Later reports of attacks early the morning of 4 June NE of Halmahera on an enemy task force (Naval Summary 6 June 1944) state that 2 or 3 Jap CL's were damaged and 2 DD's were sunk. 10 (probably Army) B-24's participated, and dropped 10-1/2 tons of bombs.

Early the morning of 5 June, between Waigeo and Halmahera, an enemy force including 1 BB, 1 CL and 3 DD's was attacked without success by 2 B-24's on patrol. 2 AK's in the area were also attacked without results.

On 6 June, at Ceram, Boela airfield was raided by a single B-24.

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 6 June Guam was bombed by 5 Army heavy bombers escorting 3 Navy PB4Y's photo planes and 1 Army B-24 photo plane. Planes were seen on Orote Field but did not intercept. Heavy and accurate A/A was met.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 5 June Ponape was attacked by 6 Army B-25's. 6 tons of bombs were dropped on the N. part of the island. No A/A was met.

Also 5 June at Yap, search planes (from the SW Pacific) saw 30 aircraft on the airfield.

Early 6 June at Truk, Tonelik and Faleu islands were bombed by 2 B-24's from the Admiralties. 3-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 5 June the following enemy target was attacked:

Location of Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	4 PV's (Navy)	3-1/4 tons	No A/A.

(D) Ocean and Nauru

On 5 June, both Ocean and Nauru were attacked by 3 Navy PV's. At Nauru the new radio station area was hit and at Ocean the boat basin (on the SW side of the island) was the target. Intense A/A was met at both places.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 5 June, scattered Bougainville targets (Komai, Cape Tanabom, Buka) were attacked by 38 P-38's. Over 7 tons of bombs were dropped. At Pauro I., Toma was raided by F4U's.

On the night of 5 - 6 June, Teop I. was strafed by U.S. PT's.

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On 6 June, 11,000 yards S. of Mupeka, a Jap road block was encountered by a Fiji Patrol. The Fiji's killed 1 Jap, and captured a 75 mm gun, a 37 mm gun and a heavy machine gun.

About 12,000 yards E. of the Torokina perimeter, a Jap unit ambushed a patrol of the 37th Division. Several casualties were caused.

In the upper Laruma River Valley, a Jap trail block was taken over by a Fiji unit, which killed 4 Japs.

(B) New Ireland

On 5 June, scattered targets in New Ireland (East Cape, Muliama) were hit by PBY's on patrol and by 5 New Zealand B-34's.

On the night of 5 - 6 June, Lamussong Plantation and beached barges at Soubu Plantation (E. central coast) were strafed by U.S. PT's.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 4 - 5 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 5 June, truck parks at Rabaul were attacked by 23 B-25's, which dropped almost 22 tons of bombs. We lost 1 B-25.

Vunapope was hit by 16 SBD's and 12 TBF's. A large explosion resulted.

Rataval was bombed by 22 P-39's and Vulcan Crater by 11 P-38's. Photos on 5 June showed 3 Rabaul airfields - Vunakanau, Lakunai and Tobera - were serviceable.

(D) New Guinea

On 4 June, in addition to previous reports, the following air attacks were made:

Sarmi was hit by 1 B-24, and Borokoe Airfield by 2 B-24's. 4-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

Manokwari was attacked by 48 A-20's (see Naval Summary for 6 June). About 42 tons of bombs and 60,600 rounds of m/g were used. 5 luggers were sunk and 1 Jap plane was probably shot down.

On 5 June, Yakamul area was attacked by 17 P-39's. 2-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 37 mm and m/g.

On the night of 5 - 6 June, Hansa Bay shore targets were strafed by U.S. PT's. The same night, Wakde was raided by 2 Jap planes, which caused some damage and a few casualties.

On 6 June, Hansa Bay supply dumps were raided by 2 A-20's, which dropped 2 tons of bombs.

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Sepik River villages were hit by P-39's and P-47's, while Wewak area supply dumps were bombed by 11 Australian Beauforts which dropped over 8 tons of bombs and strafed.

Some rough weather was met in this area, preventing further attacks.

W. of Maffin Bay, about 2,000 yards SW of Sarmi Point, a scouting party which had been landed was later picked up. The party reported seeing some Japs, but meeting no opposition.

On 6 June at Biak, the U.S. column taking the inland track continued its advance W. along high ground. No resistance was reported.

NE of Parai, the other U.S. column moving along the coastal road was still meeting opposition from enemy positions on cliffs. These positions were shelled by U.S. surface units. Borokoe and Sorido were attacked by a squadron of B-24's and 35 B-25's. Jap equipment and personnel were hit.

Off Mapia Islands, an enemy lugger was attacked by B-25's on patrol. Results were not reported.

Also 6 June, Kamiri and Manokwari were attacked by 43 A-20's. At Kamiri, 3 damaged Jap planes on the ground were hit, while at Manokwari, the targets were the harbor area and jetty.

The same day, Babo was raided by patrolling P-38's. 2 Jap fighters intercepted, and 1 was shot down.

Also 6 June, SW of Waigeo (NW tip of New Guinea), a Jap cruiser was attacked by 15 B-24's. 2 possible hits were scored on the ship. There was some enemy air interception, and 1 Jap fighter was probably shot down.

On 7 June, according to SWPA communique, Mokmer airfield at Biak was captured by the U.S. column which had advanced along the inland track with almost no opposition.

(E) N. E. I.

On 6 June, at Timor, Dilli airfield was attacked by Dutch B-25's. Offshore, a lugger was sunk.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking a 4,000 ton AK and damaging 4 AK's totalling 19,500 tons.

A second SS has reported sinking an AO (tonnage not announced).

A third SS has reported sinking 2 AK's (unannounced tonnage).

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On the night of 4 - 5 June Truk was attacked by 13 Army heavy bombers (from the Marshalls). 37-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on Uman Island and on Param and Moen airfields. 4 enemy planes were airborne but there is no report of interception.

The same night at Ponape 2 Army heavy bombers (from the Marshalls) hit the old airfield and Langar Islands with 5-1/2 tons of bombs.

Also the night of 4 - 5 June 2 B-24's were over Truk on a harassing mission. 3-1/2 tons of bombs were released. No A/A fire was met.

On 5 June, about 125 miles N. of Helen Reef, an enemy transport plane was shot down by a U.S. B-24 on patrol.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 4 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	9 SBD's 7 F4U's (Marine)	2-1/4 tons	1 plane suffered some damagedfrom moderate A/A.
	6 SBD's (Marine) 6 F6F's (Navy)	1-3/5 tons	Attacked N. - SE runway. No A/A.
Wotje	7 SBD's (Marine) 3 PV's (Navy) 4 F6F's (Navy) - F4U's (Marine)	4-1/5 tons and strafed	Hit runways of seaplane base, barracks, ships on beach. Attacked gun positions. Meager A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 4 June, scattered targets in SE Bougainville were attacked by 58 P-39's, which dropped over 12 tons of bombs. Much damage was caused to a truck park at Komai (NE of Kara), and Tunuru and Douro (both NW of Kieta) were hit also.

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Tonolei Harbor was hit by 8 P-38's, which dropped 4 tons of bombs, while Kahili was raided by a single B-25.

Off Fauro Island, 22 Jap canoes were sunk by 8 F4U's. Lake Lahala, Teop and Numa Numa were raided by patrol planes.

On the night of 4 - 5 June, Lahala Lake and Kantan Island (SE Bougainville) were shelled by U.S. gunboats, while Aropa Plantation (S. of Kieta) was strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 5 June in Empress Augusta Bay, Fiji patrols reached a point 400 yards S. of Mawaraka. Only 2 Japs were met. Other Fiji units were 8,500 yards S. of Mupeka. A Jap gun located 11,000 yards S. of Mupeka was bombed by 3 TBF's and 3 SBD's.

In upper Laruma River Valley, Jap m/g fire was received by a Fiji patrol, while a Jap trail block was bombed with good results by 2 FV's.

About 9,000 yards E. of Torokina perimeter, 7 Japs were met by an American Division patrol. 3 Japs were killed.

(B) New Britain

On the night of 3 - 4 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 4 June, for 2nd consecutive day, weather conditions prevented daylight air attacks.

On 5 June, at Bangula Bay, a Jap SS was reported.

(C) New Ireland

On the night of 4 - 5 June, Jap concentrations and positions on both W. (Panaras) and E. coasts of New Ireland were strafed by U.S. PT's. Near Namatanai, a Jap floatplane was seen, but it did not attack. At New Hanover, 36 Chinese were taken off by PT's.

(D) New Guinea

On 3 June, in addition to reports in Naval Summaries for 5 and 6 June, the following air attacks were made:

Sarmi, Orai River and Maffin Bay area were attacked by 8 Australian P-40's and 23 U.S. P-40's. Supply dumps and trucks were hit, and a large fire caused. 1 ton of bombs and 12,100 rounds of m/g were used.

At Biak, Mokmer area was hit by 12 A-20's. 7-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

N. of Manokwari, 2 large Jap luggers were sunk in an attack by 12 A-20's. 1 of our planes was lost. In the area, 2 Jap warships were seen.

On the night of 3 - 4 June, in Maffin Bay, Jap troops attacked our W. perimeter. They were aided by mortars and artillery, but the attack was repulsed.

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The same night, off Condor Point, heavy shore fire was reported received by U.S. PT's.

On 4 June, N. of Biak, 24 B-24's hunted without success for reported Jap shipping. On the homeward trip, Borokoe revetments and gun positions were bombed by 16 of the B-24's, which dropped 27 tons of bombs, while Namber was raided by 2 B-24's, which dropped 3 tons. About 10 - 14 Jap fighters intercepted the other 6 B-24's. 1 Jap plane was shot down, and 3 more probably shot down.

Also the afternoon of 4 June, E. of Aitape, a U.S. outpost at Yakamul was attacked by about 400 to 500 Jap troops. The Japs used mountain m/g's and mortars. The U.S. forces killed or wounded about 65 Japs, and then withdrew by barge to positions 4 miles to the E. S. of Nyaparke, 3 Jap parties were reported on the move in a E. direction.

On the night of 4 - 5 June, our shipping off Biak was attacked by Jap torpedo bombers. No damage was caused.

The same night, in Maffin Bay, Jap troops attacked our E. perimeter, but were thrown back. Total enemy casualties have reached: 1,632 dead, and 13 Japs taken prisoner.

The same night, in Broken Water Bay - Hewak area, 3 Jap barges were destroyed by U.S. PT's. Near Sarmi, a scouting party was landed from PT's.

On 5 June, Hewak area was attacked by B-24's, A-20's and 8 Australian Beauforts, according to incomplete reports. Almost 7 tons of bombs were dropped by the Beauforts. The Sepik River mouth area (Karau) was also hit by P-39's.

On 5 June, at Biak, U.S. ground forces advancing E. along the inland track reached high positions overlooking Mokmer airfield. These forces have reported no enemy opposition. However, the U.S. column advancing along the coastal road reached a point N. of Parai, but was still meeting opposition. Support was provided by U.S. DD's and by 18 B-24's, which dropped 27 tons of bombs on Jap installations and gun positions. On the afternoon of 5 June, our ground forces were ineffectively attacked by 2 Jap fighters.

The same day Babo, was attacked by a group of A-20's covered by fighters. Several planes in revetments were destroyed or damaged, and fires were caused. There was no interception.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. Submarine has reported sinking an enemy AP/AK, (tonnage not given).

A second U.S. Submarine reports sinking 1 AP and 2 AK's. (Tonnage not given).

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 6 June 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 1 June heavy attacks continue against Truk. Truk was attacked by 16 Army B-24's from the Admiralties. Dublon Island was hit with over 40 tons of bombs. From 20 to 40 enemy fighters intercepted our planes, 10 enemy planes were claimed shot down. 2 were probably shot down and 1 was damaged. 10 of our planes were damaged. 5 DD's and 8 AK's were seen in the area.

On the night of 2 - 3 June Truk was harassed by 3 U.S. heavy bombers.

On 3 June Truk was attacked by 38 Army heavy bombers (from the Admiralties). 79 tons of bombs were dropped in the Dublon and Eten area starting fires. 15 - 20 enemy fighter planes intercepted. 7 enemy planes were claimed destroyed and 1 was reported probably destroyed. 3 enemy planes were damaged. 1 of our planes was lost. 1 CL, 1 DD, 1 large and 17 medium AK's and 15 unidentified ships were seen in the harbor.

Before dawn, 4 June, Truk was attacked by 17 Army B-24's from the Marshalls. 40-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped on Dublon, Eten and Moen. Fires and explosions were seen. 2 enemy night fighters intercepted but did no damage.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 2 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	22 F4U's 3 PV's (Navy) 12 SBD's (Marine)	7 tons	Hit radar on N tip. Started fires at seaplane base. Meager A/A.

On 3 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	4 F4U's (Marine)	Strafed	Explosion seen on runway. Meager A/A
	15 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV (Navy)	2 tons	Destroyed magazine. Meager A/A.
	6 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV (Navy)	1-3/4 tons	Destroyed magazine. Meager A/A.

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Tarua	4 F6F's (Navy)	2-1/2 tons	Hit area of stores. Results not seen. Meager A/...
	4 F6F's (Navy) 6 F4U's (Marine)	2-1/2 tons & strafed	Hit piers and S. half of outer island. Results unobserved. Meager A/A.

(C) Nauru Islands

On 3 June Nauru Island was bombed in two missions, the first by 2 Navy PV's and then by 11 Army B-25's. Bombs were dropped in the N. and S area and fires were started near the lagoon.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 3 June, scattered Bougainville targets were attacked by 48 Navy, Marine, Army and New Zealand fighter-bombers. Targets, from Porton to Kara, were supply dumps, A/A positions and trucks. Results: 7 trucks destroyed or damaged, 2 armored cars destr yed or damaged, 1 A/A gun wrecked and an ammunition dump blown up.

The same day, Teop Island was shelled by U.S. gunboats (LCI's).

On 3 - 4 June, our ground units continued to extend our control over Empress Augusta Bay shoreline. The Mariraci River was crossed, and no Japs were met. A Fiji battalion with artillery unit was established 5,000 yards S. of Mupeka. During the night of 3 June, 10 Japs were killed. We had no casualties.

In Upper Laruma River Valle, 10 more Japs were killed by Fiji patrols.

(B) New Ireland

On 3 June, Kavieng was raided by fighter-bombers, while E. coast of New Ireland was swept by fighters.

Coastal targets were attacked by U.S. PT's and PBY's.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 2 - 3 June, Rabaul was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 3 June, bad weather prevented usual attacks on Rabaul.

(D) New Guinea

Delayed reports state that on 1 June our positions at Bosnek were covered by 10 B-25's. Off Noemfoor, 2 Jap barges carrying troops were sunk by these planes.

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On 2 June, 5 miles S. of Lake Sentani, an enemy group of 100 men was reported heading E., according to natives.

On the night of 2 - 3 June, off Biak, Owi Island was raided by Jap planes. Details were not reported.

On 3 June, in addition to reports in Naval Summary for 5 June 1944, the following air attacks were made:

Hansa Bay area was hit by 20 more P-47's. Over 8 tons of bombs were dropped.

Wewak area was attacked by 12 more A-20's and 4 P-39's.

Sarmi was hit by 16 more B-24's. 49 tons of bombs were dropped and many small fires were caused.

Also 3 June, at Biak, over Owi Island, 6 Jap fighters were shot down by P-47's.

In ground action at Biak, our forces are advancing on Mokmer airfield in 2 columns -- 1 taking the inland track reached a point about 2 miles NE of the airfield. No enemy resistance was offered to this column. The other column was moving along the coastal road, but was meeting heavy opposition. About 1,500 yards W. of Ibdi, our troops were attacked by an enemy unit estimated at one company. The Japs used mortars and m/g, and our troops made a slight withdrawal. The E. tip of Biak was reached by our patrols, which reported meeting no Japs.

In Aitape area, total Jap casualties up to 2 June were estimated to total 840 dead, and 37 Japs taken prisoner.

On the night of 3 - 4 June, Owi Island was again attacked by Jap bombers, but no damage was caused. Our A/A fire brought down 1 bomber.

The same night, (2230 I), about 22 miles N. of Manokwari, a Jap DD was attacked by a PBY on patrol. 2 direct hits with 500-lb bombs were scored, and the ship was left dead in the water but it continued to fire its A/A. About 12miles N. of Manokwari, a seatruck was attacked and near misses scored by the PBY, while about 30 miles E. of Manokwari, 3 small Jap boats were strafed by another PBY.

The same night (0110 I), 130 miles NE of Sorong, a Jap convoy of 2 DD's and 5 large vessels escorted by planes was reported.

The same night, Wewak area was strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 4 June, Hansa Bay area was attacked by P-47's, while Wewak - Kairiru area was hit by 8 Australian Beauforts, 77 U.S. A-20's, and P-39's and P-47's. Over 53 tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps and troop concentrations. Many fires were caused, and 1 bridge was destroyed.

SE of Aitape, S. of Yakamul, an enemy force was met by an Allied patrol. On our perimeter, an Allied outpost was attacked by another small Jap force, but the attack was repulsed.

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It was reported that Jap troops had evacuated Karkar Island on 20 March. Also 4 June, near Maffin, enemy supplies and troops were attacked by 6 B-24's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped, and fuel fires caused.

Buildings W. of Maffin and the beach at Sarmi were shelled with mortars on U.S. PT's.

Also 4 June, W. and NW of Biak, our shipping was twice attacked by Jap planes. In one attack, 42 Jap planes were engaged by 4 P-47's. 4 Jap fighters were shot down. In another attack, in late afternoon, about 10 Jap planes attacked. 1 of our ships was slightly damaged.

The same day, Manokwari was attacked by a group of A-20's covered by P-38's. 1 small AK was sunk, and large fires caused ashore. Off Japen Island, 1 Jap fighter was shot down by the P-38's.

(E) N. E. I.

On 4 June, Toeal (Kai Is.) was attacked by 7 Dutch B-25's. 9-1/2 tons of bombs were dropped. An explosion and fires resulted.

Early the morning of 4 June, enemy shipping off Halmahera was attacked by 3 B-24's on reconnaissance. About 110 miles NW of N. Halmahera, 8 - 10 Jap warships were attacked by the 1st B-24. Direct hits were made on 1 vessel, and explosions followed. About 65 miles E. of Morotai Strait, 5 Jap warships were attacked by the 2nd B-24, and 1 of the ships was hit. About 145 miles NW of Morotai Strait, 2 Jap DD's were attacked by the 3rd B-24. 1 DD was sunk. The same morning, 235 miles E. of Davao Gulf, a Jap flying boat was shot down by 1 B-24.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy 1270 ton DD and an 8812 ton AP/AK for a total of 10,082 tons. In addition, a 6003 ton AP and a 5423 ton AP/AK (total 11,426 tons) were damaged and probably sunk.

A second submarine has reported sinking a 5000 ton AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 5 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 1 - 2 June Katsuwa was bombed by 2 Army B-24's on reconnaissance. Results were unobserved because of overcast.

On the night of 4 June the Central Kuriles were attacked by 2 Army B-24's on reconnaissance. An island believed to be Ketoi was bombed through solid overcast.

The same night Shimushu was bombed by 1 Navy medium bomber with unobserved results.

Both planes returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 1 June Sonsorol Island was attacked by a U.S. plane on reconnaissance. The weather station and a beached ship were bombed and strafed.

On 2 June (0730 - 1500 L) Ponape was attacked by 9 Army B-25's. 6 tons of bombs were dropped on Jap positions. 1 plane suffered minor damage from debris. No A/A was met.

On 3 June Truk was again attacked by an unreported number of heavy bombers. Details are lacking.

On 4 June (1845 K) 160 miles N. of Truk a U.S. searchplane attacked westbound Jap shipping and sank an auxiliary vessel.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 1 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	28 F4U's (Marine) 12 SBD's (Marine) 2 PV's (Navy)	4 tons	Whole area strafed and bombed. Light, meagre A/A.

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Taroa	12 F6F's 21 SBD's	6½ tons	Defense guns, runways, and A/A hit. Area strafed.
Jaluit	2 PV's (Navy)	3 tons	Jabor town hit. No A/A.

It has been reported that on Mille, the garrison now consists of about 3,000 military personnel and 2,000 laborers. Fuel and ammunition are reported to be very scarce but food is adequate of local produce.

On 2 June the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Taroa	4 F6F's 8 F4U's 15 SBD's	7 tons	A/A battery and runway. A/A caused minor damage to 1 F6F.
Mille	8 F4U's 9 SBD's	8½ tons	Bivouac areas hit. A/A moderate.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 2 June Buka airfield and vicinity were attacked by 34 P-39's. A serviceable Jap medium bomber had been reported in the area, but it was not seen.

Kieta was also raided by patrol planes.

On 3 June, N. of Torokina perimeter, on the E. fork of Laruma River, 3 Japs were killed by Fiji patrols. Rifles and a m/g were also captured.

Between Jaba and Mupoka Rivers, a party of 8 Japs were met by Fiji units. 3 Japs were killed, and 1 taken prisoner.

Also 3 June, 1 mile S. of Mupeka River mouth, a Fiji company was landed without opposition. However, a short time later, Jap artillery located about 2 miles S. of Mupeka River opened fire. No damage resulted.

(B) New Ireland

On 2 June, Namatanai was attacked by 5 B-34's. Gun positions were hit, and explosions and fires caused. Kavieng was raided by 2 F4U's.

According to natives, shore fire received by our PT's in Fangelawa Bay area (NE coast) has come from Jap tanks.

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(C) New Britain

On the night of 1 - 2 June, Rabaul was raided by 4 Marine B-25's.

On the morning of 2 June Nordup area was attacked by 24 B-25's. Over 14 tons of bombs were dropped. Then supply dumps at Vunakanau Plantation were hit by 48 fighter-bombers. Smoke from fires rose 2,000 feet in the air. Intense A/A damaged 1 P-38.

Tobera was attacked by 16 SBD's. Buildings were wrecked and gun positions hit.

Fighters continued their daily sweep, and netted 3 barges damaged or set on fire.

(D) New Guinea

On 1 June, about 35 miles E. of Maffin Bay, Fedona and Ances villages were attacked by 13 A-20's. Almost 7 tons of bombs and 16,300 rounds of m/g were used. Many hits were wrecked.

Also 1 June, Mansiki airfield was hit by 19 A-20's covered by P-38's. 13½ tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 31,300 rounds of m/g. 8 Jap planes on the ground were destroyed.

On the night of 1 - 2 June, in Hansa Bay area, E. of Condor Point, many enemy camp fires were seen by U.S. PT's.

On 2 June, SE of Aitape, at Suain Village, Jap gun positions were attacked by 8 P-39's. 1 ton of bombs was dropped, and targets strafed with 37 mm and m/g.

The same day, according to a SWPA communique, near Biak Island S. of Bosnek, U.S. troops were landed on Owi and Owendi Islands.

On the night of 2 - 3 June, W. of Suain, an Army scouting party was landed from U.S. PT's. Another scouting party was landed on Vandoemoear Island, (W. of Wakde).

The same night, near Manokwari, a Jap 3,000 ton AK and 1 escort vessel were observed on a SE course.

On 3 June, supply dumps and villages in Hansa Bay area were attacked by 13 P-47's. 5 tons of bombs were dropped. A jetty was wrecked.

The same day, the Hewak area was attacked by 8 Australian Beauforts and 67 U.S. A-20's. Over 32 tons of bombs were dropped on bivouacs, supply dumps, buildings, and headquarters.

E. of Yakamul, 2 Jap guns were strafed and put out of action by U.S. PT's. In this area, enemy units, aided by artillery, attacked our ground patrols several times, but were repulsed.

In Maffin Bay area, air support for our ground troops was provided by 16 B-24's, which dropped 43 tons of bombs. Weather conditions prevented the B-24's from reaching their primary target, Biak.

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On the morning of 3 June, at Biak, our beach positions and shipping off Bosnek were attacked by 10 - 20 Jap dive bombers. U.S. DL's were the main target, but only minor damage and a few casualties were caused. Australian P-40's intercepted the Japs, and shot down 8, while A/A fire brought down a 9th.

In ground action on Biak, our advance to the W. was continuing. The strength of enemy resistance varied. Total enemy casualties have reached 857 dead, and 4 Japs taken prisoner.

Also 3 June, at Japen Island, Serooi was hit by 6 B-24's. 18 tons of 1-ton bombs were dropped.

The same day, Kamiri and Ransiki airfields were attacked by A-20's. At Kamiri, damaged Jap planes on the ground were destroyed. At Ransiki, 4 Jap planes on the ground were destroyed, and 2 more probably wrecked.

About 40 miles E. of Utarom, at Kadjoe Merah Bay, 2 enemy pillboxes were strafed by a B-25.

Also 3 June, Babo airfield was to be the target for 21 B-25's and an unreported number of escorting P-38's. Weather prevented the B-25's from reaching the target, so Timika area was hit instead with almost 18 tons of bombs and 44,000 rounds of m/g. The P-38's, however, arrived over Babo and were intercepted by 20 Jap fighters. 11 Japs were shot down, and 3 more probably shot down.

(5) N. E. I.

On the night of 2 - 3 June, Liang airfield (Ambon) was attacked by 9 Army B-24's. 19½ tons of bombs were dropped. Large fires and explosions resulted.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. Submarine reports sinking a large AK. Another U.S. Submarine reports damaging 2 AK's.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 4 June 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 2 June, during daylight hours, pictures of Paramushiru and Shimushu were taken by 1 B-34, which met no opposition.

On the night of 2-3 June (2301-2345 K), Matsuwa was raided by 2 Army B-24's. 15 x 100-lb. bombs were dropped. The bombers were first over N. Shimushiru, but turned back because of solid overcast. There was no opposition.

The same night (2225-2255 K), Paramushiru and Shimushu were raided by 4 Navy PV's. Some bombs were dropped and pictures taken. Moderate A/A fire was met. All planes on these raids returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) On the night of 31-May-1 June, Tol (Truk), Alet and Satawan were each raided by a single B-24.

On 1 June, at Woleai, about 200 Japs were killed and 300 probably wounded in a strafing attack by a B-24 (from Admiralties) on patrol. The bomber caught about 2,000 Japs working on the airfield.

On the night of 1-2 June, Truk was raided by 3 B-24's (from Admiralties).

On 2 June, Truk was attacked by an unreported number of B-24's of 13th Air Force, according to incomplete reports. Explosions and large fires were caused. 15 Jap fighters intercepted our planes.

On the night of 2-3 June, Truk was raided by a patrol plane (probably B-24) from Marshalls. A 7,000-ton AK exploded and sank after 2 direct hits with 1,000-lb. bombs were scored. In addition, off Moen, 1 DD and 10-12 small AK's were strafed, and 2 of the AK's set on fire. The seaplane bases at Moen and Dublon, and Eten airfield were also strafed, and at Dublon, an ammunition dump was blown up. At S. end of SW. Dublon, about 9/10's of the area was seen to be in ruins. A/A and searchlights were encountered, and 1 Jap plane followed the bomber for 15 miles but did not attack.

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III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

Correction to Naval Summary for 3 June 1944: the air attacks reported were on 31 May, not 1 June.

On 1 June, Bonis was attacked by 3 SBD's, while scattered targets along N. and E. Bougainville coast were hit by 36 P-39's. At Buka Passage, 1 barge was set afire. At Tonolei, fires were started in supply area.

Kieta and Tinputs were also raided by patrol planes. Weather conditions hampered air activity.

On the night of 1-2 June, targets on SE. coast of Bougainville were strafed by U. S. PT's, while Teop Island was shelled by U. S. gunboats.

On 2 June, on S. bank of Jaba River, a Fiji infantry battalion was landed without opposition, in a further move to expand our perimeter at Torokina. An extensive network of dugouts and pillboxes which had been abandoned, was found, but no Japs were seen.

Meanwhile, N. of Torokina, in upper Laruma valley, another Fiji battalion was on the move, with the objective of cutting trails behind trail blocks set up by the enemy.

(B) New Britain

Correction to Naval Summary for 3 June 1944: the air attacks on Rabaul reported were on 31 May, not 1 June.

Early 1 June, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's. Later, supply dumps at Tobera and SE. Rabaul were hit by 24 B-25's. 14 tons of bombs were dropped. Tobera was also attacked by 3 B-24's, which dropped 11 tons of bombs.

Supply dumps at Talili Bay were attacked by 46 fighter-bombers. 1 P-40 crashed.

On the evening of 1 June, Vunapope gun positions were attacked by 12 TBF's and 12 SBD's. Fighters continued to sweep the area. 4 barges were sunk. Weather conditions hampered air activity.

(C) New Ireland

On 1 June, Duke of York targets were attacked by 5 New Zealand B-34's, and by 12 TBF's and 12 SBD's, which also hit Cape St. George. (The TBF's and SBD's were the same ones that attacked Vunapope).

On the night of 1-2 June, off N. central New Ireland, an enemy bivouac area was strafed by U. S. PT's. Natives reported that about 30 Japs were killed.

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On 2 June, at Dyaul Island, a scouting party was landed. No enemy troops were met. The radar station which had been demolished by previous air attacks was investigated.

(D) New Guinea

Delayed reports of further air activity on 29 May state that in Maffin Bay area, Jap bivouacs were hit by 11 B-25's, which dropped 11 tons of bombs and strafed with 27,000 rounds of M/G. At Biak Island, enemy positions were bombed by 17 B-25's, which dropped 14 tons of bombs and strafed with 75 MM and M/G.

Further reports of air activity on 31 May: At Biak, in Mokmer area, Jap positions were hit by 16 more B-25's, which dropped 9 tons of bombs and strafed with 75 MM and M/G.

Japen Island villages were attacked by 6 A-20's, which dropped over 2 tons of bombs and strafed.

Coastal targets from Cape Durville to W. of Maffin Bay were attacked by 3 B-25's and 23 P-47's. 2½ tons of bombs and 26,400 rounds of M/G were used.

On 1 June, SE. of Aitape, near Drindaria River, Jap troops were attacked by 10 P-39's. 1 ton of bombs was dropped, and troops were strafed.

Late 1 June, Wewak area was raided by 4 Australian Beauforts. Almost 3 tons of bombs were dropped.

Also 1 June, details of shelling of Biak I. targets by U. S. DD's: At Mokmer, fuel dumps, 2 guns and 1 hidden bomber were destroyed. Near Parai, trucks, tanks, and troops were shelled.

Meanwhile, near Bosnek, our ground forces found 100 Jap dead in a cave. All had committed suicide.

On the morning of 2 June, at Karkar Island, Australian troops were landed without opposition.

The same day, Wewak area was attacked by 10 Australian Beauforts and 5 B-24's. 21 tons of bombs were dropped. Weather conditions prevented further strikes.

In Sepik River area, according to Natives, the Japs have abandoned their positions.

SE. of Aitape, minor engagements between our patrols and Jap troops continued.

About 30 miles E. of Wakde, at Jarsoen Island, Allied units landed.

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On 2 June, in Maffin Bay area, Jap bivouac areas were attacked by an unreported number of B-25's. There was no change in the ground situation here.

On 2 June at Biak, on a ridge N. of Kandon, about 200 Jap troops launched a counter-attack, which was repulsed, and about 75 Japs killed. Our advance to the W. continued. Supporting this, Jap positions were attacked by a squadron of B-24's.

Late afternoon 2 June, our beachhead at Bosnek was under attack for over an hour by 20-30 Jap dive-bombers, fighters and possibly torpedo-bombers. Only minor damage was caused. 7 Jap planes were shot down by A/A fire, and 3 more probably shot down.

According to first reports, Noemfoor Island was attacked 2 June by B-25's covered by P-47's. The same day, Timika airfield and Kokenau were attacked by 22 B-25's. Over 20 tons of bombs and 31,200 rounds of M/G were used, causing fires and leaving the runway unserviceable.

Also 2 June, W. of Timika, 2 barges loaded with supplies were damaged by a B-25 on patrol.

IV. N.E.I.

1 June photos of Laha and Liang airfields on Ambon showed 24 Jap bombers and 23 fighters present.

Photos of 2 Namlea airfields (Boeroe I.) showed 6 bombers and 11 fighters present.

On 2 June, 3 enemy airfields -- Liang, Namlea and Kairatoe (Ceram) -- were raided by 4 Australian medium bombers (PBY's). 9 tons of bombs were dropped. The same day, off N. coast of Timor, a Jap seatruck and 1 barge were sunk by 4 Dutch medium bombers (B-25's.)

V. Australia

On the morning of 2 June, in Darwin and Broome areas, a Jap plane on reconnaissance was reported.

VI. U. S. SS. Reports

A U. S. SS reports sinking a 10,000-ton AO and a large AK.

A second U. S. SS. reports possibly damaging 1 large Ak and 1 small ship.

A third U. S. SS. reports sinking 2 AK's and taking 1 Jap prisoner.

A fourth U. S. SS. reports damaging or sinking a 5,000-ton AK.

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A fifth U. S. SS. reports sinking a 4,124-ton AK, a 4,468-ton AK, an 8,812-ton AP, and a 10,020 ton AO, for a total of 27,424 tons. (The sinking of the AO was previously reported in Naval Summary for 15 May 1944).

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I. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 1 June at Kosiga an enemy barge was probably destroyed by U.S. PT's.

Enemy targets were attacked by 36 P-38's. 3 enemy barges were made unserviceable and 2 trucks were set afire.

The enemy trail block located 8,000 yards N. of Blue Ridge was cleared by U.S. artillery and the enemy withdrew.

(B) New Ireland

On 31 May Kavieng was attacked by F4U's. At Rasirik 5 RNZAF PV's attacked a jetty. Medina was bombed and strafed by a Catalina. 200 miles N. of Kavieng, an enemy SS was reported sunk by Allied PD's and DE's.

(C) Admiralty Islands

Up to 1 June, 3,691 enemy were reported buried.

(D) New Britain

During the night of 1 June Rabaul was harassed by 4 B-25's. Fighters attacked 4 trucks and destroyed a launch. At the customs wharf 24 B-25's started large fires in enemy truck concentrations. A/A damaged 2 planes.

Near Vulcan 11 P-38's started fires in an enemy barge hideout and repair areas with 11 tons of bombs (2 1,000-pound bombs each). At a motor pool 9 B-25's bombed.

At Rataval 34 fighters dropped magnesium bombs. At Talili 11 SBD's and 12 TBF's caused a large explosion. 1 TBF was lost.

1 June a summary of enemy casualties was given as follows:

Killed	4,307
Prisoners	342

At Ulamona, some enemy soldiers were encountered but none were found on Lolobau Island.

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In Arbaul Harbor approximately 100 serviceable barges were found.

(E) New Guinea

On 28 May at Sarmi 10 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy forces. 9 tons of bombs were dropped.

On 29 May 14 P-40's dropped 250 pound bombs and strafed the Poe Wade plantations in the Maffin Bay area. 3-1/2 tons of bombs were released.

At Biak 16 A-20's dropped 16-1/4 tons of bombs and strafed enemy positions. 1 enemy tank was destroyed. 1 plane was lost but the crew is safe.

On 1 June at Mansa Bay P-38's and P-47's attacked enemy positions. At Mewak 7 B-25's and 77 A-20's dropped 68-1/2 tons of bombs. Fires were started.

The same area was bombed by 12 RAAF Beauforts. Details are lacking. At Maffin Bay B-25's and P-47's bombed dump areas and transportation. At Mokmer, enemy positions N. of the village on high ground and the airfield were bombed by 32 B-24's. 184 1,000-pound bombs were dropped from low altitude. Some A/A was met.

At Biak, the 186th Infantry was working to clear enemy-held pockets in elevated areas N. of Kandon (E. of Bosnek). Our forces hold the level ground above Bosnek. Fighting continued generally on the terraces but the shore areas were generally quiet.

On Mokmer airdrome concealed enemy planes were shelled by LD's. In a cove E. of Bosnek 3 enemy troop-laden barges were shelled and sunk by U.S. DD's.

A summary of enemy casualties is as follows:

Wakde:	Killed	1,453	Hollandia:	Killed	2,579
	Prisoners	6		Prisoners	551

Aitape: Killed 818

Before dawn, scouts were landed on the New Guinea coast from PT's. Little change was reported in the Maffin Bay sector. Villages between Wakde and Hollandia were attacked by A-20's. At noon, outside Humboldt Bay, an enemy SS was observed. In the Hollandia area minor patrol contacts only were reported. At Yakamul, on the E. perimeter at Aitape, small enemy parties were contacted.

(F) N. E. I.

Photos on 31 May on Flores Island showed runways serviceable on both the Maoemere Airdromes. No planes were seen. A new airfield was reported under construction 1 miles to the east at Waioti.

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On 1 June Larat (Tanimbars) was bombed and strafed by 4 B-25's. Enemy gun positions were silenced. 8 beached luggers were reported.

Laha (near Ambon), Lotfoear (Kai Islands) and Namlea were bombed by 10 B-24's. 21 tons of bombs were dropped but results could not be ascertained because of overcast.

(G) Australia

On 31 May in the Exmouth Gulf area an enemy reconnaissance plane was reported.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. Submarine returning from patrol reports one 7,500 ton AO probably sunk.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 2 June 1944

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 31 May (2240 - 2253K) Shimushu was bombed by 4 Navy PV's. Several fires, 2 of them large, were started in the airfield area. A/A was met but our planes were not damaged and returned safely.

On the night of 1 June (2245 - 2302K) Shimushiru was bombed by 2 Army B-24's with unobserved results. The same night (2135 - 2225K) Shimushu and Paramushiru were bombed by 4 Navy PV's. At Kashiwabara, Higashizaki and Parmushiru fires were started. Some A/A was met. All planes returned safely.

II. Western Pacific Area

(A) Philippine Islands

At Palmas Island (SE of Mindanao) aerial reconnaissance revealed enemy airfield activity.

III. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 29 May at midday (1130K) Guam was attacked by 14 Army B-24's (from the Marshalls) escorting Navy photo planes. Bombs were dropped in the dock area and Orote Airfield. 5 - 31 enemy fighters intercepted and 1 was probably shot down. From 10 to 20 planes were seen on the ground. A/A was met. 4 AK's were seen at Orote.

(B) Caroline Island

On 30 May at Puluwat, the Alet Island airfield was bombed by 20 Army heavy bombers. Over 33 tons of bombs were dropped causing a large explosion. Meagre to moderate A/A was met. 3 enemy planes were seen on the field.

On 31 May (0732 - 1415L) Ponape was bombed by 10 Army B-25's. 8 tons of bombs were dropped on airfield areas and enemy positions. Slight A/A was met.

The same night (2015K) at Truk, 7 Army B-24's from the Marshalls dropped 12 tons of bombs on the airfields at Param and Moen, and on Pis Island. A very large fire was started. 1 enemy plane was airborne but did not intercept. Slight A/A was met.

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Also the night of 31 May Woleai, Puluwat and Truk (Tonelik and Mesegon Islands) were bombed by heavy bombers on patrol.

The same day 100 miles W. of Satawan, an enemy bomber was shot down by a U.S. patrol bomber.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 30 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Taroa	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	5 tons	Hit runway and attacked piers and buildings at Pigeoyatto.
	7 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	5 tons	1 SBD damaged by A/A which ranged from meager to moderate.
Wotje	12 SBD's 24 F4U's 3 PV's	2-3/4 tons & strafed	Hit Wotje, Ormed, and Toton. Targets were buildings and gun positions Meager A/A.
Mille	4 F4U's	2 tons	Hit gun position. No A/A.
	3 F4U's 7 SBD's	2 tons	Hit runways. Meager A/A.

On 31 May the following enemy targets were attacked.

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	4 F6F's (Navy) 32 F4U's (Marine) 18 SBD's (Marine) 2 PV's (Navy)	7½ tons	Hit barracks area, runway, gun positions. 1 F4U and 1 SBD damaged by meager A/A.
Taongi	1 PV		Photo reco. and results unobserved. Some bombs dropped.
Taroa	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	2-1/10 tons 2-1/10 tons	Hit gun positions. Hit coastal defense positions. Meager A/A.

(D) Wake Island

On 31 May (1210L) at Wake 18 Army B-24's dropped 42 tons of bombs on Heel and Peacock Points and Wilkes Island. There is no report of results. 1 plane suffered minor damage from A/A fire.

IV. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

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On 30 May, scattered targets along Bougainville coast - mostly supply dumps and bridges -- were attacked by 41 Army fighter-bombers, (8 New Zealand P-40's and 33 P-38's).

On 31 May, a patrol of the 37th Division from Torokina reached House Kiapo, but reported meeting no Japs. About 6 miles N. of the perimeter, 2 enemy groups of about 30 men each were encountered by Fiji Patrols. One of the Jap groups had set up a trail block.

Also 31 May, at a point about 500 yards E. of the Tekessi River mouth, a Fiji battalion was landed, as a follow-up to our occupation of the E. bank of the river the previous day. There was no enemy opposition. The Fijis then moved SE about 1500 yards without meeting any Jap troops. A number of unoccupied dugouts and pillboxes were passed.

(B) New Ireland

On the morning of 30 May, Kavieng airfield was attacked by 43 Navy dive and torpedo bombers from Emirau (14 TBF's, 29 SBD's). The airfield was left unserviceable after 31 tons of bombs were dropped. A/A fire brought down 3 dive-bombers, but 3 men - 1 gunner, 2 pilots -- were rescued.

Also 31 May, about 200 miles N. of Kavieng, a Jap DS was attacked and probably sunk by U.S. DD's and DE's. (Summarizing operations against Jap DS in this area for the 8 days ending 28 May shows that 3 were probably sunk, 1 was damaged, and 1 was attacked but results were not seen).

On the night of 30 - 31 May, off N. New Ireland coast, 3 Jap barges were damaged by U.S. PT's. The barges were reported to be heavily armored. A Jap floatplane and shore batteries drove off the PT's.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 29 - 30 May, Rabaul was raided by 3 B-25's.

On 30 May, supply dumps at Talili Bay were hit by 43 fighter-bombers, which dropped over 5 tons of bombs.

Tobera was attacked by 23 B-25's which dropped 14 tons of bombs. The area continued to be swept by fighters.

On the night of 30 - 31 May, at an unreported point on New Britain coast, an Australian pilot was rescued by U.S. PT's. The pilot had been lost for 8 days.

On 31 May photos of Rabaul airfields showed 2 -- Vunakanau and Lakunai -- were serviceable.

(D) New Guinea

On 30 May, a point about 40 miles SE of Hansa Bay and 3 miles from Uligan, was reached by Australian patrols moving N. No Jap troops were met.

The same day, shore targets at Dagumur Bay were shelled by Australian patrol craft.

Also 30 May, Japan[illegible] villages were raided by [illegible] 12 tons of bombs were dropped.

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On the night of 30 - 31 May, Wakde Island was raided by a Jap plane. Some bombs were dropped without damage.

The same night, Bosnek was raided by 2 Jap planes. 3 bombs were dropped. 1 casualty was caused.

Also the night of 30 May, in Maffin area, 49 Japs were killed as enemy patrols attempted infiltration tactics along our perimeter. The Japs also directed mortar fire at our position.

On 31 May, Hansa Bay area was raided by 4 P-39's, which strafed trucks, supply and fuel dumps. 2 searchlights were wrecked.

In Sepik River area, it was reported that there is only a little canoe and barge activity along the river.

Also 31 May, targets at Wewak and the coast to the W. were attacked by 17 B-24's, an unreported number of Australian Beauforts, and 8 P-38's. Targets were Cape Moen, Brandi, Wewak Pt., and Suain Village. The B-24's, which were prevented from hitting Biak Island targets because of weather conditions, dropped 51 tons of bombs. The P-39's dropped over 2 tons of bombs and strafed. Offshore, 1 barge was sunk. There was no A/A fire.

In Hollandia area, our patrols were still hunting Jap groups. Total enemy casualties here have reached 2,561 dead, with 550 Japs taken prisoner.

In Maffin Bay area, air support for our ground troops was provided by B-25's.

On 31 May, at Biak Island, the only action reported was patrol activity, while U.S. infantry reinforcements were landed to bolster our positions. Enemy positions above Mokmer in the hills were attacked during the morning by B-25's and A-20's, but bad weather conditions prevented continuing attacks. On Biak, the presence of the Jap 222nd Infantry Regiment has been established.

Also 31 May, Sansiki was attacked by 11 A-20's escorted by 15 P-38's. Large fires were caused. Offshore, 1 barge was sunk.

The same day, Babo area was hit by 3 squadrons of B-25's. Fuel dumps were bombed, and large fires caused. 15 Jap fighters intercepted our planes. 1 Jap was shot down. Some A/A fire was met. Other airborne Jap fighters, which did not attempt interception, were seen N. of Timika and near Lake Paniai.

On the night of 31 May - 1 June, at Biak, 5 Jap bombers were over our positions but did not drop any bombs. 1 was shot down and another damaged by our A/A. Later, our positions at Bosnek beachhead were unsuccessfully bombed by 3 Jap planes, which used flares. We suffered no casualties or damage.

(E) N. E. I.

On 31 May, at Ambon, Liang Airfield was attacked by 10 U.S. B-24's, which dropped almost 24 tons of bombs. Fires were caused.

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V. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returning from patrol has reported sinking an enemy 5,704 ton AP.

A second SS has reported sinking 1 7,500 ton AK, 1 4,000 ton AK and a 1,065 ton AK for a total of 12,565 tons. In addition a 7,500 ton AK was damaged.

A third SS reports having sunk a large AO and a large AK for a total of 23,753 tons. In addition a 7,500 ton AK was probably sunk.

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

Some further details of the attack on 29 May on Saipan have been received. 8 Navy PB4Ys and 14 Army B-24s dropped 35 100-pound bombs and took photos. 1 Army heavy bomber was shot down 40 miles E. of Saipan. 2 of the crew were seen to parachute and were strafed by an enemy fighter plane.

In Tanapag harbor 1 possible BB, 2 CLs and 8 AKs were seen. 6 flying boats were also noted in the harbor area.

On the airfield 25 fighters and 12 bombers were noted.

(B) Caroline Islands

Details of the attack on 29 May on Satawan have been received. 20 Army B-24s dropped 32 tons of bombs, mostly fragmentation clusters, in the airfield area. Large fires were started. 3 planes were seen on the field. 1 floatplane was seen in the water.

On the morning of 30 May, before dawn, Truk and Moleai were bombed by 4 B-24s on patrol. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped with unobserved results. No A/A was met.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 29 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	12 SBD's (Marine) 2 PV's (Navy) 23 F4U's (Marine)		Buildings and gun positions hit. Light A/A damaged 1 F4U and 1 SBD.
Taroa	4 F6F's (Navy) 6 SBD's (Marine)	4½ tons	Runway (NE-SW) attacked. Meager A/A.
Jaluit	29 B-25's (Army)	29 tons	Gun positions at Emybor and Emidj hit. Heavy A/A.
Mille	12 F4U's (Marine) 6 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	13½ tons	Hit E. coast barracks area and runway (NE-SW). Moderate to meager A/A.

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Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille (Cont'd)	"other aircraft"	13 tons	Hit RDF station and gun position, N. tip. Meager A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 29 May, scattered targets on N. and E. coasts of Bougainville were attacked by 49 Navy and Army torpedo and fighter-bombers. Jap gardens were again sprayed with diesel oil. 2 fighter-bombers (P-38s) were downed, but the pilot of 1 was rescued. (Details: Soraken was hit by 3 TBF's, gardens were oiled by 6 TBF's, Arigua and Tinputs buildings were hit by 40 fighter-bombers).

On the night of 29 - 30 May, in S. Empress Augusta Bay, 4 Jap barges were sunk by U.S. gunboats (LCI's). In addition, 3 barges and 8 hulks which had been damaged previously were also destroyed.

On 30 May, NE of Torokina perimeter, some enemy troops were engaged by a Fiji patrol. Details were not reported.

The same day, SE of Torokina, positions on the N. bank of the Tekessi River were occupied by a U.S. artillery battalion, after an infantry battalion had been landed to secure the area. This is the first fire positions some distance outside the perimeter have been occupied, other than in patrol activity.

(B) New Britain

On 29 May, at Rabaul, the daily attacks continued, with 108 Army and Navy bombers and fighter-bombers dropping over 60 tons of bombs on supply dumps and gun positions. Many explosions were caused. (Planes participating were: 5 New Zealand B-34's, 3 B-25's, 96 assorted bombers, & F4U's).

(C) New Guinea

Further reports of the attacks on Wewak area on 29 May state that 1 more B-25 and 8 more A-20's participated. 8½ tons of bombs were dropped. (See Naval Summary for 31 May 1944).

Further details of the fighting on 29 May on Biak Island have been received. During the morning of 29 May, 3 heavy Jap counter-attacks on our positions near Mokmer were launched, and all were beaten back by means of small arms and artillery fire and our tanks. 8 Jap light tanks were destroyed in a clash with our tanks.

However, on the afternoon of 29 May, persistent and heavy enemy pressure prevented our troops from advancing, so our units withdrew to Ibdi area (E. of Parai), where defensive positions had been set up.

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The same day, our patrols were sent E. and N. of Bosnek. Small enemy groups were encountered.

On the night of 29 May, our forward positions received scattered Jap mortar fire.

On 29 May, in addition to previous reports, Mokmer was attacked by 5 more B-24's. A further 15 tons of bombs were dropped.

On the night of 29 - 30 May, in Hansa Bay area, Boroi Village was strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 30 May, Hansa Bay area was raided by 4 P-39's and several P-47's. At Ramu River mouth, barges carrying fuel were set on fire by the P-39's.

The same day, Wewak area was once more attacked by 8 B-25's, 64 A-20's, 11 Australian Beauforts and a single B-24. A total of 66 tons of bombs were dropped on gun positions and buildings. Fires were caused. Mechanical trouble forced down 1 A-20.

In Aitape and Hollandia areas, active patrolling continued.

On 30 May in Maffin Bay area, minor patrol action was reported, while our forces withdrew to a point near Maffin Town, where positions had been prepared. Air support was provided by medium and light bombers (B-25's and A-20's), which struck at Jap personnel and supply areas in the vicinity.

On the morning of 30 May on Biak Island, a move to the N. was made by elements of our ground forces, in order to secure high ground for patrol activities. Meanwhile, in support of ground troops, enemy positions were bombarded by DD's and artillery. Total enemy casualties were reported as: 679 dead, with 2 Japs captured. Rough weather on 30 May prevented our bombers from attacking Biak

Also 30 May, Timika airfield was attacked by 11 B-25's. 11½ tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 62,300 rounds of m/g. 2 A/A gun positions were put out of action. The airfield was seen to be serviceable, although covered with grass.

N. E. I.

(D) Early the morning of 30 May, at Ambon, Liang airfield was attacked by 9 Australian PBY's, which dropped 20½ tons of bombs. Large fires and explosions resulted. In Ambon Bay, 15 Jap ships were seen.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking a 16,500 ton enemy AK.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 29 May (2221 K) Matsuwa was bombed by an Army B-24. The same night (2140 K) Shimushiru was also bombed by an Army B-24. No opposition was met. Results were unobserved because of overcast.

Also the night of 29 May (2220 - 2240 K) Shimushu and Paramushiru (Kashiwabara) were bombed by 5 Navy PV's. A majority of the bombs were dropped through overcast. Large fires were started on Shimushu. Some A/A was met but all planes returned safely.

On the night of 30 May (2310 K) Shimushu was attacked by 4 Navy PV's. Results were not observed. Some A/A was met.

On the morning of 30 May (1140 K) 120 miles SE of Paramushiru, 3 enemy auxiliary vessels were attacked by 2 Army B-25's. 1 of the enemy vessels was sunk and a second was damaged. One of our planes was badly damaged in a crash landing when returning to base and a second was slightly damaged.

A second strike force of 4 Army medium bombers was sent out that afternoon. 1 plane contacted 2 enemy vessels 70 miles NE of Shimushu, bombed but did not hit them. 1 plane was damaged by 50 calibre fire but all planes returned.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 29 May Saipan was bombed by Navy and Army B-24's according to a Pacific Fleet announcement. Moderate A/A fire was met. 2 of 12 enemy interceptors were claimed shot down, and 2 were claimed damaged. Further details are not available

(B) Caroline Islands

On the morning of 28 May (previously reported as 27 May) Woleai was attacked by 23 Army heavy bombers. 500-pound bombs and fragmentation clusters were dropped, destroying 2 grounded enemy planes and starting several large fires. A/A fire ranged from moderate to intense.

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On 29 May according to preliminary reports, both Satawan and Nomoi were attacked by U.S. heavy bombers. Details have not been received.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 28 May at Bougainville, targets of opportunity were attacked in 45 fighter-bomber sorties. At Ballale, direct hit was scored on an A/A position. At Buka Passage, huts were wrecked. Naval patrol bombers also hit Teop Island.

On the night of 28 - 29 May, 2 islands off Bougainville coast - Rantan and Marmola - were strafed by U.S. PT's and bombed by Navy patrol bombers (PBY's).

The same night in Empress Augusta Bay (off Mawaraka), a Jap barge was sunk and shore guns put out of action by U.S. gunboats.

(B) New Ireland

On 28 May, Namatanai was raided by New Zealand medium bombers (B-34's), while Navy fighters swept Duke of York and New Ireland coast, setting 3 barges on fire. A/A damaged 1 fighter.

Also 28 May, at Tingwon Island, a scouting party was landed. No Jap troops were met, and the party destroyed 20 drums of gasoline, some ammunition and mortars, and took back several Jap m/g's.

The same day, at Kavieng Harbor, 2 small AK's were seen by a U.S. bomber on patrol (B-24)

On the night of 28 - 29 May, N. of Namatanai, Jap 37mm and m/g's unsuccessfully fired upon U.S. PT's.

On 29 May, in Medina area, shore targets were shelled by U.S. DD's. There was no opposition.

(C) New Britain

On 28 May, Rabaul area was again attacked by 143 Navy and Army bombers and fighter bombers. About 115 tons of bombs were dropped on 2 airfields and gun positions. 2 Navy planes were brought down by A/A fire. Fighters continued to sweep the area, and set 2 barges on fire.

Details:

Lakunai was hit by 23 B-25's, 3 B-24's, 12 P-38's. 58 tons of bombs were dropped.

Tobera was attacked by 14 TBF's, 28 SBD's, and 23 fighters. 41 tons of bombs were dropped.

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Vunakanau was hit by 17 TBF's and 22 SBD's.

The area was raided before dawn by 1 bomber.

On the night of 28 - 29 May, at Ubili, troops were landed from U.S. PT's. Details were not reported.

(D) New Guinea

Later reports of the attack on 28 May on Hewak state that 33 more A-20's and 6 more B-25's participated, dropping 26 more tons of bombs, and expending a further 49,300 rounds of m/g. (See Naval Summary for 30 May 1944.)

The same day, Manam Island coast was raided by 2 strafing A-20's. Also 28 May, it was estimated that enemy strength in Sarmi - Maffin area is 2,000 - 3,000 troops.

The same day, at Biak, Mokmer gun positions and Sorido were attacked by 11 B-25's. 12 tons of bombs were dropped.

Off Manokwari, a Jap medium bomber was shot down by a B-24 on patrol.

Further details of the attack on 28 May on 3 Geelvink Bay area airfields state that Ransiki was hit by 11 more B-24's - making a total of 21 - while Kamiri was attacked by 9 B-24's and Namber by 5. At Kamiri, 4 bombers on the ground were destroyed. These planes dropped 63 tons of bombs. At Ransiki, 7 Jap planes were seen on the ground.

A U.S. patrol plane over Japen Island reported that the enemy has abandoned further construction work on Sercei airfield.

On the night of 28 - 29 May, U.S. PT's off Hansa Bay reported that for the 3rd successive night, the shore has been strangely quiet. Targets in the area were strafed.

The same night, off Hewak, 2 apparently empty Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's.

On 29 May, Korak - 6 miles past Bunabun - was reached by Australian patrols advancing W. No enemy troops were met. Korak is about 44 miles from Hansa Bay.

The same day, coastal targets between Yakamul and Hewak were attacked by 21 B-25's, 69 A-20's, 6 Australian Beauforts and 8 P-47's. 91½ tons of bombs were dropped, and gun positions and troops strafed. Fires and explosions resulted.

In Yakamul area, our patrols were active, meeting a few Jap troops. The Jap evacuation movement from Hewak to the W. was continuing, according to reports from Tami area (E. of Hollandia).

S. of Sentani Lake, in the last 2 days, 5 Jap groups were completely wiped out by our forces. The enemy groups were evidently not part of a coordinated force, but all fought to the last man.

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In Hollandia area, total Jap casualties have now reached 2,485 killed, with 537 Japs taken prisoner.

In Makde area, near Toem, a unit of about 75 enemy troops launched an unsuccessful counter-attack against our perimeter lines. 53 Japs were killed. SE and E. of Maffin airfield, in spite of stiff opposition, U.S. forces which had captured 2 strategic hills were consolidating their positions. As of 28 May total enemy casualties in this area reached 1,329 known dead, with 6 Japs taken prisoner.

On 29 May, on Biak Island, heavy fighting continued in Mokmer area. At dawn, an enemy force estimated at 1 battalion reinforced with artillery and tanks (according to SWPA communique, part of Jap 36th Division) launched a stiff counter-attack, which was repulsed by U.S. 162nd Infantry. The counter-attack was evidently spearheaded by Jap medium tanks armed with 75mm, which were engaged by U.S. tanks. So far, 8 Jap tanks have been destroyed, but the action was continuing. It was reported that enemy coastal defense guns and mortars are providing cover for Mokmer airfield, the next objective of our troops. E. and N. of this airfield, enemy positions were attacked by 29 heavy bombers (B-24's) which dropped 80 tons of bombs. Throughout the day Army medium and light bombers (B-25's and A-20's) carried out continuous sorties against enemy positions, hitting gun positions and tanks.

E. of Bosnek, no fighting was reported.

During 29 May, our positions at Biak were attacked by 9 Jap fighters, in 3 waves. Our planes shot down 3 and damaged 1, and naval and ground A/A fire shot down 3 more.

Also 29 May, Babo airfield was attacked by 11 Merauke-based B-25's. 8½ tons of bombs were dropped, and several planes on the ground damaged. Timika was raided by 1 B-25.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking 4 enemy ships, probably sinking 1 and damaging 2.

A second SS reports probably damaging an enemy vessel believed to be an AO.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0900, 30 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 27 May, (1000 K) 9 Army B-25's strafed Pakin and S. Ponape. Meager A/A fire was met at Pakin. No further details have been received.

The same day, according to preliminary reports, Army heavy bombers attacked both Truk and Woleai. Details have not been received.

On 28 May (0828 - 1335 K) Ponape was attacked by 76 Army heavy and medium bombers (B-24's and B-25's) which dropped 101 tons of bombs on airfields, barracks, and storage areas. Several fires were started in Ponape Town and the airfield hangar was destroyed. Moderate A/A was met.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 27 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	45 B-25's (Army)	45 tons	Hit Emidj gun positions and supply dumps. Meager A/A.
Mille	8 SBD's (Marine) 4 F6F's (Navy)	5 tons	Hit airfield. Moderate A/A.
Wotje	7 F4U's (Marine)	1/4 tons & strafed	1 F4U damaged by meager A/A. Hit buildings.
	4 F6F's (Navy) 7 SBD's (Marine)	5 tons	Hit gun positions. No A/A.

On 28 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Wotje	107 F4U's (Marine) 46 SBD's (Marine) 7 F6F's (Marine) 1 PV (Marine)	50½ tons	Hit Wotje, Egomedio, Toton, Agumichi. Started fires. 3 F4U's damaged by meager A/A.

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	7 PV's (Navy)	7¼ tons	Hit Emidj. Moderate A/A.
Mille	15 F4U's (Marine)	15½ tons	Hit barracks area. No A/A. 2 F4U's and crews lost in traffic circle collision over Majuro.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 27 May, Buka Passage bivouacs were bombed by 6 Navy PV's, while the same area and Buin area were attacked in 66 fighter-bomber sorties. 1 barge was sunk and another damaged. Scattered targets were also raided by patrol bombers (Monoitu, Lemankoa, Cape Hanpan).

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 27 - 28 May, targets in NE New Ireland - Fangelawa, Medina - were shelled by U.S. PT's and bombed by PBY's. Some ineffective fire from Jap coastal batteries was met.

On 28 May photos of Kavieng showed the airfield is serviceable.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 26 - 27 May, Rabaul area was raided by 8 B-25's.

On 27 May, Tobera was attacked by 4 B-24's, while A/A gun positions were hit by 92 tons of bombs in 207 bomber and fighter-bomber sorties. 3 gun positions were demolished, and 3 damaged.

Fighters continued to sweep the area, setting 2 trucks on fire, and strafing barges and buildings.

On the night of 27 - 28 May, on W. coast of Gazelle Peninsula, scouting parties were landed from U.S. PT's. 1 Jap was captured, and several others killed.

(D) New Guinea

Later reports of the attacks on 27 May on Wewak area place the total numbers of planes participating at : 18 B-25's, 79 A-20's, 13 Australian Beauforts, 48 P-38's and 40 P-47's. (See Naval Summary for 28 May, 1944). A further 25 tons of bombs and 107,600 more rounds of m/g were used. On the night of 27 May, the same area was raided by 4 Australian Beauforts.

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Further details of air cover at Biak on 27 May state that before the landing, targets on the island were hit by a total of 46 B-24's, which dropped at total of 89 tons of bombs. Enemy bivouacs on Biak were hit by 4 B-25's, which dropped 4 tons of bombs. Further reports of attack on Babo state that 23 B-25's participated, and destroyed 1 sea truck and 5 planes on the ground.

On the night of 27 - 28 May, Wakde Island was raided by a Jap plane which dropped 5 bombs. Several casualties were caused. The same night, E. of Hollandia at Venimo, 3 Japs were captured by a scouting party put ashore by PT's.

On 28 May, Wewak area troop concentrations were attacked by 14 B-25's, 28 A-20's, 9 Australian Beauforts, 7 P-47's, and 7 P-39's. 33 tons of bombs, and 91,200 rounds of m/g were used. Explosions and fires resulted.

Hansa Bay area, meanwhile, was raided by 4 P-39's. A barge was strafed.

According to SWPA communique, Bunabun Harbor has been reached by Allied ground patrols. No enemy troops were met.

In Maffin Bay area, about 1 mile S. of Maffin airfield, our ground forces were meeting stiff Jap resistance. Air support was provided by 4 B-25's, which strafed enemy troops.

On 28 May on Biak Island, our ground forces advancing W. have reached Parai and Mokmer areas, where strong enemy opposition was reported. The Japs evidently are in positions on high ground overlooking the coast. On the E. flank, about 1½ miles E. of Bosnek, Soriari village has been reached. Our troops here were being harassed by Jap snipers. Near Bosnek, our patrols were busy hunting out Japs hidden in caves.

In support of our ground forces, shore batteries on Biak were shelled by U.S. DD's, while A-20's and fighters provided air cover.

According to Jap laborers taken prisoner on Biak, enemy strength on the island totals 8,000 men.

On 28 May, at Japen Island, Soeroei was attacked by 6 B-24's, which dropped 16½ tons of bombs.

The same day, Ransiki airfield (N. coast Geelvink Bay) was hit by 10 B-24's. (Photos 24 May of this field showed 13 planes on the serviceable strip). Other B-24's hit Namber and Kamiri airfields.

(E) N. E. I.

On 28 May, at NE coast of Ceram, the oil field port of Boela was attacked by 9 Army B-24's from Darwin. Over 11 tons of bombs were dropped on oil rigs, buildings and the main jetty. Of 5 intercepting Jap fighters, 1 was possibly damaged. All of our planes returned safely.

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(F) Australia

On the night of 28 - 29 May, off Cape Howe (on SE coast between Sydney and Melbourne), an Allied AK reported being attacked by an enemy SS.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 29 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 27 May (2308 - 2335 K) 2 Navy PV's attacked Kakumabetsu. Three additional medium bombers attacked Shimushu. (2215, 2220, 2450 K). Weather forced a 6th plane to return before reaching the target. Bombs were dropped but results were not seen due to overcast. A/A was meager. Two planes, returning to base, were fired upon 60 miles E. of Lopatka Cape (Kamchatka). All planes returned safely.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 26 May, Monoitu was hit by 12 B-25's, while Matchin Bay targets were bombed by 24 P-39's and 9 P-38's. 1 pier was wrecked and another damaged.

(B) New Ireland

On the afternoon of 26 May, about 190 miles N. of Kussau, a Jap SS was unsuccessfully attacked by a U.S. searchplane. On the night of 26 May, the SS was again attacked and probably sunk by a U.S. DE. The same night, Cape Lemeris and Dolomakus Bay were strafed by PT's and bombed by PBY's.

Also 26 May, Duke of York was hit by 34 fighter-bombers (11 P-40's, 23 P-39's), which dropped 8½ tons of incendiaries on supply dumps.

New Ireland was swept by fighters, which sank 1 barge, and set another on fire.

Early the morning of 27 May, 200 miles NE of Kussau, another Jap SS was attacked by U.S. surface units and planes. Results were not reported.

(C) Admiralty Islands

On 27 May, in the Admiralties, total Jap casualties have reached 3,526 known dead. 90 Japs have been taken prisoner.

(D) New Britain

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On 26 May, the following Rabaul targets were attacked: Lakunai and Vunakanau by 8 B-25's, which saw at least 1 Jap plane in the air. Talili Bay by 12 B-25's, which dropped 7 tons of bombs.

Also 26 May, S. of Rabaul, in Adler Bay area about 1,750 Jap troops remain, according to a report by a U.S. patrol.

(E) New Guinea

On 27 May, Hewak Area, including coast to N. and Muschu and Kairiru Islands, was attacked by 18 B-25's, 56 A-20's, 13 Australian Beauforts, 48 P-38's and a number of P-47's. At least 97 tons of bombs and 91,300 rounds of m/g were used against bridges, supply dumps, gun positions, camps. Many fires resulted. Some A/A and m/g fire was met. Hansa Bay and Sepik River area were also attacked by P-38's.

In Hollandia area, on trails S. of Sentani Lake, 300 dead Japs were found by our patrols. Fewer Japs were being met by our patrols in this area.

Early 27 May, at Maffin Bay, a Jap plane unsuccessfully bombed U.S. PT's off Sarmi Point.

On the morning of 27 May, a hill 1 mile SE of Maffin airfield was occupied by U.S. forces. Following this, Jap forces evidently withdrew, so that in the afternoon, our advance to the E. continued with almost no opposition. In the Maffin - Wakde area, total counted enemy dead was set a 1,171.

By 1100 K, the morning of 27 May, Mandon, on the coast 2 miles W. of Bosnek, was reached by our forces, which had established their perimeter 1 mile on each side of Bosnek. U.S. DD's and LCI's remained offshore, continuing their support. The cruisers moved along the coast and shelled the airfields.

On the afternoon of 27 May, off Biak, the first enemy air opposition was met, when 12 fighter-escorted Jap medium bombers attacked our shipping. 4 bombers were shot down by A/A, a 5th and probably a 6th bomber and 4 fighters were shot down by U.S. P-47's. 1 Jap bomber got through, causing damage to 1 Allied PC. Our planes suffered no losses.

Details of the Allied air attacks on Biak:

Prior to our landing, the beaches were hit by 22 B-24's, some of which dropped 28 tons of bombs. During the landing, gun positions and installations behind the beachhead were attacked by 81 B-24's covered by 2 squadrons of P-38's. 238 tons of bombs were dropped. Our landing craft were covered meanwhile by Australian P-40's. Then Mokmer area, where Jap defense positions were located, was hit by an unreported number of A-20's, 1 of which was shot down by A/A but the crew was picked up.

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On 27 May, Babo airfield was attacked twice, first by 12 B-25's based at Merauke, and later by 10 B-24's from Darwin. The heavies dropped 12½ tons of bombs on the runway, damaging 2 planes on the ground, and causing big explosions. The B-25's hit revetments and buildings, wrecked a transport plane and damaged 3 fighters on the ground. Nearby, a sea truck and barges were hit. There were no enemy air interception.

(F) N. E. I.

On 27 May, at Timor Island, Soe Village (50 miles NE of Koepang) was attacked by 12 Dutch B-25's. Over 17 tons of bombs were dropped on fuel dumps, causing fires,

(G) Australia

On the afternoon of 27 May, N. of Darwin, a Jap plane on reconnaissance was seen.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 2 AK's.

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OP-16-F4 DAILY SUMMARY

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1. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

On 25 May (0915-1445L), PONAPE was attacked in 4 waves by 8 B-25's. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped. A/A damaged 1 bomber.

On 26 May, KUSAIE was raided by U.S. searchplanes. Slight A/A fire was met. The same day PONAPE was again attacked by 9 B-25's, which dropped 7½ tons of bombs. Targets were LANGAR ISLAND, waterfront of PONAPE TOWN and JOKAJ gun positions. Meager A/A was met. About 20 miles from PONAPE, 1 B-25 made a water-landing. Some of the crew were rescued.

B. Marshall Islands

On 25 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombload	Results
WOTJE	38 F4U's (Marine) 3 PV's 4 F6F's 7 SBD's (Marine) 11 B-25's	Total:30½ tons	Area well strafed. Many fires Runway, A/A, radio station hit. No A/A but moderate m/g. 1 F4U crashed; 4 F4U's, 2 SBD's had minor damage.
JALUIT	10 B-25's 3 F6F's 7 SBD's (Marine) 2 PV's	Total:16 tons	A/A guns at EMIDJ, radio at AINEMAN hit. None to meager A/A. Slight damage to 1 F4U.

On 26 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

JALUIT	3 PV's 8 F6F's 14 SBD's (Marine)	Total:14½ tons	OB tower at EMIDJ knocked down. A/A, radio station hit. None to light A/A.
MILLE	12 F4U's (Marine)	6 tons	Runway, power station hit. No A/A.
WOTJE	7 SBd's (Marine) 4 F6F's 3 PV's 28 F4U's (Marine)	Total: 10 tons	Runway, blockhouse, barracks hit. Explosion caused at pier. Moderate A/A. 1 F4U waterlanded, but pilot rescued.

2. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On night 24-25 May, 3 BOUGAINVILLE targets were strafed by U.S. PT's and bombed by PBY's--LULUAI POINT, Coast E of LAHALA LAKE, and MOBIAI RIVER

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2. Southwestern Pacific Area (Cont'd)

A. Solomon Islands (Cont'd)

On 25 May, at MATCHIN BAY, waterfront targets were attacked by 15 B-25's, 9 TBF's, 20 SBD's and 32 P-40's and P-39's. Good results were reported, with explosions and fires caused.

The same day, in central BOUGAINVILLE, W of NUMA NUMA, IVITURI MISSION was hit by 1 SBD and 12 TBF's.

Also on 25 May, near TINPUTS, Jap gardens were doused with diesel oil and bombed by 2 TBF's, while scattered targets were hit by 20 fighter-bombers.

On night 25-26 May, U.S. gunboats (LCI's) were active, shelling targets in SHORTLANDS, at TONOLEI HARBOR, and at JABA RIVER mouth, where shore batteries were silenced. The same night, near TINPUTS, (off CAPE LAVERDY), 4 loaded Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's. 6 Japs were killed.

B. New Britain

On 25 May, supply dumps at TALILI were attacked by 12 B-25's, while RAPOPO and LAKUNAI airfields were raided by 3 B-24's. The same day, in N. RABAUL HARBOR, barge hideouts were hit by 8 P-38's, causing fires. Fighters continued their daily sweeps of the area.

C. New Ireland

On 25 May, gun positions and the airfield at KAVIENG were attacked by 4 TBF's and 30 SBD's. 19 tons of bombs were dropped.

On night 25-26 May, BORPOP was strafed by U.S. PT's aided by PBY's. Off CAPE SENA, large calibre Jap guns shelled the PT's, but inflicted no damage.

On afternoon 26 May, about 190 miles N of MUSSAU, a Jap SS was unsuccessfully attacked by a U.S. searchplane.

D. New Guinea

On 23 May, E. of WAKDE, an enemy party of 300 armed men was observed by a patrol plane marching eastwards toward TAKAR.

On night 25-26 May, WEWAK area was raided by 3 Australian Beauforts. Over 1½ tons of bombs were dropped, and fires caused. The same night, SARMI beach was strafed by U.S. PT's. Offshore, the PT's came upon a raft carrying 3 Japs, who were killed when they declined to be rescued.

On 26 May, N of the mouth of the SEPIK RIVER, BLUPBLUP ISLAND villages were strafed by 2 P-39's on reconnaissance. The same day, WEWAK area was again heavily attacked by 71 A-20's, 24 B-25's, 4 P-39's and 8 P-47's. Over 60 tons of bombs, 8 belly tanks, 37mm and 122,300 rounds of m/g were used against troop

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2. Southwestern Pacific Area (Cont'd)

D. New Guinea (Cont'd)

concentrations, supply dumps, bridges and roads. Slight to intense A/A fire shot down 1 A-20, but the crew was rescued. In the YAKAMUL area, about 26 miles SE of AITAPE, some enemy troops were met by our ground patrols. In the HOLLANDIA area, on the road between HUMBOLDT BAY and HOLLANDIA airfield, our troops were harassed by Jap snipers, while S of SENTANI LAKE, some Jap troops were reported on the move to the W. Enemy casualties in the HOLLANDIA area now total 1,967 dead, and 505 captured. E of MAFFIN airfield, our troops were meeting stiffened Jap resistance, but the advance was continuing. In MAFFIN VILLAGE, large supplies of clothing, ammunition and food were captured. At dawn on 26 May, at MAFFIN airfield, Jap positions were shelled by U.S. DD's. Total Jap casualties in the WAKDE-MAFFIN operations have reached 1,135 known killed, and 6 Japs taken prisoner.

Also 26 May, BOSNEK was raided early in the day by a single B-24 on patrol, while later, SORIDO was attacked by an unreported number of B-24's of the 13th Air Force. Explosions were caused.

Early 26 May, MANOKWARI TOWN was raided by 3 B-24's. 4½ tons of bombs were dropped. There was no A/A fire until the last B-24 made its run. Later, the same day, MANOKWARI was again attacked by 20 B-24's from DARWIN. 25 tons of bombs were dropped. Intense barrage-type A/A fire was encountered. Offshore, 2 seatrucks and 2 AK's were seen. Also, UTAROM and MABIRE airfields were each raided by single B-24's.

On morning 27 May, at 0715K, following supporting bombardment by U.S. and Australian cruisers and DD's and by bombers, troops of the U.S. 41st Division were landed at BOSNEK, on BIAK ISLAND. Jap automatic weapons and mortar fire was met by the troops going ashore, but our casualties were reported light. Ducks and amphibious tractors were used over difficult coral reefs. By 0930K, command ashore was assumed by the commanding general of the landing force, General FULLER. Reports to noon on 27 May stated that no Jap naval or air opposition had been met. Jap shore batteries inflicted minor damage and a few casualties on the supporting naval units.

On afternoon 27 May, off BIAK, the first enemy air opposition was met in the form of 12 medium bombers. 4 planes were shot down, but 1 got through to our shipping, causing damage to 1 small vessel.

3. N. E. I.

On 26 May, in AROE ISLANDS, DOBO was attacked by U.S. B-25's based at MERAUKE covered by P-38's. A schooner offshore was sunk, and jetties and buildings hit. The same day, the same target and targets on TRANGAN ISLAND were strafed by 4 B-24's returning from the MANOKWARI attack to DARWIN. Photos of 26 May of 5 KAI ISLANDS airfields showed 3 probably unserviceable and 2 serviceable. However, there were no planes on any of the fields.

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4. Australia

On Afternoon 26 May, in DARWIN area, a Jap plane on reconnaissance was seen.

5. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 1 Jap SS.

A second U.S. SS reports sinking 1 AK of 2100 tons, and damaging 1 AK of 3,168 tons and 1 AO of 10,052 tons.

A third U.S. SS reports sinking 2 large AK's and damaging 1 large AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 27 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 25 May (2218 K) 1 Navy PV attacked Shimushu with no opposition. Results were not seen. 4 additional PV's were abortive, 2 because of mechanical difficulties, 2 because of weather. All 5 planes returned safely.

The same night (2315 K) 1 Army B-24 bombed an island which was thought to be Matsuwa. Results were not seen. Another Army B-24 returned early because of mechanical trouble. Both planes returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Island

On 25 May (1755 K) over Paga, 3 Navy planes on a photo reconnaissance mission dropped bombs with unobserved results. No enemy planes were in the air and no A/A fire was met. One enemy plane was seen on the ground. On the E. side of the island 1 ship and several possible landing barges were observed. Pictures of the airstrip were obtained.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 24 May Ponape was attacked by 3 Army B-24's which dropped 3 tons of bombs on the ore plant and on Langar Island. A/A fire was meager.

(C) Marshall Islands

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	30 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV (Navy) 5 F6F's (Navy) 12 SBD's (Marine)	13.55 tons and strafed	Throughout day, hit atoll from Ormed to ENE Cherutakku. Destroyed radio station at Wotje. Attack concentrated on A/A positions on NE tip of Wotje and on buildings & ammunition storage areas. 3 F4U's suffered minor damage from A/A fire. A/A from meager to moderate.

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Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	21 B-25's (Army) 2 PV's (Navy)	22½ tons	A/A positions hit on Enbor and Bmidj. At Tiniet a large fire was started. Also an explosion. 1 PV damaged and crew member injured from A/A fire (ranged from none to moderate).

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 24 May, the airfield at Buka, nearby radar installations and the E. coast road on Bougainville were attacked by 51 Army planes (41 P-39's, 2 P-38's, 1 B-24 and 8 P-40's). Results were not seen.

(B) New Ireland

On 23 May at Cape Hamrodu, enemy gun positions were silenced by a U.S. reconnaissance plane. Medina plantation was also hit.

(C) New Britain

On 24 May at Rabaul, 25 B-25's, 18 TBF's, 23 SBD's, 8 P-38's and 11 P-40's bombed enemy A/A positions. 40 tons of bombs were dropped. Direct hits and explosions were reported. 5 planes were slightly damaged by A/A.

The same day 24 P4[illegible]'s strafed 10 trucks, in patrols of the area. That night 2 B-25's were on harassing missions over the area.

On 24 May Lakunai, Vunakanau and Tobera were serviceable. Keravat and Rapopo were unserviceable.

(D) New Guinea

On 22 May at Sawar 23 P-40's bombed and strafed positions and trucks. The same planes then strafed troops SE of Wakde. 40 100 kilogram Japanese bombs were dropped and 15,400 rounds of 50 calibre were used.

On 23 May, in the Wakde area the 1st and 3rd battalions of the 158th Infantry advanced toward Sarmi and by nightfall had reached Maffin village, where snipers were encountered. A bridge across the Koske River (further W.) was destroyed by artillery. On the E. of the perimeter, the enemy was contacted E. of the Ementoe River and 1½ miles S. of the Tor River mouth by 163 Infantry patrols.

The coast between Hollandia and Wakde was searched by 8 P-40's. 8 100 pound Jap bombs and 4,000 rounds of ammunition were used against Jap troops. At Biak Island 14 P-38's escorting B-24's burned 4 enemy barges by strafing. Personnel and guns were hit.

It has been reported that many groups (each possibly of 300 men have been seen moving W. between Maffin and Heimboldt.

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On the night of 23 - 24 May at Vandoemoean Island (E. of Sarmi) PT boats destroyed or sank 5 enemy beached barges. The same boats shelled Maffin Bay gun positions.

On 24 May at Hollandia, it was reported that in all areas except S. of Sentani Lake, enemy contacts were diminishing.

On 25 May in Hansa Bay 4 P-39's strafed the area. North Kewak, Sepik and Mischu installations and personnel areas were heavily bombed and strafed by 68 A-20's, 25 B-25's, 48 P-38's, P-39's and P-47's. 56 tons of bombs, 81,200 rounds of ammunition and 74 rounds of 75 MM cannon fire were used. Gun positions were silenced and fires were started.

The Marubian area was strafed by 5 P-39's. In the Orai River area (just E. of Sarmi) 2 B-24's bombed enemy installations.

At night on 25 May Manokwari was bombed by 3 Navy PB4Y's. 4½ tons of bombs caused a heavy explosion.

Both Mokmer and Sarmi were bombed by 2 Army B-24's on night patrol. 6 tons of bombs started fires.

An enemy convoy of 1 DD, 1 escort vessel and 2 medium AK's with plane cover was sighted between Halmahera and Waigeo on a SE course.

Over the approaches to Port Darwin, a possible enemy reconnaissance plane was seen.

Known enemy casualties in the Maffin Bay - Wakde operation now exceed 1,000.

The enemy defenses in the Bunabun - Bilau Bay area appear overgrown in a deteriorating condition. No movement was seen.

Patrolling at Aitape shows considerable enemy activity.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 26 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A). Marcus Island

Details of the U.S. attack on Marcus Island on 19 - 20 May have been received. Carrier based Naval aircraft made 373 sorties over the target area during the two days. One Jap medium bomber was destroyed and an unserviceable plane on the ground was damaged. There were no other enemy planes observed. 148 tons of bombs were dropped but low overcast prevented some planes from reaching objectives and reduced bombing accuracy. An estimated 15% of the structures on the island were damaged or destroyed. In addition, gun positions, revetments and loose stores were hit.

A small enemy AK was attacked 56 miles N. of the island and was left burning and in a sinking condition. An enemy patrol boat was attacked 375 miles N. of the island and was sinking when last seen.

3 airmen, 2 U.S. fighter planes (F6F's) and 2 scout bombers (SBC's) were lost, but some men were reported rescued by submarine.

(B) Wake Island

On 23 May Wake was attacked by planes of a U.S. task force. 354 sorties were made over the island and 148 tons of bombs were dropped. No enemy aircraft were seen. 20 buildings were destroyed and 12 were damaged. A fuel dump was destroyed and an observation tower was hit. 4 - 6 barges were damaged and a Sampan was sunk.

1 U.S. pilot, one fighter plane (VFN) and one scout bomber (SB2C) are missing.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 23 May scattered targets in Bougainville were attacked by 59 fighter-bombers (8 P-40's, 51 P-39's). 14½ tons of bombs were dropped. Near Buka Passage, a partially-hidden Jap floatplane was bombed and probably destroyed. At Tonolei, 1 barge was sunk. Buka Island targets were raided by 2 SBD's. Mibo and Mobiai Rivers mouths were bombed by PBY's on patrol.

On the night of 23 - 24 May, on SE Bougainville coast, Taki was shelled by U.S. PT's.

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(B) New Ireland

Fighter sweeps on 23 May off central SW coast of New Ireland netted 3 barges sunk or damaged, while near Kaviong, a 4th barge was damaged.

On the night of 23 - 24 May, off Namatanai, a Jap motal barge was sunk by U.S. PT's. About 20 Jap troops and some supplies were in the barge.

(C) Admiralty Islands

On 24 May, it was reported that total Jap known dead has reached 3,427. In addition, a total of 85 prisoners have been taken in the Admiralties operation.

(D) New Britain

On the night of 22 - 23 May, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's.

On 23 May, Tobera was attacked by 2 B-24's, 10 TBF's and 21 SBD's, while A/A gun positions in Rabaul area were hit by 8 Marine B-25's, 24 Army B-25's, 24 P-39's and 10 P-38's.

The area was swept by 20 F4U's. 5 trucks were set afire or damaged. We lost 1 F4U to A/A fire.

Photos later of all Rabaul airfields showed none were serviceable, and no enemy planes except 1 floatplane were present. In all the harbors were about 150 useable barges.

(E) New Guinea

A late report of the attack on 21 May on Kamiri by 12 A-20's states that 8 Jap planes on the ground were wrecked and 9 damaged. The report that barges were attacked, as reported in Naval Summary for 23 May 1944, was said to be incorrect.

On the night of 22 - 23 May, Hansa Bay coastal area was strafed by U.S. PT's. Intense return fire was met.

On the night of 23 - 24 May, NW of Hansa Bay, 3 Jap barges were badly damaged by U.S. PT's.

On 24 May, Hansa Bay area was attacked by 8 P-39's and 8 P-47's. Some bombs were dropped, and targets sprayed with 37 mm and 25,000 rounds of m/g. A fuel dump was set afire and a searchlight wrecked.

The same day, the Wewak area, the coast to the N, and Sepik River area were heavily hit by 12 B-25's, 89 A-20's, 30 P-47's, 51 P-38's and 14 Australian P-40's. 93 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 217,200 rounds of m/g. Buildings, bivouacs and gun positions were hit, and fires caused. Some A/A fire was encountered.

According to natives, Jap troops in the Wewak area are using the road along the beach in a move to the W.

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Our patrols E. of Aitape continued to be active. Some enemy troops were met.

On 24 May according to SWPA communique, the Maffin Bay airstrip was reached by U.S. troops advancing W. from the Tor River under close air support by P-40's and ground support by artillery and tanks. The enemy countered with artillery and intense small arms fire, causing some casualties and damage. A Jap 75 MM gun was put out of action by our artillery. 200 Jap troops, at 1 point, rushed 3 disabled U.S. tanks -- 40 Japs were killed.

Early 24 May, at Biak Island, Sorido was raided by 2 B-24's. Almost 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Later in the day, heavy bombers due to strike Biak were kept away by rough weather.

Also 24 May, at Noemfoor Island, Namber and Kamiri airfields were attacked by A-20's from Hollandia covered by P-38's. 11 Jap planes on the ground were destroyed and 4 more damaged. 3 fuel dumps were set afire, 3 trucks wrecked, and 1 barge sunk. There was no enemy air interception and no A/A fire.

(F) N. E. I.

On 24 May, off Tanimbar Islands, a 250-ton AK was sunk and a beached sea truck was damaged by 4 Dutch B-25's.

The same day, on S. coast of Soemba Island, a probable radio station was attacked and damaged by another 4 Dutch B-25's.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

U.S. Submarines have reported damaging an unidentified enemy vessel.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 25 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 24 - 25 May (0040 - 0158 K) Shimushu was bombed by 6 Navy medium bombers. Several fires were started. A/A was met but did no damage. All planes returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

Details of the raid on 21 May on Truk by 13th Air Task Force planes have been received. 26 B-24's took part. 59½ tons of bombs were dropped, but results could not be seen. Of the 30 - 40 Jap planes that intercepted, 2 were destroyed, 3 were probably shot down and 6 were damaged. Meagre A/A was met at Moen. As previously reported, 1 U.S. plane is missing. 10 - 15 large AK's and 8 small AK's were seen off the two islands.

On 23 May (1012 L) Ponape was bombed by 8 Army B-25's. 5 tons of bombs were dropped in the Jokaj area and in the plantations. Fires were noted.

Later the same day 5 Navy Photo PB4Y's dropped 45 100-pound bombs in the vicinity of both airfields. A/A was met but did no damage.

The same day Puluwat was attacked by a Navy search plane. Bomb hits were made on the enemy radio and weather stations. The housing area was destroyed. The same plane bombed the housing area at Murilo.

On 23 May at Nomoi a Navy search plane destroyed 2 enemy barges.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 23 May, bad weather prevented air attacks on enemy positions.

III. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On 22 May Kieta and Buka Passage areas were attacked by 1 TBF, 6 SBD's, 3PBY's and 44 P-39's. 4 bridges were wrecked, and supply dumps hit. Aitara and Ballale were also raided.

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(B) New Ireland

On 22 May Duke of York was attacked by 24 B-25's. Buildings were wrecked.

The same day, the radar station on Dyaul Island was bombed and demolished by 18 SBD's, 12 TBF's and 14 F4U's. In addition, 4 bridges were destroyed and 3 barges offshore were sunk. 2 F4U's and 1 TBF were brought down by A/A fire, but the crews of 2 of the planes were rescued.

Also 22 May in SE New Hanover, enemy positions along the coast were shelled by U.S. PT's.

On 23 May in the morning, about 155 miles N of Mussau, a Jap SS on the surface was attacked by U.S. DE's. Results were not reported. The same day, about 160 miles N of Mussau, a Jap SS was probably sunk by U.S. DD's. The same day, about 180 miles N of Mussau, a Jap SS on the surface was probably sunk by U.S. DE's.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 21 - 22 May Rabaul area was again raided by 4 B-25's.

On 22 May Talili supply area was bombed by 17 SBD's and 12 TBF's. Supply dumps along the coast nearby were hit with magnesium clusters from 12 P-40's, 8 P-38's and 22 P-39's. Fires were caused.

Rabaul area was swept by 4 F4U's. 7 barges were strafed and 2 trucks demolished.

Warangoi River area was swept by 8 New Zealand F4U's.

On the night of 22 - 23 May off Put Put Harbor, U.S. PT's were attacked by a Jap plane. 1 man was wounded.

(D) New Guinea

On 22 May, in addition to reports in Naval Summary for 24 May 1944, Awar area was raided by 4 more P-47's. An explosion resulted.

Also in addition to previous reports, Wewak area was attacked by 6 more B-25's and 10 more A-20's. 18 more tons of bombs, and 22,800 rounds of M/G were expended.

Later reports of the 22 May attack on an 1,800-ton AK about 70 miles NW of Manokwari (Naval Summary 24 May 1944) state that the ship was sunk.

On the night of 22 - 23 May, 3 widely-spaced targets along the coast were strafed by U.S. PT's — Tombanum Village, near Dogumur Bay; Suain Village, W of But; and the beach E of Sawar.

On 23 May, weather conditions prevented major attacks on Wewak, so Hansa Bay area was hit by 3 B-24's, 32 A-20's and 4 P-39's. About 30 tons of bombs and 35,400 rounds of M/G were expended. Fires were caused, and trucks wrecked.

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Wewak area was raided by a single B-25 and 4 Australian P-40's.

On 23 May, E of Aitapo, an Allied outpost at Nyaparake was forced to withdraw under pressure from a Jap force moving W. The enemy strength was estimated at 2 companies. Jap forces in the Suain area were attacked by 13 Australian P-40's, which bombed and strafed.

In the Hollandia area, about 20 miles SE of Sentani, at Arso Village, about 1,000 Japs were reported to be located, according to natives. Many of the Japs were said to be sick.

On the mainland near Wakde, Allied ground forces began extending their positions from the bridgehead on the W bank of the Tor River. Minor enemy resistance was met.

In the Sarmi-Maffin Bay area, strength of enemy forces was estimated at 1,500 men, according to natives.

Also on 23 May, on S Biak Island, Mokmer and Sorido were attacked by an unreported number of A-20's. No useable enemy planes remain on the island. A gun position was destroyed, and a lugger offshore was sunk.

Early 23 May, Kamiri and Manokwari were attacked by 5 B-24's. Over 7 tons of bombs were dropped. Moderate A/A fire was encountered over Manokwari. An explosion and fires were caused.

IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returned from patrol has reported sinking an enemy 60-ton trawler by gunfire. 1 AK and 3 trawlers totalling 4,430 tons were damaged. A second SS has reported sinking an enemy AO. A third SS has reported sinking an enemy small boat and taking 3 prisoners.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 24 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On 23 May Shimushu was bombed by a Navy medium bomber with unobserved results. There was no interception and the only A/A fire was from a ship E. of the island. 4 other Navy medium bombers took off at the same time on this mission, but 1 crashed and exploded, killing all crew members, and the other three were turned back. 4 planes returned.

The same day about 120 miles E. of Shimushu an enemy picket boat was sunk by 2 Army B-25's, one of which was slightly damaged by A/A fire.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas

On 22 May, Rota Island was bombed by 9 Army B-24's escorting 4 Navy photo planes. Bomb hits were made on the airfield runway. No enemy planes were seen, and there was no interception.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 22 May, at Truk, Falau Island was bombed by a U.S. B-24. 2 tons of bombs were dropped. Meager A/A fire was met.

(C) Marshall Islands

A report received on the condition of Jap bases in the Marshalls for the period of 11 - 15 May shows the Wotje, Mille and Taroa runways to be inoperational. At Wotje and Taroa, however, widespread repairs have been made recently to the NE-SW runways.

On 22 May the following raids were carried out in the Marshall Islands:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	55 B-24's 57 B-25's 49 SBD's (Marine) 34 F4U's 12 F6F's (Navy) F4U's & B-25's	154 tons 34 tons 23 tons 13 tons 6 tons strafed	Ormed thru ENE Cherutakku also Toton hit. Weather very bad. Raid reported to be 70% effective. Meager A/A. 10 planes were damaged. 2 men injured.

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Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Ville	16 F4U's (Marine)	8 tons	Hit area of radio station. No A/A. Results not seen.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 20 - 21 May, Buka Passage and Kieta were raided by PBY's.

On 21 May, scattered Bougainville targets were attacked by a single TBF, 4 P-38's and 34 P-39's. Bridges at Shishigatero, (on the Mibo River) and at Rigu Mission (near Kieta) were destroyed.

On the night of 21 - 22 May, in SE Bougainville, Lahala Lake area was shelled by U.S. PT's.

On 22 May, a battalion of the Americal Division returned to Torokina after a 6-day patrol of the area several miles N. of the perimeter. The battalion reported the destruction of Jap emplacements and ammunition dumps, and found 67 enemy dead and about 500 graves.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 20 - 21 May, Kavieng was raided by the same 4 B-25's which raided Rabaul.

On 21 May, Kavieng was attacked by 4 TBF's and 40 F4U's. Fires were started, and 2 barges damaged. The Dyaul Island radar station was also strafed.

On the night of 21 - 22 May, U.S. PT's took off 4 Chinese from New Hanover.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 20 - 21 May, Rabaul area was raided by 1 PV and 4 B-25's.

On 21 May, Tobera airfield was attacked by 12 TBF's and 30 SBD's. A/A brought down 1 SBD, but the crew was rescued.

The same morning, Vunakanau was hit by 24 TBF's, 20 SBD's, 3 B-24's, 12 P-40's, and 22 P-39's. 1 TBF was brought down by A/A, and the crew was not rescued.

Lakunai was hit by 8 P-38's and 24 B-25's. Rabaul area was also swept by F4U's.

(D) New Guinea

A late report of the attack on 19 May on Manokwari by B-24's covered by 23 P-38's states that 4 more Jap fighters were shot down, and

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another probably shot down, by the P-38's.

On the night of 20 - 21 May, in Wewak area, large calibre shore batteries fired on U.S. PT's.

On 21 May, Hansa Bay area was hit by 4 more P-39's, in addition to previous reports. 1 P-39 did not return.

The same day, air patrols over Bunabun-Uligan coastal area reported that Jap defence works had become overgrown, and no enemy activity was observed.

Observation on 21 May of 3 Biak Island airfields showed all unserviceable. Utarom was serviceable, but had no planes. At Boemi, construction work on a new dispersal area was shown in photos.

On 22 May, Awar was raided by 4 P-47's. 1 ton of bombs was dropped, causing a fuel fire. In Sepik River area, it was reported that small enemy parties use canoes by night to move downstream.

The same day, Wewak area and coast to the W. was again attacked by an assortment of bombers -- 57 A-20's, 42 B-25's, 37 P-38's, 50 P-47's and 12 Australian Beauforts. A total of 141 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 191,000 rounds of m/g. Tambunum and Timbunke Villages, S. of Wewak on the Sepik River, were also attacked. Explosions and fires were caused. Slight to moderate A/A fire was encountered. We lost 1 Beaufort.

On 22 May, E. of Aitape, at Drindaria River (E. of Yakamul), Allied patrols withdrew because of increased Jap activity.

In Maffin Bay area, there was little change in the ground situation.

On 22 May S. Biak Island was heavily attacked by 56 B-24's. Supply and fuel dumps at Sorido and along the coast received 1.4½ tons of bombs. Many fires were caused. Moderate to intense A/A fire was met.

Early 22 May, Manokwari was attacked by 11 B-24's. About 9½ tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps and personnel areas. An ammunition dump was blown up, and fires started. At midday, about 70 miles W. of Manokwari a small Jap AK was strafed by our planes.

According to first reports, on 22 May Babo was attacked by bombers of the 5th Air Force. No details were reported.

(E) N. E. I.

On the night of 20 - 21 May, off Sourabaya, in Madura Strait area, about 20 enemy ships were reported by medium bombers (PBY) on reconnaissance.

On the night of 21 - 22 May, about 100 miles NW of Ambon, 3 enemy ships were bombed by an Australian PBY on reconnaissance. Results were not reported.

On the afternoon of 22 May, in Aroe Islands, Doka Barat airfield area was raided by 4 Dutch B-25's. Gun positions and huts were strafed. No enemy activity was observed.

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IV. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy DD and damaging an AK. A second SS reports sinking a medium AK. Other U.S. SS's report sinking an AP/AK.

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Summary as of 0800, 23 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 19 May a cancelation has been received for the report of a 13th Air Task Force attack on Truk.

On 20 May, SE of Palau, a Navy PB4Y shot down an enemy bomber. Also the same day Satawan was bombed by a Navy heavy bomber on patrol.

On 21 May at Helen Reef an enemy oil dump was bombed and strafed by a Navy search plane; a large fire was started. A lugger in the vicinity, apparently used for A/A, was bombed and strafed and beached.

Also 21 May, according to a preliminary report, Truk was attacked by heavy bombers of the 13th Air Task Force, Param and Moen were bombed. 35 to 40 enemy fighters intercepted. 1 U.S. plane is missing. Further details are lacking.

On 21 May (1210 and 1435 L) Ponape was attacked by 6 B-25's. 6 tons of bombs were dropped in the old airfield and plantation areas. No A/A was met.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 21 May, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs	Results
Wotje	3 PB2Y's	6 tons	Attacked singly. Started fire. Meager A/A.
	20 F4U's (Marine) 4 PV's	4 tons & strafed	Attacked in 5 strikes. A/A positions hit. Meager A/A.
Taroa	7 PV's	10½ tons	Hit runway. Meager A/A.
	4 PBY's	4 tons	Hit Island.
	13 F6F's	6½ tons	Attacked in 3 flights. A/A positions hit. Building on island N. of Taroa hit.

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II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 19 - 20 May, Mibo River gun positions were strafed by U.S. PT's and bombed by PBY's.

On the morning of 20 May, Shortlands were bombarded by U.S. Navy surface units.

The same day, Buin area was attacked by 17 TBF's, 14 SBD's, 44 fighter-bombers and 30 B-25's. Supply dumps, gun positions and bivouacs were the target. The pilot of 1 P-40, forced down by A/A, parachuted and was rescued.

Also 20 May, scattered targets were attacked by 4 TBF's and 30 fighter-bombers. (Matchin Bay, Sohana, Kieta, Tinputs, Chabai were hit). 1 barge was sunk, 2 damaged and 6 strafed, and Kieta gardens were again oiled.

(B) New Ireland

On 20 May, off Duke of York, 5 Jap barges were sunk and 4 damaged in sweeps by 24 F4U's. A/A fire brought down 1 F4U. There was no enemy air interception.

The same day, targets near Kavieng were attacked by 12 TBF's, 24 SBD's, and 8 F4U's. Main attention was paid to bridges, of which 8 - 10 were wrecked. At Dyaul Island, a radar station was demolished. 1 F4U was forced down by mechanical trouble, but the pilot was rescued.

(C) New Britain

On the night of 19 - 20 May, Rabaul area was raided by 4 B-25's and 1 PV.

On 20 May, Tobera airfield was bombed by 3 B-24's. 9 tons of bombs were dropped.

(D) New Guinea

On 19 May, in addition to previous reports (Naval Summary for 22 May 1944), Hewak to Suain area was hit by 12 more Australian P-40's. $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs were dropped.

On 20 May, at Mawi Bay (S. of Moemi) 4 Jap barges were damaged by 3 B-25's on reconnaissance.

On 21 May, Hansa Bay area was attacked by 2 P-39's and 52 P-47's. 17 tons of bombs were dropped. Trucks were hit, and fires caused.

The same day, targets from Suain to Hewak were attacked by 48 P-38's, 15 Australian Beauforts, 55 A-20's and 49 B-25's. Over 133 tons of bombs, and 126,700 rounds of m/g were expended against villages and camps. Buildings bridges and gun positions were hit, and fires started. Moderate A/A fire was met. Suain was also strafed by U.S. PT's. Mortars were put out of action.

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At Hollandia and Aitape, patrol activity continued, with some Jap snipers being met. Total enemy casualties in these 2 areas reached 2,603 killed.

On 21 May, about 4 miles W. of Tor River, near Maffin airfield, heavy enemy defensive positions were shelled by Allied artillery. A large fire was started. Some enemy fire was received at our bridgehead on the Tor River.

At Wakde Island, our transport planes began landing on the airfield.

Enemy casualties in the operation to date number 833 killed, of which 759 were killed on Wakde Island, and 1 Jap was captured. Our casualties were less than 50 killed.

Also 21 May, at Biak Island, Sorido supply dumps were bombed by 34 B-24's, which dropped 84 tons of bombs. Explosions were caused, and personnel and headquarters buildings were also hit.

The same day, Kamiri airfield was hit by 12 A-20's, covered by P-38's. 7 barges were sunk, 8 damaged, and 2 fuel dumps set afire. There was no enemy air interception.

Also 21 May, 3 W. New Guinea airfields were attacked by 18 B-24's -- Utarom by 7, Moemi by 5, and Manokwari by 6 B-24's. 22½ tons of bombs were dropped. Fires were caused at all 3 targets. At Moemi 6 Jap fighters were seen on the ground. Manokwari was also raided by a single B-24.

The same day, W. of Manokwari, 5 small AK's along the coast were attacked by PB4Y's. 1 AK was probably sunk, and the other 4 were damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 22 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kuril Islands

On the night of 19 May (2300 K), Shimushiru and Ketoi in the Central Kurils (not Shimushu as reported in Naval Activities Summary for 21 May) were raided by a single Army B-24. Photos were taken, and a few bombs dropped.

On the night of 21 May the Shimushu - Paramushiru area was attacked by 3 Navy medium bombers. Bombs were dropped but results were not observed because of overcast. All planes returned safely.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 20 May (0725 - 0800 L) Ponape was attacked by 9 Army B-25's. 3 ton. of bombs were dropped in the new airfield area. Slight A/A was met.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 20 May, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	4 PV's	4 tons	Hit island. Meager A/A.
	24 F4U's (Marine 1 PV	5 tons & strafed	Hit radio station on TOTON Island and strafed. Also strafed islands N. of Wotje. 1 F4U damaged by meager A/A.
Taroa	5 PV's 5 PBY's	7-1/2 tons 5 tons	Hit targets. Attacked singly.
	6 P6F's 6 P6F's	6 tons	Hit coastal guns, and bomb storage area.
	1 B-24	Photo recco.	Got 50% coverage.

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Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	2 PV's 7 SBD's 4 F6F's	2-3/4 tons 3 tons	Hit Tiniet. Hit Aineman. Meager A/A.
Wotje	12 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV	5 tons & strafed	Hit airfields, A/A positions, buildings & tank area. 1 truck destroyed. Intense A/A fire.
Jaluit	2 PV's	3 tons	Hit Kabbenbook & Emidj. Moderate A/A fire.
Taroa	4 F6F's	4 tons	Hit coastal guns. No A/A.

(C) Nauru

On the morning of 20 May (0900) Nauru was attacked by 12 Army B-25's. 7-1/4 tons of bombs were dropped in the phosphate plant and power station areas. Intense A/A caused minor damage to 4 planes.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 19 May, about 120 miles NE of Buka, a Jap SS was attacked and believed sunk by a U.S. DE. (Another SS was believed sunk in this area on 16 May.) The same day, targets along Buka Passage and at Matchin Bay were attacked by 2 TBF's, 3 SBD's and 44 P-39's.

The coast of Bougainville was attacked by 26 fighter-bombers -- 12 P-40's, 6 P-38's, 6 F4U's and 2 P-38's. 2 bridges were wrecked. (Monoitu, Kiota, Kahili, Tonolei, Porton were among the targets). Jap gardens near Kiota were again sprayed with diesel oil.

(B) New Ireland

On 19 May, Duke of York was attacked by 44 fighter- bombers, which dropped 13 tons of incendiaries.

The same day, Nabuto Bay area (near Namatanai) and the coastal road were attacked by 3 TBF's and 30 SBD's. 3 bridges were wrecked. Meanwhile, off Kavieng, a floatplane on the water was destroyed by F4U's.

On the night of 19 - 20 May, Medina Plantation, (NE coast), was shelled by U.S. PT's. Enemy coastal guns, which had fired on the PT's, were silenced. The same night, off S. central New Ireland, an enemy floatplane bombed U.S. PT's, causing 1 casualty.

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(C) New Britain

On the night of 18 - 19 May, Rabaul area was raided by 3 B-25's.

On 19 May, Talili Bay was attacked by 12 TBF's, 6 LBD's and 16 B-25's. Supply dumps and gun positions were the target. A number of magnesium clusters was used. The same day, Gazelle Peninsula was swept by 8 New Zealand F4U's.

Photos on 20 May showed 2 Rabaul airfields serviceable -- Vunakanau and Lakunai and 1 partly serviceable -- Tobora.

(D) New Guinea

On 18 May, Karkar Island was shelled by light Australian vessels. No opposition was encountered.

On 19 May total enemy casualties in Hollandia area numbered 455 Japs captured, 1,828 killed.

On Wakde Island, our troops destroyed some Jap log and concrete pillboxes. Enemy casualties on the island, according to incomplete reports, total at least 550 men.

On the mainland, the enemy launched 2 unsuccessful counter-attacks against our units on the W. bank of the Tor River. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Some Jap artillery fire was received. Our troops were supported by P-40's.

Later 19 May, the AK's near Manokwari were attacked by 12 A-20's covered by 14 P-38's. 7 - 8 AK's were sunk . Monokwari airfield and Kamiri airfield were also attacked. 2 bombers on the ground at Manokwari were set afire, and at Kamiri, 4 planes were damaged. There was some enemy air interception. Our planes shot down 1 Jap floatplane. We suffered no losses.

Also 19 May Nubia was raided by 2 P-47's.

The same day, Bosnek supply area was again attacked by 39 B-24's. About 93 tons of bombs were dropped, causing large fires.

Early 20 May, Manokwari was raided by 2 B-24's on patrol. Explosions were caused.

Also early 20 May, Kamiri was attacked by 11 B-24's. Fires were started. The same day, Biak Island airfields were hit by 12 A-20's. A large fuel fire was caused, and 1 plane on the ground wrecked.

In the Wakde area, W. of Tor River, Jap troop concentrations were strafed by an unreported number of P-40's.

Also 20 May, the Sowak area and the coast to the W. was heavily attacked by 17 Australian Beauforts, 31 B-25's, 94 A-20's, 2 P-39's and 26 P-47's. 119 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, and 213,500 rounds of m/g expended in strafing. Huts and buildings were wrecked, and fires caused. Our losses were 1 Beaufort.

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The same day, villages in Mansa Bay area were raided by 1 B-25 and 4 P-39's. Targets were strafed with 37 MM and m/g. 3 trucks were hit.

About 45 miles E. of Aitape, our ground patrols moving along the coast reported meeting a few Jap troops. In Hollandia area, it was reported that the Jap retreat here was completely disorganized.

Also 20 May, the area just E. of Sarmi Point was bombed by U.S. DD's. A large ammunition dump was blown up. In E. Sarmi Village, Jap barracks also received a few rounds from the DD's.

(E) N. E. I.

On 20 May, in Banda Sea, on N. coast of Babar Island, a Jap wireless station was attacked by 8 Australian light bombers (Beauforts). Over 6 tons of bombs were dropped, with some near hits.

The same day, off Nila Island, in Banda Sea, a lugger with 12 Japs aboard was probably sunk in an attack by a Dutch B-25 on patrol.

IV. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy trawler by gunfire.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

A. Kurile Islands

Early the morning of 19 - 20 May (0200 - 0300 K), Shimushu was attacked by 7 PV's of Fleet Air Wing 4. Bombs were dropped on Higashi Zaki and the airfield in central Shimushu, causing fires. Some photos were taken. Slight ineffective A/A fire was met.

At 2300 K, the evening of 19 May, Shimushu - Paramushiru area was raided by a single Army B-24. Photos were taken, and a few bombs dropped.

All planes returned to base safely.

At 1948 K, the evening of 19 May, about 200 miles E of Paramushiru, a 150-foot Jap boat was sunk in an attack by 2 Army B-25's.

Correction to Naval Activities for 20 May 1944 - the 80-foot boat was sunk by 2 B-25's, not 1 B-24 and 1 B-25 as was reported.

II. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

At 1201 K, 18 May, Ponape was hit by 5 B-25's. 5 tons of bombs were dropped on Jokaj Island and the new airfield. There was no A/A fire.

On 19 May, Truk was attacked by an unreported number of B-24's from the Admiralties. There was no A/A fire and no enemy air interception.

B. Marshall Islands

On 18 May, the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bombs	Results
Wotje	6 F4U's (Marine) 6 F4U's 1 PV	5 tons	A/A battery, 1 plane, 40 Japs, trucks strafed. A/A positions hit. 1 truck wrecked.

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Target	Planes	Bombs	Results
	On 19 May, the following enemy targets were attacked:		
Wotje	4 PV's 1 PV (Photo) 24 F4U's (Marine) 12 F4U's 3 PB2Y's	over 19 tons	Explosions caused. Radio station and magazines hit. Moderate A/A. Runway hit. Slight A/A.
Taroa	23 B-25's 16 F6F's 20 SBD's (Marine)	40 tons	Shelters and A/A guns hit. Moderate A/A. 2 B-25's damaged. Power station and runway hit. Light A/A. Magazines and runway hit.
Jaluit	2 PV's 7 SBD's (Marine) 3 F6F's	almost 7 1/2 tons	Jabor, Mnybor hit. Sydney pier hit. Radio station bombed. Moderate A/A.
Mille	6 PV's 12 F4U's (Marine)	12 1/4 tons	Radio station and barracks hit. No A/A. Barracks hit. Meager A/A. A/A battery possibly hit. Moderate A/A. Radio station hit. No A/A.

C. Wake Island

At 1203 L, 18 May, Wake was attacked by 2 squadrons of Army B-24's. 38 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, with good results. Intense and accurate A/A fire caused damage to 2 bombers and shot down 1 with 11 men aboard.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

The afternoon of 18 May, Buin area was attacked by 17 TBF's, 12 SBD's and 43 fighter-bombers. Gun positions and supply dumps were the target.

B. New Britain

On 18 May, weather conditions prevented major strikes against Rabaul. Tobera was raided by 4 F4U's.

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C. New Ireland

On 18 May, off S Duke of York, 3 barges were sunk by F4U's.

The same day, about 24 miles SE of Kavieng, at Lakurafanga, a probable Jap command post was attacked by 12 TBF's and 22 SBD's. Targets S of this area were attacked by 3 TBF's. 2 bridges were wrecked and 1 damaged.

D. New Guinea

Summarizing operations of PT's off coast of New Guinea for the 11 days from 7 - 8 May to 17 - 18 May - a total of 22 barges and 1 sampan were sunk or destroyed.

The morning of 18 May, about 270 miles NW of Manokwari, near Nelon Island, a single Jap AK was strafed by a B-24 on patrol.

By the evening of 19 May, at Wakde Island, enemy resistance had ceased. Slight opposition was being met on the mainland.

According to natives, on the day before our landing, a force of about 250 armed enemy troops was present near the landing beach.

Early 19 May, in S Biak Island, Bosnek supply dumps and the airfield at Mokmer were attacked by 8 B-24's.

At midday, 19 May, Manokwari airfield was attacked by 12 B-24's from Darwin covered by P-38's. Over 16 tons of bombs were dropped, and several planes on the ground wrecked. Of 8 intercepting Jap fighters, 2 were shot down and 1 damaged. In the area, 7 small to medium AK's were seen.

Later the same day, the AK's near Manokwari were attacked by 12 A-20's covered by 14 P-38's. 3 AK's were sunk. Manokwari airfield and Kamiri airfield were also attacked. 2 bombers on the ground at Manokwari were set afire, and at Kamiri, 4 planes were damaged. There was some enemy air interception. Our planes shot down 1 Jap floatplane. We suffered no losses.

Also Friday, W of Wegiar, Australian patrols from Alexishafen reported meeting a few enemy troops.

The same day, targets from Hansa Bay to Sepik River were attacked by P-39's and P-47's.

The morning of 19 May, Wewak area was attacked by 70 A-20's, 18 Beauforts, 27 B-25's and 59 P-38's. Buildings were wrecked, and bivouacs hit.

The same day, about midway between Aitape and Wewak, Jap personnel were attacked by 9 A-20's.

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18 May photos of 3 Malmahera airfields showed 170 planes present, including 105 fighters and 61 bombers.

The afternoon of 19 May, in central Timor, Atamboea village was attacked by 12 Dutch B-25's. The barracks area was hit, and covered by smoke.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

A. Kuril Islands

On the night of 18 May (2316-2330K) Paramushiro was attacked by 6 Fleet Air Wing 4 PV's. At the airfields at Suribachi and Kurabu Zaki large fires were started. Fires were also seen on Tomari Zaki. Searchlights were accurate. A/A caused minor damage to 1 plane but all planes returned to base safely.

The following morning (0756) one Army B-25 and one B-24 attacked and sank an 80-foot enemy boat 180 miles E. of Paramushiro.

II. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

A report received on the status of Jap Bases in the Carolines as of the second week in May shows that at Ponape the old runway B is serviceable, while A is not serviceable. The new airstrip can be used in emergency only. At Kusaie airfield is inoperational.

At Lamotrek, 18 May, one Army B-24 on patrol reports the destruction of 6 enemy float-planes and the damage of 3 others. A fuel dump was left burning. The U.S. plane suffered some damage from A/A fire. The same day at Satawan, a 250-foot AK and 3 40-foot picket boats were attacked entering the lagoon by Navy PB4Y's. 4 enemy planes were airborne, 1 was shot down. A/A fire damaged 1 plane, injuring a crew member. In a second attack one Jap plane was damaged. A/A fire was intense.

On 19 May, 90 miles S of Ponape, an enemy SS was attacked and destroyed by U.S. planes. 6 runs were made on the sub and several hits were made. An intense explosion followed by a great amount of diesel oil and much debris confirmed the sinking.

B. Marshall Islands

A report received on the status of Jap Bases in the Marshall Islands as of the second week in May shows no notable change since last report except the destruction of 2 magazines at Wotje. Runways at Wotje and Taroa are inoperational but show evidence of some recent repairs. Runway at Milli was possibly serviceable for fighters.

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III. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

17 May Buka was bombed by 9 Naval dive-bombers (6 SBD's, 3 TBF's). The same day targets on Bougainville were hit by 39 fighters. Fires were started in the Kieta gardens and a bridge was destroyed near Numa Numa. Also on 17 May, at Chabai, 13 Navy dive bombers (6 SBD's, 7 TBF's) bombed the area. Minor patrol clashes were reported N of the Torokina perimeter.

On 18 May Taki (SE coast of Bougainville) was shelled by LCI's and Mibo was strafed by PT's.

B. New Britain

On 17 May at Rabaul, Lakunai was attacked by 12 Navy TBF's, Vunakanau was attacked by 42 Navy SBD's and 43 fighters. Tobera was left unserviceable by 25 B-25's. Rapopo was bombed by 3 B-24's on a training flight. 2 SBD's are missing from these missions. 57 tons of bombs were dropped. The same night, the area was harassed by 3 B-25's. Also on 17 May in Rabaul harbor oil barges were attacked by rocket-firing Navy SBD's.

C. New Ireland

Gun positions at Kavieng were bombed by 18 Navy SBD's on 17 May. The same day the Cape St. George area was strafed by P-38's. Intense A/A damaged 2 planes so badly they crash-landed when returning to base.

On 18 May off the W coast, a loaded enemy barge was sunk by PT's. The same night off the SE coast of Solapiu Island (between New Ireland and New Hanover) PT's and fighters destroyed an enemy whale boat and collapsible boat. Enemy huts and a signal tower were shelled and strafed. On the W coast of the same island, a whale boat was destroyed and a barge was beached.

D. New Guinea

On 17 May in the Hollandia area enemy casualties were: prisoners, 413; killed, 456. The same day in the Hansa Bay area 26 P-47's and 23 A-20's attacked coastal barges. 10 tons of bombs were dropped, and the targets were strafed.

Boiken and Karubian were attacked by 16 RAAF P-40's and 2 P-47's. 3½ tons of bombs were dropped and the area was strafed. Saar and Sarmi were attacked by 6 B-25's. 6 tons of bombs were dropped.

In the Aitape area, 18 May, at Cape Sjeruan (just east of Matapan) an Allied amphibious patrol landed and patrolled roads. Enemy casualties to date are 29 prisoners and 694 killed.

The same day (0821I) in the Wakde area, Allied troops landed on Wakde Island where they met only scattered resistance from light arms. By

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the middle of the afternoon the airstrip was occupied and opposition was reported reduced to the NE corner of the island. On the mainland, our troops and patrols met only enemy sniper fire. 29 of the enemy were killed.

The landing on Wakde was preceded by DD and LCI bombardment. Before dawn the same day, Hollandia was bombed by 1 enemy aircraft. No damage and only minor casualties were reported. Awar was attacked by 23 A-20's which dropped 17 tons of bombs.

Coastal villages in the Hansa Bay region were bombed by 7 P-47's. Over 2 tons of bombs were dropped. The Boram airfield was attacked by 14 RAAF Beauforts and 3 B-24's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped.

Sepik River villages were attacked by 8 P-39's and 8 B-25's. The P-39's dropped belly tanks and the B-25's bombed and strafed. 3½ tons of bombs were dropped. Also on 18 May the But-Boram-Wewak area was attacked by 26 A-20's and 34 B-25's. Bivouacs, storage and bridges were attacked. 46 tons of bombs were dropped and the areas were strafed. Muschu Island was attacked by A-20's which bombed and strafed.

Both Bosnek supply areas and Sorido Village on Biak Island were attacked by B-24's. No interception or A/A were met. Landings were made on Livi and Niroemoar Islands NW of Wakde. No enemy opposition was met and there were no casualties.

E. N. E. I.

The morning of 17 May at Soerabaya, a large scale combined attack was made on the naval base, according to an Allied communique. This attack involved nearly 100 planes included in an American-British aircraft carrier force and units from the East Asian, SW and Central Pacific commands. Only minor air force and ground defenses were met.

Before dawn, the morning of 18 May, 7 5th Air Force B-24's followed up the carrier plane raid with a 12-ton bombing attack on railroads, causing fires and explosions. In the 2 raids, shipping, harbor areas, airdromes, an oil refinery, and communications were heavily damaged with a loss of 3 Allied planes. 2 enemy planes were shot down and 19 were destroyed on the ground. Direct hits were made on 36,000 tons of enemy shipping. No Allied ships were lost.

Also on 18 May in the Tanimbars, Larat and Saumlaki were bombed by 4 Dutch B-25's. 4 tons of bombs were dropped and the whole allowable supply of 50 calibre was expended. 3 enemy sea trucks were attacked, 2 being claimed probably sunk and the third damaged. Accurate A/A fire was met. 1 plane is missing.

The same day Allied reconnaissance over Halmahera reported 2 medium and 4 small merchant ships, possibly 3 CL's, 6 DL's and many small vessels throughout the group. Over 100 planes were observed on airfields. One enemy plane intercepted ineffectively.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 19 May 1944

I. Western Pacific Area

A. Philippine Islands

On 12 May, at Manila, a total of approximately 83,000 tons of shipping was in the harbor. Included was one possible CVE.

II. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

On 17 May at Truk U.S. search plane bombed a Jap 10,000-ton AO and a 5,000-ton AK. The AO was hit with 1 500-pound bomb, exploded and was reported as undoubtedly sunk. The AK was reported probably sunk from severe damage. 12 enemy vessels were seen in the harbor.

The same day at Puluwat U.S. search planes bombed the airstrip, bivouac and radio station areas. The same areas were then strafed. A/A fire wounded 2 men and damaged a plane.

At 1013 K, also the same day, at Ponape 9 B-25's dropped 7 1/2 tons of bombs. The town, airfields and dock installations were hit. The fields appeared operational. Slight A/A was met. A second attack was made on Ponape by 5 PB4Y photo planes. 2 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped in the seaplane base and building areas. No A/A was encountered.

On 18 May, 375 miles NE of Truk, a U.S. search plane destroyed an enemy bomber.

B. Marshall Islands

On 16 May the following enemy target was attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Mille	4 PV's	4 3/4 tons	Hit area of bivouacs. No A/A.

On 17 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

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Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Taroa	8 FGF's 7 PV's 5 PBY's	18 tons	A/A positions hit. No A/A present. Runway (NE-SW) hit. Meager A/A.
Wotje	24 F4U's (Marine) 7 1/4 tons 1 PV		Attacked destroyed tank area, radio station and runway. 2 F4U's and PV suffered minor damage from intense A/A.

C. Nauru Island

On 17 May, at 1030 L, Nauru was attacked by 12 B-25's. The east phosphate plant, dispersal area and power station were hit. Fires and large explosions resulted. Intense A/A was met.

D. Wake Island

On 17 May, at 1030 L, Wake was bombed by 23 B-24's. 54 1/4 tons of bombs were released. Wilkes Island and Peacock Point were badly damaged. A/A caused minor damage to 2 planes.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On the morning of 16 May Tabut was attacked by 6 SBD's. In the afternoon, Bonis gun positions and airfield were hit by 12 TBF's and 12 SBD's.

Early the same day, Kieta, Mibo River and Aitara were raided by PBY's.

The same day, 16 May, scattered targets were hit by 34 fighter-bombers. Gardens and huts near Kieta were the main target, with gardens again being doused with diesel oil.

The night of 16 - 17 May, at the Mibo River mouth, enemy positions were strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 17 May, about 11,000 yards N of the Torokina perimeter, an enemy unit of about 50 men was engaged by a patrol of the 37th Division. 90 MM mortar fire was used by the Japs. After our patrol withdrew, the enemy positions were shelled by our artillery.

The same day, about 130 miles NE of Buka, a SS was probably sunk by a U.S. DD.

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B. New Britain

On the night of 15 - 16 May the Rabaul area was attacked by B-25's and B-34's.

On 16 May, Tobera airfield and supply dumps were attacked by 12 TBF's, 10 SBD's and 2 B-24's.

The same day, Vunakanau was hit by 43 fighter-bombers. Over 13 tons of bombs were dropped, causing many fires.

Throughout 16 May the Rabaul area was under attack by fighters. 6 trucks were wrecked, 20 more strafed and the sawmill at Koravat hit.

17 May photos of Rabaul airfields showed them all unserviceable. At Talili, of 305 revetted storage bays, 220 have been destroyed.

C. New Ireland

The morning of 16 May, about 5 miles SE of Kavieng, supply dumps and gun positions were attacked by 11 TBF's and 16 SBD's. 19 tons of bombs were dropped.

The night of 16 - 17 May, in NE New Ireland, Medina Plantation gun positions were strafed by U.S. PT's aided by PBY's. Some ineffective return fire was met. The same night, off the SW coast, 2 unidentified planes ineffectively attacked other U.S. PT's.

On 17 May, off N New Hanover, at Ungalik Island, U.S. PT's came close inshore and took off 14 Chinese refugees.

D. New Guinea

On 16 May, supplementing reports in the Naval Activities for 18 May 1944, Hansa Bay area was attacked by 12 more A-20's, 8 P-39's, and 24 P-47's. 9 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 30,500 rounds of M/G. Some M/G fire from the ground was met. In the Wewak area, the attack by 9 P-47's resulted in 12 barges being set afire.

The same day, Sepik River targets were hit by 12 more P-47's and 4 B-25's.

In the Marubian area, W of Wewak, in support of ground activity, enemy personnel were attacked by 7 P-40's and 21 A-20's, which dropped 31 tons of bombs and strafed with 39,700 rounds of M/G.

Correction to Naval Activities for 18 May 1944 - in Kamiri attack by 7 B-24's and 16 P-38's, 3 Jap fighters were shot down, not 2 as first reported.

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The attack on Bosnek (16 May) was made by 41 Admiralties-based PB4Y's. 82 tons of bombs were dropped. Wakde Island was raided by a single heavy bomber, which dropped over 2 tons of bombs.

16 May photos of Kamiri airfield showed 25 Jap planes present, and confirmed the extension of a new strip on the N coast of Noemfoor, at Kornasoren, to 4,000 feet.

On 17 May, the Mansa Bay area was again attacked by P-39's and 23 A-20's. The A-20's dropped 16 1/2 tons of bombs on bivouacs and gun positions, and strafed with 39,100 rounds of M/G.

The Wowak area was hit by 26 A-20's, 1 B-25, 3 B-24's and 15 Australian Beauforts. A total of 18 tons of bombs were dropped on Boram, Dagua and Boikan bridges, and targets strafed with 90,000 rounds of M/G.

Also 17 May, in the Marubian area, where increased enemy activity has been reported, villages and concentrations were attacked by 18 A-20's. 24 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, and 27,600 rounds of M/G expended in strafing.

In the Hollandia - Aitape area, where patrol activity continued, total enemy casualties reached: 2,120 known dead, and 491 prisoners. (Hollandia - 1,456 dead, 463 captured; Aitape - 664 dead, 28 captured.)

The landing on the morning of 17 May in the Wakde area at Arara beach took place at 0715 K, by units of U.S. 41st Division. Our forces split into 2 columns, 1 moving E to Toem, on the mainland opposite Wakde Island, killing 9 Japs on the way. The other column moved W to the Tor River mouth. Thus, by Wednesday night, the beachhead was about 8 miles wide.

In support of this operation, Wakde - Sawar - Sarmi area was attacked by 34 B-25's and an unreported number of A-20's and B-24's. The B-25's dropped 40 tons of bombs, and 6 of the B-24's dropped 10 tons of bombs.

Also 17 May, the S coast of Biak Island was attacked by 5 groups of B-24's. Many fires and huge explosions were caused. There was no enemy air interception, and slight A/A fire.

The same day, Kamiri airfield was hit by 7 B-24's which saw 2 Jap fighters airborne but were not intercepted, while off Manokwari, a Jap floatplane was shot down by a PB4Y on patrol.

On 18 May, our forces landed without opposition on Wakde Island, supported by rocket fire from LCI's at close range. Some resistance was later encountered. Our forces were advancing across the Wakde airfield, being opposed by enemy sniper and mortar fire. A total of 30 enemy troops was reported killed, according to press dispatches. At Toem, Jap ammunition, trucks and crated motors were captured.

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IV. U. S. SS Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking 1 large and 1 small enemy AK's.

A second SS has reported sinking 5 enemy AK's totalling 29,000 tons.

A third SS has reported sinking a Jap SS. In addition 2 enemy merchant vessels (one loaded with gasoline) were damaged and probably sunk.

A fourth SS has reported sinking a Jap trawler by gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

On 15 May at Woleai 42 Navy B-24's dropped 64 tons of bombs (1,278 100-pound bombs) on enemy installations. Fires and explosions were started. 3 AK's and 2 barges were seen in the lagoon. A/A was met.

B. Marshall Islands

On 16 May the following enemy targets were attacked:

Target	Planes	Bomb Load	Results
Jaluit	4 PV's 4 P6F's 7 SBD's (Marine)	10 1/2 tons	Hit Kabenbock, N. Wmidj, and Jaluit. No damage seen. Moderate A/A. Attacked fuel tanks. (Sydney Pier) Meager A/A.
Mille	4 SBD's (Marine) 5 P6F's 7 SBD's	1/2 ton depth charges 3/4 ton 5 1/2 tons	No A/A. Hit 1 searchlight. Attacked runway.
Wotje	4 PV's 8 P4U's 3 PB2A	4 2/5 tons strafed 6 tons	Hit island. Results not seen. Meager A/A. Small craft hit. A/A present. Hit bks. and tank area. Meager A/A. 1 small fire started.
Taroa	13 SBD's (Marine) 6 P6F's	7 1/2 tons and incendiaries	Bldgs. and supplies hit. Fires started. Runways damaged. Mod. A/A. 1 SBD suffered minor damage.

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II. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On 15 May, the Buguni area (N of Kahili) was attacked by 24 TBF's, 17 SBD's, 45 fighter-bombers and 24 B-25's. Many fires were started, buildings wrecked, and 3 gun positions definitely put out of action. Meager to moderate, but inaccurate A/A fire was encountered. This area was reported as possibly the headquarters of the Japanese 17th Army.

The same day, Cape Friendship and Chabai were attacked by 11 U.S. Navy dive-bombers; while Kieta and gun positions in the Shortlands were hit by 47 fighter-bombers.

That night (15 - 16 May), off SE Bougainville, enemy shore guns fired on U.S. PT's. Slight damage was caused.

On 16 May, about 5,000 yards NW of the Torokina perimeter, 16 enemy troops were encountered by a patrol of the Americal Division. Our patrol withdrew after a short engagement.

B. New Britain

The night of 14 - 15 May, the Rabaul area was raided by 3 medium bombers.

The following day, 15 May, the Rabaul area was swept by fighters. 1 truck was wrecked, 13 barges hit, and supply and personnel areas strafed. Some repair work was seen progressing at Lakunai.

C. New Ireland

Early the morning of 15 May, Kavieng airfield was attacked by 17 SBD's and 4 fighters.

The same day, Namatanai was attacked by F4U's which bombed bridges.

D. New Guinea

On 13 May, at Iris Bay, W of Tanahmerah Bay, U.S. units were landed. There was no opposition.

That night E of the Aitape area, according to delayed reports, enemy forces estimated at 1 battalion attacked a U.S. outpost at Babaing. The attack was repulsed.

On 14 May, the U.S. outpost in the Aitape area which had been attacked the previous night withdrew by sea to Myaparake (near Yakamul).

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On 15 May, coastal targets N of Hansa Bay were hit by 24 more A-20's which dropped 17 1/2 tons of bombs and strafed with 25,000 rounds of M/G. 2 bridges were wrecked.

The same day, the Wewak area was hit by the following planes (in addition to reports in the Naval Activities for 17 May 1944): Dagua and Boram were hit by 15 P-47's, 18 A-20's and 3 B-24's. 24 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped and 36,000 rounds of M/G used in strafing. 2 villages in the area were also attacked by 11 Australian P-40's. Bombs were dropped, and 12,000 rounds of M/G fired in strafing.

Also the same day, enemy troops in the Aitape area were attacked by 11 P-40's.

On 16 May, Palas Point was reached by Australian patrols from Alexishafen.

The same day enemy positions from Hansa Bay to Wewak were again attacked. Hansa Bay area was hit by 30 A-20's, which dropped 32 tons of bombs and strafed with 62,700 rounds of M/G. Large fires were caused, and 3 bridges wrecked.

Villages on the Sepik and Ramu Rivers were hit by 9 P-47's. 3 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped.

In the Wewak area, at Boiken, Jap headquarters buildings were again attacked by 11 Australian Beauforts. Almost 9 tons of bombs were dropped. Targets from Boiken to Wom were attacked by 34 A-20's. 32 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped, and 26,700 rounds of M/G used in strafing. We lost 1 A-20.

Also 16 May, the Wakde area was again heavily attacked. Wakde Island was hit by 23 B-25's and 25 B-24's, causing large fires. Tor River area, E of Maffin Bay, was hit by 21 B-25's and 18 B-24's. Insoemoear Island was attacked by more B-25's. Many large fires were caused. Incomplete reports state that some of the bombers dropped over 150 tons of bombs and expended 41,000 rounds of M/G in strafing. Slight A/A fire was encountered.

Early 16 May, in S Biak Island, Sorido was raided by 4 B-24's, which dropped almost 8 tons of bombs. Fires were caused. Later, 2 miles NE of Mokmer, Pari was attacked by 17 B-24's, which dropped 50 tons of bombs on supply dumps. Smoke from large fires rose 6,000 feet in the air.

The same day, an unreported number of PB4Y's hit Bosnek, bombing gun positions and supply dumps. On the mainland NE of Japen Island, Cape D'Urville was also attacked by 6 B-24's. 18 tons of bombs were dropped. Slight A/A fire was encountered.

Also 16 May Kamiri airfield was attacked by 7 B-24's from Darwin covered by 16 P-38's. 2 Jap fighters intercepted and were shot down by the P-38's. At Kamiri, 7 planes were seen on the ground plus 3 starting to take off.

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The morning of 16 May, about 100 miles NW of Manokwari, a Jap bomber was shot down by a PBMY on patrol.

Also 16 May, enemy troops in the Aitape Area were attacked by A-20's.

The same day, Kamiri was also attacked by 17 B-24's. No details were reported.

The morning of 17 May, on the mainland near Wakde, Arara beach was bombarded by U.S. cruisers and DD's. Then our troops were landed in LST's and LCI's. There were no casualties, and no enemy opposition was met. Our troops then advanced along the beach towards the E.

A small party of U.S. troops, after covering aerial attacks, were landed on Insoemnai Island.

Sarmi Point, Sawar and the W side of Wakde Island were also bombarded by U.S. DD's starting fires and sinking several barges.

E. N. E. I.

On 16 May, at Timor, targets about 40 miles E of Koepang were raided by 2 Australian light bombers. Personnel and trucks were hit.

F. Australia

At midday on 16 May, in the Darwin area, a Jap plane on reconnaissance was reported.

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I. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

Further reports indicate that in the 14 May raid on Truk by 15 U.S. Army heavy bombers (Reported in the Naval Activities of 16 May) an additional 12 tons of bombs were dropped, making a total of 42 tons.

On 14 May Ponape was attacked by 11 B-25's in 2 waves. 11 tons of bombs were dropped, mainly on the airfield and dock areas and on Ant and Jokaj islands. Slight A/A was met.

B. Marshall Islands

An additional report indicates that in the raid on Taroa at 1000 L, 14 May, the 6 B-24's dropped an additional 9 tons of bombs.

On 15 and 16 May the following air attacks were made on Marshall Islands targets:

Location of Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	1 B-24 4 SBD's	3 tons 8 depth charges	Hit runway. Meager A/A.
Jaluit	54 B-24's 43 B-25's	142½ tons 41 tons and strafed	Targets hit from Agidyan to South Point.
	97 F4U's (Marine)	21 tons	A/A ranged from meager to moderate.
	60 SBD's	20 tons	
	24 F6F's	12 tons and strafed	1 B-24, 5 SBD's, 3 F4U's suffered some damage.
	6 SBD's (Marine)	2 tons of depth charges	
Taroa	5 B-34's 5 PBY's	1 3/4 tons 1 ton & frags.	No A/A.

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Location of Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	4 B-34's	3 3/4 tons	No A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On 14 May, Buka area and Matchin Bay were attacked by 4 P-40's, 43 P-39's and 18 SBD's. At Kessa Harbor a pier was wrecked. Kieta was again hit by TBF's, and scattered targets raided by patrol planes.

On 15 May, about 6,000 yards N of the Torokina perimeter, a few Japs were encountered by a patrol of the 37th Division.

The same day, NE of the perimeter, Americal Division patrols found an abandoned Jap hospital area, with 200 - 250 dead Japs present. Much ammunition of all types and a wrecked 75 MM gun were also found.

B. New Britain

On 14 May Vunakanau airfield was attacked by 44 fighter-bombers, 24 TBF's and 18 SBD's. Gun positions, supply dumps, and the runway were bombed, and large fires started.

Meanwhile, Tobera was hit by 23 B-25's, while Lakunai was attacked by 4 B-24's and 42 SBD's.

The Rabaul area was also swept by many fighters, which were maintaining a 24-hour cover. 2 barges were sunk and a truck demolished by the fighters.

14 May photos showed that all airfields at Rabaul were unserviceable.

The night of 14 - 15 May, off Gazelle Peninsula, U.S. PT's were attacked 3 times by a Jap floatplane. 1 casualty was caused.

C. New Ireland

The night of 13 - 14 May plantations on the SW coast of New Ireland and Selapiu Island targets were raided by patrol planes.

The night of 14 - 15 May, S of Kaviong, a Jap whale boat on the beach was destroyed by U.S. PT's. Near Tingwon Island, a small schooner and some lifeboats were shelled by PT's.

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D. New Guinea

Details of the 13 May attack on Bosnek (reported in the Naval Activities of 15 May) - 44 PB4Y's participated. Supply dumps and A/A positions were hit with good results.

The night of 13 - 14 May, on S Japen Island, Seroei airfield was raided by 4 B-24's.

On 14 May the Wewak-Boram area was hit by 15 P-47's. 8 unuseable planes on the ground were set on fire. Sepik River villages were also raided by 3 P-47's and 1 B-25. Over 2 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed.

The same day, But was attacked by 8 Australian P-40's which set supply dumps afire by strafing. Villages in the Wewak area were raided by 4 strafing B-25's.

About 20 miles W of Hollandia airfield, some warehouses which were camouflaged were reported by patrol planes.

Further details of 14 May attacks reported in the Naval Activities of 16 May 1944:

Villages on the coast opposite Wakde Island were hit by 33 B-25's.

Bosnek was attacked by 45 PB4Y's. 73 tons of bombs, plus fragmentation clusters, were dropped. Good results were reported.

The night of 14 - 15 May, at Hollandia, the air raid alert was sounded twice. However, no bombs were dropped.

On 15 May, Hansa Bay targets were hit by an unreported number of P-39's and P-47's, while N of Hansa Bay, villages along the coast were attacked by 11 A-20's which dropped over 5 tons of bombs and strafed with 20,000 rounds of M/G.

The Wewak area was attacked the same day by an assortment of planes. At Boiken, enemy headquarters was hit by 17 Australian Beauforts which dropped over 10 tons of bombs. But, Boram, Dagua and Sepik River areas were attacked by 1 Australian P-40, 3 B-24's, 2 B-25's and 19 A-20's. 16½ tons of bombs, and 45,500 rounds of M/G were used.

In both Aitape and Hollandia areas, our patrols were active. E of Hollandia, they were in the Tami River area; to the W, they were at Matterer Bay and Borap. At Aitape, they were 30 miles W and 35 miles E.

Again 15 May, Maffin Bay-Sarmi area was heavily attacked by 24 B-25's and 60 B-24's. Incomplete reports state that some of the planes dropped 146 tons of bombs. (SWPA communique said total tonnage dropped was 208.) Slight A/A fire was encountered. Enemy headquarters buildings were wrecked,

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explosions and fires started, and a bridge demolished. Wakde Island was also hit by more B-25's.

Early Monday, in S Biak Island, Sorido airfield was raided by 4 B-24's. Fires were started.

Also the same day, in Geelvink Bay, B-25 photo planes were escorted by 14 P-40's. Over Biak Island, 15 - 20 Jap fighters intercepted. 5 Jap planes were shot down. We suffered no losses.

The morning of 15 May, at Manokwari, 1 DD and 5 small ships were observed.

E. N. E. I.

At midday, 15 May, in Aroe Islands, Dobo was attacked by 5 Darwin-based U.S. B-24's. Over 2 tons of bombs were dropped.

15 May photos of 2 Koepang airfields showed no planes present but runways serviceable.

III. U.S. SS Reports

A U.S. SS has reported damaging an enemy DD and a 17,000-ton AP/AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 16 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

A. Carolina Islands

On 14 May before dawn (0220 - 0357 K) at Truk, 15 U.S. B-24's attacked the enemy airfields at Eten, Faran, Moen and Uesegon and installations on Dublon. 30 tons of bombs were dropped. 2 large explosions were seen on Moen. Inaccurate A/A and searchlights were met. 1 enemy fighter was airborne and approached our planes once without firing. One plane reported 15 to 20 possible ships in of Moen.

The same morning (0205 - 0301 L) Ponape was bombed by 3 B-24's which dropped 9 tons of bombs in the town area, on Langar Island, and on the old airfield.

On 15 May, before dawn, at Truk, U. S. search planes attacked an enemy 5,000-ton AK. 4 1,000-pound bombs were dropped but results were not seen. 8 - 12 enemy vessels were seen in of Uman and 8 - 12 in of Dublon. All were estimated to be of 1,000 - 5,000 tons. Intense A/A was met.

The same morning at Puluwat a search plane bombed the airfield area and strafed the lighthouse and airfield areas. The field appeared serviceable but no planes were seen. Slight A/A was encountered.

B. Marshall Islands

A report received on the status of Jap bases in the Marshall Islands as of the first week in May indicates that there were some installations still operational on Jmidj and Emybor Islands. Most of the facilities on Kotje, Mille, Taroa, Taongi and Jabor (Jaluit) had been destroyed. All the smaller atolls except Taongi had been occupied by U.S. forces.

On 14 May the following targets were attacked:

Location of Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit 0950 L 1420 L	2 PV's 2 PV's	6 tons	Moderate A/A damaged 1 PV. Emybor and Jaluit were hit.

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Location of Target	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
0925 - 1510 L	18 F6F's	9 tons	Hit Rabaul & Vunakanau. No A/A was met.
1830 L	2 SBD's (Marine)	3/4 ton	Hit Ainaman & Jaluit. A fire was started. Meager A/A was met.
Wotje 13-14th Night	3 PB2Y's	6 tons	No A/A. Results not seen.
2030(Dawn)(15 May)	3 PB2Y's	6 tons	
0015(15 May)	3 PV's	3/4 ton	Started fire and explosion in middle part of island. Meager A/A.
Taroa 1000 L	6 B-24's	9 tons	Started fire and explosion. No A/A.
1900 - 0200 L	4 PBY's	6 tons	No A/A.
0015 - 0125 L	5 B-34's	3½ tons	No A/A.
Wille 1345 - 0150 L	6 SBD's (Marine)	1½ tons	A/A meager.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

The morning of 13 May, near Buka, gun positions at Mahela were raided by 3 B-25's, while Buka was hit by 3 B-24's which dropped about 5½ tons of bombs.

The same day, N Bougainville targets were attacked by 35 fighter-bombers. 8 tons of bombs were dropped on Bonis, Chabai, Ibu and villages in the Numa Numa area.

Kahili was raided by a patrol plane, while at Kieta, Jap gardens were doused with diesel oil by TBF's.

B. New Britain

On 13 May, Rataval supply area was attacked by 12 TBF's and 24 SBD's. Many fires and 1 big explosion resulted.

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The same day, Talili Bay area was attacked by 11 P-40's, 24 P-39's, and 8 P-38's, and by 21 B-25's. 25 tons of bombs were dropped. Many fires were caused and 19 more storage bays were demolished.

13 May photos of all Rabaul airfields showed only Vunakanau serviceable and Lakunai partly serviceable.

The night of 13 - 14 May, off Kabanga Bay, an unidentified plane ineffectively attacked U.S. PT's.

C. New Ireland

The night of 12 - 13 May, off New Ireland, 3 small Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's.

The same night, in the Green Island area, a probable Jap plane on reconnaissance was reported.

Also the same night, Dyaul Island was raided by patrol planes.

The night of 13 - 14 May, in Dyaul Island harbor, 3 more Jap barges were sunk by U.S. PT's aided by fighters.

14 May photos showed Kavieng airfield to be serviceable.

D. New Guinea

On 13 May, in addition to reports in the Japanese Naval Activities for 15 May 1944, Hansa Bay area villages were attacked by 26 more A-20's and 13 more P-47's. Almost 15 tons of bombs and 54,000 rounds of M/G were used. Several bridges were wrecked, and 7 trucks destroyed.

13 May photos showed 3 enemy planes at Wolmer, none at Hamber, and 3 at Boeni.

On 14 May, Uligan was raided by glide-bombing P-47's, while Karkar Island buildings were bombed by 29 B-25's. Fires were caused.

The same day, Hansa Bay area was hit by 23 A-20's which dropped about 20 tons of bombs and strafed with 38,000 rounds of M/G.

Also the morning of 14 May, Boram airfield was raided by 4 P-47's, which set afire 1 Jap plane on the ground by strafing. Later, the same target was hit by 13 Beauforts and 6 B-24's. Almost 34 tons of bombs were dropped. Cape Mon and Brandi Plantation were then attacked by 7 other B-24's, which dropped 23 tons of bombs.

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On 14 May the Wewak area was also attacked by 34 A-20's, which dropped 31 tons of bombs and fired 45,000 rounds of M/G in strafing. Targets were Boiken Plantation and bridges and supply dumps from Dagua to But. Slight A/A fire was met.

Before dawn, 14 May, the Hollandia area was attacked by 6 enemy bombers, which dropped about 32 bombs on Humboldt and Tanahmerah Bay areas and on 2 airfields. Only minor damage was caused. A short time later, another Jap plane appeared but did not drop any bombs.

In both Hollandia and Aitape areas, our patrols were active against small enemy groups.

Again 14 May, Wakde Island was hit by 23 B-25's, which dumped 24 tons of bombs on gun positions, and strafed with 26,800 rounds of M/G. Small-arms fire was the only opposition.

Meanwhile, Maffin Bay area was attacked by 37 B-24's which according to incomplete reports dropped over 88 tons of bombs on gun positions, supply dumps and personnel areas.

At the same time, villages on the mainland opposite Wakde Island were hit by 23 B-24's and an unreported number of B-25's and P-40's.

(According to SWPA communique, total bomb tonnage dropped in these Wakde-Sarmi area attacks was about 220 tons.)

Early 14 May, in S Biak Island, Sorido airfield was raided by 2 B-24's, while later in the day, Bosnek was also attacked by B-24's. Large fires and explosions were caused.

III. U.S. SS Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking 3 enemy AK's for a tonnage of approximately 19,000 tons.

A second SS has reported sinking 3 enemy AK's for a tonnage of 13,700.

A third SS has reported one medium AK probably sunk and a second damaged.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

On the night of 13 May Shimushu was bombed by 2 U.S. Navy PV's. 7 planes took off on the mission, four did not reach the target. 1 plane is missing. Bombs were dropped near central Shimushu and fires were started.

On the morning of 14 May, 75 miles NE of Shimushu, a U.S. medium bomber strafed 2 picket boats with unknown results. 1 of our planes was damaged by A/A fire. The night of the same day the NE coast of Shimushu was again bombed by 1 Navy PV with unobserved results.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 13 May, 3 medium bombers attacked Ponape. Both airfields were bombed and strafed with 75MM cannon. 3 tons of bombs were dropped.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 10-11-12 May U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets (not previously reported):

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
JALUIT 1425L	2 PV's	4½ tons	Hit Lineman and Jebor. Meager A/A. Results not seen. (clouds)
MILLE 0800L	3 PV's	3-3/4 tons	Northern tip hit. Meager A/A.
1400L	3 PV's	3 tons	Hit A/A positions. Results unobserved. No A/A.
TACNGI 0920L	1 PV	3/4 ton	Hit radio station area. No damage seen. No A/A.

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On 12 May the following targets were attacked:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
JALUIT 1030-1158L	11 B-25's	3/4 ton 6 tons	Hit Emidj. Hit northern A/A positions and southern building area. Meager A/A.
0915-1135	6 PV's	9 tons	Hit buildings at Sydney pier. Hit buildings and RDF at Knybor, causing explosions. Negligible A/A.
1345	2 PV's	2¼ tons	Hit buildings at Aineman. Results not seen. No A/A.
TAROA 1240L	6 F6F's 16 SBD's(Marine)	5¼ tons	Hit A/A positions. 1 SBD shot down, crew picked up by DD. 3 SBD's suffered minor damage. Moderate A/A.
1900 to 2040L	1 PBY	1 ton	Moderate A/A.
MILLE 0725L 1120L	5 F4U's(Marine) 5 F4U's(Marine 3 PV's	1-3/4 tons 1-3/4 tons 3 tons	Hit runway. No A/A. Hit runway. Meager A/A. Hit area of barracks. Meager A/A.
2237 to 0341L	4 SBD's(Marine)	1½ tons	Meager A/A. Results not seen.
WOTJE 0830L	24 F4U's(Marine)	4 tons and strafed	Radio station and A/A positions hit. Strafed enemy installations.
1030L	1 PV	1½ tons	Hit building area. No A/A.

On 13 May the following targets were attacked:

MILLE 0555L 1600L	4 F4U's(Marine) 4 F4U's(Marine)	2 tons 2 tons	Hit A/A positions and runways. Moderate A/A.
1945 to 0310L	6 SBD's(Marine)	2 tons	A/A ranged from moderate to none.

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
MOTJE	24 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV	7 tons	Hit buildings and magazine area. Fires were started on pier and N. tip. 2 F4U's damaged by Moderate A/A.
OOLOL	3 PV's	2-3/4 tons	Caused 1 explosion. No A/A.
JALUIT 1345L	1 B-24	3 tons	Meager A/A.
TARCA	6 B-34's 4 PBY's	12 tons	Started 2 fires. B-34's got meager A/A. PBY's got none.

(C) Nauru

On the morning of 13 May Nauru was bombed by 22 U.S. Army B-25's. 21 tons of bombs were dropped on ammunition storages, the power plant, runway and phosphate buildings. An explosion and fire were started. A/A caused minor damage to 2 planes.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

Early on 12 May, coastal targets along Buka Passage were attacked by 20 TBF's, 25 SBD's, 8 P-40's and 47 P-39's. Supply dumps were heavily hit, and at Matchin Bay, 4 piers were badly damaged.

The same day, MIKMIK, SARINE and SHORTLANDS were raided by patrol planes.

On the night of 12-13 May, S. of Buka Passage, 1 Jap barge caught on a reef was destroyed by U.S. PT's. The same night, off Kieta, a loaded Jap supply barge was probably sunk by PT's aided by a PBY.

Also the same night, N. of Mupeka, a Jap field gun was wrecked and the crew killed by U.S. gunboats.

(B) New Britain

On 12 May Rabaul Harbor A/A positions were attacked by 21 TBF's and 43 SBD's. At the same time, 5 SBD's, using rockets, and 12 P-39's attacked barges in the harbor. Between 30-40 barges were sunk. Matupi Island and nearby targets were also hit, causing fires and explosions.

Also on 12 May, Tobera airfield area was attacked by 23 B-25's, 36 SBD's, some TBF's, 6 P-38's and 20 P-40's. The runway was left unusable. Rabaul area was also swept by fighters. 1 F4U was downed.

(C) New Ireland

On 12 May Kavieng was raided by a Sopac patrol bomber, while the same day, off Duke of York, 1 Jap barge was sunk by fighters returning from Rabaul strikes.

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(D) New Guinea

Early 12 May Awar area was raided by 4 P-70's which dropped almost 2 tons of bombs and strafed.

Also early on 12 May Karkar Island was bombarded by an Australian surface unit. A slight amount of return fire was met.

Early 13 May Karkar Island and Bunabun were again bombarded by light Australian surface vessels. An ammunition dump, gun positions and buildings were demolished. There was no enemy opposition.

Also the same day, Boram was attacked by 23 B-25's, while Wewak was hit by 2 more. 27 tons of bombs were dropped and fires caused. Meanwhile, Wewak coastal area was hit by 80 A-20's. Incomplete reports state that 20 tons of bombs and 62,000 rounds of M/G were expended against supplies and personnel areas. 1 bridge was wrecked and fuel fires started.

Also on 12 May, Cape Kom was raided by 1 P-70 which set 2 trucks on fire, while Awar was raided by 2 P-70's. In the Hansa Bay area, roads and villages were also attacked by 11 A-20's and 11 P-47's. Over 8 tons of bombs were dropped and targets strafed.

The same day, Boram was also attacked by 8 B-24's. 24 tons of bombs were dumped.

In the Hollandia-Aitape area, total enemy casualties have reached: 1,787 killed, 387 prisoners. (Hollandia -- 1,162 dead, 360 prisoners; Aitape -- 625 dead, 27 prisoners). Patrol activities were continuing in both areas. N. of Hollandia airfields, 39 Japs were killed. Enemy troops now being encountered in the area were reported as more active than before.

Also the same day, 13 May, Wakde, Sawar and Maffin Bay areas were attacked by B-24's and B-25's. Over 200 tons of bombs were dropped. Targets were airfields, supply dumps, gun positions and personnel areas. Large fires were caused. Later, at Wakde airfield, 2 Jap bombers on the ground were wrecked by a PB4Y on patrol.

S. Biak Island was again attacked on 13 May. Sorido airfield was raided in the early hours by 3 B-24's. About 6 tons of bombs were dropped, causing explosions and fires. Bosnek was hit during the day by an unreported number of PB4Y's and/or 13th AF B-24's.

Namber airfield (Noemfoor I.) was attacked this same day by 10 B-24's, while Moemi airfield was hit by 6 other B-24's. A total of 22½ tons of bombs was dropped. There was no enemy air interception. On N. coast of Noemfoor a clearing for a new airstrip was observed.

(E) N. E. I.

Early 12 May, Penfoei area was attacked by 7 Australian Beauforts and 9 Dutch B-25's. Over 12 tons of bombs were dropped on the barracks area. Explosions and many fires resulted. Moderate A/A fire was met. There was no enemy air interception but 1 Jap plane was seen in the air.

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Also early the same day, Namlea was raided by 3 Australian PBY's which dropped 4½ tons of bombs, causing fires. The same target was hit at about the same time by 7 B-24's which dropped 15⅓ tons of bombs, while Laha airfield, near Ambon, was attacked by 3 B-24's, which dropped over 6 tons of bombs on barracks and runways. Meanwhile, Dilli was raided by 3 other B-24's which dumped over 6 tons of bombs. Rough weather hampered these operations.

IV. Philippine Islands

Aerial reconnaissance of Manila showed 73,000 tons of shipping in the harbor, including a probable aircraft tender. At Cavite, 13 seaplanes and 3 flying boats were seen.

V. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking a large enemy AO.

Another SS has reported sinking a large enemy AK.

A 3rd SS reports sinking a 1368 ton DD and a 9419 ton AP/AK for a total of 10,787 tons. In addition a 7300 ton AO was damaged.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

A. Kurile Islands

On the morning of 13 May at 1127 K, Matsuwa was raided by a single 11th Air Force B-24. Many buildings were observed near the airfield. Bombs were dropped on the runway. Some ineffective A/A fire was encountered. 6 Jap fighters were airborne but did not close.

II. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

On 11 May, at Ponape, Langar Island was attacked by 8 (7th AF) B-25's. 8 tons of bombs were dropped.

On the night of 11-12 May, Truk was under attack for 4 hours by 21 (Cenpac) B-24's coming over in 2 waves. Airfields at Eten, Moen and Param were hit, and targets on Dublon and Udot were also bombed. 62 tons of bombs were dropped. The first wave of our bombers was intercepted by 7 Jap planes, 1 of which was shot down. The second wave was intercepted by 3 fighters and 1 medium bomber. 1 Jap plane was probably shot down. 2 B-24's were damaged. The same night, Ponape's old airfield was raided by 1 B-24.

On 12 May, about 360 miles NE. of Truk, an enemy medium bombor (Sally) was shot down by a U.S. patrol plane. Another patrol plane raided Kusaie airfield.

B. Marshall Islands

On 11 May, the following targets were attacked:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
Jaluit			
0854 L	7 B-25's	5½ tons	Slight A/A.
1420 L	7 B-25's	6½ tons	Buildings hit.
0817 L	3 PV's	1 ton	No A/A.
1345 L	3 PV's	18 depth charges	Slight A/C fire. Enybor and Ainsman hit.
Wotje			
0930 L	7 B-25's	5¼ tons	No A/A.
1325 L	7 B-25's	5¼ tons	
1215 L	1 PV 23 F4U's	1½ tons	Target overcast.

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
Mille 1430 L	6 F4U's (Marine)	2½ tons	Slight A/A A/A batteries hit.
Teroa	Weather conditions prevented attacks.		

C. Nauru

On 12 May, aerial reconnaissance of Nauru airfield showed that it may be serviceable. No A/A fire was encountered.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

Early 11 May, in SE. Bougainville, S. of Luluai, 3 Jap barges were bombed by PBY's on patrol, which also raided Kieta.

On 11 May, Mawaraka area (Emp. Aug. Bay) was attacked by 23 TBF's and 8 SBD's.

The same day, Buka airfield was attacked by 12 P-39's. 3 tons of bombs were dropped. Meanwhile, Buka Passage targets were attacked by 3 P-38's, 54 P-39's and 14 P-40's. 17 tons of bombs were dropped, causing damage to piers and a bridge, and starting fires. 14 enemy troops were also killed.

On the night of 11-12 May, in Shortlands, Poporang Island buildings were strafed by U.S. PT's and bombed by PBY's.

B. New Ireland

On the morning of 11 May, near Namatanai, at Cape Namarodu, enemy coastal guns were again attacked by 11 TBF's and 17 SBD's.

That afternoon, Borpop coastal guns were attacked by 12 TBF's and 18 SBD's.

On 11 May, Namatanai, Kavieng and coastal guns at Selapiu Island were raided by bombers on patrol.

C. New Britain

On 11 May, Tobera airfield was attacked by 8 P-38's and 30 SBD's. The same day, Vunakanau received 26 tons of bombs from 12 B-25's, 12 P-40's and 3 B-24's.

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Meanwhile, bivouacs at Marangoi River and Kahanga Plantation were attacked by 10 P-39's, which dropped 2½ tons of bombs.

On the night of 11-12 May, Nos. of New Britain, an enemy floatplane ineffectively attacked U.S. PT's.

On 12 May, photos of Rabaul airfields showed 2 serviceable -- Vunakanau and Tobera.

B. New Guinea

On 10 May, Hegiar Harbor, about 5 miles N.E. of Cape Croisilles, was reached by Australian patrols from Alexishafen. No enemy troops were met.

On 11 May, coastal targets S.E. of Sepik River area and Hewak area were attacked by 11 Australian P-40's, 23 U.S. P-38's and 43 more P-47's. 16½ tons of bombs, 19,000 rounds of M/G and 37 T were expended.

The same day, Hewak area was hit by 18 more B-24's (See Naval Summary 13 May 1944). 86 tons of bombs were dropped.

Meanwhile, the area S. and E. of Hewak--villages, roads, bridges,-- was hit by 91 more A-20's. 36½ tons of bombs were dropped, and targets strafed with 52,000 rounds of M/G.

On 11 May, Awar was raided by a single P-70, which dropped 1/2 ton of bombs.

Details of the 11 May attack on Hokmor (Naval Summary 13 May 1944) -- 86 tons of bombs and 840 fragmentation clusters were dropped by 42 B-24's. Seen on Hokmor airfield were 3 Jap fighters.

On the morning of 12 May, Hewak coastal area was heavily bombarded by U.S. DD's. 29 probable enemy gun positions were the target. Enemy guns, estimated 3", at Dagua and Aut returned the fire, but did not cause any casualties or damage.

On 12 May, Hansa Bay roads were attacked by 11 A-20's. 5½ tons of bombs were dropped, wrecking at least 1 bridge. Meanwhile, the Sepik River area was attacked by 2 P-70's, 7 P-47's, and 3 B-25's. 2½ tons of bombs and 21,000 rounds of M/G were expended.

Also on 12 May, Boram was hit by 6 B-25's and 13 Australian Beauforts. 21½ tons of bombs were dropped, and big fires were caused.

On the morning of 12 May, at Hollandia, an air raid alert was sounded. However, no bombs were dropped. Our patrols continued their mopping-up activities, and according to SWPA communique, enemy casualties in Hollandia-Aitape area have reached 1,716 killed and 354 prisoners.

Early 12 May, Hokmor airfield was raided again by 4 B-24's.

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About noon, 12 May, the same target was hit by an unreported number of PB4Y's covered by P-40's. There was no enemy air interception. 1 of our planes was downed, but the crew was rescued.

Also 12 May at midday, about 17 miles NW. of Manokwari, an enemy convoy consisting of 1 possible CL (possibly Yubari class) and 3 medium AK's on a W. course (although possibly eastbound) was attacked by a single PB4Y on patrol. The AK's were probably damaged by strafing. 4 Jap fighters tried to intercept the patrol bomber.

On 12 May in SW. Dutch New Guinea, Lake Paniai was attacked by 7 Australian Beauforts and 6 Dutch B-25's. Several praus were sunk and M/G positions put out of action. However, little enemy activity was observed. At the same time, Timika airfield was raided by a single Australian Beaufort.

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Early 12 May, Ponticai area was attacked by 7 Australian Beauforts and 9 Dutch B-25's. Over 13 tons of bombs were dropped on the barracks area. Explosions and many fires resulted. Moderate A/A fire was met. There was no enemy air interception, but 1 Jap plane was seen in the air.

Also early 12 May, Namlea was raided by 3 Australian PBY's which dropped 4½ tons of bombs, causing fires. The same target was hit at about the same time by 7 B-24's, which dropped 15½ tons of bombs, while Laha airfield, near Ambon, was attacked by 3 B-24's, which dropped over 6 tons of bombs on barracks and runways. Meanwhile, Milli was raided by 3 other B-24's, which dumped over 6 tons of bombs. Rough weather hampered these operations.

IV. U.S. SS. Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 4 AK's.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 13 May 1944

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Wake Island

On the night of 10 May (2030 L) at Wake, 3 Army B-24s dropped 6 tons of bombs. Most of the bombs fell on the target area, although overcast prevented observation of complete results. No A/A fire was met.

(B) Caroline Islands

On the night of 9 - 10 May 1 B-24 attacked Ponape town with 3 tons of bombs. Results were not reported.

On the night of 9 - 10 May Oroluk was attacked by 1 B-24 which dropped 2 tons of bombs. Results were not observed.

Further details on the Truk raid on the night of 9 May (2057 and 0150 K) have been received. 14 Army B-24s dropped 39 tons of bombs on the usual targets (Eten, Moen, Param, Dublon); also on Udot, Ulalu and on an unidentified islet. Results were not observed. 4 enemy planes were airborne but did not intercept. Our planes met searchlights and meagre A/A. U.S. planes dropped 3 tons of bombs scoring 1 possible hit on an enemy DD northwest of Moen. 4 enemy vessels were seenin the lagoon, one of these was possibly a cruiser.

On 10 May at Truk, 45 B-24s dropped 82 tons of bombs on Eten Island airfield. Repair shops, hangars, and aircraft were attacked. At least 2 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. U.S. planes dropped an additional 45 tons of bombs in the vicinity of the Dublon warehouses. Intense A/A fire was met. A large fire was started and an explosion was observed in the fuel storage area.

6 of possibly 30 Jap fighters which intercepted our planes were claimed shot down as well as 2 probably shot down and 1 damaged. Several enemy bombers dropped aerial bombs during the raid.

1 of our bombers was destroyed after a collision with an enemy plane but 3 of the crew were later rescued 300 miles NE of the Admiralties by a U.S. Destroyer. 11 enemy vessels (1 large, 10 smaller) were observed between Eten and Fefan Islands.

On 11 May Kusaie landing strip was bombed by U.S. search planes.

On 11 May Murilo was attacked by U.S. search planes dropping ½ ton of bombs and incendiaries. Meager A/A fire was met.

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On 11 May, 280 miles S. of Palau one U.S. heavy bomber strafed a 2,000 ton enemy vessel and scored a near miss. 1 ton of bombs was dropped. Some damage was observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 10 May Muguai Mission was attacked by 4 B-25s. Buka was bombed by 12 B-25s. Both Bonis and Buka airstrips were hit.

Fighter planes (61 P-39s, 12 P-40s) attacked enemy positions at Gohi, Crepers River, Barapa and Kawaraka. Large fires were started at the last 2 places.

Soraken, Chabai, Monoitu and Rantan were attacked by U.S. aircraft on patrol.

Off Jaba U.S. gunboats destroyed a small enemy vessel.

(B) New Ireland

On 10 May Kavieng was attacked by 42 SBDs. The airfield and gun positions were heavily hit with 21 tons of bombs; 7 planes were damaged by A/A.

Off the Central West coast, U.S. PT boats destroyed 3 barges and strafed shore positions. An enemy plane attacked and damaged 1 boat slightly.

At Namatanai 24 SBDs dropped 12 tons of bombs on coastal gun positions.

(C) New Britain

On 10 May at Tavilo Plantation fighters attacked 6 enemy trucks. At Matupe 11 tons of bombs were dropped by 11 B-25s. At Lakunai 12 TBFs and 18 SBDs bombed the area. 2 planes (1 TBF, 1 SBD) were shot down and 6 were damaged which was the heaviest in recent weeks.

At Tobera 41 fighters attacked dropping 12 tons of bombs. Craters were seen in the runway. OverMatupi, at night, a Ventura destroyed a Jap floatplane.

On 10 May at Arawe 200 more dead Japs have been discovered making a total of 374 known dead there.

Photos on 10 May showed Vunakanu serviceable, Lakunai not seen, others unserviceable.

(D) New Guinea

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On 10 May Hewak was bombed and strafed by an additional 21 A-20s. Musehu and Kairiru were bombed and strafed by 8 RAAF P-40s. 3½ tons of bombs were dropped. Enemy transport and main positions were hit. Cape Croisolles has been reached by Australian patrols.

On 11 May the area between Wolys and Bogia was bombed and strafed by 8 P-47s and 4 P-39s. 1 ton of bombs were dropped. The Hewak area (Cape Moen, Boram and Hewak) was attacked by 32 B-24s and 17 Beauforts. 122 tons of bombs were dropped by the B-24s. A large fire was started in fuel storage and an ammunition dump was destroyed.

The same area and Sepik River points were attacked by 23 A-20's. 11 tons of bombs were dropped and the area was strafed.

Coastal points in the Hewak area were attacked by 8 RAAF P-40s, together with PTs. 2½ tons of bombs were dropped and the area was strafed.

Sepik River points were strafed by 4 B-25s. 9600 rounds of 50 calibre ammunition were used.

At Wakde 61 B-25s and 22 B-24s dropped 140 tons of bombs starting very large fires and blowing up ammunition dumps. Some A/A was met. 8 serviceable fighters and 2 bombers were seen in dispersal areas. Hokmer was again attacked. 4 B-24s attacked before dawn and another group later. Fires were started.

In the Aitape area, Marubian, 32 miles E. of Tadji, was occupied. A total of 598 enemy have been killed in the area.

In the Hollandia 1002 enemy have been killed and 266 captured. Patrols are active.

On 11 May a total of 1574 dead and 292 prisoners are reported for both Hollandia and Aitape.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. Submarine, returning from patrol, reports sinking 2 enemy trawlers. In addition, 4 enemy AKs totalling 19,500 tons were probably sunk and 1 4,000 ton AK was damaged.

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 9 May, Woleai was bombed by 12Navy B-24s. 28 tons of bombs were dropped in the airfield area. Large fires were started.

On 9 May, Ulot (Puluwat) was bombed by a Sopac search plane.

On 10 May (1522 and 1625L) at Ponape 6 U.S. B-25s attacked the airfield areas with unreported results. An additional 3 B-25s were on a shipping strike but no enemy vessels were found in the area.

The same morning Truk was attacked by an undisclosed number of Navy PB4Ys. 2 large fires were started. 20 enemy fighters intercepted our planes. 1 U.S. plane is missing.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 10 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	12 B-25s	12 tons	Results not seen. No A/A.
	24 F4Us (Marine) 1 PV	4½ tons	Hit coastal positions on NW tip. Strafed small islands. A/A met.
Jaluit	12 B-25s	12 tons	Hit A/A positions at Emidj. Meager A/A.
Taroa	10 SBDs (Marine) 8 F6Fs	2½ tons & strafed	Hit coastal positions. Meager A/A.
Mille	6 F4Us 5 F4Us	3 tons 5 depth charges	No A/A. Hit SE tip. Moderate A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

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On the morning of 9 May, Buka Passage gun positions were attacked by 14 B-25s, 12 TBFs and 12 SBDs. The B-25s dropped 14 tons of bombs.

On the afternoon of 9 May, Buka and N. Bougainville and targets were hit by 15 B-25s. Over 8 tons of bombs were dropped. Meanwhile, Bonis airfield and Buka Passage targets were hit by 10 P-38s, which dropped 10 tons of bombs, and 2 FVs.

Scattered targets in Bougainville were attacked by 3 P-38s and 33 P-39s. Almost 9 tons of bombs plus belly tanks were dropped. At Aitara, a probable ammunition dump explosion was caused; Kieta huts were wrecked; at Chabai, 1 barge was sunk, and 3 damaged.

The same day, in Shortlands, enemy positions on a small island were hit by 6 SBDs.

On the night of 9 - 10 May, in Empress Augusta Bay, a Jap barge was sunk by U.S. PTs. Other PTs near Kieta saw a Jap floatplane in the air, but were not attacked.

(B) New Ireland

On the morning of 9 May, Borpop coastal guns were again attacked by 24 SBDs which dropped 12 tons of bombs.

That afternoon, coastal guns near Kamatanai were hit by 23 SBDs dropping 11½ tons of bombs.

On 9 May, Kavieng and New Hanover were raided by patrol planes. The same day, in St. Georges Channel, U.S. PTs were ineffectively attacked by a Jap floatplane.

(C) Admiralty Islands

On 9 May it was reported that in the Admiralties operation, 31 Chinese and 71 Sikhs held by the enemy were released.

(D) New Britain

On the morning of 9 May (1050L), Lakunai airfield was attacked by 33 fighter-bombers. 13½ tons of bombs were dropped.

That afternoon, the area was swept by fighters which, near Vunakanau, strafed 4 trucks.

Weather conditions prevented major strikes.

(E) New Guinea

On 7 May, at Wewak, supply dumps at Brandi Plantation were hit by 8 A-20s. About 1½ tons of bombs and 10,000 rounds of m/g were used to start fires.

On 9 May, the attack on coastal targets from But to Bunabun (see Naval Summary 11 May, 1944) was made by a total of 136 A-20s. About 32 tons of

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bombs were dropped and targets strafed -- making a total of 139 tons of bombs and 173,000 rounds of m/g. Several barges were sunk, and fires started in camps, supply dumps, villages, etc. At Hansa Bay, intense A/A fire was met, but at other points, m/g fire only.

Also 9 May, Hansa Bay area was hit by 4 P-39s and 22 P-47s. Supply dumps and camps were bombed and strafed. Meanwhile, Sepik River villages were raided by 2 more B-25s.

The same day, in But vicinity, enemy motor trucks were strafed by 4 Australian P-40s.

At midday on 9 May, in Biak Island, Bosnek Village (not Mokmer as stated in Naval Summary for 11 May 1944) was attacked by 31 B-24s. About 64 tons of bombs were dropped on supply and ammunition dumps, causing great damage. There was no enemy air interception, and slight A/A fire was met. A probable headquarters building was wrecked. The 2 piers here were set on fire.

On 10 May, Australian patrols advancing N. from Alexishafen were reported in the vicinity of Cape Croisilles. No enemy troops were met.

The same day, the coast from Mowak to Nightingale Bay was attacked by P-39s, while Sepik River tagets were strafed by planes on reconnaissance. Meanwhile, N. of Hansa Bay, Kaian Village was hit by glide-bombing P-47s.

Also 10 May, Mowak area was again attacked by 45 A-20s and 20 B-24s. Incomplete figures show that some of the planes dropped 43 tons of bombs and expended 53,000 rounds of m/g in strafing. Supply dumps, the main target, were set afire.

The same day, a village (Marubian ?) N. of Aitape was attacked by 8 Tadji-based Australian P-40s. 2 tons of bombs were dropped, and the target strafed.

Early 10 May, Bosnek Village and Mokmer area were again attacked by 8 B-24s. Fires were caused.

(F) N. E. I.

Photos on 9 May of 3 Kai Islands airfields -- Letfoean, Fsan and Langgoer - showed only 1 Jap fighter present.

Early 10 May, in Kai Islands, Langgoer was attacked by 9 Dutch B-25s which dropped about 8 tons of bombs on the airfield and village. Explosions and fires resulted. Slight A/A fire was met.

III. Australia

On the morning of 8 May, in Darwin area, a probable Jap plane on reconnaissance was observed.

IV. U. S. Submarine Report

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy trawler by gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 11 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 8 May in the Hall Islands, Ruo Island was bombed by U.S. search planes. Some damage was caused.

On 9 May, 60 miles E. of Truk, a U.S. search plane destroyed a Jap bomber. The same day (0800 - 0821L.) Ponape was attacked by 6 Army B-25s. 3 tons of bombs were dropped in the airfield areas with unobserved results. A/A fire damaged one plane.

Later 9 May (1242L) Ponape was attacked by 11 Army heavy bombers (B-24s). 11 tons of bombs were dropped. A fire was started in the town area. A/A fire caused minor damage to 2 planes and slightly wounded one man.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 9 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	10 B-25s	10 tons	Hit A/A positions. Meager A/A.
Wotje	10 B-25s 22 F4Us	5½ tons 6 tons & strafed	Hit tank area. Hit coastal positions and magazine area. Moderate A/A.
Mille	7 SBDs (Marine) 4 F6Fs	3 tons	Hit power station. 1 SBD damaged by meager A/A.
	8 F4Us	1½ tons	Hit bivouac area. Small fire started moderate A/A.
Taroa	12 F6Fs 13 SBDs (Marine)	4½ tons and strafed	Hit A/A positions.

(C) Nauru Island

On 8 May Nauru was bombed by U.S. search planes. The barracks area was hit. Intense A/A fire was met. Runway No. 2 was unserviceable.

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II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 7 - 8 May, at Pupeka, an enemy pillbox was demolished by LCIs.

On the morning of 8 May (0958L), N. of Buka, Mahola Mission was attacked by 12 B-25s. 11 tons of bombs were dropped. Shortly afterward, gun positions at Sohana were hit with 11½ tons of bombs from 12 more B-25s.

In SE Bougainville, at Cape Friendship, gun positions were attacked by 5 TBFs and 5 SBDs.

Scattered targets in Bougainville and Buka were hit by 3 P-40s and 36 P-39s. (Numa Numa, Katsinkoveri, Tsirogoi, Skotolan, Kieta, Porton were among the targets.) Almost 9 tons of bombs were dropped, in addition to belly tanks fused with incendiary sticks.

It was reported that enemy troops on Choiseul Island, numbering about 300 men, are now all in the vicinity of Choiseul Bay.

On the night of 8 - 9 May, Koromira was strafed by U.S. PTs, assisted by a PBY.

(B) New Ireland

On 8 May, coastal guns near Borpop and Namatanai were attacked by 46 SBDs and 4 F4Us. 23 tons of bombs were dropped. In this area, a barge was set afire.

On the night of 8 - 9 May, near Dunup Plantation, 2 enemy barges in the beach were destroyed by U.S. PTs. Other PTs received gun fire from coastal batteries at N. and NE New Ireland. The enemy positions at N. sector were attacked by the PTs aided by a PBY.

(C) New Britain

On the morning of 8 May, Vunakanau was attacked by 11 TBFs and 18 SBDs. Gun positions and the runway received 15 tons of bombs.

Meanwhile, Tobera was hit by 47 fighter-bombers. 20 tons of bombs were dropped, and 2 enemy planes on the ground were reported wrecked. On the homeward trip, at Warangoi River mouth, 1 barge was strafed and sunk.

Also the morning of 8 May, Rabaul Town was raided by a single B-24. 2 tons of bombs were dropped.

Photos on 9 May of Rabaul airfields showed all unserviceable except for Lakunai, which was partly serviceable. At Tobera, 1 fighter was present.

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(D) New Guinea

On 8 May, evidently including the previously reported attack by 6 B-24s (Naval Summary 10 May, 1944), Mokmer airfield was again attacked at midday by 45 B-24s. About 70 tons of bombs were dropped. Explosions and large fires resulted. 2 plane on the ground was wrecked.

The same day, off Biak Island, a 500-ton lugger was strafed and probably sunk by 2 B-25s on patrol. An explosion was caused aboard the vessel.

Also 8 May, Bogia area was raided by 4 strafing P-38s, while Nightingale Bay and Boram were attacked by 33 A-20s, which dropped 36 tons of bombs and strafed with 48,800 rounds of .50 calibre. Supply and fuel dump were set afire, 1 barge was sunk and 2 trucks demolished.

The same day, Sepik River villages were raided by 4 strafing Australian P-40s, while Suain Village, SE of Aitape, was raided by 4 more (U.S.) P-40s which dropped a ton of bombs and strafed.

Summary of U.S. PTs activities for week of 1 May - 8 May: 24 barges destroyed, 11 damaged, 6 trucks strafed, gun positions at Nightingale Bay and Hansa Bay attacked, Bagabag Island observed.

On the night of 8 - 9 May, Mokmer airfield area was again attacked by 6 B-24s. 13 tons of bombs were dumped.

On 9 May, N. of Noemfoor I., 7 Jap fighters tried to intercept 7 B-24s on patrol. 1 Jap plane was damaged.

At midday on 9 May, Mokmer area was once more attacked by an unreported number of B-24s. Many fires and 2 big explosions were caused: There was no enemy air interception.

The same day, Bogia area was hit by 8 P-38s and 11 P-47s. About 2½ tons of bombs were dropped. Meanwhile, Dagua and But targets were strafed by a B-24 on patrol.

Also 9 May, the coast from But to Bunabun was attacked by over 100 A-20s and 17 Australian Beauforts. Incomplete reports state that 80 of the A-20s dropped 107½ tons of bombs and strafed with 93,000 rounds of m/g. Supply dumps were hit.

The same day, Sepik River villages were attacked by 2 B-25s, 12 P-47s and 8 P-39s. This area is considered a possible enemy evacuation route. In the Alexishafen area, Australian patrols continued their northward advance.

In the Hollandia area, 4 miles N. of Hollandia airfield, enemy positions were reported evacuated. However, our troops encountered some booby traps.

According to SWPA communique, in the Hollandia - Aitape area, the total of enemy casualties has reached 1,532 killed and 290 taken prisoner.

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Also 9 May, in S. New Guinea, at Paniai Lake, 10 enemy 4-engined flying boats were reported.

(3) N. E. I.

Early 9 May, Penfoei airfield was attacked by 5 Australian Beauforts, while Koepang was raided by 1 Beaufort. 3 tons of bombs were dropped. 2 Beauforts did not return to base.

On the morning of 9 May, in Kai Islands, Fuan and Langgoer airfields were attacked by 12 B-24s. 22½ tons of bombs were dropped. There was no enemy air interception, but 19 planes - 1 of them airborne - were seen.

The same day, at Aroe Island, Doka Barat airfield was hit by 6 Australian Beaufighters, which dropped 1½ tons of bombs and strafed with 20 mm and m/g.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported damaging an enemy 6000 ton AK with 2 torpedo hits.

Another U.S. SS has reported sinking 1 medium enemy AK, and possibly sinking a second.

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Summary as of 0800, 10 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

Details of the air attack on 7 May on Guam have been received. 10 U.S. Army B-24s escorted 6 Navy photo planes. Photos were taken and 36 100 pound bombs were released in important areas. 25 enemy fighters intercepted of which 7 were destroyed, 3 were probably destroyed and 2 were damaged. A/A fire damaged 1 U.S. plane and wounded 1 man. At Orote airfield about 15 two-engined and 25 single-engined planes were observed. Shipping was seen in Apra Harbor. All our planes returned.

(B) Caroline Islands

On the morning of 6 May, Woleai was attacked by 12 B-24s. 35½ tons of bombs were dropped in the runway area. A/A fire was encountered. 8 enemy barges and 6 grounded bombers were observed. 2 of the bombers were destroyed.

On 7 May Ponape was bombed by 6 U.S. Army B-25s. 8 tons of bombs were dropped in the vicinity of both airfields. No A/A was met.

On the night of 7 May at Truk 14 B-24s dropped bombs on Eten, Param, Moen and Uasegen. Fires were seen at Eten and Param. 1 enemy plane was airborne. A/A and searchlights were met. NE of Moen 1 enemy ship was seen.

The same night, Ponape was attacked by 5 B-24s. No A/A was met.

On 8 May (1316 - 1445L) at Ponape, Langar Island, off N. coast of Ponape, and the two airfields were attacked by 6 Army B-25s. 5½ tons of bombs were dropped through overcast with unobserved results.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 7 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Kotje	12 B-25s 1 PV	12 tons 1½ tons	Attacked magazine areas Noan. A/A positions and shelter area. No A/A.

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	11 B-25s	11 tons	Hit RD Force at Emytor. Fires started. A/A meager.
Wille	6 F4Us (Marine)	1½ tons	A/A positions hit. No A/A met.
	7 F4Us (Marine)	3½ tons	A/A positions hit. No A/A met.
Taroa	8 PCFs 10 SBDs (Marine)		Hit fuel tanks. 1 SBD damaged by moderate A/A.
	8 PCFs 10 SBDs (Marine)	4½ tons	Islet N. of Taroa attacked: radio station and magazine area hit. 1 SBD damaged by meager A/A.

On 8 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs	Results
Wotje	23 F4Us (Marine) 1 PV	4½ tons	Hit A/A positions, coastal positions, nearby islets. Fires started.
	6 B-25s	6 tons	Moderate A/A.
	6 B-25s	6 tons	A/A positions hit A/A positions hit No A/A met.
Jaluit	6 B-25s	6 tons	Hit building area. Fire started. No A/A.
	6 B-25s	6 tons	Hit SD area. No A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 6 May, Tinputs and Porton areas were attacked by 19 P-40s. Incendiary bombs were dropped. The same day, SE Bougainville coast was hit by 9 SBDs and 5 TBFs hunting for coastal guns, while Soraken was raided by PBYs on patrol.

Photos on 6 May of Buka area showed much enemy truck activity in area to the S.

On the night of 6 - 7 May, off Jaba River, 7 enemy barges were sunk by U.S. gunboats while off S. Bougainville, 1 more was sunk.

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On the morning of 7 May (1035L), in SE Bougainville, Cape Friendship was attacked by 15 B-25s. Gun positions received almost 8 tons of bombs. Slight A/A fire was met.

The same day, scattered targets on Buka and Bougainville were attacked by 2 P-38s and 42 P-38s. 11½ tons of bombs were dropped. Off Tarlena, 1 barge was probably sunk. Cape Tunabom, Hanahan Bay, Porton, Tsirogoi were among the targets.

At midday on 7 May, Monoitu was attacked by 16 P-38s. 5 tons of bombs were dropped. Huts were wrecked.

Also 7 May, Kantan Island, SE Bougainville, were hit by 6 SBDs, while Tsirogei supply dumps were bombed by 1 PV and 12 SBDs. Sohana Island and Porton were hit by 1 SBD and 14 TBFs, and Hahela gun batteries by 6 SBDs.

Also 7 May, Empress Augusta Bay targets were attacked by 12 P-40s.

Early 7 May, at Tsirogei, 1 enemy barge was sunk, while off Chabai, another was sunk by patrol planes, which also raided Piano and Kara. The same day, near Green Island, U.S. PTs were ineffectively attacked by a Jap floatplane.

On the night of 7 - 8 May, off Jaba River, 1 enemy barge was set afire by a LCI. The same night, off NW Choiseul, near Moli Island, 1 barge was sunk, 1 damaged and a sampan probably sunk by U.S. PTs.

On the morning of 8 May, E. of Poporang Island (Shortlands) was shelled by U.S. DDs, which had been ineffectively fired upon by a 6" coastal battery.

(B) New Ireland

On 6 May, Borpop was attacked by 48 SBDs - 24 in the morning, 24 in the afternoon. Gun positions were again the target, and at least 1 A/A position was wrecked.

On the night of 6 - 7 May, Balgai, Panapai and Kavieng, and New Hanover were raided by patrol planes.

On the afternoon of 7 May, near Namatanai, Cape Namarodu was attacked by 24 SBDs. Coastal guns were bombed. The same day, Duke of York was strafed in a fighter sweep.

On the night of 7 - 8 May, off NE New Ireland 2 beached enemy barges were destroyed by U.S. PTs.

(C) New Britain

On 6 May, in addition to previous reports, (Naval Summary, 9 May 1944), supply dumps at Rataval were attacked by 18 TBFs and 24 SBDs. The same day, near Cape Liguan, enemy trucks were strafed when the area was swept by 28 F4Us.

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On the night of 6 - 7 May, in Adler Bay, U.S. PTs were attacked by a single enemy floatplane.

Later reports of the occupation of Cape Hoskins airfield state that no enemy troops but some booby traps were encountered.

Weather conditions on 7 May prevented the usual strikes against Rabaul. However, according to natives, enemy forces in Rabaul area are evacuating heavily-bombed sections.

On 8 May, near Ubili, the whole enemy garrison at Ulamona was killed by an Allied party. All equipment of the enemy force was captured. (The number of enemy troops killed was not reported.)

(D) New Guinea

Details of the attack on 6 May on Hokmer airfield and supply dumps (Naval Summary, 8 May 1944) - 10 B-24s dropped 72 tons of bombs and, in meeting 17 enemy intercepting planes, expended 22,000 rounds of m/g. Fires were caused in supply dumps. 1 Jap plane was shot down. Moderate A/A fire was met.

Also 6 May in Sowak area, Cape Mon was hit by 12 more A-20s (as Naval Summary, 8 May 1944) - making a total of 81 A-20s. A fuel fire was caused and a bridge wrecked, after 11 more tons of bombs and 18,000 rounds of m/g were expended.

The same day, in the Sepik River area, a possible enemy radio station was raided by 3 B-25s. 3 tons of bombs were dropped. A village in the Sepik River area was raided by an A-20 on patrol, which also raided Manam I. The same day the coastal area at Potsdam, Hubia and Uligan was attacked by 28 P-47s. About 5½ tons of bombs were dropped.

Also 6 May, about 20 miles E. of Aitape, an enemy unit, possibly numbering 300 men was reported by natives. However, our ground patrols reached points about 30 miles E. of Aitape, as well as 30 miles W., without meeting any Jap troops.

On the night of 6 - 7 May, Hokmer was again attacked by 5 B-24s, which dropped 11½ tons of bombs on the dispersal area. There was no A/A fire.

On 7 May, Sarmik, Sawar and Maffin Bay areas were attacked by 62 B-24s and 42 B-25s according to incomplete reports. Supply dumps and bivouacs were the target. About 250 tons of bombs were dropped. The B-24s hit Sarmi, while the B-25s concentrated on the other targets. Large fires were started.

Again 7 May, Hokmer area was attacked by 45 B-24s, covered by Hollandia-based fighters (P-40s). Of 15 - 20 intercepting enemy planes, 9 were shot down by the fighters, and 2 by the bombers. 123 tons of bombs were dropped.

Early 7 May, Kaimana was hit by 4 Australian PBYs, while Utarom was attacked by 1 PBY. 8½ tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps, causing large fires.

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On 7 May at midday, Utaron airfield was again hit by 12 B-24s which dropped 23½ tons of bombs. Slight to intense A/A fire was met.

The same day, Hansa Bay area was attacked by 8 P-47s, while Hewak area was hit by 12P-47s and 10 P-38s. ... of But, enemy bivouacs were attacked by 43 A-20s.

At Babo airfield, 17 planes (3 fighters, 14 bombers) - were seen by patrol planes.

Also 7 May, Sepik River area was hit by 4 P-39s, 8 P-47s and 4 B-25s. Villages were strafed with 37 MM and m/g. Meanwhile, Uligan was hit by 5 P-47s, which dropped 800 lbs. of bombs.

The same day, Sawar area was strafed by 2 B-25s.

On the night of 7 - 8 May, Mokmer area was raided by 4 PB4Ys, which dropped 6 tons of bombs. Explosions and fires were caused. There was no A/A fire.

On 8 May, Mokmer area was again attacked by 6 B-24s, covered by P-40s. There was no enemy air interception. Good results were reported. Photos showed that on S. Biak I. airfields, only 4 useable planes remain.

The same day, in the same area, a 500-ton lugger and a AK-AP were strafed by 24 P-40s.

Also 8 May, near Jefman Island, 11 enemy planes intercepted 7 Darwin-based B-24s on patrol. At least 1 Jap plane was shot down (probably more), and 1 of our bombers was downed. On Jefman airfield 20 enemy planes were observed. - (10 fighters, 10 bombers).

The same day, about 250 miles NE. of Mania Island, a Jap bomber was shot down by a PB4Y on patrol.

The coastal area from Hansa Bay to Sarmi was swept and targets strafed by a single B-25.

Meanwhile, Hewak area was attacked by 15 Australian Beauforts. Almost 10 tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps, causing large fires.

Weather conditions on 8 May prevented heavier strikes.

In the Hollandia area, enemy dead now total 871, plus 184 Japs taken prisoner. Our patrols continued to be active; meeting a few enemy troops.

(E) N. E. I.

Photos of 6 May of Penfoei airfield showed no useable planes present, and craters in the runway.

On 7 May, in Aroe Islands, at Trangan I., Doka Barat airfield was bombed and strafed by 6 Australian fighter-bombers (Beaufighters). A steamroller and 3 trucks were wrecked, while offshore, a lugger was set afire

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and a barge strafed.

On 8 May, about 80 miles NE of Manlea, a Jap bomber was shot down by 6 U.S. heavy bombers on patrol. On 3 airfields in the Halmahera area, 44 enemy planes were seen - (19 fighters, 25 bombers), and at Lolobata, a new airstrip was observed being built. In the Halmahera area, 1 medium AK, 17 small AKs and 1 escort vessel were observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 9 May 1[illegible]

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kurile Islands

A correction has been received on the time of the raid on the morning of 7 May on Paramushiru by 16 U.S. Navy planes (reported in the Naval Summary for 8 May). The attack was made from 2330 - 0050K the night of 6 May instead of 0130 - 0250K the morning of 7 May as previously reported.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marianas Islands

On 7 May, at Guam (according to a Pacific Fleet communique) search planes of the U.S. Navy and Army (Fleet Air Wing 2 and 7th AAF) attacked enemy positions during the day. Approximately 25 enemy fighters intercepted seven of which were shot down, 3 were probably shot down and 2 were damaged. Moderate A/A was met but all our planes returned.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the morning of 6 May (0708L) Kahili was raided by 1 B-24. Slight, heavy-calibre A/A fire was met.

At midday, Porton was attacked by 12 P-38s. 3 tons of incendiary bombs were dropped, causing fires. Porton, Tinputs, Chabai and Kepui were attacked by 25 P-38s which dropped over 7 tons of bombs. At Chabai, the planes sank 1 barge and damaged another.

On 7 May, about 7 miles N. of the Torokina perimeter, an enemy ambush was encountered by a patrol of the 37th Division, which met some mortar and m/g fire. Further details were not reported.

(B) New Britain

On the morning of 6 May (0931L), Talili Bay was attacked by 24 B-25s. 24 tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps, causing an explosion and many fires. A/A damaged 1 plane.

The same target was hit at 1000L by 12 P-39s and 7 minutes later by 2 P-38s. The P-39s dropped 3 tons of incendiaries; the P-38s dropped 1 ton.

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At the same time, Tobera was raided by 3 B-24s, which dumped 6 tons of bombs.

On 7 May, Cape Hoskins airfield was occupied by U.S. Marine patrols, according to a SWPA announcement.

(C) New Guinea

Before dawn on 6 May, in Aitape area, 6 Jap planes were over the area, but did not drop any bombs.

On the night of 6 - 7 May, in the Wewak area, 2 enemy barges were sunk by U.S. PTs. Enemy 25 mm guns on the beach fired at the PTs. The same night, shore targets at Cape Gourdon, E. of Hansa Bay, were strafed by U.S. PTs.

The same night, N. of Ninigo Islands, 2 enemy medium bombers were attacked evidently without success by PBYs on patrol.

IV. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported damaging an enemy AP/AK with one torpedo.

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Summary as of 0800, 8 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Kuriles Islands

On 7 May before dawn (0130 - 0250 L) Paramushiru was attacked by 16 U.S. Navy medium bombers (15 PVs and 1 Catalina). Over 10 tons of bombs were released on Central Paramushiru, Kashiwabara, and Suribachi, through overcast. Slight but inaccurate A/A was met. 1 plane did not return and 1 was slightly damaged.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 5 May Ponape was attacked by 39 Army B-24s which dropped 87½ tons of bombs on the town and dock areas. Fires and explosions were observed. One U.S. plane was damaged by moderate A/A fire. One of 2 additional heavy bombers which did not reach the target is missing.

On 5 May, 40 miles NE of Puluwat, Sopac search planes attacked 5 small Jap AKs and sank 3 of them.

On the night of 5 May at Puluwat, Sopac search planes bombed enemy gun positions on Alet Island.

On 6 May before dawn (0111 - 0208 L) at Truk 10 Army B-24s dropped 30 tons of bombs on the usual targets (Param, Dublon, Eten, Moen). A/A fire was meagre. Inaccurate searchlights were encountered. One U.S. bomber which started on this raid is missing.

On 6 May (1015 L) Ponape was attacked by 8 Army B-25s. 8 tons of bombs were dropped on the seaplane base and the airfields. Slight and inaccurate A/A was met.

On 7 May, about 200 miles NW of Truk, a U.S. search plane destroyed a Jap 4-engined flying boat.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 4 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy positions:

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	7 F4U's (Marine)	3 tons	Hit A/A positions. No A/A met.

On 5 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy positions:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	6 F4U's 6 F4U's	3 tons 3 tons	Hit A/A positions. 1 F4U damaged by moderate A/A fire.
Jaluit	12 B-25's	12 tons	Hit area of magazine at Emidj. No A/A.
Wotje	24 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV	5 3/4 tons	Hit A/A positions and magazine areas. Moderate A/A.
	12 B-25's	12 tons	Magazine exploded. No A/A.
Taroa	12 F6F's 16 SBD's (Marine)	8¼ tons and strafed	Hit coastal emplacements and magazine. 1 SBD damaged by moderate A/A.

On 6 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy positions:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Wotje	13 B-24's 10 B-25's	28½ tons 10 tons	Meagre A/A. Hit North section, No A/A.
	1 B-34	1½ tons	Hit coast gun positions. No A/A.
Jaluit	10 B-25's	10 tons	Hit buildings and magazine areas at Emidj. Moderate A/A. Damaged 1 B-25.
Jaluit	4 F6F's	strafed	Raft was strafed.
Taroa	10 F6F's 16 SBD's (Marine)	6 tons	Hit radio station and supplies. Fires started on 2 islets NW of Taroa.
Mille	6 F4U's 6 F4U's	3 tons 1 3/4 tons	Hit coastal positions. No A/A. Hit magazine area. Moderate A/A.

On 7 May, U.S. planes attacked the following enemy positions;

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	7 F4U's	3½ tons	Hit gun positions. No A/A.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 4 May, 2 enemy barges were sunk by U.S. PTs. Location was not reported.

On the morning of 5 May (0953 L) Buka was attacked by 24 B-25s. Coastal guns were the target. 23 tons of bombs were dropped, with good accuracy. 2 of 3 coastal guns have been wrecked.

The same day, SE of Bonis, Chabai was hit by 12 P-39's. 3 tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps.

Scattered targets in Bougainville were attacked by 34 more P-39's, 18 SBD's and 19 P-40's. Kieta, Chabai, and Portan Plantation were among the targets.

On the night of 5 - 6 May, off SW Bougainville, 2 enemy barges were probably sunk by U.S. PTs.

The same night, off Rantan Island, U.S. PTs met 5 enemy armored barges. 2 Jap floatplanes and shore batteries supported the barges. 1 U.S. PT was lost.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 4 - 5 May, off Borpop, enemy coastal guns fired on U.S. PTs, which were also attacked by an enemy floatplane.

On 5 May, Borpop gun positions were attacked by 24 SBDs. The same day, Kavieng was raided by a patrol plane.

On the night of 5 - 6 May, S. of Kavieng, Kaut Bay was raided by a PBY on patrol.

On 6 May photos showed all New Ireland airfields unserviceable. Also 6 May, near Kavieng, a barge was sunk and shore targets at Selapiu Island were strafed by U.S. PTs.

(C) Admiralty Islands

On 6 May, N. of Admiralties, an enemy medium bomber in the water was attacked by a PB4Y. The enemy plane was left sinking.

(D) New Britain

On the night of 3 - 4 May, Adler Bay was bombed by PBYs on patrol.

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On 5 May, Tobera airfield was attacked by 16 TBFs, 23 SBDs and 6 B-25s. A/A brought down 1 B-25.

The same day, at 0940L, Lakunai was attacked by 47 fighter- bombers. Almost 18 tons of bombs were dropped. A/A fire damaged 4 P-38s.

The area was also swept by fighters which strafed trucks and a barge.

On 6 May photos showed all airfields unserviceable. At Tobera, 1 Jap fighter was present.

(E) New Guinea

On 5 May, Mokmer airfield and vicinity were again attacked by 23 B-24s of the 13th Air Force. 26 tons of bombs were dropped, and fires caused. Interception was made by about 15 Jap fighters. 1 of our bombers was shot down. Slight A/A fire was met.

Also 5 May, in the Wewak area, villages were hit by 20 A-20's. Over 11 tons of bombs were dropped, and 24,000 rounds of m/g expended in strafing. Supply dumps and buildings were hit. Some enemy m/g fire from the Dagua area was encountered.

On 5 May, at Bougainville Bay, a patrol from Hollandia was landed. A few enemy troops were encountered.

The same day, a point 10 miles NW of Alexishafen was reached by Australian patrols. No enemy troops were met.

On the night of 5 - 6 May, near Nubia, 3 enemy barges were sunk by our PTs. A cooperating P-70 raided shore targets here, attacking gun positions and searchlights. The same night, near Wewak, 5 enemy barges were sunk by other U.S. PTs, and at Muschu Island, fired with m/g on 6 trucks.

On the morning of 6 May, at Bagabag Island (near Karkar I.), New Year Bay was entered by U.S. PTs, which reported observing no enemy troops, although there were indications that a small number remain on the island. However, it was reported that most of the enemy troops had probably left for the mainland about a month before.

Also 6 May, Hansa Bay area and villages inland were attacked by 2 P-70s and 27 P-47s. Fires were caused, and buildings wrecked. 5 tons of bombs were dropped.

The same day, the Wewak area was hit by 69 A-20s which dropped almost 51 tons of bombs and expended 80,000 rounds of m/g against bridges, fuel supplies, bivouacs and villages. Dagua was also strafed by a single B-25.

Also 6 May, Mokmer airfield and vicinity were again attacked by 13th Air Force B-24s, according to incomplete reports. There was some enemy air interception.

The same day, Keawkwa Village, SW coast of Dutch New Guinea, was attacked by 6 Australian Beauforts. Almost 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Results were not seen.

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IV. N. E. I. Area

(A) N. E. I.

Early 6 May, about 125 miles NW of Boeroe Island, (at Mangole I.), in Vesuvius Bay, a convoy of 7 medium AKs and 1 probable DD were attacked by 2 Australian medium bombers (PBYs). 1 medium AK was damaged.

At the same time, at Boeroe, Namlea Town was raided by another Australian PBY.

Also 6 May, at Timor, Koepang and Penfoei were attacked. Penfoei airfield was hit by 13 heavy bombers (B-24s) which dropped 29 tons of bombs. 1 enemy fighter ineffectively intercepted the bombers. 2 Jap planes on the ground were wrecked, and a large explosion caused. A total of 8 enemy planes was observed here. Koepang Town was attacked by 6 Australian lighter bombers, which dropped almost 5 tons of bombs. Fires could be seen 50 miles away, and many explosions resulted. In Koepang area were 10 barges and 6 small AKs.

Early 6 May, at Kai Island, airfields and town area were attacked by 6 Dutch B-25s, which dropped about 11 tons of bombs. Langgoer, Faan, Toeal and Doeroa were hit, causing fires.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 7 May 1944

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

A. Japan Area

A U.S. SS reports shelling Kumeshima, in Nansei Shōtō.

II. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

29-30 April a further report of the attack on Truk by a U.S. task force states that 22 of the 35 U.S. airmen previously reported lost were rescued by a U.S. SS.

Early on the morning of 5 May, at Palau, Koror Island was attacked by 2 SWPA B-24s. Results were not observed. On the homeward trip, 1 of our planes landed in the water.

That same morning, about 150 miles W. of Truk, 1 small enemy AK was sunk and 2 small AKs were damaged, in an attack by a B-24 on patrol. The ships were part of a convoy of 5 small AKs, probably on a N. course.

B. Marshall Islands

On 4 May, about 15 miles W. by S. of ENIWETOK, a SS. was attacked by a patrol plane, which observed an oil slick.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On 4 May (0630L), Kahili was raided by 5 B-24s. About 5½ tons of bombs were dropped. Intense A/A fire was met.

The same day, Sorum, on the coast NE. of Bonis, was attacked by 6 SBDs.

Also on 4 May, coastal targets at Empress Augusta Bay and Buka Passage were attacked by 38 P-39s. Over 10 tons of bombs were dropped.

The same day, in Empress Augusta Bay, Mariropa and Tekessi Rivers were strafed by U.S. gunboats. Pillboxes were the target.

Also on 4 May, Piano, Aitara and Mibo River were raided by Sopac patrol planes.

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D. New Britain

On 4 May, in Rabaul area, Matupi Island supply dumps were attacked by 17 TBFs and 24 SBDs. 35 buildings were wrecked, and big fires started.

At 0930L, Talili Bay supply dumps were hit by 24 B-25s. Fires and an explosion were caused.

The same morning, Tobera was raided by 2 B-24s which dropped 8 tons of bombs, while Vunakanau was hit by 43 fighter-bombers. The concrete strip was pitted. Over 18 tons of bombs were dropped.

Rabaul area was also swept by fighters, which strafed a whaleboat, a barge, and 4 canoes.

C. New Ireland

On the night of 3-4 May, off E. coast of New Ireland, 2 enemy barges were sunk and shore targets strafed by U.S. PTs. The PTs were ineffectively attacked by an enemy floatplane.

On the morning of 4 May, Kavieng gun positions and airfield were attacked by 39 SBDs covered by F4Us. 19½ tons of bombs were dropped, with good results reported. 1 F4U was downed, but the pilot rescued.

During that afternoon, Borpop was hit by 17 SBDs. Coastal guns were the target.

The same day, Kavieng was raided by a Sopac bomber on patrol.

D. New Guinea

Later reports of the attack on Mokmer airfield, 4 May, (Japanese Naval Activities, 6 May 1944) state that 26 PB4Ys dropped 67½ tons of bombs. 1 Jap plane was shot down, and a second probably shot down - of 12 intercepting enemy planes.

Also that morning, W. of Wakde, at Maffin Bay, supply dumps were hit by 8 B-25s. 2½ tons of bombs were dropped, and the targets strafed.

The same day, Mewak area was hit by 19 more A-20s (see Japanese Naval Activities, 6 May 1944) - making a total of 64 A-20s. 18 more tons of bombs and 27,800 rounds of M/G were used. Enemy personnel were strafed, fires started and a bridge wrecked.

Meanwhile, at Mansa Bay, Hubia was attacked by 9 A-20s. Almost 13 tons of bombs were dropped. A truck was strafed.

The same day, Manam Island was hit by 6 P-70s, while Jligan was raided by 4 strafing P-38s.

At Hollandia, Aitape and Alexishafen, our patrols were active. In the Hollandia area, enemy casualties have reached: 697 killed, with 155 Japs taken prisoner. An Indian officer, escaped from the Japs, reported without confirmation that on 28 April a force of 2,000 enemy troops started for Lake Sentani from E. of Humboldt Bay, in Bougainville Bay area.

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On 5 May, coastal targets at Sepik River, Dagumur Bay, Potsdam and Hubia were hit by 4 P-47s and 6 P-38s. 37 MM and H/O were used.

According to the natives, at 4 points along the Sepik River - Yoschan, Timbunke, Angoram and Marienberg - small units of enemy troops remain.

The same day, Manam Island was attacked by 11 A-20s. Over 5 tons of bombs were dropped.

Also on 5 May, according to incomplete reports, Lakunai airfield and vicinity were again attacked by B-24s of the 13th Air Force. Interception was made by 12 to 15 Jap fighters.

E. N. E. I.

Early on 5 May, near Ambon, Halong seaplane base was raided by 2 Australian medium bombers (PBYs). Almost 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Results were not observed.

IV. U. S. SS Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking 1 medium AK, 1 coastal minelayer (CMc), and 1 sampan, and damaging 2 medium AKs.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 6 May 1944.

I. Northwestern Pacific Area

On the night of 5 May 3 Fleet Air Wing 4 medium bombers (PV's) attacked Suribachi and the newly detected airfield in Shimushu (central section). AA was intense and accurate. Searchlights were also encountered. Kurabu Saki was attacked but results were not reported.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 2 May 13 Navy B-24's attacked Moleai, dropping 29 tons of bombs with unobserved results. 6 Navy B-24's hit Sauripik with 13½ tons of bombs, destroying one enemy seaplane. No opposition was encountered in either raid.

On the night of 2-3 May Truk was attacked by 18 Army B-24's which dropped 50½ tons of bombs. Town areas (Eten, Moen, and Dublon), airfields, and searchlight positions were hit. Several fires and a large explosion were seen. Moderate AA was met. No damage to U.S. planes. 2 Jap fighters were in the air but no interception was reported. Also the same night, Ponape was attacked by 1 Army B-24 which dropped 3 tons of bombs. A large fire was started in the town area. No AA or searchlights were met.

Six (6) Army B-25's, on 3 May, dropped 5-3/4 tons on Ponape airfields. Meager AA was met. The airfields were reported to be inoperational.

(B) Nauru

On 4 May, at Nauru, Navy PV's dropped 8-3/4 tons of bombs on the runway and barracks area. Medium AA was met. 1 U.S. bomber suffered minor damage.

(C) Marshall Islands

On 2 May U.S. planes hit the following enemy targets:

Place	Planes	Bombs	Results
MOTJE 0950L	13 SBD'S(Marine)	7 tons	Small fires. No AA.

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Place	Planes	Bombs	Results
MILLE 0935L	6 F4U's (Marine)	3 tons	Hit AA positions. Explosions. Large fires. AA accurate in first strike. No AA in second strike. Hit AA battery
1345L 0908L	6 F4U's (Marine) 6 F6F's	3 tons 3 tons	
TAROA 0915L 1425L	4 F6F's 7 SBD (Marine) 4 F6F's	strafed 1½ tons	Strafed AA positions. 1 SBD shot down by meager AA.
JALUIT 0714- 0750L	9 B-25's	9 tons	Enybor & Emidj Hit. Meager AA.

On 4 May the following targets were hit:

WOTJE 0710L	21 F4U's (Marine 1 PV	4½ tons	Hit AA positions, moderate AA. 2 F4U's damaged.
1016L	8 B-24's	24 tons	No AA.
1120- 1225L	12 B-25's	12 tons	Hit AA positions. No AA met.
JALUIT 0758- 0945L	12 B-25's	12 tons	Hit area of magazines. Meager AA.
TAROA 1400L	4 F6F's 10 SBD's	5½ tons	Hit AA positions. Moderate AA met.
1420L	10 SBD's	5½ tons	2 SBD's suffered minor damage. AA positions hit.
MILLE 0825L	6 F4U's	3 tons	Hit AA positions. No AA met.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 3 May, at Buka, 11 SBD's attacked enemy gun positions, while in the Tinputs area 17 P-39's destroyed enemy huts. The P-39's dropped 6 tons of bombs. AA damaged two (2) P-39's.

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At Monoitu on 3 May 6 P-39's destroyed 6 buildings. 2½ tons of bombs were dropped. The same day, Muma Muma and Kieta enemy positions were attacked by 4 SBD's.

Off Mantan Island (SE Bougainville), on 3 May, PT's damaged 2 heavily armed enemy barges. An enemy plane attacked our boats and caused some damage but no casualties.

Also the same day, in the Torongen-Chabai area, U.S. planes bombed enemy positions.

On 4 May, at Mik Mik, an enemy barge was destroyed by PT's. A second barge was destroyed at JABA RIVER while, 40-50 miles WNW of Treasury Island, an enemy submarine was strafed by 2 P-38's. Results were not announced.

(B) New Britian

On 3 May at Tobera 11 B-25's released 12 tons of bombs, while 13 B-25's hit supply areas at Kulon plantation with 13 tons.

At Vunakambi 34 SBD's bombed while at Vunakanau 23 TBF's and 35 SBD's bombed and hit bridges over Meringai and Kabanga Rivers. 9 SBD's and TBF's were damaged by AA fire.

At Rabaul on 4 May, photo reconnaissance showed all fields but Lakunai to be unserviceable.

(C) New Ireland

On 2 May Cape Kamarodu and Borpop were bombed by U.S. patrol planes while on 3 May Kavieng, Put Put and Borpop were bombed by U.S. planes on reconnaissance.

(D) Admiralty Islands

Up to 3 May almost 4,000 Japs have been buried, with an estimated 1200 additional dead which have not been located. 41 Japs, 31 Chinese and 71 Sikhs have been captured. It is estimated that less than 100 Japs remain in the Admiralties and those are believed to have nothing but grenades and bayonets. Our forces continue mopping up.

(E) New Guinea

On 1 May in the Sepik area 4 P-47's strafed enemy villages.

On 2 May, at Wewak, the area was bombed and strafed by 2 B-25's and 20 P-47's. 3 tons of bombs were dropped. The same day, the area from Awar to Potsdam Harbor was bombed and strafed by 16 P-39's, 17 P-47's, and 1 P-70. 7 tons of bombs were dropped. 37 mm and 50 calibre gunfire were employed. A jetty was destroyed, bridges and trucks were hit. The same day, Hansa Bay was attacked by 23 A-20's. 21½ tons of bombs were dropped on bridges, gun positions and the motor pool at Potsdam.

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The same day, at Mari (between Hollandia and Tanahmerah Bay) an Allied party landed unopposed. Near Tami airdrome increased enemy activity has been reported. W. of Jautafa Bay an enemy party of undetermined size was contacted. In the Tanahmerah Bay area, Japanese continue to surrender voluntarily. 107 prisoners have been taken in the Hollandia area. 685 enemy dead have been counted. That night, at Hollandia, there were 2 air raid alerts. Some casualties resulted.

In the Aitape area on 2 May, ground patrols have penetrated 15 miles SE with only light contacts. Enemy known killed total 402. 25 prisoners have been captured. According to a Jap prisoner, 30 Jap Naval personnel were evacuated from Aitape by submarine April 23 (the day after our landings SE of Aitape.)

Also the same day, 60 miles N of Hansa Bay, a possible enemy submarine was contacted and depth charged by a U.S. destroyer with unobserved results, while at Manam Island an enemy barge was destroyed by PT's. At Nightingale Bay PT's destroyed 2 enemy barges, damaged trucks and silenced enemy guns. The area between Croiselles and Malas was strafed by PT boats.

On 3 May, at Wakde, 8 B-25's bombed and strafed. No details are available. 41 A-20's dropped over 38 tons and expended 35,000 rounds of 50 calibre ammunition at Muschu Island the same day. 2 large fires were started at Muschu and results were described as excellent.

Also the same day, 23 B- 4's bombed the Newak-Boram runways, dropping 92 tons of bombs. The same area was attacked by 45 A-20's and 6 B-25's. 63 tons of bombs were dropped and the area was strafed. Sepik villages were also bombed and strafed by 3 A-20's and 2 B-25's which dropped 4 tons of bombs and strafed the area. The Hansa Bay area was also attacked by 21 A-20's. 10 tons of bombs were dropped and the bivouac areas were strafed.

Also on 3 May, at Uligan, 4 P-47's and 6 P-39's dropped a ton of bombs, started fires and destroyed enemy trucks, while that same day at Hansa Bay 62 P-47's and 10 P-39's dropped 19 tons of bombs and strafed roads, bridges and transports. At Awar 9 A-20's dropped 5 tons of bombs and strafed enemy bridges and gun positions.

The Newak area, on 3 May, appeared depleted to attacking U.S. planes, and the damaged airfields were not being repaired. The area N of But (at Matapu-Balam) contains an enemy concentration, according to natives. The road from Aitape to But appears well used.

At Kairiru, U.S. PT boats sank 2 loaded enemy barges and damaged 7 others, while at Bogia PT boats destroyed 2 barges.

On 4 May on Kairiru Island, 4 P-47's strafed huts and an enemy barge, while 4 P-39's strafed the Uligan area. At Boram 17 B-24's dropped 68 tons of bombs, damaging the runway and destroying gun positions.

The same day, at Kairiru and Muschu personnel areas, 6 B-25's dropped 5½ tons of bombs and covered the areas with cannon fire and strafing. The Newak area was bombed and strafed by 45 A-20's. 41 tons of bombs were dropped in enemy personnel areas. Large oil fires were started. Roads were strafed.

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50 miles WNW of Monokwari a NW bound enemy convoy of 2 DD and 2 large AK's was seen by an Allied reconnaissance plane on 4 May.

On 4 May at Aitape, U.S. patrols had reached points 34 miles southeast and 30 miles west. A total of 525 Japs have been killed. 25 prisoners have been taken. At Hollandia in the Wari area 35 starving and dejected Japs have surrendered. Patrols at Hollandia are meeting very feeble, isolated resistance.

The same day, Mokmer airfield (S coast of Biak Island) was attacked by an undisclosed number of B-24's. Large fires were started and grounded A/C were destroyed. 12 enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

(F) N. E. I.

On 2 May, on Flores Island, photo reconnaissance shows a 5,000 ft. airfield on the central N. coast. There were no aircraft present.

On the night of 4 May at Penfoei 5 RAAF Beauforts attacked, dropping 5 tons of bombs. A fuel dump exploded and many fires were started. A/A fire was met but it was inaccurate.

The same day at Manatuto and Lega on Timor, 6 RAAF fighters (Beaufighters) strafed the area, hitting 3 trucks and enemy personnel. A barge was set afire.

IV. Southern Pacific Area

(A) Australia

On 3 May, over the Derby area, there were one or possibly two Jap reconnaissance planes.

V. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking an enemy 3,500 ton AK.

Other U.S. SS's have reported sinking 5 enemy AK's, 1 DD and 1 AO. In addition, 2 AK's were damaged.

Another U.S. SS has reported an enemy 8,500 ton AK believed sunk.

Yet another U.S. SS has reported 1 large and 2 medium AK's sunk. A trawler was shot up.

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I. Northwestern Pacific Area

(A) Japan

A Japanese communique reported the death in action of the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet, Admiral Mineichi Koga. The 58 year old Admiral was reported to have died in March (1944) "while directing general operations aboard an airplane on the frontline".

(B) Kuril Islands

On the night of 4 May (2245 K) Paramushiru was attacked by 3 U.S. Navy PV's which dropped over 3 tons of bombs. Explosions and large fires were observed in the target areas (Kashiwabara, Kurabu and Daigo Zaki.) A/A fire was encountered. All planes returned safely.

An airfield was sighted south of Daigo Zaki on the W. central coast of Paramushiru.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Marshall Islands

On 3 May the following attacks were made against enemy positions in the Marshalls:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Jaluit	15 B-25's	12 tons	3/4 of bombs hit radio station at Aineman Is. No A/A.
Wotje	12 B-25's	12 tons	Heavy A/A batteries hit. No A/A.
	24 F4U's (Marine) 1 PV	7½ tons	3 direct hits on power-house. Area strafed. PV damaged by A/A.
Taroa	4 F6F's 10 SBD's (Marine)	5¼ tons	Direct hits made on A/A batteries.
	4 F6F's 10 SBD's (Marine)	4½ tons	3 SBD's damaged by A/A.

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Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	5 F4U's (Marine)	2½ tons	Power station area attacked.

The same day at Ujelang a U.S. search plane noted that the American Flag left there previously was not flying.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 2 May, scattered targets in Bougainville, particularly SE section, were attacked by 24 P-39's. Almost 7 tons of bombs were dropped. Specific targets reported were buildings at Koremira, huts N. of Kieta, and a pier at Matsoa, N. Bougainville.

The same day, coastal guns at Buka were attacked by an unreported number of U.S. Navy SBD's.

On the night of 2 - 3 May, off Buri Bay, a Jap floatplane unsuccessfully attacked U.S. PT's.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 1 - 2 May, Kavieng, Panapai and New Hanover were raided by Sopac bombers on patrol.

On the night of 2 - 3 May, SE of New Hanover, an enemy barge and small vessel were damaged by U.S. PT's.

(C) New Britain

On 2 May, in addition to previously reported raids on Rabaul area (Navgl Summary, 4 May 1944), Vunakambi was attacked at 1120 L by 30 Sopac fighter-bombers. Over 9 tons of bombs were dropped, causing many fires. In this area, all buildings but 2 have been razed. Rabaul area was also swept by fighters, which forced 3 enemy barges to the beach, and set 3 trucks on fire.

IV. Allied Attacks on Enemy Shipping

On 2 May, according to a Kandy Communique, an enemy submarine was sunk in the INDIAN OCEAN by RAF medium bombers.

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I. Central Pacific Area

A. Caroline Islands

On 30 April at Yap, U. S. photo reconnaissance planes reported a 4100 foot airstrip, but no aircraft. 32 small craft and 1 AK were seen. Sorol and Ulithi were also observed, and a weather station was seen at Sorol where a float plane was seen anchored.

The same day at Woleai the airstrip was serviceable, and 4 possibly serviceable enemy planes were seen. Taxiways appeared unserviceable. The fuel storages area and causeway were badly damaged.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

A. Solomon Islands

On 1 May, Bougainville targets were attacked by 56 fighter-bombers (P-38's). A total of over 10 tons of bombs was dropped. A causeway of rock at Hongorai River was hit and possibly wrecked. At Numa Numa, a bridge suffered a direct hit. At Tinputs, a barge was sunk and large buildings destroyed.

On the night of 2-3 May, off Cape Friendship, 3 enemy barges loaded with supplies were damaged by our PT's.

B. New Ireland

On the morning of 1 May at 1020 L, Borpop was attacked by 24 B-25's. 208 fragmentation bombs were dropped on coastal guns. Meager A/A fire was encountered.

The same day, a Duke of York airfield (Makada) was raided by 3 B-24's.

C. New Britain

On 1 May in the Rabaul area gun positions at Hospital Ridge were attacked by 22 TBF's and 36 SBD's. 3 guns were wrecked, and another 3 damaged. 41 tons of bombs were dropped. A/A brought down 1 SBD, but the pilot was rescued.

From 1203-1505 L, Vunakambi Plantation was attacked by 43 fighter-bombers. About 12½ tons of bombs were dropped, starting fires. The same target was hit by 12 TBF's and 26 SBD's, which dropped 22 tons of bombs.

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In a fighter sweep of Keravia Bay, 2 enemy barges were damaged. We lost 1 P40.

On 2 May photos of 3 Rabaul airfields showed 2 serviceable (Tobera and Vunakanau, while Lakunai was not) with 2 enemy fighters present.

On the morning of 2 May, Tobera was attacked at 1010L and 1110L by 30 SBD's and 24 TBF's. 77 tons of bombs were dropped on the runway and buildings. 2 SBD's were lost to A/A fire.

The same morning (1121 L), Talili Bay was hit by 25 (Army) B-25's. Almost 20 tons of bombs were dropped.

8 minutes later, Matupi Island was attacked by 6 (Marine) B-25's. Over 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Almost 20 buildings were wrecked.

D. New Guinea

On 1 May, in addition to previous reports (Naval Summary 3 May 1944), Hansa Bay area was attacked by 8 more P-47's making a total of 72 P-47's and 24 P-38's.

On 2 May, weather conditions in the New Guinea area prevented major air attacks. However, Hansa Bay was once more attacked by 8 P-38's and 40 P-47's. 22½ tons of bombs were dropped on supply dumps, bivouacs, bridges, gun positions and a truck.

The same day, Uligan area was hit by 10 A-20's which dropped 10 tons of bombs and expended over 10,000 rounds of m/g in strafing dumps. Results were reported excellent. In the Malas area, it was reported that the roads appeared well travelled.

Also on 2 May, the coast from Sepik River mouth to Nightingale Bay was searched by 11 A-20's. Over 7 tons of bombs and 17,000 rounds of m/g were used to wreck bridges, huts, a lookout post and 2 trucks.

In the Aitape area, active patrolling was reported. Total enemy casualties here were set at 492. Meanwhile, in the Hollandia area, almost no enemy ground opposition was being encountered. On 2 May, our fighters began using the Hollandia airfield.

Also on 2 May, the coast from Sarmi to Takar (W. of Tanahmerah) was swept by 8 B-25's. Supply dumps along the coast were set afire, a gun position was silenced, 2 barges sunk, and at Kakde, fuel stores and 2 fighters were destroyed.

Early on 2 May, Kokmer airfield was raided by 2 B-24's. Almost 4 tons of bombs were dropped. Slight A/A fire was encountered.

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4. N.E.I.

Early 3 May, Koepang was attacked by 9 Dutch medium bombers (B-26's) which dropped over 10 tons of bombs in the town and on barracks. Large fires were caused.

Also early 3 May, Penfoei was hit by 6 Australian light bombers (Beauforts) which dropped 3½ tons of bombs. An explosion and a big fire were caused.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 3 May 1944

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I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Wake Island

On 1 May, in a daylight raid on Wake (1000 - 1054 L) 42 Army B-24's dropped 94 tons of bombs on the airfield, N. barracks area, and Peacock Point. Results of bombings were excellent. Fires and explosions were observed. Intense A/A damaged 2 U.S. planes. 3 planes were airborne but did not attempt to intercept. 2 enemy bombers were seen on the airfield.

(B) Caroline Islands

On 30 April and 1 May, Truk was very heavily attacked by U.S. Naval Task forces. 30 April over the target area our planes shot down at least 60 Jap planes and destroyed about 60 additional planes on the ground. A/A fire from U.S. Naval vessels destroyed at least 5 enemy planes. On 1 May only one Jap plane was airborne and was liquidated. Our plane losses have not been disclosed but have been reported as "light", mostly from heavy enemy A/A and because of low ceilings. 35 U.S. airmen (20 pilots and 15 men) were missing from our strikes but some have been reported recovered by a U.S. submarine patrolling the area. 800 tons of bombs were released on installations, storage and personnel areas causing very severe damage and many fires on all main islands of the group.

No large enemy ships were found in the area, but an enemy SS was probably sunk by a U.S. DD.

In the approach to the Truk area, 5 enemy search planes were shot down and some of the flyers were recovered.

On 1 May, at Satawan, U.S. Cruiser Task forces bombarded enemy installations for 2 hours, causing considerable damage. The same day (0820 L) both Ponape airfields were attacked by 8 B-25's which dropped 8 tons of bombs. Fires were started and a large explosion was observed in the vicinity of the old airfield. Moderate A/A was met but it was inaccurate. No damage to U.S. planes was reported.

On 1 May (1220 L) 180 miles NW of Truk U.S. search planes attacked a small escorted AK. No damage seen as result of bombs or strafing.

On 2 May Ponape was bombed by U.S. Carrier-based planes and bombarded by battleships. Results have not been completely assessed but are known to have been very good.

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(C) Marshall Islands

On 1 May U.S. planes attacked the following enemy targets in the Marshalls:

Place Attacked	Planes	Bombs Dropped	Results
Mille	13 F4U's (Marine)	6½ tons	A/A gun suffered direct hit. No A/A met. No A/A
	6 F6F's	3 tons	
Taroa	4 F6F's 10 SBD's (Marine)	4½ tons	Meagre A/A.
Wotje	10 SBD's (Marine)	5 tons	Small explosion from hit on A/A position. Meagre A/A.
Jaluit	11 B-25's	11 tons	Hit RDF area. Meagre inaccurate A/A.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 30 April, scattered targets in Bougainville were attacked by 28 P-39's. Kieta and Mamagata in particular were hit.

The same day, Porton Plantation, NW Bougainville, was attacked by 10 P-39's.

Early 30 April, Mosiga and Numa areas, villages on Buka, and Tabut, NE Bougainville, were raided by Sopac planes on patrol.

(B) New Ireland

On the night of 29 - 30 April, Borpop and Kavieng were raided by Sopac bombers on patrol.

On 30 April, New Ireland's E. coast was swept by fighters. Huts were set on fire.

(C) New Britain

On the morning of 30 April, Lakunai was attacked by 18 TBF's and 35 SBD's. 35 tons of bombs were dropped, causing many craters along the runway. We lost 1 SBD.

The same morning, Rapopo was raided by 2 B-24's, and Vunakanau was hit by 9 P-38's and 24 P-40's. 10 tons of bombs were dropped.

Meanwhile, Rataval supply dumps received 20 tons of bombs from 12 TBF's and 16 SBD's, while Vunakamba Plantation was hit by 23 B-25's and 12 more SBD's. 28 tons of bombs were dropped, and fires caused.

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Also 30 April, Rabaul Harbor area was swept by fighters. 2 barges loaded with troops and supplies were sunk, 2 more damaged, a floatplane was wrecked, an enemy PT was damaged and several trucks set afire.

(D) New Guinea

On 30 April, Rempi River, about 8 miles N. of Alexishafen, was reached by Australian patrols, who were continuing their advance to the N. No enemy troops were encountered.

On 30 April, in addition to previous reports (Naval Summary for 2 May, 1944), Hansa Bay area was attacked by 39 more P-39's and P-47's. This makes a total of 46 P-39's and 59 P-47's, which dropped almost 29 tons of bombs, and expended over 36,000 rounds of m/g, plus 37 mm.

Later reports of the attack on 30 April on trails S. of Wewak (Naval Summary, 2 May, 1944) state that 2 B-25's and 33 A-20's participated. 33½ tons of bombs were dropped.

Also 30 April, S. of Aitape, villages were raided by 2 Australian P-40's.

The same day, S. of Biak Island, 3 Darwin-based B-24's on patrol were intercepted by about 18 enemy fighters, of which 6 were shot down, 2 more probably shot down, and damage was caused to 1. 2 bombers sustained some damage, but all 3 returned safely. Seen in the area were: 2 PC's, 1 probable escort vessel, 1 medium AK and 1 small vessel.

Photos on 30 April of Kamiri airfield showed 15 planes present.

On 30 April, in Mandowaja Bay, SE coast of Japen Island), 2 enemy DD's were reported.

On the night of 30 April - 1 May, in the Wewak area, 5 enemy barges were sunk and 2 on the beach wrecked by U.S. PT's. The barges were loaded with supplies.

On 1 May, Hansa Bay area was again attacked by 24 P-39's and 64 P-47's. 34 tons of bombs were dropped on villages, trucks and bridges. The same day, at Awar, the enemy motor pool was attacked by 10 A-20's. 10 tons of bombs were dropped, and targets were strafed with 18,000 rounds of m/g.

Also 1 May, Wewak area was hit by 24 A-20's. Incomplete reports state that half of these dropped 12 tons of bombs and expended 13,000 rounds of m/g. Targets were supplies at Boram and Kairiru I. 2 large fires were started.

Also in the Wewak area, 2 enemy barges were sunk and 4 damaged in an attack by 4 P-70's.

On 1 May, Geelvink Bay was patrolled again by 2 Darwin-based B-24's . There was no enemy air interception.

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On the morning of 1 May, in Aroe Islands, a radio station at Dobo was badly damaged in a strafing attack by 7 Australian fighters (Beaufighters). Offshore, a 50-foot barge was also damaged and beached.

(F) Andaman Islands

A British SS reports shelling shore targets at Port Blair. Enemy coastal guns returned the fire.

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Summary as of 0800, 2 May 1944

I. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 30 April, Woleai was again attacked by a force of 13th Air Force B-24's. 23 planes attacked, starting fires in the airfield area. There was no enemy interception.

On the night of 30 April (2045 K) at Truk, a U.S. search plane damaged a probable enemy CL with 3 1000 pound bombs. The same plane also strafed the Eten and Moen airfield. Intense A/A was met.

The same day near Nomoi, a Sopac search plane sighted 10 enemy fighter planes.

II. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On 29 April, Buka Island gun positions and airfield were attacked by 12 B-25's (at 1105 L) and by 14 TBF's and 49 SBD's. 46 tons of bombs were dropped.

On 29 April at midday (1230L), Kara was attacked by 12 B-25's which dropped almost 12 tons of bombs on the runway and dispersal area.

Meanwhile, targets along the Bougainville and Buka coasts were hit by 11 P-39's. Almost 3 tons of bombs were dropped and the targets strafed. Weather conditions prevented all the above planes from reaching their primary target, Rabaul.

Also 29 April, targets along Bougainville - Buka coasts were also hit by 34 P-39's, which dropped about 8½ tons of bombs on Kieta, Numa Numa, Aitara, an island off Porton Plantation, and Lontis (N. Buka).

The same day, Tinputs was raided by 2 P-38's.

(B) New Ireland

Photos on 28 April of 4 New Ireland airfields showed 2 serviceable, but no planes present on any of them. (Namatanai and Borpop serviceable, Panapai and Kavieng not).

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Early the morning of 29 April, Kaviong was raided by a U.S. Navy PBY on patrol. A village on New Hanover was also raided.

(C) New Britain

On 29 April at Rabaul weather conditions prevented major strikes, but W. Rapopo area was attacked by 6 Sopac B-25's. Smoke from fires rose 2,000 feet in the air after 4 tons of bombs were dropped.

Photos on 30 April of 3 Rabaul airfields showed 2 of them serviceable (Vunakanau and Tobera, while Lakunai was not). 2 enemy fighters were present.

(D) New Guinea

On the afternoon of 28 April, Tami airfield was occupied by our ground forces. The runway was not serviceable.

On the evening of 28 April, a point 21 miles ESE of Aitape was reached by our units. No more enemy troops were met.

On the night of 28 - 29 April, the E. coast of Manam Island was strafed by U.S. PT's.

On 29 April, in addition to previous reports (Naval Summary for 1 May 1944), targets along the New Guinea coast from Bunabun to Hansa Bay were attacked by 16 P-39's and 34 P-47's which dropped 21 tons of bombs. The same day, at Marionberg, 1 enemy truck was wrecked and 7 more damaged in a raid by 2 P-70's.

On the night of 29 - 30 April, off Prittwitz Point (W. of Aitape), 3 enemy barges were sunk and 1 damaged by U.S. PT's. The same night, SE of Wewak, in Nightingale Bay, 4 barges were sunk by U.S. PT's. (It is not clear if this sinking of 4 barges was different from the report in the Naval Summary for 1 May 1944).

On 30 April, in ground action in the Hollandia area, on a hill about 2 miles N. of Nefaar, enemy troops were driven back and the hill taken in an attack by our forces aided by artillery.

In the airfield area, active patrolling by units of the 24th Division was reported.

The Cyclops airfield was reported being used by our transport planes.

In the Aitape area, about 7 miles SW of Tadji, a force of about 200 enemy troops was engaged by 1 of our patrols. 59 Japs were killed, after which our patrol withdrew to the N.

Total counted enemy dead in the Hollandia area has reached 677, plus 44 Japs taken prisoner. Added to the known dead in the Aitape area, the total is 970 dead.

Also 30 April, it was reported that motor traffic was indicated on the road running between Burui and Wewak.

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The same day, Hansa Bay area was attacked by 66 P-39's and P-47's which damaged or wrecked 30 parked trucks and bombed and strafed other targets.

Meanwhile, near Bunabun, buildings and bridges were bombed in a raid by 2 P-70's.

Also 30 April, in spite of adverse weather, trails S. of Wewak were attacked by an unreported number of A-20's and B-25's. Details were not reported.

The same day, at Noemfoor Island, Kamiri airfield was attacked by 7 B-24's. Almost 9 tons of bombs were dropped, and fires caused. About 5 - 7 enemy planes attempted unsuccessfully to intercept the bombers. On the ground, 10 planes were seen.

S. of Kamiri, a medium AK was seen, while nearby, heading E. towards Noemfoor, were 1 medium and 1 small AK's.

(E) N. E. I.

On the morning of 30 April, a village (Hitoelama) on Ambon was raided by 3 U.S. Navy PBY's based at Darwin.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returned from patrol has reported sinking 2 enemy AO's for a tonnage of 20,405. In addition, a 6,000-ton AK was damaged.

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I. Western Pacific Area

(A) Philippine Islands

On 12 April, Jap forces landed at Batubatu (Tawitawi Island, Sulu Archipelago) according to a report dated 28 April. The landing was preceded by bombardment from 3 warships. After departure of the warships 2 days later, 2 AK's remained in the area. Large guns were reported emplaced to cover the entrances.

II. Central Pacific Area

(A) Caroline Islands

On 27 April in mid-morning near the Sonsoral Islands (150 miles SW of Palau) an enemy CL and 4 DD's were seen.

On 28 April (0918, 1125L) Ponape was attacked by 8 B-25's. 8 tons of bombs were dropped in the new airfield area. A/A was met but did no damage.

On 29 April (1445L) Ponape was attacked by 5 B-25's. 4½ tons of bombs hit the old runway area.

On 29 April, 180 miles NE of Truk, a U.S. search plane shot down an enemy bomber. The same day (1913 - 2132K) Truk was attacked by 18 7th Air Force B-24's. 41 tons of bombs were dropped on Dublon, Eten, Moen, Param and Toi. Some searchlights and A/A were met but did no damage to our planes.

The night of 29 April (2030L) Ponape was attacked by 1 B-24. 2½ tons of bombs started fires.

(B) Marshall Islands

On 28 April the following attacks were made on targets in the Marshall Islands:

Place Attacked	Planes	Tons	Results
Mille	7 F4U's 7 F4U's	7 tons	Gun positions attacked. No A/A.

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Place Attacked	Planes	Tons	Results
Taroa	16 SBD's (Marine) 8 F6F's	13 tons	Magazines, gun positions attacked. 2 SBD's slightly damaged by meagre A/A.
Jaluit	12 B-25's	7 tons	Emidj and Enybor (Noaa) bldgs. and gun positions. Fire started. A/A meagre at Emidj.
Wotje	24 F4U's 2 B-34's 12 B-25's	Strafed 9 tons 12 tons	Enemy motor pool and magazine area. A/A damaged a plane. Large fire started.

On 29 April the following attacks were made on targets in the Marshall Islands:

Place Attacked	Planes	Tons	Results
Jaluit	11 B-34's	38½ tons	EMidj hit.
	6 B-34's	8 tons	Hit Tabor & Enybor Kabbenbok
	12 B-25's	7 tons	Enybor gun positions hit.
	4 F6F's	strafed	Buildings strafed at Enybor.
	1 B-24	3 tons	Hit Emidj gun positions. Meagre A/A.
Taroa	8 F6F's 20 SBD's (Marine)	9-3/4 tons and strafed	Hit A/A positions. Moderate A/A damaged 1 SBD.
Taongi	1 B-34	3/4 tons & strafed	Hit building area. No A/A. No enemy activity seen.
Wotje	10 SBD's (Marine)	Propaganda leaflets	Meagre A/A.

III. Southwestern Pacific Area

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 27 - 28 April, in NE Buka, Cape Kotopan was raided by PBY's, which also hit Mosiga.

On 28 April, Teopasino and Tinputs were raided by Sopac planes on patrol. The same day, Mamagata was attacked by 8 P-39's. Supply dumps were hit.

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(B) New Ireland

On the night of 28 - 29 April, E. of Kavieng, 2 enemy vehicles driving along a coastal road were attacked by U.S. PT's at short range. 1 vehicle was set afire.

On 28 April, Duke of York and E. coast of New Ireland were swept by our fighters. Barges and villages were strafed.

(C) New Britain

On 28 April, at 1130 L, Vunapope and Rapopo were attacked in adverse weather by 24 Sopac B-25's. 23 tons of bombs were dropped. 1 B-25 was damaged by A/A. At 1000 L, Vunakanau was hit by 21 P-40's and 9 P-39's. The runway was bombed. The same day Keravat was raided by our planes.

(D) New Guinea

On 28 April, about 8 miles S. of Aitape, 42 enemy troops out of a force of about 200 were killed by our patrols.

On 29 April, in the Aitape area, total enemy casualties were set by 181 killed, 18 taken prisoner.

Also 29 April, W. of Tanamerah Bay, our forces were landed at Demta. There was no enemy opposition. E. of Tanamerah Bay, at Dosojo, 22 Japs were killed and 8 taken prisoner by a patrol of the 24th Division travelling by LCV. Meanwhile, about 2 miles N. of Nefaar, our units attacked enemy troops holding a hill. The attack was repulsed.

The same day, at an undesignated point on our Hollandia perimeter, an enemy attack was repulsed.

On 28 April, Crown Prince Harbor and Bogia were attacked by 27 P-47's. 13 tons of bombs were dropped. Meanwhile, Sepik River area and Dogumur Bay were hit by 7 P-59's, while in the Condor Point area, 5 enemy trucks were wrecked and 17 damaged by 16 P-39's, using 37 mm and m/g. Sepik River area was also raided by 4 P-70's, which sank 1 barge loaded with troops and caused damage to 2 more.

On 29 April, the Wewak area was again attacked by 44 A-20's, which caused fires. A grounded Jap bomber was wrecked. Along the Sepik River, barge hideouts, huts and a radio station were attacked by 47 more A-20's. A total of 68 tons of bombs and 130,300 rounds of m/g was used.

The same day, Bunabun, Potsdam and Bogia were hit by 27 P-47's. Almost 13 tons of bombs were dropped on bivouacs.

Also 29 April, Sarmi, Wakde and villages in the vicinity were attacked by 46 B-25's and 6 B-24's. At least 25 tons of bombs and 49,000 rounds of m/g were used. Slight A/A fire was met.

The same day, Jefman Island was attacked by 7 B-24's. Over 8 tons of bombs were dropped. 1 intercepting enemy plane was probably shot down, and 3 planes on the ground were damaged.

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On 29 April at midday, near Jefman, a possible enemy CV - possibly the Hosho, - a CL, a DD and 2 AK's were sighted.

The same day, off Manokwari, an enemy yacht was set afire and left sinking by an Admiralties-based B-24. Off Cape Waios, 3 Jap coastal vessels were damaged by the same plane.

Also 29 April, SE of Wewak, 4 large Jap barges loaded with supplies and 2 large barges loaded with troops were sunk by U.S. PT's. About 100 Japs were killed and 3 prisoners taken. Shore targets at Boram were also strafed.

Early the morning of 30 April, Wakde Island was shelled by a U.S. task force. Ammunition explosions and fires were caused. There was no enemy opposition.

On 1 May (local time), off E. coast of Biak Island, a large enemy AK was attacked by our planes, and 1 hit scored. Further details were not reported.

(E) N. E. I.

On 29 April, Dilli Town was attacked by 11 B-25's which dropped almost 16 tons of bombs. Buildings were wrecked. Slight A/A fire was met.

IV. U.S. Submarine Report

A U.S. SS has reported sinking 4 enemy AK's and damaging a 5th. In addition, the same SS has reported sinking 2 enemy trawlers.

Another report claims that U.S. submarines have sunk 2 enemy ships and have damaged 3 others.

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