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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

Nr: C 51320 31 October 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department, cite C 51320. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/29 to 1500Z/30 signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Luzon:

Minimum 45 fighters 85 bombers photographed by 3rd Fleet aircraft on Clark Field, 30 in Nichols Field revetments.

Mindoro: 9 seatrucks 12 seaplanes reported camouflaged in Paluan Bay.

Palawan: Convoy reported moving up west coast October 30 including large transport 3 small freighters 2 destroyer escorts, off east coast another convoy of 2 destroyers 1 destroyer escort 4 other vessels.

Celebes: Photographs Macassar October 29 show 2 bombers 1 fighter on 2 airdromes, in harbour 1 freighter transport (3000 tons) 11 small vessels totalling 2500 tons.

Borneo: Photographs October 29 show 3500 foot strip considerable dispersal area other runways.

Portion missing being serviced*. Celebes.

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Operations October 28:

(2) 7 Beauforts attacked coastal targets west Wewak.

(3) P-38's damaged 2 of 17 enemy fighters over Masbate Island.

(4) Single B-24 scored direct hit on troop train southeastern Luzon.

Operations October 30:

(5) 6 B-24's fired fuel dump and cratered runways Wewak; 5 B-25's bombed Boram airdrome 5 A-20's attacked village and guns Kairiru and Muschu Islands.

(6) Main strikes prevented by weather; Leyte reported heavy wind and rain.

(7) 6 Dutch B-25's started fires Matawai, southeastern Soemba Island; signle RAAF B-25 damaged small seatruck Lomblem Island.

(8) 1 Darwin B-24 bombed runways and gun positions Cape Chater; another bombed Lahane Barracks near Dilli.

(9) 8 Dutch B-25's bombed and strafed Seba village on Sawoe Island, southwest Timor.

(10) Single B-24 bombed small freighter south

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Boeroe Island and damaged seatruck Banggai Archipelago.

Solomons' Forces. Air.

Operations October 29:

(11) 1 Avenger, 15 Dauntless, 16 Marine and 10 New Zealand Corsairs hit buildings and motor park, destroyed bridge and exploded fuel dumps Bougainville.

(12) 12 Corsairs, 2 New Zealand Venturas harassed Kavieng; 11 Dauntless, 16 Corsairs bombed plantations New Ireland.

(13) 42 Corsairs bombed Rabaul and targets Gazelle Peninsula; 8 B-25's, 20 Dauntless and 12 Corsairs bombed radio station and buildings Pondo Point.

Land. Leyte;

October 29 * by approximately 450 heavily armed enemy forced 7th Cavalry elements to withdraw Carigara to Barugo.

24th Division: 34th Infantry attacking south from Mainit River bridgehead at Cavite (3759) captured Jaro; 1st Battalion 19th Infantry reached Bonga Bonga (4546).

XXIV Corps: 96th Division: 381st Infantry captured upper slopes Catmon Hill, enemy still hold eastern slopes.

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7th Division: 17th Infantry took southern half Dagami, encountered stiff resistance in north part of town. Two battalions 184th Infantry now south and southeast of Santa Ana (5022); one battalion 184th Infantry now south of La Paz (5319). All Samar except some sections central part and west coast in hands of our troops or guerrillas.

October 30: Preliminary report:

XXIV Corps: 96th and 7th Division elements repulsed minor night counter attacks Dagami area; reduction of Catmon Hill pocket continued.

Our casualties to October 30:

Killed 706
Wounded 2245
Missing 270

Locations of front lines: Mouth of Sapanitan River (3478) east to San Juanico Strait below Uban (5577); mouth of Cawayan River (5473), San Miguel (4068) inclusive, Calampanan (5858), hill 101 (5755), north of Palo/Cavite road to Cavite inclusive, Jaro inclusive, Tingib, Manaybanay (4847) south to Binahaan River, Dagami, west of Dagami/Burauan Road to Marabang River, Santa Ana inclusive, northwest to Marabang River, east along river to Cogon (6026), La Paz inclusive, then east and south to Abuyog inclusive.

Enemy pockets at Catmon Hill (6035) and along

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Tanauan/Dagami road vicinity Kiling (5442).

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 10 100 lb bombs from 10,500 feet.

(2) Dropped 14 500 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50, 600 rounds 30 calibre.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 6 by 100 lb bombs.

(5) B-24's dropped 48 1000 lb bombs from 8000 feet; B-25's dropped 20 300 lb bombs from 9000 feet; A-20's dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 7900 rounds 50 calibre.

(6) No details.

(7) Dutch B-25's dropped 36 120 lb frags, 21 500 lb incendiaries, met slight to moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; RAAF B-25 fired 2400 rounds 30 calibre.

(8) Dropped 8 250 lb bombs from 12000 feet Cape Chater; dropped 8 300 lb bombs 1/10 second delay, met slight heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Dilli.

(9) Dropped 32 500 lb bombs 5 seconds delay from 1500 feet and under, fired 4000 rounds 50 calibre, met slight

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light some medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(10) Dropped 8 250 lb general purpose bombs, fired 1000 rounds 50, 400 rounds 30 calibre.

End

** Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
CG AAF
ASF
G-2
Statistics
Adm King
Col Park
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Log

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CINCSWPA		FOR ACTION: COMINCH	PPPPPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 OCTOBER 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODER 0444/31			
DECODED BY ROBERTS		INFORMATION: CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC	PPPPPPPPP PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY FAGAN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY PIPP			DEFERRED

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

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301041 NCR 7738

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME: DATE TIME GCT

ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

(CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT. COMINCH ACTION CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC INFO)

IN 3 DAY PERIOD 44 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN OVER LEYTE GULF BY OUR PLANES AND SHIP GUN FIRE. PART OF COVERING FORCE- RETURNING TO REPLENISH. 3 OBB 1CA 3CL 12 DD REMAIN WITH' OTHER SHIPS IN LEYTE GULF. ON 28TH NAVY SEARCH PLANE GOT TWO HITS 1 TANKER IN MAKASSAR STRAIT. ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE BOMBED AND STRAFED JENJLAD NEW RAILROAD TRAIN IN SOUTHEASTERN LUZON. MACARTHUR.

ACTION	
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16...20G...SHOW OP20...OP01...00...OP03...

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTG 38.4		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: GARBLED CALL	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE 3Ø OCTOBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM Ø82Ø/3Ø		INFORMATION	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY STRONG			
PARAPHRASED BY THOMSON/ Revised			
ROUTED BY			

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RADIO HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 78.2 RELAYS.

CTG 38.4 REPORTS HE IS UNDER AIR ATTACK NOW.

TIME 15Ø5.

PASS TO 2Ø-G

ACTION	
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DRAFTER — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — PRECEDENCE

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COM 3RD FLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 30 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0552

DECODED BY: DIEBEL

PARAPHRASED BY: DIEBEL/ROWLAND

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTG 38.4 — PRIORITY: URGENT; ROUTINE; DEFERRED

INFORMATION: ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT
ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT
USS SARGENT BAY — PRIORITY: URGENT; ROUTINE; DEFERRED

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300345 NCR 6873

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTG 38.4 INFO ALL TASKFORCECOMS AND ALL TASKGROUP COMS 3RD FLEET SARGENT BAY.

(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RDO HONOLULU AS 300526)

PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO CLOSE AND RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE SARGENT BAY AND OILER GROUPS UNDER AIR ATTACK LAT 13-20N LONG 129-48E.

DELIVERED TO 20-G. JJ Sawyer

ACTION

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F-07	
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DRAFTER	EXT.	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 30 OCTOBER 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0255			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MCDOUGALL		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY ROWLAND		URGENT PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY DIEBEL		ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
			BASEGRAM

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Originator fill in DATE AND TIME GROUP (Use G. C. T.)

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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CINCPAC SENDS A LINDSYE* FOR 3 CGHS* COM 3RD FLEET. INFO COM 7TH FLEET.

ULTRA.

JAP AGJHIS* REPORTED SOMETHING NEAR 15-57N 125-23E AT 300820/I.

6 COPIES TO F-341
1 COPY TO 23-G.
*AS RECEIVED

ACTION F-20

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

No. C 51280 30 October 1944

Chief of Staff War Department C51280, signed MacArthur.

Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/28 to 1500Z/29.

Philippines:

4 medium merchant vessels with 3 destroyer escorts sighted heading up west coast Palawan morning October 29.

1 heavy cruiser course 290 degrees sighted 80 miles west by south Manila October 29.

Photographs of convoy southbound from Lingayen Gulf October 26 show 4 heavy laden merchantmen totalling 39,400 tons probable aircraft tender (400 feet) 4 escorts.

Leyte Gulf:

16 raids by groups of up to 8 planes reported October 26, lessening next day, 50 enemy aircraft over area during October 28.

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Borneo:

1 large, 1 medium tanker, 2 escorts, 1 floatplane reported by reconnaissance aircraft 75 miles south Balikpapan course 210 degrees October 29.

Part 2. Air.

Enemy action:

13 more planes shot down during harassing raids against shipping and shore installations Leyte Gulf through October 29.

2 planes attacked PT boats south Surigao Strait at night.

Operations October 28:

(1) RAF operations from Noemfoor Island cancelled due weather.

(2) 3 B25's attacked 4 barges arround Amboina; 11 P38's and 23 B25's bombed Ambon Town; 17 other bombers caused many fires and destroyed power plant same target; 11 P38's caused large fires Saparoea Town, East Ambon.

(3) 2 pre-dawn B24's caused explosion and fires Puerto Princesa airdrome Palawan Island; reconnaissance P38 shot down 2 intercepting planes central Philippines;

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7th Fleet planes strafed 20 barges, setting many afire Ormoc Bay, Leyte Island.

Operations October 29:

(4) 5 B25's attacked Brandi Plantation; 6 B24's hit Wewak Point; 6 A20's struck village and gun positions Kairiru Island; 4 Beauforts bombed targets further west.

(5) 2 B25's and 20 A20's cratered runways and fired revetments Utarom.

(6) Single B24 destroyed coastal vessel and damaged seatruck Sandakan, northern Borneo; another patrol plane scored 2 direct hits on large tanker in convoy south Balikpapan.

(7) 10 pre-dawn Darwin B24's started large fires along waterfront and through town area Macassar, 1 B24 missing.

(8) 1 B24 attacked Lahane barracks near Dilli; 2 others bombed Lautem, another hit Cape Chater, Timor.

(9) 1 RAAF B25 silenced gun position Kai Islands.

Solomons Forces.

Naval:

PT boats strafed and mortared shore targets Northern

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Choiseul, Northeastern New Ireland and Gazelle Peninsula night October 28.

Air:

Operations October 28:

(10) 69 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs, 9 Dauntless and 2 Avengers attacked Bougainville supplies and trails; 17 Dauntless, 14 Corsairs, 4 B25's and 2 New Zealand Venturas destroyed 1 bridge and many buildings New Ireland; other strikes weathered out.

Land:

Leyte:

October 28:

X Corps:

1st Cavalry Division: Units of 12th Cavalry patrolling toward Sant Elena (5544) and Santa Isidro (5343) contacted elements 96th Division along Binahan River; 8th Cavalry patrols pushed south from San Miguel toward Cavite (3759).

24th Division: 34th Infantry attacking northwest along highway number 2 encountered heavy machine gun and mortar fire Mainitt River bridge (3758); 19th Infantry

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at Pastrana attacked west toward Jaro (3255).

XXIV Corps:

96th Division: 382nd Infantry pushing north from Tabontabon reached Tanauan/Dagami road, and 1 Battalion turned east to contact force moving west from Tanauan; 381st Infantry captured hill 1000 yards southeast of Catmon Hill against strong pillbox positions.

7th Division: 17th Infantry destroyed 22 pillboxes of extensive system 600 yards south of Dagami.

October 29th:

X Corps:

24th Division captured Cavite, Santa Cruz (3850) Tingib (3846).

XXIV Corps:

Forward elements of 7th Division entered Dagami and advanced rapidly north toward Pastrana with 96th Division to effect junction with X Corps. Patrols moved west along Abuyog/Bay Bay road (3593). 21st Infantry at Panaon Strait with guerrilla assistance extended operations in southern Leyte. Allied casualties to October 28:

X Corps	Killed 360, wounded 887, missing 110
XXIV Corps	Killed 488, wounded 1405, missing 238.

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Part 3.

(1) No details.

(2) 170 500 lb bombs dropped from 11,000 to 7000 feet Ambon Town, 11 500 lb bombs dropped Saparoea.

(3) B24's dropped 40 100 lb bombs from 8000 to 3000 feet, fired unstated number rounds, met slight to intense inaccurate anti-aircraft fire of all calibres.

(4) B25's dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 1300 rounds 50 calibre; B24's dropped 48 1000 lb bombs from 8000 feet, fired 9800 rounds 50 calibre; A20's dropped 16 300 lb general purpose bombs from minimum altitude, fired 4200 rounds 50 calibre; Beauforts dropped 8 500 lb medium capacity, 4 250 lb general purpose bombs from 3000 feet, fired 200 rounds 30 calibre.

(5) Dropped 18 tons 500 lb bombs.

(6) No details.

(7) Dropped 30 500 lb, 180 100 lb bombs, 36 500 lb incendiaries from 14,500 to 10,500 feet, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) Dropped 8 300 lb, 16 250 lb bombs, 9 500 lb incendiaries from 12,000 to 5,300 feet.

(9) Fired 3000 rounds 50 calibre.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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ACTION SUMMARY 24 - 26 OCTOBER.

ENEMY CARRIER FORCE SAN BERNARDINO FORCE AND SURIGAO FORCE HEREAFTER CALLED NORTHERN CENTER AND SOUTHERN FORCES.

SOUTHERN AND CENTER FORCES SIGHTED BY CARRIER SEARCH TEAMS MORNING 24TH. MORNING 24TH 38.4 ATTACKED 1 GROUP OF SOUTHERN FORCE BELIEVED CONSISTING OF BB FUSO BB YAMASHIRO CA ASHIGARA AND 4 DESTROYERS (PRISONER OF WAR STATES POSSIBLY CARRYING TROOPS). 3 TO 4 BOMB HITS PLUS ROCKETS BOTH BB. 1 CA BOMB HIT AND 4 DD DAMAGED BY ROCKETS AND STRAFING. 38.2 38.3 (AND IN AFTERNOON 38.4) ATTACKED CENTER FORCE BELIEVED CONSISTING BB NAGATO BB YAMATO BB MUSASHI BB KONGO BB HARUNA (5 BB)

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CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA KUMANO AND SUZUYA (7 CA) NOSHIRO AND 13 DD. REPORTED DAMAGE: IN ADDITION TO BOMB HITS THERE WERE AT LEAST 5 TORPEDO HITS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE 2 YAMATOS 1 STOPPED BURNING DOWN BY HEAD. BOMB HITS IN 2 POSSIBLY 3 REMAINING BB AND TORPEDO HITS IN 1 OR BOTH KONGO. 1 KONGO SLOWED AND APPEARED BADLY DAMAGED. AT 16ØØ OBSERVER SAW 2 DAMAGED BB OF 4 IN FORCE NORTHWEST OF MASBATE. MANY HITS ON CA'S INCLUDE DUPLICATION 2 KNOWN BADLY DAMAGED (1 OF THESE PROBABLY SUNK) AT LEAST 1 OTHER DAMAGED. 1 AGANO TORPEDOED AND ROLLED OVER. 1 DD SUNK. MUSASHI KUMANO HAGURO UNABLE SORTIE FROM SAN BERNARDINO DUE DAMAGE ACCORDING PRISONER OF WAR AND APPARENTLY CORRECT. FORCE LAST SIGHTED AT 2145 NORTH OF MASBATE. ESTIMATE CONFIRMED BY PHOTO 4 BB (2 SERIOUSLY 2 SLIGHTLY DAMAGED) 5 CA (AT LEAST 1 DAMAGED) 1 CL AND 9 DD SORTIED FROM SAN BERNARDINO MANY SHIPS TRAILING OIL.

AFTERNOON 24TH NORTHERN FORCE WAS SIGHTED LATITUDE 18-1Ø LONGITUDE 125-3Ø. BASED ON ESTIMATE CENTER FORCE TOO HEAVILY DAMAGED TO BE MAJOR THREAT 38.2, 38.3, 38.4 MADE FAST NIGHT RUN AND ON MORNING 25TH ATTACKED NORTHERN FORCE CONSISTING 4 CARRIERS, 2 BB/XCV, 1 CA, 4 CL AND 6 DD. DEFINITELY SANK ALL 4 CARRIERS 1 CL AND 1 DD. POSSIBLY SANK 1 CL LAST SEEN SINKING CONDITION. DAMAGED ANOTHER CL BY TORPEDO, 2 BB/XCV 1 OF WHICH HIT BY 2 TO 4 TORPEDOES AND MANY BOMBS, 1 CA AND 1 CL EACH HIT BY SEVERAL BOMBS, 2 DD HEAVILY STRAFED. SEE CTF 38 28Ø537 FOR IDENTIFICATION.

ON URGENT REQUEST FROM CTF 77 FOR ASSISTANCE PUT STRIKE ON CENTER

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FORCE FROM TG 38.1 WHICH WAS APPROACHING BATTLE AREA AND PROCEEDED SOUTH WITH TF 34 SENDING TG 34.5 IN ADVANCE AT HIGH SPEED. 38.1 STRIKE REPORTED BOMB AND ROCKET HITS ON NAGATO, 4 BOMB HITS ON YAMATO, 4 ON KONGO, AT LEAST 3 CA HIT WITH 1 OR MORE BOMBS, 3 ON THE CL AND 4 DD 1 HIT EACH. 7TH FLEET FORCES HAD GALLANTLY TURNED BACK ENEMY CENTER FORCE WHICH REENTERED SAN BERNARDINO STRAITS BEFORE TG 34.5 COULD INTERCEPT. TG 34.5 SWEPT FOR BB, CA AND DD REPORTED DEAD IN WATER EAST OF SAMAR INTERCEPTING AND SINKING 1 SHIP (ESTIMATED CRUISER OR DD) AND RECOVERING SURVIVORS FROM SUZUYA WHICH SANK WHEN HER OWN TORPEDOES DETONATED AS RESULT OF FIRES.

MORNING 26TH TG'S 38.3 AND 38.4 WERE FUELED TG'S 38.1 AND 38.2 RESUMED AIR STRIKES ON RETREATING ENEMY CENTER FORCE FURTHER DAMAGING SHIPS AS FOLLOWS: HEAVY SHIP REPORTED AS NAGATO BUT ESTIMATED PROBABLE KUMANO 2 TORPEDOES MANY BOMB HITS OBSERVED OUT OF CONTROL AND BELIEVE SUNK. 1 KONGO 2 TORPEDOES. SAME OR OTHER KONGO HIT WITH ROCKETS. NAGATO 1 TORPEDO YAMATO 1 BOMB HIT. CA ESTIMATE MYOKO 2 TORPEDOES ALSO BOMB HIT SEEN DEAD IN WATER WITH 2 SHIPS ALONGSIDE NOT THERE LATER ALTHOUGH 2 DD'S SEEN SO CA PROBABLY SUNK. 1 CL TORPEDOED AND BOMBED POSSIBLY SUNK. 3 DD'S DAMAGED (1 BOW BLOWN OFF). 9,000 TON CVS SUNK.

MUSASHI NOT SEEN SINCE 24TH AND BELIEVED SUNK. ESTIMATE FOLLOWING SHIPS OF CENTER FORCE REACHED CHINA SEA: 4 BB'S ALL DAMAGED BY TORPEDOES AND BOMBS, 5 CA'S (SOME DAMAGED) AND ABOUT 10 DD'S POSSIBLY INCLUDING 1 CL. CA SITUATION NOT CLEAR BUT IT APPEARS THAT TAKAO WAS TORPEDOED BY BLUE SUBMARINE NORTH OF BALABAC ISLAND ON 23 OCTOBER

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EFFECTED EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND BY 2 SIGHTINGS APPEARED TO REJOIN CENTER FORCE VIA EAST OF PALAWAN 26TH. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT KUMANO (CA) OR HAGURO (CA) EFFECTED REPAIRS AND ESCAPED TO CHINA SEA.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COM 3RD FLT

RELEASED BY

DATE 29 OCTOBER, 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1942

DECODED BY FORCE

TYPED BY FORCE/Roberts

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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF EARLY MORNING SWEEP AND FIRST TWO STRIKES ON MANILA AND SOUTHERN LUZON AREA BY 38.2 ON 29 OCTOBER. 15 TOJOS SEEN MANDALUYONG. 25 WELL DISPERSED REVETTED PLANES NICHOLS. ABOUT 100 ON CLARK FIELD TWIN ENGINED. 33 INTERCEPTORS SHOT DOWN BY OUR BOMBERS FIGHTERS MAINLY OVER CLARK WHERE DISPERSAL AREAS BOMBED STARTING 5 FIRES. 2 CA'S 1 CL 4 DD'S 8 MEDIUM 14 SMALL MERCHANT VESSELS REPORTED MANILA BAY. 2 HALF TON AP'S HITS SEVERLY DAMAGED CA OFF CAVITE. 1 AO HIT BY 1000

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POUNDER NEAR CAVITE.

12 VALS, JUDY'S, TOJOS AND ZEKES DESTROYED NEAR 38.2 TODAY. 2 OF THE VALS MADE SUICIDE DIVES AT THE FORCE 1 STRIKING 20MM GALLERY ON INTREPID. 1 20MM LOST AND 5 OTHERS OUT OF COMMISSION OTHER DAMAGE INCONSEQUENTIAL. 6 KILLED 10 OTHERS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

CUSHING WHILE ON DUMBO MISSION DOGGED A TORPEDO AT 2124/I 28TH POSITI 13-52 N 127-15 E. UNABLE TO DEVELOP CONTACT. HELM SANK A JAP SUBMARINE AT 1230/I 28TH. 5 ATTACKS MADE BY HELM AND 3 MORE BY GRIDLEY. HEAVY EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BY 2 SMALLER ONES AFTER HELM'S FOURTH ATTACK. OIL FRESHLY SPLINTERED PLANKING AND PIECES OF NIP ANATOMY FOUND. SUZUYA POW STATES TAIHO SEVERLY DAMAGED AND GENERALLY BELIEVED SUNK PHILIPPINE SEA ACTION JUNE AND SHAKAKU AND HITAKA DEFINITELY SUNK SAME ACTION.

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HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 38.4 SENDS ACTION CTF 38. INFO COM 3RD FLT CTG 38.1. RDO HONO PLEASE PASS TO ALL.

DAILY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY.

A 29 OCTOBER

B 65 TARGET CAP 29 SURVIVOR SEARCH 10 TACLOBAN MOR* PILOT PICKUP.

C 36

D 12

G 2 VF. 1 VF 4 VT UNACCOUNTED FOR. HEAVY FRONT ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE TO SHIP AND MAY HAVE RETURNED TACLOBAN.

I 1 PILOT VF

M 3 OSCARS TARGET

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O 1 OSCAR TARGET

ADD TO MY SUMMARY FOR 28 OCTOBER.

F 2 VF

G 3 VF LANDING AT DULAVAN

H 3 PILOTS VF

M 5 TONYS OR OSCARS TARGET

N 3 TONYS OR OSCARS TARGET

NEW SUBJECT.

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL FROM TACLOBAN ABOARD FRANKLIN LT (JG) R L DHEIS AND S D SENTO AMM 1/C FROM WASP, E C HARREN ARM 3/C AND J C BROWN ARM 1/C FROM HANCOCK. ABOARD ENTERPRISE ARE LTS (JG) L J TOPER AND R G AUBEL, M R YOUND ARM 2/C AND L H SUHOR ARM 3/C ALL FROM HORNET.

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DATE 2 NOV 1944

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DECODED BY MONROE

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMINCH

INFORMATION: CINCPAC
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SPORADIC AIR RAIDS CONTINUE. ONLY DAMAGE REPORTED TO NAVAL FORCES 1 PT BOMBED DAMAGED WITH SOME

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. FIGHTERS OVER CVES SHOT DOWN 12 ENEMY PLANES. CTF 77 IN WASATCH WITHDRAWING

FROM LEYTE AREA WITH CVES AND PART OF COVERING FORCE FOR REPLENISHMENT. REMAINING AT LEYTE

CTG 77.1 REAR ADMIRAL WEYLER (SOPA) WITH 3 BB 1 CA 3 CL 13 DD. REAR ADMIRAL FECHTLER IN FREMONT HAS

ASSUMED ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF SOPA.

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PRIORITY

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

No: C 51220 29 October 1944

Chief of Staff War Department C 51220. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/27 to 1500Z/28 signed MacArthur.

Nanséi Islands:

Ten medium merchant vessels sighted leaving Okinava for southwest October 28th.

Philippines:

Large transport many freighters reported Manila Bay October 27th, one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, one destroyer approaching following morning;

Two medium, three smaller vessels sighted northbound off east coast Cebu afternoon October 27th;

40 to 50 enemy fighters reported by Third Fleet reconnaissance aircraft over Marinduque Island October 27th;

12 stack transport(8,000 tons) sighted west of Calamian Group miday October 27th, reconnaissance aircraft reported nil targets Coron Bay same evening, damaged heavy cruiser one tanker several destroyers reported in area following morning.

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Celebes:

Aircraft reported one medium, three small merchant vessels, 15 seatrucks in Macassar Harbor midday October 26th, 14 barges on southeasterly course in Gulf of Bone October 27th.

Part 2.

Naval:

PT boats sank ten troopladen barges and two coastal vessels Ormoc Bay, western Leyte Island, at night.

Air:

Enemy Action: 26 more planes shot down during raids on Tacloban, October 27/28;

Lone raider repulsed by anti aircraft fire Morotai night October 26th.

Operations October 25th: (1) Three Beauforts bombed Wewak.

Operations October 26th: (2) One B 24 bombed Manado town and set seatruck afire northeastern Celebes;

Another B 24 destroyed lugger South Macassar.

(3) Patrol B 24 destroyed floatplane Palawan Island.

Operations October 27th: (4) Six Beauforts bombed Danmap River targets, Wewak;

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24 RAAF P 40's set bivouacs afire Kaimana.

(5) B 24 attacked medium transport North Palawan Island.

(6) Darwin B 24's demolished buildings, started fires Palopo and Malili in Northern Gulf of Bone, Celebes;

Sank small seatruck offshore.

(7) 11 Dutch B 25's fired supply dumps, sank two barges and damaged other small craft near Maomere, Flores Island.

Operations October 28th: (8) Five B24's, six B25's and six A20's bombed Karawop Plantation, Wewak.

(9) Four P40's cratered Miti runways, four P47's hit Kak Airfield, Halmahera.

(10) One Catalina attacked light cruiser and medium transport near Sandakan;

Another bombed waterfront near Brunei Bay, Borneo.

(11) 29 B24's apparently destroyed 23 grounded planes and damaged 10/15 others, strafed destroyed three floatplanes offshore, cratered runways and fired buildings Puerto Princesa Airdrome, Palawan Island;

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Two B24's bombed San Roque Airdrome, Zamboanga;

20 B25's forced back from Zamboanga due weather.

(12) Darwin B25 attacked camouflaged Bargenkai Islands;

Three B24's bombed Lautem and Cape Chater Airfields and headquarters area Lahane Village near Dilli, Timor;

Eight Dutch B25's attacked bridge near Waingapoe, Soemba Island.

Solomons Forces. Naval:

PT boats strafed and mortared South Eastern Bougainville and Cape Gazelle, New Britain.

Air. Operations October 27th:

(13) 12 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Bougainville;

Eight B25's, 23 Dauntless, five New Zealand Venturas and 14 Corsairs demolished buildings and started fires New Ireland;

18 Dauntless, 18 B25's, 34 Marine and 20 New Zealand Corsairs destroyed Praed Point buildings, cratered gun positions and hit many motor vehicles Rasul area.

Weather. Overcast with light to moderate showers

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over Philippines, frontal zone Halmahera to Noemfoor, below average.

Weather over Celebes. Land. Samar:

October 27th: Cavalry elements reached Wright (6025), Cambastay (3541) patrolled toward Loquilocon (7029).

Leyte:

October 27th: X Corps: Amphibious patrols of 1st Cavalry Division landed Carigara (2168) reported town clear of enemy;

Patrols from San Miguel halfway to Busey (4269) killed 41 of 50 encountered.

24th Division: One battalion occupied Alangalang (4057);

Enemy night attack near SantaFe repulsed.

XXIV Corps: Elements 7th Division advanced inward to within one mile of Dagami, battalion of 96th Division advanced west along Tanauan/Kagami Road. Patrols entered Santa Ana (5023), San Andres (5127), Pangdan (4325). Six high caliber enemy coast defense guns and 40 vehicles were captured near Akbuyog.

Total enemy casualties to October 26th:

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Killed 4,232
Captured 50

Our casualties:

X Corps: Killed 156
Wounded 615
Missing 29

XXIV Corps: Killed 360
Wounded 887
Missing 110

Part 3. (1) Dropped 24 40 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) Dropped 4 250 lb bombs Manado,6 same type at Lugger.

(3) No details.

(4) Beauforts dropped 10 500 lb medium capacity, 6 250 lb general purpose bombs from 2,000 feet, fired 100 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 caliber;

P40's dropped 18 500 lb, 36 250 lb bombs.

(5) No details.

(6) Dropped 25 500 lb gen purpose bombs from 7,500 feet, fired 1,500 rounds 50 caliber.

(7) Dropped 21 500 lb incendiary clusters, 60 120 lb, plus unstated number 100 lb bombs, fired 2,500 rounds 50 caliber, met slight heavy moderate light inaccurate anti araft fire

(8) B24's dropped 40 1,000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet, fired 11,000 rounds 50 caliber;

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

No: C 51220 29 October 1944

B25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs .025 second delay from 8,000 feet;

A20's dropped 24 300 lb bombs same delay from minimum altitude, fired 6,000 rounds 50 caliber.

(9) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs.

(10) Three 500 lb, four 100 lb bombs dropped at vessel, met accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) Dropped 72 tons 1,000 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds, met no anti aircraft or interception Puerto Princesa;

Dropped 10 1,000 lb bombs Zamboanga.

(12) B25 dropped four 500 lb bombs 11 seconds delay from 4,000 feet;

B24's dropped five 500 lb, eight 300 lb, eight 250 lb bombs all 1/10 second delay from 13,500 to 4,000 feet;

B25's dropped 96 100 lb bombs from 9.500 feet.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Field Marshall Dill, Log

CM-IN-27741 (29 Oct 44) 1911Z m/m

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CINCSWPA

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 29 OCT 44

TOR CODEROOM: 1919/29

DECODED BY: IMRIE

TYPED BY: KAEMPFER

ROUTED BY: THOMPSON

FOR ACTION: COMINCH

INFORMATION: CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC

PRECEDENCE: PPPPPPPP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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COM7THFLT PASSING FOR CINCSWPA. ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.

GAMBIER BAY. CVE. SANK ABOUT 09001/25TH HAVING BEEN HIT BY 38 INCH SHELLS AT FINAL RANGE OF 2000 YARDS. 26 PLANES THEN AIRBORNE FATE UNKNOWN. ABOUT 650 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED SURVIVORS PRESENTLY ACCOUNTED FOR AMONG THEM CAPTAIN VIEWEG. LEYTE AREA CONTINUES UNDER INTERMITTENT AIR ATTACK INTERFERING WITH UNLOADING OPERATIONS. NO REPORT OF DAMAGE.

HOEL, DD. JOHNSTON, DD. S B ROBERTS, DE. STILL MISSING. PT 493 SUNK IN SURIGAO STRAIT BATTLE. LST 486 DAMAGED. REINFORCEMENT ECHELONS MOVING AS SCHEDULED. PB4Y OBTAINED DIRECT HIT ON TANKER OFF

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BALABAC STRAIT. NORSOL PT'S MORTARED AND STRAFED GAZELLE AND SOUTH EASTERN BOUGAINVILLE. WOENDI AND MORATAI PT'S DESTROYED BARGES NIGHT 26/27. MACARTHUR.

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DRAFTER — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — PRECEDENCE

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTG 38.1

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 29 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1733

DECODED BY:

TYPED BY: KURTZ/WOODWARD

ROUTED BY: C STRONG/

FOR ACTION: CTF 38

INFORMATION: COM 3RD FLEET

PRECEDENCE: OP PRIORITY — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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(CTG 38.1 SENDS ACTION CTF 38 INFO COM 3RD FLEET)

(PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO - PART 1 291418, PART 2 290846)

YOUR 280456. REPORT FOR 26 OCTOBER AND COWPENS REPORT ON TASK GROUP 38.2 DESTROYER FOR DELIVERY TO YOU. COWPENS 16 OCTOBER M 9 JILLS FORCE. CORRECTIONS FOR 25 OCTOBER REPORT AS FOLLOWS.

F. NO CHANGE.

G. 4 VB 1 HORNET 3 HANCOCK.

H. NO CHANGE.

I. 2 VB CREWMEN. SUGGEST YOU RECHECK G AND I WITH HANCOCK. CORRECTED AND AMPLIFIED REPORT FOR 25 OCTOBER. PHOTOGRAPHED EAST OF SAMAR BETWEEN 13001 AND 15301 WERE 1 YAMATO 1 NAGATO 2 KONGOS 2 NACHI 1 TONE 1 MOGAMI 1 NOSHIRO 8 DESTROYERS.

YAMATO 4 1/2 [redacted] 4 1/4 TON HITS.

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NAGATO 1/2 TON SAP 1 1/4 TON SAP 3 ROCKET HITS. UNIDENTIFIED BBS 4 1/4 TON SAP 1 1/2 TON SAP HITS. NACHI 2 1/4 TON ON 1, 1/2 TON ON OTHER. 1 TONE 1 1/4 UNIDENTIFIED CAS 1/2 TON 4 1/4 TONNERS. 1 NOSHIRO HIT WITH 3 1/4 TONNERS. 4 DESTROYERS HIT WITH 1 1/4 TONNER EACH. CORRECTED DAILY REPORT 26 OCTOBER FOLLOWS.

B. 174.

C. 91

D. 32

E. 58 TONS 45 TORPEDOES 82 ROCKETS.

F. 4 VF 2 VB 2 VT FLAK.

G. 1 VT.

H. PILOTS 3 VF 2 VT 1 VB CREWMEN 4 VT 1 VB.

I. 1 VT PILOT 2 CREWMEN.

J. 1 NOSHIRO CL 11-35 NORTH 121-45 EAST 09101 BY 3 OR 4 TORPEDOES AND 2 ROCKETS 1 SEAPLANE TENDER 11-05 NORTH 123-05 EAST BLEW UP AFTER BOMBING BY HANCOCK.

K. 1 KUMANO CA 12 NORTH 121 EAST (South Mindoro) WITH 2 TORPEDOES AND 5 1/2 TON SAP HUGE EXPLOSIONS AND BURNING FIERCELY AT 10301. UNIDENTIFIED CA DEAD IN WATER AT 1035 POSIT 11-55 NORTH 121-50 EAST HIT WITH 2 TORPEDOES STARBOARD SIDE SEEN BY CREWMAN TO SINK.

L. YAMATO 1 TORPEDO HIT 3 1/2 TON SAP 2 1/8 TON GPS AT 09101 POSIT 10 MILES OFF NW TIP PANAY. CLOSE PHOTOS SHOW 2 BOMB HITS PREVIOUS TO ABOVE HITS. NAGATO 1 TORPEDO HIT SAME PLACE AND TIME. 1 DESTROYER AT 11-40 NORTH 121-30 EAST AT 10501 WITH 2 TORPEDOES 1 1/4 TON SAP PHOTOS SHOW BOW BLOWN OFF. 1 DESTROYER OF 5 ATTACKED HIT WITH 1 1/2 TON SAP ON BOW AT 12-00 NORTH 120-45 EAST AT 15151. 1 1/4 TON SAP ON 2ND

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DESTROYER 1 1/4 TON SAP 1 1/2 TON GP ON 3RD DESTROYER SAME PLACE AND TIME. INCOMPLETE COVERAGE TAKE AT 08301 SHOWS 1 YAMATO 1 NAGATO 1 KONGO 1 NOSHIRO 7 DESTROYERS OFF NW PANAY. PILOTS REPORTED 4 BB 3 CA 2 CL 9 DD AT 08301 SAME PLACE 1 CA OR BB WENT WEST ALONE WAS HIT AT 10301 12 NORTH 121 EAST. 1 CA HIT AND LEFT AT 10351 11-55 NORTH 121-40 EAST LATER BELIEVED SUNK.

M. 4 ZEKES 2 HELENS 1 JAKE SOUTH MINDORO 2 JAKES REAGAY GULF 2 ZEKES FABRICA 1 IRVING FORCE.

P. 1 DRSS 7 TWINS 7 SINGLES LEGASPI.

R. NITE UNIDENTIFIED LEGASPI.

U. BUILDINGS CATAMARAN AIRFIELD SAMAR.

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ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY STILL CONTINUES OVER LEYTE GULF AREA. ESTIMATE OVER 50 ENEMY PLANES OVER AREA UP TO 17001 TODAY. SUICIDE TACTICS AGAINST OUR BATTLESHIP AND CRUISER FORCE COMMENCED YESTERDAY AT DUSK. VALS MADE 2 SUICIDE DIVES ON LOUISVILLE. EVASIVE ACTION MADE BOTH NEAR MISSES BY 50 FEET. 1 KILLED. 11 INJURED. NO MATERIAL DAMAGE. ZEKE SHOT DOWN WHILE ATTEMPTING CRASH DIVE ON CALIFORNIA'S BRIDGE IN MOONLIGHT. DESTROYED 1 RADAR GUY POLE. CRASHED 50 YARDS AWAY. AT DAWN TODAY ZEKE OR VAL DIVEBOMBING DENVER CRASHED ALONGSIDE DAMAGING COMPARTMENT 1ST PLATFORM DECK WHICH FLOODED. AT DUSK TODAY ENEMY'S ATTENTION AGAIN DIRECTED TO CVE'S WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. DURING THE DAY 17 ENEMY PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BY OUR CAP. 20 ENEMY BARGES STRAFED IN ORMOC BAY. MANY SET AFIRE.

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2 PILOTS FROM USS ENTERPRISE SHOT DOWN ORMOC BAY. 1 RESCUED BY USS SOC PLANE. 1 BY NATIVES. 500 NAVY AND ARMY CASUALTIES DEPARTED ABOARD USS MERCY 26TH. APPROXIMATELY 400 NAVY CASUALTIES NOB AWAITING EVACUATION.

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CTF 77		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 29 OCT 44			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		2 GARBLED CALLS	
DECODED BY STEVENS		INFORMATION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT	OPNAV
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ATTENTION AGAIN DIRECTED TO CVE'S WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. DURING THE DAY 17 ENEMY PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BY OUR CAP. 20 ENEMY BARGES STRAFED IN ORMOC BAY MANY SET AFIRE. 2 PILOTS FROM OUR ENTERPRISE SHOT DOWN ORMOC BAY. 1 RESCUED XUJDIS* SOC PLANE. 1 BY NATIVES. 500 NAVY AND ARMY CASUALTIES DEPARTED ABOARD USS NERDT* 26TH. APPROXIMATELY 400 NAVY CASUALITIES NOB AWAITING EVACUATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE — NAVY DEPARTMEN

DRAFTER — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — PRECEDENCE

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTF 77

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 30 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2158

DECODED BY: BOWMAN

TYPED BY: C STRONG/Jones

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCSWPA — PRIORITY ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED

INFORMATION: COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT — PRIORITY ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED

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(ACTION CINCSWPA FROM CTF 77 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT)

HAVE AS PRISONERS ON BOARD COMDR SHIBAYAMA ICHIOO NUMBER 2064 AND LIEUT COMDR ZANAKA TOMOO 2636 COMMANDING OFFICERS OF DD'S ASAGUMO AND MICHISHIO RESPECTIVELY. PRISONER COUNT STEADILY MOUNTING. INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS GRADED CA TOTAL AS FOLLOWS ~~NAGATO~~ NOWAKE (DD) SUBSTITUTE SHIGURE FOR NAGATO IN MY 271301. HEAVY CRUISER CHIKUMA SUNK EAST OF SAMAR BY AIRCRAFT FORE-NOON 25TH BATTLESHIP MUSAUHI (MUSASHA) DAMAGED AND DOWN BY HIT RESULT OF AIR ATTACK IN SIBUYAN SEA DURING 24TH BUT CONTINUED ON WITH JAP NORTHERN FORCE AND FOUGHT IN BATTLE WITH OUR CVE'S. HEAVY CRUISER AOBA SUNK ?? PRESUMABLY BY BLUE SUB ABOUT 23RD. HEAVY CRUISER

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TAKAO SUNK ATAGO BADLY DAMAGED NEAR PALAWAN ISLAND MORNING 23RD. COMMENT PROBABLY ATTACK BY DACE AND DARTER. SHIBAYAMA INSISTS THAT CV TAIHO SUNK IN BATTLE EASTERN PHILIPPINES AND HIS STATEMENT CORROBORATED BY OTHER PRISONERS. PRISONERS INSIST THAT HEAVY CRUISER MOGAMI HAD HIS AFTER TURRETS REMOVED HAD AN APPARENT FLIGHT DECK AFT AND WAS USED AS A SEAPLANE CATAPULT SHIP AND TENDER. SHE WAS PART OF JAP SOUTHERN FORCE AND PRISONER CLAIMING TO BE MEMBER HER CREW STATES MOGAMI WAS SUNK. THIS LATTER REQUIRED FURTHER CHECKING. BATTLESHIP NAGATO SAILED FROM LINGA WITH JAP FLEET BUT NIL INFORMATION AS TO WHAT BECAME OF HER. JAP NORTHERN FORCE CONSISTED OF 4 BB YAMATO MUSAUHI KONGO HARUNA. 7 CA KUMANO 6 CA TONE CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MAYA PLUS 10 TO 12 DD'S NIL CL MENTIONED BUT PROBABLY PRESENT. JAP SOUTHERN FORCE CONSISTED 2 BB YAMASHIRO FUSO 1 CA MOGAMI 4 DD AND THEY THINK OTHERS. PRISONERS STATEMENTS CHECK QUITE CLOSELY WITH REPORTS OF OUR OWN FORCES AS TO ENEMY COMPOSITION.

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FROM CTF 38

RELEASED BY

DATE 28 OCT 1944

TOR CODEROOM 2314

DECODED BY HAMILTON

TYPED BY DORSEY/

ROUTED BY

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
COM 3RD FLT

INFORMATION:

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RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH AS 281301 FOR INFO.

BEST ESTIMATE COMPOSITION JAPANESE FORCE ATTACKED ON 25 OCTOBER EAST LONGITUDE DATE EAST OF NORTHERN LUZON FOLLOWS.

17 SHIPS. 4 CARRIERS, 2 BB/XCV, 1 CA, 4 CL, 6 DD. TASK FORCE 38 DEFINITELY SANK ALL 4 CARRIERS, 1 CL OR DD, 1 DD. PLANES ALONE ACCOUNTED FOR 3 CARRIERS, 1 DD. CRUISERS POLISHED OFF OTHER CARRIER AND CL OR DD. 1 CL LAST SEEN IN SINKING CONDITION, POSSIBLY SUNK. OF REMAINING SHIPS 1 NATORI CL DAMAGED BY TORPEDO LAST SEEN GOING NORTH AT 5 OR 6 KNOTS ALONE. BOTH BB/XCV DAMAGED, 1 BY AT LEAST 2 PROBABLY 4 TORPEDOES AND MANY BOMBS. BB/XCV RETIRED SEPARATELY 1 ESCORTED BY A CRUISER AND 1 DD THE OTHER BY A CRUISER AND PROBABLY 2 DD. CA AND

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1 OF REMAINING CL'S EACH HIT BY SEVERAL BOMBS. AT LEAST 2 OF DD'S HAD BEEN HEAVILY STRAFED. 2 SHIPS, 1 DD AND 1 CL OR DD GOT AWAY FROM OUR CRUISERS AT HIGH SPEED AFTER DARK. NO PHOTOS OF CARRIER SUNK ON FIRST STRIKE BUT BELIEVED A CVL. PHOTOS SHOW LARGE CARRIER WAS ZUIKAKU CLASS, 1 CVL CHITOSE CLASS AND 1 CVL PROBABLY ZUIHO ALTHOUGH SLIGHT DEFFERENCED FROM PREVIOUS INFORMATION. 1 BB/XCV DEFINITELY ISE CLASS, 1 CL AGANO OR OGODO CLASS AND 1 CL NATORI CLASS, SOME DD'S PROBABLY 3, WERE TERUTSUKI CLASS. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE FORCE 1 DD WAS DAMAGED BY SEARCH PLANES NEAR PAMOCETAW ISLAND. 17 ZEKES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER ENEMY FORCE AND 4 OTHER PLANES AROUND OUR FORCE AND BY SEARCH PLANES. OUR COMBAT LOSSES ATTACKING THIS ENEMY FORCE 10 PLANES 8 PILOTS AND 10 AIRCREWMEN ALL TO ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE.

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3 DAYS BEGINNING 24 OCT WERE BUSY DAYS. PRIOR TO THAT DATE ASSAULT FORCES HAD BEEN LANDED AND SAFELY ESTABLISHED ASHORE IN A WELL EXECUTED OPERATION. CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT. ASSAULT FORCES ADVANCED RAPIDLY ASSISTED BY GUNFIRE SUPPORT FROM SURFACE SHIPS AND BY AIR COVER AND SUPPORT FROM CVE'S. ENEMY SURFACE FORCES ADVANCING TOWARD THE PHILIPPINES HAD BEEN DETECTED REPORTED AND ATTACKED BY SUBMARINES STATIONED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY COM SUB 7TH FLEET AND COMSUBSPAC. ON 24 OCT ENEMY SURFACE FORCES APPEARED IN THE WESTERN VISAYAN AREA. 1 ENEMY FORCE WHICH WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE NORTHERN

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FORCE BELIEVED COMPOSED OF 4 BB 7 CA 2 CL AND 12 DD PROCEEDED THROUGH MINDORO STRAIT ROUNDED MINDORO AND HEADED FOR SAN BERNANDINO STRAITS PASSING NORTH OF TAELAS ISLAND THROUGH SIBUYAN SEA. ANOTHER ENEMY FORCE REFERRED TO AS THE SOUTHERN FORCE BELIEVED COMPOSED OF 2 BB 2 CA 2 CL 10 DD PASSED THROUGH MINDORO STRAIT AND HEADED FOR LEYTE GULF VIA MINDANAO SEA AND SURIGAO STRAIT. DUE TO EXCELLENT REPORTS FROM SUBMARINES AND PLANES PLENTY OF TIME WAS AVAILABLE TO EFFECT DISPOSITIONS OF SURFACE FORCES IN LEYTE GULF.

BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAIT. DISPOSITION OWN FORCES. 30 PT BOATS IN 10 GROUPS OF 3 EACH WERE STATIONED IN SURIGAO STRAIT SOUTH OF LAT 10-10N WITH ORDERS TO REPORT AND ATTACK ENEMY FORCES ENTERING LEYTE GULF OR PASSING TO EASTWARD AROUND SOUTHERN POINT MINDANAO. TG 77.2 UNDER REAR ADMIRAL J B OLENDORF WITH 6 OBB 4 CA 4 CL AND 25 DD TOOK UP INITIAL STATION IN LAT 10-34N LONG 125-19E TO GUARD SOUTHERN AND EASTERN ENTRANCES TO LEYTE. DESTROYER PICKETS WERE STATIONED BOTH ENTRANCES. ALL SHIPS WERE LOW IN FUEL AND AMMUNITION AFTER 5 DAYS OF GUN FIRE SUPPORT OF ASSAULT FORCES. IN THE EARLY FORENOON OF 24 OCTOBER THE ENEMY SOUTHERN FORCE WAS SIGHTED SOUTHWEST OF NEGROS AND ATTACKED BY SEARCH GROUPS FROM TG 38.4. 2 BOMB HITS ON EACH OF 2 BB WERE REPORTED TOGETHER WITH ROCKET HITS ON CA AND 2 DD AND STRAFING OF DD'S. CTG 38.4 THEN REPORTED THAT HE WAS CLOSING TG 38.2 WHICH WOULD TAKE HIM OUT OF RANGE OF THIS CONTACT. SOUTHERN FORCE CONTINUED EAST THROUGH MINDORO SEA UNDER ATTACKS BY PLANES FROM CVE'S. TOWARD MIDNIGHT PT'S SIGHTED THIS FORCE SOUTH OF BOHOL

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TRAILED AND ATTACKED WITH TORPEDOES CLAIMING 2 HITS. ENEMY ENTERED SURIGAO STRAIT ABOUT 123ØI IN 2 COLUMNS HEAVY SHIPS LEADING EACH COLUMN. 2ND COLUMN 4 MILES ASTERN OF 1ST. OUR FORCES CLOSED TO FORM A SEMI-CIRCLE AROUND NORTHERN END OF STRAIT BATTLE SHIPS IN CENTER CRUISER AND DESTROYERS ON EACH FLANK. AT ABOUT Ø33ØI ACTION OPENED BY TORPEDO ATTACK ON 1ST COLUMN BY PICKET DESTROYERS. NIGHT ATTACK REMEY MCGOWAN AND MELVIN FIRED FULL SALVOES FROM EASTWARD 3 TO 5 HITS CLAIMED. 2ND ATTACK BY MCDERMUT AND MORRISON FIRING FULL SALVOES FROM WESTWARD 2 DEFINITE HITS OBSERVED. AFTER 1ST ATTACK ENEMY SLOWED FROM 2Ø TO 12 KNOTS. AT Ø3371 COMDESRON 56 ORDERED LAUNCH 3 SECTION ATTACK WHICH WAS MADE AS FOLLOWS. SECTION 1 COMDESRON 56 IN NEWCOMB WITH LEARY AND GRANT. SECTION 2 COMDESDIV 112 IN ROBINSON HALFORD BRYANT. SECTION 3 EDWARDS BANNION LEUTZE. SEVERAL TORPEDO HITS CERTAIN. OWN SHIPS ON EASTERLY COURSES OPENED FIRE SIMULTANEOUSLY AT Ø4Ø5I JUST BEFORE LAST TORPEDOES ARRIVED. MANY SPLASHES FLASHES AND EXPLOSIONS SEEN AT TARGET. ENEMY COLUMNS WERE PERFECTLY TOPPED. OPENING GUN RANGE 16 TO 17,ØØØYARDS. BY Ø445I ENEMY COLUMNS HAD TURNED LEFT AND ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE BUT FEW GOT AWAY. OUR PURSUING FORCES DISTINCTLY SAW 4 BURNING SHIPS WHICH LATER SANK. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT 2 BB 1 CA 1 CL AND 6 DD WERE DEFINITELY SUNK BY TORPEDOES AND GUN FIRE THE 2 BATTLESHIPS WERE IDENTIFIED AS FUSO AND YAMASHIRO. AFTER DAYLIGHT PLANES FROM CVE'S SIGHTED AND ATTACKED A GROUP OF 4 OR 5 ENEMY SHIPS SOUTHWESTWARD OF PANAON ISLAND SINKING 1 LARGE SHIP EITHER A BB

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OR CA. THIS COULD NOT BE FOLLOWED UP BECAUSE OF THE ATTACK ON CVE'S BY STRONG ENEMY SURFACE FORCES. OUR LOSSES. PT 493 SUNK BY ENEMY GUN FIRE. GRANT DD 649 SEVERELY DAMAGED. THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAITS RESULTED IN PRACTICALLY THE ANNIHILATION OF A STRONG ENEMY FORCE WHICH THREATENED OUR OPERATIONS IN LEYTE GULF.

BATTLE OF SAMAR ISLAND. ON 24 OCT AT 0745 NORTHERN FORCE WAS SIGHTED BY SEARCH PLANE SOUTH OF MINDORO. REPORTS FROM 3RD FLEET INDICATE TG 38.2 LAUNCHED STRIKE IMMEDIATELY AND REPEATED DURING DAY. TG 38.3 AND TG 38.4 STRUCK SAME FORCE AFTER INITIAL STRIKES ON OTHER TARGETS. ENEMY FORCE REVERSED COURSE TO 270 AT 1400 WHEN 30 MILES EAST OF TABLAS ISLAND AND WHILE BEING ATTACKED. THIS FORCE WAS REPORTED TO BE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY NUMEROUS TORPEDO AND BOMB HITS. NEVERTHELESS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AT LEAST 4 BB 7 CA 2 CL AND 12 OR MORE DD'S OF THIS FORCE CONTINUED TO EASTWARD IN THE SIBUYAN SEA AND PASSED THROUGH SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT DURING THE NIGHT. AT DAYBREAK 25 OCT WHILE TU 77.4.3 WAS ON STATION EAST OF SAMAR ISLAND ASP SIGHTED ENEMY NORTHERN FORCE APPROACHING FROM NORTHWEST. SHORTLY THEREAFTER TU 77.4.3 WAS UNDER FIRE FROM HEAVY SHIPS AT A RANGE OF 15 MILES CLOSING TO 7 MILES. ALL FIGHTER COVER AND AIR SUPPORT IN THE LEYTE AREA WAS DISCONTINUED AND ALL AVAILABLE PLANES WERE UTILIZED IN ATTACK ON ENEMY SURFACE FORCES. URGENT CALLS FOR AIR AND SURFACE SUPPORT WERE SENT TO COM 3RD FLEET. TG 77.2 THEN ENGAGED IN FINISHING OFF ENEMY CRIPPLES IN THE SURIGAO STRAIT WAS ORDERED NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO LEYTE GULF PREPARED TO SORTIE. THESE SURFACE FORCES HAD JUST COMPLETED THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES IN SURIGAO STRAIT. AMMUNITION WAS PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTED TORPEDOES

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HAD BEEN EXPENDED. FUEL WAS LOW. THE SITUATION WAS DESPERATE. TG 77.4 OUR CVE GROUPS IMMEDIATELY ATTACKED WITH EVERYTHING AT ITS DISPOSAL AND CONTINUED TO ATTACK. 1 CVE ALONE MADE 6 BOMBING AND TORPEDO ATTACKS. IN A GALLANT FIGHT UNIQUE IN THE COMPOSITION OF OPPOSING FORCES TG 77.4 WITHOUT ANY ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER FORCES TURNED BACK THE POWERFUL ENEMY NORTHERN FORCE. THAT FORCE IN 2 ATTACKING GROUPS CLOSED TO 14,ØØØ YARDS AND YET DID NOT DESTROY OUR CVE GROUP BELIEVE IT OR NOT. SIMULTANEOUSLY TG 77.4 WAS UNDER SHORE BASED AIR ATTACKS WHICH CONTINUED ALL DAY. AT 14ØØ TG 38.1 WHICH COM 3RD FLEET HAD ORDERED TO OUR ASSISTANCE STRUCK THE CRIPPLED AND RETREATING ENEMY FORCE CLOSE IN TO THE COAST ON LEYTE. IT STRUCK AGAIN IN A FINAL BLOW. HEAVY SURFACE FORCES OF THE 3RD FLEET ARRIVED OFF THE SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT DURING THE NIGHT UNFORTUNATELY TOO LATE TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF REMNANTS OF THE ENEMY FORCE BUT SANK A CRIPPLED CRUISER OFF THE COAST OF SAMAR. PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF THE ACTION ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF CTG 77.4 QUOTED IN MY 252ØØØ. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN CTU 77.4.3 262355. NIGHT SCOUTING PLANE REPORTED ABOUT 14 SHIPS OF THE ORIGINAL 25 OR 26 OF WHICH NORTHERN FORCE WAS COMPOSED PASSED THROUGH SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT ABOUT MIDNIGHT HEADING WEST. OUR LOSSES. 2 CVE GAMBIER BAY AND SAINT LO. 2 DD HOEL JOHNSTON 1 DE ROBERTS. OTHER SHIPS DAMAGED AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. MANY SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP AND THE SEARCH CONTINUES. ENEMY LOSSES: SUNK BY OUR CVE ATTACKS 1 CA AND 1 DD. HITS SCORED AND DAMAGE INFLICTED ON 3 BB'S OR CA'S AND 1 DD. SEVERELY DAMAGED AND PROBABLY SUNK BY COMBINED AIR ATTACKS OF CVE GROUPS AND THE

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REPORT OF CTU 77.4.3 FOR 25 OCTOBER ITEM TIMES.

AT 0653 IN POSITION 50 MILES EAST OF SAMAR MAIN ENEMY BODY SIGHTED BY ASP (ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROL) ABOUT 15 MILES TO WESTWARD. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY 1 SALVO FROM ENEMY SEEN FIRED AND FELL SHORT. ORDERED CARRIERS TO LAUNCH ALL REMAINING PLANES TO ATTACK AS RETIREMENT STARTED EAST INTO WIND AT MAXIMUM SPEED. LOCAL CAP (COMBAT AIR PATROL) AND ASP AND 1ST SUPPORT GROUP FOR LEYTE HAD BEEN LAUNCHED. MY FORCE, CVE'S COMCARDIV 25 IN FANSHAW BAY WITH SAINT LO, KALININ BAY, WHITE PLAINS, COMCARDIV 26 IN KITKUN BAY WITH GAMBIER BAY, 3 DD'S AND 4 DE'S AS SCREEN, HOEL, JOHNSTON, HEERMANN, DENNIS, ROBERTS, RAYMOND, BUTLER. ENEMY FORCE 4 BB'S 8 CA-CL, 8 DD'S.

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ALL SHIPS MAKING SMOKE RETIRING AND LAUNCHING PLANE REMNANTS. ENEMY CRUISERS IN VAN CLOSED UNDER 25,ØØØ AND 3 GUN SALVOS STRUCK AMONG REAR SHIPS. Ø74Ø ORDERED DD'S AND DE'S ATTACK WITH TORPEDOES AND OWN FORCE INCLUDING CARRIERS COMMENCED FIRING 5 INCH WHEN RANGE PERMITTED. PLANES LATER REPORTED 1 DE SUNK BY ENEMY GUNFIRE WHILE MAKING TORPEDO ATTACK. PRESUMABLY ROBERTS. NOT HEARD FROM SINCE. MODERATE INDIVIDUAL SHIP MANEUVERING TOWARD AND AWAY FROM LAST SALVOES APPARENTLY PREVENTED EARLY HEAVY DAMAGE ALTHOUGH MANY CLOSE STRADDLES.

BY Ø73Ø WITH MAIN ENEMY BODY ADVANCING ON NORTHERN SIDE OUR RETIREMENT COURSE CHANGED TO SOUTH AND AT Ø815 TO SOUTHWEST. ENEMY HEAVY SHIPS DIRECTLY ASTERN AT 22,ØØØ AND 2 CRUISERS EACH WORKING FORWARD ON PORT AND STARBOARD BEAMS CLOSING GRADUALLY TO UNDER 15,ØØØ. CRUISER FIRE HEAVY FROM BOTH 8 AND 6 INCH FALLING ALL AROUND ALL

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SHIPS WITH OCCASIONAL BIG GUN SALVOES. AT 0820 GAMBIER BAY REPORTED HEAVILY HIT AND LOST 1 ENGINE. SHIP DRIFTED AFT UNDER CONCENTRATED FIRE. SINCE SHE MUST HAVE PASSED THROUGH ENTIRE JAP FLEET ASSUME GAMBIER BAY DID NOT SURVIVE BUT WAS NOT AFIRE WHEN LAST SEEN. PLANE LATER REPORTED GAMBIER BAY BEING SHELLED BY ENEMY DESTROYER AT POINT BLANK RANGE. VARIOUS OTHER SHIPS HIT BUT REMAINED IN DISPOSITION.

AT 0900 DD DENNIS HIT AND BADLY DAMAGED BUT STAYED WITH US. AT 0919 UNIDENTIFIED ESCORT HIT. MAY HAVE BEEN DD JOHNSTON NOT HEARD FROM SINCE. DD HOEL REPORTED FLOODED FORWARD AND STOPPED TO PLUG HOLE 6 FEET IN DIAMETER BELOW WATERLINE. MUCH OTHER DAMAGE. NOT HEARD FROM SINCE. PRESUMED SUNK.

AT 0924 JAP MAIN BODY AND CRUISERS NOW AT 12,000 SUDDENLY TURNED AWAY TO OPPOSITE COURSE. IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE. PLANE OBSERVER NOW REPORTED MANY TORPEDOES APPROACHING FORMATION BUT STOPPING SHORT. APPARENTLY

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FULL SALVOES FROM CRUISERS OR DD'S TO PORT.

IN ADDITION TO LOSS OF GAMBIER BAY, DD HOEL, DD JOHNSTON AND DE ROBERTS TO GUNFIRE, SAINT LO, KALININ BAY AND FANSHAW BAY ALL BADLY HIT CAUSING STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND LEAVING KALININ BAY TEMPORARILY ON 1 ENGINE. DENNIS FLOODED FORWARD. HEERMANN FLOODED TO FRAME 42. DAMAGE TO BUTLER AND RAYMOND UNKNOWN.

ENEMY HEAVY CRUISERS USED COLORED SPLASH WITH 8 INCH AS DID BB'S WITH THEIR INFREQUENT SALVOES. BOTH 8 AND 6 INCH SALVOES LADDERED IN STRAIGHT LINE ABOUT 300 YARDS. ACCURATE IN RANGE BUT MISSING IN DEFLECTION POSSIBLY DUE TO MANEUVERING PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.

IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY HEAVY CRUISERS FAILED TO CLOSE IN PROMPTLY OR ENCIRCLE FORCE AND POLISH OFF THIS ENTIRE OUTFIT. ONLY DETERRENTS WERE 5 INCH FIRE FALLING AROUND CRUISERS AND DUMMY RUNS BY TORPEDO PLANES AND STRAFING BY FIGHTERS. IN ANY CASE MAIN ENEMY

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FLEET HAD ENOUGH OF US AND BROKE OFF ACTION.

IN POSITION ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAMAR THIS FORCE CAME UNDER AIR ATTACK BY SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS BEGINNING ABOUT 1045 AND CONTINUING UNTIL 1130. NO CAP WAS AIRBORNE OVER THIS FORCE ALTHOUGH HELP HAD BEEN REQUESTED. OWN PLANES LONG SINCE DEPARTED DUE TO ABSENCE GAS AND AMMUNITION AND OUR INABILITY TO LAND THEM FOR RESERVICING. AT 1052 SAINT LO WAS HEAVILY HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE DIVING INTO DECK AND IMMEDIATE LARGE FIRE IN HANGAR. FIRES RAPIDLY OUT OF CONTROL FOLLOWED BY EXTREMELY HEAVY EXPLOSIONS PROBABLY TORPEDOES ON HANGAR DECK AND MAGAZINES, CONTINUING FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AND DESTROYING SHIP. FIRE COVERED BOTH STERN AND BOW AS SHIP DRIFTED AROUND IN WIDE CIRCLE. WHEN LAST SEEN PERSONNEL ABANDONING STARBOARD SIDE ABREAST BRIDGE. ALL REMAINING ESCORT VESSELS ORDERED TO STAND BY SAINT LO TO RESCUE SURVIVORS. ANOTHER SUICIDE PLANE WITH SMALL BOMB

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DOVE THROUGH PORT CATWALK FORWARD ON KITKUN BAY AND 3RD WITH HEAVY BOMB DOVE IN EXACTLY AT BOW THROWING TONS OF WATER AND CONSIDERABLE SHRAPNEL ON BRIDGE AND FORWARD PART OF SHIP. 4TH DOVE AT FANSHAW BAY. SHOT DOWN. MISSED FANTAIL BY A FEW FEET SCATTERING SHRAPNEL AND DEBRIS OVER AFTER END OF SHIP. 2 MORE SUICIDES DOVE ON KALININ BAY. 1 SHOT DOWN AND MISSED. OTHER SKIDDED ALONG FLIGHT DECK IN FLAMES AND OVER BOW INTO WATER. IT IS CONCLUSIVE THAT SUICIDE DIVES WERE MADE IN ALL THESE CASES.

AFTER BOMBING ATTACK RETIREMENT MADE TO SOUTHEAST WHILE OWN PLANES CONDUCTED ATTACKS ON ENEMY FLEET. SUSTAINED SURFACE SPEED NOW REDUCED TO 15 KNOTS. AT 1950 REMAINING 4 CARRIERS WITH NO ESCORTS OBSERVED SURFACE RADAR CONTACT CLOSING FROM QUARTER AT ABOUT 18 KNOTS. SUSPICIONED SUBMARINE SINCE NO ANSWER TO CHALLENGE AND REQUESTED TASK UNIT 20 MILES AHEAD TO CLOSE IN. CONTACT CLOSED STEADILY UNTIL

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DD'S MAKING RADAR APPROACH CHALLENGED AND ABOUT TO OPEN FIRE WHEN CONTACT DISAPPEARED. DD'S IMMEDIATELY CLOSED AND MADE SONAR CONTACT AND ATTACK ON OBVIOUS SUBMARINE. 1 DD REMAINED OVERNIGHT HOLDING DOWN SUBMARINE.

FROM ABOUT 2130 UNTIL 2400 THIS FORCE, NOW JOINED WITH TU 77.4.1, WAS UNDER CLOSE RECONNAISSANCE BY ENEMY PLANES BUT NO ATTACK DEVELOPED. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN BY DD WORKING OVER SUBMARINE.

REPORTS FROM SUCH OF OUR PILOTS AS ARE ABOARD SHOW FOLLOWING DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY BY PLANES OF THIS FORCE FROM SHIPS AS FOLLOWS.

KITKUN BAY. SANK 1 MOGAMI CLASS CA UNASSISTED. SHIP OBSERVED TO BLOW UP AND SINK AFTER BOMBING ATTACK. PROBABLY SANK TONE CLASS CA WITH 2 TORPEDO HITS AND 2 HITS OR NEAR MISSES ON STARBOARD BOW WITH 500'S. CRUISER THIS CLASS OBSERVED ON ITS SIDE 4 HOURS LATER SAME POSIT. DAMAGED 1 NACHI CLASS CA WITH 1 TORPEDO HIT. WHITE PLAINS. PROBABLY

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SANK 1 KONGO CLASS BB 10 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BOHOL ISLAND. SHIP LEFT DEAD IN WATER BURNING FIERCELY WITH CREW ABANDONING. POSSIBILITY THIS SHIP DAMAGED PREVIOUS NIGHT BY TU 77.2. THESE PLANES WERE PART OF OUR 1ST FLIGHT FOR SUPPORT GROUP. DAMAGED MOGAMI OR TONE CLASS CRUISER WITH TORPEDO HIT 8 MILES EAST OF SAMAR. LEFT SHIP DEAD IN WATER. FANSHAW BAY. PROBABLY SANK CA AT 11-43 N 126-42 E. DAMAGE INFLICTED BY OTHER 3 SHIPS UNKNOWN DUE TO ABSENCE PILOTS.

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To: War Department

No. C 51160 28 October 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department signed MacArthur C51160.

Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/26 to 1500Z/27.

Philippines:

Further reports indicate enemy force northeast Luzon October 25 comprised 2 battleships 1 carrier, 3 converted carriers, 1 heavy cruiser, 4 light cruisers, 6 destroyers, light air opposition reported and few aircraft observed on carriers; large convoy reported southbound 100 miles north-northwest Aparri morning October 26; 4 unidentified vessels sighted at anchor off southern Mindoro morning October 27; attacking B24's October 26 reported 2 battleships, 5 cruisers, 5 destroyers on southerly course off west coast Panay; 1 destroyer, 1 freighter, 2 seatrucks sighted Puerto Princea noon October 27.

Celebes:

Gulf of Bone: 5 seatrucks photographed off Malili October 25; photographs October 26 show 4 fighters 3 bombers on 4 Kendari airdromes.

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Naval:

Visayas: Further reports Surigao Strait action early morning October 25 state 2 battleships, 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser, 6 destroyers sunk by gunfire from battleships and cruisers and torpedo attacks from destroyers and PT's, remaining heavy cruiser light cruiser and 3 destroyers heavily damaged 1 destroyer sunk by subsequent air attack; off Leyte Gulf 25 October 2 heavy cruisers confirmed sunk other units damaged.

Halmahera: PT boats on night patrol sank 5 barges strafed shore positions October 22 through 26.

Air:

Enemy Action:

Leyte Island:

Raids continued through October 26, 7th Fleet planes shot down 23, Allied fighter patrols shot down 14 and anti-aircraft fire destroyed 2 more; next day 4 more raiders shot down by 3 Allied fighters over Tacloban.

Operations October 26:

(1) 18 Beauforts from Goodenough Island attacked

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Tobera airdrome Rabaul, started fires.

(2) 3 Beauforts bombed Boiken area, West Wewak.

(3) 28 RAAF P40's struck installations around Vogelkop Peninsula; 20 A20's and 2 B25's bombed Utar airdrome.

(4) 6 RAAF A20's attacked village on eastern Amboina.

(5) 8 P40's set warehouses and supply dumps afire and damaged gun positions in cooperation with PT boats Halmahera.

(6) 1 B24 bombed warehouses north Celebes; another B24 sank coastal steamer near Sandakan, northern Borneo.

(7) 25 B25's failed locate shipping Mindanao Sea, cratered Iligan airdrome, northern Mindanao, and destroyed nearby bridge.

(8) 25 B24's left light cruiser burning and listing heavily with 2 direct hits and 3 near misses, silenced guns of 1 destroyer with direct hit in northern Sulu Sea.

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Operations October 27:

(9) 10 P40's cooperating with PT boats hit buildings and fired supplies northern Halmahera.

(10) 2 patrol B24's damaged destroyer south Mindoro and extensively damaged tanker with direct hit southwest Palawan Island.

(11) 44 P38's and P47's swept Western Visayas set afire camouflaged destroyer and small freighter off Cebu.

(12) 4 Beaufighters strafed roadways and village near Dilli; 2 Darwin B24's bombed airfields Cape Chater and Dilli, Timor.

Solomons Forces.

Air:

Operations October 26:

(13) 8 B25's, 25 Corsairs, 6 Dauntless and 5 New Zealand Venturas attacked New Ireland Plantations and demolished buildings Kavieng; 4 New Zealand, 12 Marine Corsairs and 1 TDR Drone hit motor trucks and buildings Rabaul area, 1 Corsair lost; 32 Marine, 28 New Zealand Corsairs and 12 Dauntless attacked Bougainville supplies and huts.

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Weather:

October 27:

Favorable over Luzon, moderate frontal zone with light rain through Central and Southern Philippines and Northern Borneo, heavy showers through Halmaheras to Biak, average conditions Northern New Guinea.

Land:

Maps 1/250,000 Central Philippines military grid.

October 27:

X Corps:

Elements 1st Cavalry Division advanced 10 miles southwest from Babatngon to occupy Balud and Barugo on Carigara Bay; on Samar, other Cavalry elements pushed rapidly north along west coast occupied Catbalogan (4327), advanced 9 miles north of that city;

24th Division captured Santa Fe and Pastrana.

XXIV Corps:

Elements of 7th and 96th Divisions reached line 2 miles south and southeast Dagami (4740); Other 7th Division forces entered Abuyog (6001) and are pushing inland-

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against light opposition. Evidence reported of enemy intention to withdraw from XXIV Corps Zone.

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(1) Dropped 36 500 lb medium capacity, 14 250 lb general purpose bombs plus unstated number incendiaries from 10,500 feet, met slight anti-aircraft fire.

(2) Dropped 6 500 lb medium capacity bombs from 4,000 feet, fired 500 rounds 50 calibre, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(3) A20's dropped 80 500 lb bombs.

(4) Dropped 24 500 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs.

(6) 1 B24 dropped 6 250 lb bombs Northern Celebes

(7) No details.

(8) Dropped 50 1000 lb, 25 500 lb bombs.

(9) Dropped 16 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(10) No details.

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(11) No details.

(12) Beaufighters fired 300 rounds 20MM, met slight heavy and intense medium accurate anti-aircraft fire; B24's dropped 16 250 lb bombs from 12,000 feet.

End.

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PRESENT SITUATION LEYTE GULF AREA.
DANGER FROM FURTHER ENEMY SURFACE ATTACK CONSIDERED
REMOTE UNLESS ENEMY GAINS CONTROL OF THE AIR. OUR
CONTROL OF AIR NOT SATISFACTORY. ENEMY AIR HAS BEEN
ATTACKING IN FORCE FOR PAST THREE DAYS DISRUPTING OUR
UNLOADING, REFUELING AND REARMING OPERATIONS. ACTIVATION
FLYING FIELDS DELAYED AS RESULT ENEMY AIR RAIDS. HEAVY
COMBAT AIR PATROL REQUIRED AND STRIKES AT ENEMY AIR
FIELDS UNTIL ENEMY AIR STRENGTH IS MATERIALLY REDUCED.
SUPPORT OF AT LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO FAST CARRIER
GROUPS REQUIRED UNTIL WE HAVE CONTROL OF THE AIR.
ON 28 OCT REMAINING CVES MUST REFUEL AND CAN WPCMNCXMW* PLANES. ARMY AIR SQUADRONS MOVING INTO FIELDS TODAY BUT IOOBTOOPBLGNTQG* AIR OPERATIONS CAN BECOME SUFFICIENTLY

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DATE: 28 OCTOBER 1944

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DECODED BY: GREENE

TYPED BY: SJOSTEN/BENNETT

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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
CINCSOWESPAC

INFORMATION: COMINCH
ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET
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CTF 77

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PHOTOS OF FORCE IN SIBUYAN SEA AT 241215I SHOW 2 YAMATO 2 KONGO 1 NAGATO. 2 MOGAMI 2 ATAGO 1 NACHI 1 UNIDENT CA. 1 AGANO 1 UNIDENT CRUISER. 13 DD'S. ESTIMATE 2 OR 3 CL AND SEVERAL DESTROYERS NOT IN THE MAIN BODY WERE OPERATING IN THE SIBUYAN SEA FROM THE 23RD.

FIRST SIGHTING MORNING OF 26TH ENEMY MAIN BODY OFF EAST MINDORO CONSISTED 4 BB 3 CA 3 CL 10 DD'S. 1 DAMAGED CA AND 1 DD NEAR MASBATE. 2 DD'S OFF NORTH CEBU. 1 DAMAGED CRUISER 13-00 NORTH 122-00 EAST. TASK GROUP 38.1 AND TASK GROUP 38.2 STRIKES THEREAFTER SUNK 1 AGANO. PROBABLY SUNK 1 MOGAMI OFF SOUTH MINDORO. DAMAGED 1 YAMATO 1 NAGATO 1 KONGO 1 NACHI 2 CL AND 5 DD'S. ALSO SUNK 1 LARGE CVS EAST OF PANAY, BELIEVED TO BE SHIP REPORTED AS ISE CLASS X

on the return trip of contact fox

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BB. 15 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND 15 DESTROYED ON GROUND. ALSO MAVIS SHOT DOWN BY NIGHT VF. OWN LOSSES 1Ø PLANES COMBAT 7 OPERATIONAL. TASK GROUP 38.3 AND TASK GROUP 38.4 PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR 27TH. 1 CA OFF SOUTH MINDORO ATTACKED BY SEARCH PLANES WHILE MAKING 24 KNOTS LEFT DEAD IN WATER AND COULD NOT BE FOUND SHORTLY LATER BY VFB. 2 DD'S DAMAGED 1 BEACHED. TASK FORCE 38 LEYTE CAP SHOT DOWN 1 OF 7 ZEKES. 2 RELAY PLANES OVER MARINDUQUE WADED INTO AND SPLASHED 5. 4Ø TO 5Ø OSCARS AND ZEKES.

LARGE TRANSPORT AND MANY AK'S SEEN IN MANILA. 3 CL AND 2 DD'S (10 CA? HEADING TOWARDS MANILA BAY AT Ø83Ø.

FOLLOWING RELATED BY POW SEAMAN 1ST CLASS FROM HYUGA UKUVA: ATTACK FORCE UNDER CINC 2ND FLEET COMPOSED YAMATO BB MUSASHI NAGATO HARUNA AND KONGO. 1Ø CA CRUDIVS 4, 5 AND 7. NOSHIRO AND 13 DD'S. SORTIED LINGGA LINGHA 22ND HIGH SPEED. NIGHT OF 23RD ATAGO CA AND MAYA CA SUNK TAKAO CA DAMAGED DROPPED OUT OF FORMATION POSSIBLY SUNK. CINC 2ND SHIFTED FLAG ATAGO TO YAMATO. 5 BB 7 CA 1 CL AND 13 DD'S ENTERED SULU SEA. MUSASHI BB AND 1 OR 2 CA HEAVILY DAMAGED 24TH AND NOT AGAIN SEEN OR HEARD OF BY POW. 4 BB INCLUDED IN FORCE WHICH SORTIED SAN BERNADINO (PHOTOS OF TASK GROUP 38.1 CONFIRM THIS). SUZUYA CA SANK AT 1330I 25TH. YAMASHIRO FUSO AND UONA TRNG TRANSPORTING TROOPS SAILED FROM LINGHA 20TH OR 21ST FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION. MOGAMI CA HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO XCV XCX SAME AS ISE AND MAY HAVE BEEN IN STRIKING FORCE SORTIE. CA IBUKI JOINED FLEET LAST JULY BUT HAS NOT BEEN SOUTH. END OF POW STATEMENTS.

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DESTINATION MARINE MEDIUM BOMRON 611 CHANGED BY CINCPAC 161119 AND CINCSWPA 201330 NOT TO ALL FROM VOCALIST TO LEYTE ACCUMULATION FOR DUTY IN MARINE AIR WING 1 VICE MARINE AIR WING 2. GROUND ECHELON SHOULD REMAIN AS PRESENTLY LOADED IN 2ND ECHELON SHIPPING. FLIGHT ECHELON SHOULD BE FLOWN TO NORSOLS FOR FURTHER STAGING WHEN REQUESTED BY COMMARAIRWING 1.

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BATTERED REMNANTS OF JAP STRIKING FORCES RETIRING WESTWARD AFTER THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF. CONFLICTING REPORTS STILL OBSCURE TOTAL DAMAGE INFLICTED AND RECEIVED. IN ADDITION TO CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GAMBIER BAY, CVE, FELL BACK ON 1 ENGINE AFTER 1ST ATTACK BY STRONG JAP FORCE AND TOGETHER WITH JOHNSON, DD, ROBERT*, DD, AND 1 DE MUST HAVE BEEN SUNK BY ENEMY GUN FIRE. ALL 4 ARE MISSING. 5 REMAINING CVE OF ONE UNIT SUBJECTED TO CRASH BOMBING ATTACK BY 6 SUICIDE PLANES. 3 PLANES HIT BY AA WERE NEAR MISSES. KITKUN BAYS PORT CATWALK HIT BY 1 PLANE. ANOTHER SKIDDED LENGTH OF KALININ BAY FLIGHT DECK OVER BOW.

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REMAINING PLANE PIERCED SAINT LO FLIGHT DECK AND SHE BLEW UP. PILOTS REPORT FOLLOWING MINIMUM DAMAGE INFLICTED ON JAPS BY THIS UNIT. 1 CA SUNK. ANOTHER CA BLASTED AND LYING ON SIDE. 3 MORE CA'S TORPEDOED. 1 BB DAMAGED. TORPEDO HIT SANTEE. SUIDIDE PILOT CRASHED ON SANGAMON. PRACTICALLY ALL CVE'S WERE DAMAGED. THE JAP FORCE WAS DRIVEN BACK. FANSHAW BAY, WHITE PLAINS, KALININ BAY, KITKUN BAY PROCEEDING MANUS FOR REPAIRS. PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORTS FRAGMENTARY. 2 PC, 6 LCI SEARCHING BATTLE AREA OFF LEYTE FOR SURVIVORS. ADVANCING AND RETURNING ECHELONS CONTINUE TO MOVE ON SCHEDULE. MACARTHUR.

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ON THE 26TH CVE COVERING GROUP (TG 77.4) DESPITE BATTLE LOSSES SUFFERED ON THE PRECEDING DAY CONTINUED TO COVER OUR FORCES IN THE LEYTE GULF AREA AND LAUNCHED STRIKES IN THE CAMOTES SEA. ONE ENEMY CL WAS HIT WITH 4-500 POUND BOMBS AND 1 TORPEDO AND 1 DD CONFIRMED SUNK AFTER STRAFFING ATTACK BELIEVE IT OR NOT. OTHER ATTACKS AS YET UNREPORTED. ABOUT 1100 OUR CVES WERE ATTACKED BY ENEMY PLANES. AFTER COMBAT PATROL HAD SHOT DOWN 4 OF GROUP 8 OR 10 PLANES NIPS BEGAN A SERIES OF SUICIDE DIVES. 3 SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS GUNFIRE.

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ZEKES LANDED ON FLIGHT DECK SUWANNEE AMONG PARKED PLANES. SEVERE DAMAGE TO SHIP AND PLANES. MANY PERSONNEL CASUALTIES NUMBER UNDETERMINED. DE ROWELL OF CVE GROUP ABOUT 0900 SIGHTED PERISCOPE AND ATTACKED. MUCH OIL AND DEBRIS KEPT RISING DURING THE DAY. CRUISER AND DESTROYER GROUP HAVING REPLENISHED FUEL AND AMMUNITION AFTER THE SURIGAO STRAIT ACTION IS NOW WITH CVE COVERING GROUP. FAST CARRIERS OF THIRD FLEET ARE NOW PROVIDING CLOSE SUPPORT OF LEYTE AREA. ENEMY AIR RAIDS CONTINUED TODAY BUT WITH REDUCED INTENSITY ATTRIBUTED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS THIRD FLEET FAST CARRIER STRIKES AGAINST THE ENEMY AIR FIELDS. MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE RESULTS OF THE NIGHT BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAIT STARTING EARLY MORNING OF 25 OCT. OF THE ENEMY FORCE WHICH ATTEMPTED TO FORCE ENTER INTO LEYTE GULF AND THE SURIGAO STRAIT 2 BB 2 CA 2 CL AND 10 DD, ONLY 1 CA 1 CL AND 4 DD GOT OUT THE WAY THEY CAME IN. 2 BB IDENTIFIED AS YAMASHIRO AND FUSO SOSO 1 CA 1 CL AND 6 DD WERE DEFINITELY SUNK BY THE COMBINED TORPEDO ATTACK OF OUR PTS AND DESTROYERS AND THE GUNFIRE OF OUR BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS. THE REMAINING CA CL AND DDS WERE PLACED UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND REPORTED AS BEING BADLY DAMAGED AND PROBABLY SUNK. CLEARED WITH MACARTHUR. COPY TO 20G * AS RECEIVED

2 BB
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NIL SUMMARY ISSUED 25-26 IN VIEW WIDE DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION RELATIVE MOVEMENTS ENEMY TASK FORCES AND DAMAGE INFLICTED. FOR SAME REASON THIS SUMMARY OMITS SUCH INFORMATION.

SIGHTINGS NON NAVAL SHIPS 261030 I TIME 5 AP 5 DD ESCORTS 119-42 E 16-12 N COURSE SOUTH SPEED 10. 2145 CONVOY 7 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS 19-19 N 110-54 E COURSE NE. SAME TIME AND COURSE 6 MORE 18-30 N 112-34 E. 2 LARGE AO 2 DD MID FOREMOON 08-50 N 119-10 E NORTHBOUND 12 KNOTS. 11058 SHIP COMING THROUGH NORTH BALABAC STRAIT COURSE 120 SPEED 8 0546/27 4 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS 12-12 N 121-00 E.

RECENT ORANGE SUB CONTACTS, 1459 25TH 07-40 N 130-50 E. 2253 SAME DAY POSIT 13-00 N 128-00 E. 26TH 1400 B24 CREWS REPORT 3 SS 30 MILES SOUTHWEST MOROTAI COURSE 180. PHOTOS 25 WOSASSA PADADA LICANAN 2 DELMONTE STRIPS MINDANAO SERVICEABLE. TOTAL 2 PLANES PRESENT.

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BLUE SUB SANK 2 AK DAMAGED 2 MORE MORNING 26 OF LARGE SOUTHBOUND CONVOY NEAR CAGAYAN ISLAND 20-00 N 121-00 E.

IN FLIGHT REPORTS 27. BEFORE DAWN CONTACT 1 LARGE 1 MEDIUM SHIP 08-40 N 125-00 E. 0905 PUERTO PRINCESS PALAWAN 1 AK 1 DD 2 SMALL STACKAAF* AK. AT 1000 2 DD COURSE 350 SPEED 25 POSIT 12-30 N 120-25 E. 1014 HEADED WEST 2 MUTSUKI DD POSIT 11-45 N 117-50 E SPEED 20.

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Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

No. C 51108 27 October 1944

Chief of Staff War Department, signed MacArthur cite C 51108.

Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/25 to 1500Z/26:

South China Sea:

China based aircraft sighted 1 carrier, 1 cruiser, 3 destroyers, 9 merchant vessels, 80 miles east Hainan course 100 degrees morning October 26th.

Philippines:

5 transports, 5 destroyers reported heading south from Lingayen Gulf morning October 26th; force estimated as 4 battleships, 3 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 10 destroyers reported by attacking 3rd Fleet planes heading south at 15 knots in Tablas Strait morning October 26;

Afternoon October 25 aircraft reported 2 heavy cruisers, 4 destroyers sighted on northerly course Bohol Strait; 7 vessels reported as 1 heavy cruiser, 6 destroyers sighted on northerly course in Camotes Sea morning October 26th.

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Leyte:

Local estimates place main enemy defensive positions in vicinity Tabontabon, Dagami and Burauen, strength at Dagami possibly 3000;

Further air attacks on carrier groups off Leyte Gulf reported during October 26th.

Borneo:

Reconnaissance aircraft reported shipping in Brunei Bay October 26 as 1 heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers, 2 medium freighter transports several medium, 2 small freighters.

Part 2.

Air:

Enemy action:

Raids against Leyte Beachheads and shipping continued October 26th; single planes attacked Morotai night October 24 and October 25th.

Operations October 25:

(1) 11 Beauforts bombed Kairiru Island off Wewak and attacked Boiken Danmao River area.

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(2) 16 RAAF P40's bombed Moeemi and Ransiki. Airdromes, South Manokwari; 32 RAAF P40's attacked guns and fired buildings Kaimana.

(3) 12 RAAF P40's swept Southern Ceram, damaged barge and fired sawmill; 16 P47's bombed Boela runway barracks and fuel installations, destroyed pier and lugger Seleman Bay; 2 P47's and 23 B25's started large fires Piroe Town, gun positions and supply dumps.

(4) 12 P47's bombed Halong Seaplane Base, Ambon; 1 B25 and 24 A20's attacked airdrome Haroekoe; 2 Beaufighters strafed guns Northern Amboina; 4 B25's attacked radio station Ambon, hit waterfront installations and strafed 3 schooners through Western Ceram.

(5) 2 Beaufighters swept Halmahera.

(6) Single B24 bombed barracks Manado, Northeastern Celebes.

(7) 2 B24's swept Eastern Borneo Coastline, damaged seatruck and small freighter, sank lugger and attacked other vessels; another B24 sank 1 small seatruck and damaged another near Kudat.

(8) Single B24 attacked small freighter off Zamboanga; 2 B24's sank 1 small freighter and damaged another north Palawan Island, strafed 3 small seatrucks destroyed 1 floatplane and damaged 6 other floatplanes

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(9) 1 Darwin B24 damaged seatruck and demolished buildings Koei Village, Lomblem Island; 3 B25's destroyed barge Slor Island and bombed Village on Timor.

Operations October 26:

(10) 6 B24's bombed Wewak Point, 6 B25's attacked Boiken Plantation.

(11) 47 B24's attacked enemy warships West Central Philippines; 14 planes scored 2 direct hits plus near misses Yamato class battleship, 13 planes scored 2 direct hits many near misses Kongo class battleship, ships accompanied by 5 cruisers and 5 destroyers southbound West Panay Island, 1 B24 shot down, another missing; 19 planes crippled and set afire Kuma class light cruiser with 4 direct hits causing explosions on bridge, amidships and on stern off South Western Negros Island; 1 B24 attacked heavy cruiser near Coron Bay.

(12) 1 RAAF B25 attacked 2 barges Kai Islands; single Darwin B24 bombed village Babur Island.

(13) 2 Darwin B24's bombed Lautem airdrome, started fires on coastline and attacked 6 barges Dipli, and bombed coastal vessel Vessuvius Bay in Soela Islands.

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Solomons Forces.

Air:

Operations October 25:

(14) 30 Corsairs bombed bivouacs Northern Bougainville, 15 New Zealand Corsairs hit targets of opportunity; 8 New Zealand Corsairs fired motor trucks and demolished buildings Gazelle Peninsula; weather cancelled remaining strikes.

Land:

Leyte:

October 25: X Corps:

Night attack by 100 Japanese against elements 80th Cavalry Regiment at La Paz (5680) repulsed.

XXIV Corps:

96th Division overcame stiff resistance Buri airdrome, captured Buri (4533); Tabontabon occupied without opposition.

7th Division encountered resistance ½ kile east of La Paz (12 miles southwest of Dulag); only light opposition remainder Corps Sector.

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October 26: X Corps:

1st Cavalry Division junction of force at Uban and force advancing up highway number 1 not yet effected because latter force slowed by resistance west of highway. Patrols reached San Miguel (10 miles west of Tacloban).

24th Division attacked toward Santa Fe (1 mile west Castille) and Pastrana (3 miles west Castille) and occupied 3 towns. 1 force moving south along coastal highway toward Tolosa (6239) and contacted XXIV Corps patrols in that area.

XXIV Corps:

96th Division continued advance northwest of Tabontabon; 1 battalion advancing north along coast reached Tolosa.

7th Division captured Malabka, continued attack north along Burauen/Dagami Road. Patrols advanced south to Esperanza (2 miles southeast Burauen) and San Francisco (1 mile southwest Burauen). Airstrips at Burauen, San Pable, Cayug, Balabka and Tangnan (5229) now in our hands.

No change in situation 21st Infantry and 6th Ranger Battalion.

Reports hereafter will be referred to Special Map

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Central Philippines, in 5 sheets, scale 1 to 250,000 military grid.

Part 3:

(1) Dropped 16 500 lb, 20 250 lb bombs, fired 500 rounds 50, 2300 rounds 30 calibre, met slight heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(2) Dropped 22 500 lb, 70 250 lb bombs.

(3) P40's dropped 18 100 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds; 16 P47's dropped 16 500 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; 2 P47's dropped 2 500 lb bombs; P47's and B25's dropped 32 500 lb, 230 100 lb bombs, met intense medium and heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(4) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs plus 4 incendiaries from 6000 feet Halong; dropped 100 100 lb bombs, 650 23 lb parafrags, fired unstated number rounds Haroekoe; B25's dropped 8 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(5) No details.

(6) Dropped 5 500 lb bombs from 11,000 feet.

(7) 1 B24 dropped 7 100 lb bombs, no details other B24, met intense light accurate anti-aircraft fire from vessels East Borneo; 1 B24 dropped 6 500 lb bombs from 5000 feet Kudat.

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(8) 1 B24 dropped 6 250 lb bombs from 1000 feet, fired unstated number rounds, met slight to moderate medium and heavy some accurate anti-aircraft from vessels North Palawan; no details other B24's.

(9) B24 dropped 8 250 lb bombs 1/10th's second delay from 7000 feet, fired 1800 rounds 50 calibre; B25's dropped 12 500 lb bombs, fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.

(10) B24's dropped 48 1000 lb bombs from 8000 feet; B25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

(11) Each B24 dropped either 3 1000 lb bombs or 2 1000 lb plus 1 500 lb bomb from 10000 feet, met intense medium and heavy very accurate anti-aircraft fire from Task Force.

(12) B25 dropped 2 500 lb medium capacity bombs 11 seconds delay from 2000 feet; B24 dropped 8 250 lb bombs from 8000 feet.

(13) Dropped 8 300 lb, 8 250 lb bombs all 1/10th's second delay from 9000 feet.

Refer preceding report Paragraph 12:

4 more P38's, 19 more P47's escort.

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MAIN ENEMY BODY SIGHTED BY ASP AS PER MY CONTACT REPORT AT 0531 OCT 25. FOR OVER 2 AND 1/2 HOURS THIS FORCE WAS SUBJECTED TO ENEMY BB CA AND DD GUN AND TORPEDO ATTACK. WE WERE HIT NUMEROUS TIMES. GAMBIER BAY HAD ONE ENGINE PUT OUT OF COMMISSION DROPPED BACK AND MUST HAVE BEEN SUNK BY ENEMY GUNFIRE PLUS HOEL JOHNSON (DD) AND ROBERTS (DE). REMAINING 5 CVE EMERGED FROM THIS ORDEAL DAMAGED BUT ABLE TO MAINTAIN 18 KNOTS. ABOUT 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES LATER 6 ENEMY SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED. ATTACK HAD TO BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED. THREE PLANES HIT BY AA NARROWLY MISSED SHIPS. ONE HIT PORT CATWALK OF KITKUN BAY. ONE SKIDDED LENGTH OF KALININ BAY FLIGHT DECK OVERFLOW. ONE WENT THRU DECK OF SAINT LO WHICH SHORTLY BLEW UP.

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PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM SUCH OF OUR PILOTS AS ARE IN COMPANY SHOW FOLLOWING DEFINITE RESULTS BY OUR PLANES. ONE CA SEEN TO BLOW UP AND SINK. ONE CA HIT BY TWO TORPEDOES AND TWO NEAR MISSES LATER OBSERVED ON ITS SIDE. THREE MORE CA TORPEDOED. ONE BB DAMAGED. THE REST GOT AWAY FROM US. THIS UNIT TOGETHER WITH PLANES OF TASK UNITS 77.4.1 AND 77.4.2 TURNED BACK ENEMY FLEET BEFORE ANY OTHER OF OUR FORCES COULD ATTACK. THREE REMAINING SHIPS OF MY DIVISION REQUIRE EXTENSIVE NAVY YARD REPAIRS BEFORE COMBAT DUTY. PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CASUALTIES OF SHIPS NOW WITH ME. 19 KILLED 59 WOUNDED. I UNDERSTAND BBD SAINT LO SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP. DETAILED REPORT LATER.

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DATE 26 OCT 44			DEFERRED
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YOUR 261235 REFERENCE TO PROVISIONS NOT UNDERSTOOD. REPORT APPROXIMATE AVERAGE NUMBER DAYS SUPPLY OF DRY PROVISIONS IN EACH TYPE OF COMBATANT SHIP IN COMPANY WITH YOU AND LIST CONTROLLING ITEMS WHICH ARE SUFFICIENTLY SHORT TO AFFECT COMBAT OPERATIONS.

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DATE OCTOBER 26 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1855			
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CINCPOA SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLEET. INFO CINCSWPA COMINCH COM 7TH FLEET. THIS IS TOP SECRET.

MY OP PLAN 8-44 REMAINS IN EFFECT. COVER AND SUPPORT FORCES OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY ME.

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(CTF 77 SENDS)

FURTHER DETAILS ARE NOW AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE BATTLE FOUGHT YESTERDAY BETWEEN OUR CVE COVERING GROUP OF 16 CVES WITH ACCOMPANING ESCORT OF DDS AND DES TO THE EASTWARD OF LEYTE GULF AND A STRONG ENEMY SURFACE FORCE NOW ESTIMATED AS 4 BB 8 CA AND CL 7 OR MORE DDS WHICH SORTIED THROUGH SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT. IN THIS ACTION OUR CVE GROUP TURNED BACK AND DEFEATED A HEAVY ENEMY SURFACE FORCE WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY STRONG SHORE BASED AIR. THE ATTACKING ENEMY FORCE WAS ABLE TO CLOSE OUR SLOWER CVE FORCE BUT WAS TURNED BACK BY AIR ATTACKS FROM CVES ONLY TO RETURN AGAIN AND WAS DRIVEN OFF THE 2ND TIME RETREATING THROUGH SAN BERNARDION STRAITS. ON THE BASIS OF INCOMPLETE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. 4 TORPEDO HITS IN A BB AND 1 CA STOPPED AND BURNING

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WHILE THE ENEMY WAS IN THE MINDANAO SEA. OFF SAMAR AT LEAST 2 BBS WERE HIT BY TORPEDOES AND 1 CA STOPPED DEAD. NO REPORT ON ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY BY MANY PLANES WHICH WERE FORCED TO LAND ON LEYTE FIELDS. OUR LOSSES CVE SAINT LOO (FORMER MIDWAY) SUNK. CVE GAMBIER BAY DD HALL AND DD JOHNSTON PLUS DE ROBERTS MISSING SINCE BOMBARDMENT BY ENEMY SURFACE FORCES AND PRESUMED SUNK. DAMAGED. CVES SANGAMON SAKANEE AND SANTEE ALL HIT BY SUICIDE CRASH PLANES. SANTEE ALSO HIT BY TORPEDO. FANSHAW AND KITKUN BAY HIT AND FIRES STARTED. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ON SUNK AND MISSING SHIPS UNDETERMINED. KNOWN DEAD ON DAMAGED SHIPS 67. MANY INJURED. OUR AIRCRAFT LOSSES ABOUT 130 PLANES FROM ALL CAUSES INCLUDING CRASH LANDINGS ON LEYTE FIELDS. TODAY OUR CVE GROUP HAS AGAIN BEEN UNDER AIR ATTACK BY SHORE BASED

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AIR AND HAVE RECEIVED SOME FURTHER DAMAGE. FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT 22 ENEMY PLANES HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN TODAY CAP OVER LEYTE GULF. DURING MORNING SWEEP A KUMA CLASS CRUISER WAS HIT WITH BOMBS AMIDSHIPS AND ON THE STERN AND LEFT CIRCLING IN POSIT 11-25 N 124-05 E.

SOME FURTHER INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE OF THE SURFACE ACTION BETWEEN OUR SURFACE FORCES AND THOSE OF THE ENEMY IN SURIGAO STRAIT NIGHT OF 24-25 OCTOBER. FORCE OF 30 PT'S OPERATING IN LOWER SURIGAO STRAIT REPORT THAT VISUAL AND RADAR CONTACTS INDICATE THE ENEMY FORCE CONSISTED OF ABOUT 18 SHIPS INCLUDING 1 BB AND 2 CRUISERS. OF 9 TORPEDOES FIRED BY THESE PT'S 2 HIT WERE MADE. 1 ON DD AND 1 ON DD DEAD IN WATER ALONGSIDE BURNING HULK. PT 493 WAS SUNK 2 OTHERS HEAVILY DAMAGED PLUS MINOR DAMAGE ON MANY OTHERS. PT PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 4

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KILLED 2Ø WOUNDED. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE BELIEVE THAT FORMER REPORT OF AT LEAST 8 SHIPS OF ALL TYPES SUNK WAS CONSERVATIVE.

UNLOADING OF FOLLOW UP ECHELON LSTS AND LIBERTY SHIPS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. SHIPS IN LEYTE GULF HAVE BEEN UNDER INTERMITTANT AIR ATTACK THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH NO DAMAGE REPORTED. ESTIMATE 2ØØ ENEMY PLANES OVER LEYTE AREA TODAY. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PLANE ATTACKING OVER CVES.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTF 77

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 26 OCT 44

TOR CODEROOM: 1715

DECODED BY:

PARAPHRASED BY: PERRY

ROUTED BY: SAMSON/ JOHNSON

FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLT
CTF 38
CTG 38.2
CTG 38.4

INFORMATION: CTG 77.4
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CTF 77 SAYS FOR ACTION TO COM THIRD FLT. CTF 38. CTG 38.2 AND CTG 38.4 INFO TO CTG 77.4 CINCPAC COMINCH.

Kinkaid to Halsey

FOR TOMORROW REQUEST 12 VF AIRCRAFT FOR COMBAT AIR PATROL BE MAINTAINED OVER OBJECTIVE AREA FROM 0~~4~~51 TO DUSK TO AUGMENT TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL PROVIDED BY CVES. PLANES REPORT TO PEPSICOLA BASE ON VHF 142.02 PRIMARY AND 142.7~~4~~ SECONDARY. ESTIMATE MINIMUM OF 200 ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER OBJECTIVE AREA TODAY NOT INCLUDING LARGE NUMBERS OVER CVES. DUE TO LOSSES AND DAMAGE, CVES UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AIR COVER OR FIGHTER SWEEPS. IN ADDITION REQUEST FIGHTER SWEEPS ON AIRFIELDS IN WESTERN VISAYAS WITH PRIMARY OBJECTIVE DESTRUCTION ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT FACILITIES.

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DATE 26 OCT 44			
TOR CODEROOM 1956			
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CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.

JAP NAVAL UNITS NOW RETIRING UNDER AIR ATTACK. OF ENEMY FORCE ESTIMATED TO COMPRISE AT LEAST 10 BB 3 CRUISERS 7 DD WHICH WAS ENGAGED IN SUIGLO STRAIT NIGHT 24/25 8 UNITS REPORTED SUNK. REMAINING UNITS RETIRING WESTWARD REPORTED ON 25TH AND 26TH. PT'S AND ALBERT W GRANT (DD 649), DAMAGED BUT PROCEEDING. JAP FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3 OR 4 BB 9 CRUISERS 12 DD WHICH ADVANCED THROUGH SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT TO ATTACK CVE'S OFF LEYTE RETIRED ON REVERSE ROUTE HAVING LOST 1 CRUISER AND PROBABLE 1 DD. MOST

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REMAINING SHIPS THIS FORCE DAMAGED AND UNDER REPEATED AIR ATTACKS ON 26TH IN SIBUYAN SEA AND TABLAS STRAIT. NORTHERN JAP CARRIER GROUP DISENGAGED. NO COMPLETE REPORT OF DAMAGE INFLICTED. LEYTE BEACH AND CVE'S SUBJECTED TO HEAVY LAND BASED AIR ATTACKS. 4 SHIPS IN HARBOR DAMAGED. DAMAGED BLUE CVE'S PROCEEDING MANUS. 6 BB 3 CA 2 CL 15 DD DEPLOYED IN LEYTE GULF. CLOSE COVER GROUP OF 1 CA 1 CL 6 DD IN AREA. REMAINING CVE'S WITH ESCORTS ALSO IN LEYTE GULF. TACLOBAN AND DULAG STRIPS BEDOM USED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION OF DAMAGE TO OUR FORCES. MACARTHUR.

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DATE 26 OCTOBER 1944			
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FROM GHQ SWPA SGD MACARTHUR TO COMAAF, COM 3RD FLT COMANF FOR ACTION FOR INFORMATION COMAF 5, 310 BOMB WING COM TF AND TG 77, 78, 79, 38.

CITE CX 51053.

REFERENCE COMAAF'S NUMBER AX 9640579, 26TH, GHQ RADIO CX 19624, TIME GROUP 170827, AUTHORIZES ALLIED AIR FORCES TO ATTACK HOSTILE AIR AND SHIPPING IN THE VISAYAS, WEST OF A SPECIFIED LINE. THIS AREA IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL THE SIBUYAN SEA WEST OF 124-05E LONG. COMMANDER ALLIED NAVAL FORCES AND COM 3RD FLT ARE CAUTIONED TO NOTIFY COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES WHEN FRIENDLY NAVAL SURFACE UNITS PROCEED WEST OF THIS LINE.

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WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET I REPORT THE LOSS OF 2 CVE'S 2 DD'S AND 1 DE PLUS DAMAGE TO OTHER SHIPS IN A BATTLE FOUGHT TO THE EASTWARD OF SAMAR ON 25 OCTOBER BETWEEN ENEMY AIR AND SURFACE FORCES AND A GROUP OF 16 CVE'S PLUS DD AND DE ESCORTS. THIS GROUP WITH SUPERB DETERMINATION AND SKILL FOUGHT AND DEFEATED A STRONG ENEMY SURFACE FORCE SUPPORTED BY REPEATED ATTACKS BY SHORE BASED ENEMY AIRCRAFT. THEY STRUCK REPEATEDLY WITH ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL UNTIL THE ENEMY RETIRED DEFEATED AND CONTINUED TO STRIKE HIS RETREATING FORCES UNTIL DARKNESS. THE REPORT OF THE VALLIANT COMMANDER OF THIS GALLANT GROUP REAR ADMIRAL T L SPRAGUE IS TRANSMITTED HEREWITH.

CTG 77.4 DISPATCH 252000. AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S SURFACE AND AIR ACTION CTU 77.4.3 REPORTS SAINT LO (FORMER MIDWAY) HIT BY DIVE BOMBER

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FOLLOWED BY HEAVY EXPLOSIONS WHICH DESTROYED SHIP. GAMBIER BAY JOHNSON AND ROBERTS MISSING SINCE BOMBARDMENT BY STRONG ENEMY FORCE BELIEVED TO CONTAIN 4 BB 8 CA AND CL 7 OR MORE DD ALL VERY FAST. ALL CARRIER GROUPS WERE UNDER ATTACK THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SANTEE RECEIVED TORPEDO HIT AND SUICIDE CRASH ON DECK WHICH STARTED LARGE FIRE. SUWANNEE RECEIVED SUICIDE CRASH WHICH STARTED LARGE FIRE AND PENETRETATED BOTH FLIGHT AND HANGAR DECK. SANGAMON HAD A SUICIDE CRASH ALONGSIDE WITH BOMB WHICH PUNCTURED SIDE IN MANY PLACES. FIRES AND DAMAGE WERE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AND ALL VESSELS CONTINUED TO LAUNCH STRIKES AGAINST THE ENEMY FORCE TILL SUNDOWN. VESSELS OF TASK UNIT 77.4.2 WERE UNHIT UP TO LATE AFTERNOON AND THIS GROUP LAUNCHED A TOTAL OF 6 HEAVY STRIKES ARMED WITH TORPEDOES AND HEAVY BOMBS. NORTHERN GROUP TU 77.4.3 WAS UNDER MORE OR LESS CONTINUOUS FIRE OF ENEMY BATTLESHIPS CRUISERS AND AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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ALL SURVIVING CARRIERS WERE DAMAGED. WHITE PLAINS FANSHAW BAY AND KITKUN BAY GOT FIRES AND OTHER DAMAGE UNDER CONTROL AND CONTINUED TO LAUNCH ATTACKS UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY. LAST STRIKES FROM ALL SHIPS WERE OVERTAKEN BY DARKNESS AND MANY LANDED ON LEYTE. DAMAGE TO ENEMY CANNOT BE ASSESSED AT PRESENT BUT KNOWN DAMAGE INCLUDES 4 TORPEDOES IN BB AND NATORI CLASS CRUISER STOPPED AND SET AFIRE IN MINDANAO SEA. OFF SAMAR AT LEAST 2 BB WERE HIT BY TORPEDOES AND 1 CA STOPPED DEAD. DD AND DE OF SCREEN TU 77.4.3 MADE A GALLANT HEADON ATTACK WITH GUNS AND TORPEDOES WHEN THE CARRIERS WERE BROUGHT UNDER FIRE BY THE ENEMY BB. CASUALTIES OF SUNK AND MISSING SHIPS CANNOT BE ESTIMATED. THERE WERE 40 DEAD AND 40 CRITICALLY WOUNDED ON SANTEE. 1 DEAD ON SANGAMON. 1 DEAD ON ROWELL. REPORTS FROM OTHER TASK UNITS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. RICHARD S BULL AND EVERSOLE WERE ORDERED TO SCENE OR SINKINGS TO RECOVER SURVIVORS REPORTED IN THE WATER.

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REPORT OF SINKINGS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO USE DAYLIGHT TODAY BUT SEARCH WILL BE CONTINUED ASSISTED BY AIRCRAFT TOMORROW. DURING RETIREMENT COOLBAUGH GOT WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE A SURE KILL OF SUB WHILE PROCEEDING SOUTH ACROSS SHEARWATER. SHE WAS ORDERED TO SIT ON HER CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE SPROSTON ALSO HAD GOOD CONTACT AND HAS SIMILAR ORDERS. SPROSTON SHOT DOWN 1 NIGHT RAIDER WHICH WAS ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK TU 77.4.3. NO ESTIMATE OF TOTAL AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME BUT THE NUMBER IS CONSIDERABLE. LAST STRIKES OF DAY WERE WITH ENEMY ON WESTERLY COURSES IN SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT."

THIS ACTION AND THAT OF THE PRECEEDING NIGHT IN WHICH A STRONG ENEMY SURFACE FORCE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED IN SURIGAO STRAITS BY THE SURFACE UNITS OF THE 7TH FLEET UNDER REAR ADMIRAL J B OLDENDORF ARE HIGHLIGHTS ON THE ROAD TO TOKYO. TOGETHER THEY

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CONSTITUTE THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF.

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FROM (ORIGINATOR NOT GIVEN)

RELEASED BY

DATE 26 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 234

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PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO
PASSED BY CTF 77 TO COM 3RD FLT AS 260834 FOR INFO

RECOMMEND ESCORT CARRIERS BE RETIRED TO MANUS IMMEDIATELY DUE SHORTAGE FUEL BOMBS TORPEDOES AND LOSS YESTERDAY OF ABOUT TOTAL OF 130 PLANES. DETAILS IN MESSAGE FOLLOWING.

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DATE: 26 OCTOBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 1711			
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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLT INFO TO CTF 38 CTG 38.1 38.2 77.4 (WHO PASSES INFO TO CTU 77.4.1 77.4.2) CINCSWPA AND CG 6TH ARMY.

(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RDO HONOLULU AS 260835)

YOUR SITUATION CONTAINED 251950 FULLY APPRECIATED. MY SITUATION FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS NOW AS FOLLOWS. PRACTICALLY ALL MY CVE'S HAVE BEEN DAMAGED SOME SERIOUSLY AND ARE STILL UNDERGOING HEAVY ENEMY AIR ATTACKS. CVE'S HAVE BEEN DOING SPLENDIDLY IN KEEPING PLANES IN AIR BUT MAY SHORTLY BECOME INOPERATIVE. LEYTE GULF AREA WITHOUT CAP EXCEPT FEW CARRIER PLANES OPERATING WITH DIFFICULTY FROM TACLOBAN AND DULAG FIELDS. THESE FIELDS NOT YET ACTIVATED AND SUBJECT TO FREQUENT AIR ATTACKS. UNTIL FIELDS ARE ACTIVATED 1 FAST CARRIER GROUP INTACT URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SUPPORT AND PROTECTION LEYTE GULF AREA AND POSSIBLY CVE'S.

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(FROM COM 3RD FLEET. ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC WHO PASSES INFO COMSUBPAC. INFO CINCSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLEET ALL TASKFORCOMS AND TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS)

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THE PURSUIT PHASE OF THE BATTLE OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC IS NOW IN PROGRESS. THE SIBUYAN SEA FORCE IS UNDER UNREMITTING CARRIER AIR ATTACK. TASK GROUP 34.5 IS PATROLLING EAST OF SPAE* FOR CRIPPLES. FEAF REPORTS INTENT TO STRIKE RETREATING NIPS IN SULU SEA AND WESTERN VISAYAS. AND THOSE THAT ESCAPE THE SURFACE AND AIR FORCES ARE COMMITTED TO THE TENDER MERCIES OF THE IMPLACABLE SUBMARINES.

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FROM: COMAE 5

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 OCT 44

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY:

PARAPHRASED BY: STEVENS

ROUTED BY: KULKA/ Served

FOR ACTION: VBC VFC 91 PRW
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(TO VBC, VFC, 91 PRW, 32 BW, 312 BG, 10 OG, AOR NWA, FEAF, 13 AF FROM COMAE 5)

(TROOP CORT COMMANDER REENCYPHERED FOR ACTION ALL COMMANDS CONCERNED PRESENT SOWESPAC OPERATIONS AS 260200/1)
(CINCPAC ALL CTF'S 3RD FLT AND ALL CTG'S 3RD FLT RECEIVED FOR ACTION AS 251840)

THIS IS A PARAPHRASED VERSION CITE O 1771 E.

AIR INTENT 26 OCTOBER 5TH AIR FORCE SENDS 24 B-24'S AGAINST NIP TASK FORCE MINDANAO SEA CALLS BISON 1, DONOR 1, PALER 1. 13 AIR FORCE SENDS 7 SQUADRON M'S AGAINST NIP TASK FORCE SULU SEA. 13 AIR FORCE SECONDARY TARGET NIP NAVAL FORCE MINDANAO SEA.

ESTIMATED TIMES OVER TARGET 0900 TO 1000 I 26 OCTOBER

FOR ALL HEAVIES. 12 [illegible] FIGHTER COVER

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FOR HEAVIES UTILIZING U'S AND V'S. 1 GROUP R'S AND AVAILABLE FIGHTERS ARMED AND READY TO STRIKE NIP NAVAL FORCE. V'S STRIKING AIRDROMES MINDANAO AREA. 5 SNOOPERS SEARCH AND SHADOW ENEMY NAVAL FORCES MINDANAO SEA. OTHER SEARCHES AND RECBOSLSTG S* OP. 1 FERRET MIKE OVER CENTRAL PHILLIPINES.

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FROM

RELEASED BY 26 OCTOBER 1944

DATE 261953

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COM 3RD FLT
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BELIEVE HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT DAMAGED JAP SHIPS ARE HEADING FOR CORON BAY AREA FOR REPAIRS. TAKE ALL PRACTICABLE ACTION TO DESTROY THESE ENEMY UNITS. KEEP ME AND ALL CONCERNED OF STEPS BEING TAKEN.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM MACARTHUR

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DATE 27 OCT 1944

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DECODED BY GREENE

PARAPHRASED BY DECKMAN/ Mackenzie

ROUTED BY WHITTINGTON

FOR ACTION: COMINCH — PPPPPP ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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MAJOR AIR AND SURFACE ENGAGEMENT IN PROGRESS LEYTE GULF AREA. NIGHT 24. 25 JAP FORCE OF 2 BB. 10R 2 CA'S 8 OR MORE OTHER SHIPS ENTERED SOUTHER LEYTE GULF THROUGH SURIGAO STRAIT. OUR COVERING FORCE OF OBB. CA'S. CL'S ENGAGED THIS FORCE. ENEMY FORCE RETIRING AT 0500 PURSUED BY OUR LIGHT FORCES. ANOTHER JAP FORCE OF AT LEAST 3 BB'S.

2 CA. 9 DD APPARENTLY PASSED THROUGH SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT NIGHT OF 24. 25 AFTER ATTACKS ON 24TH BY TF 38 AND AT 0700. 25 COMMENCED ATTACK ON CVES OFF LEYTE. TF 38.1 LAUNCHED FIRST STRIKE ON THIS FORCE AT

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1030 FROM NORTHEAST. ENEMY HEADING FOR ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF AT 1140. OBB'S IN LEYTE GULF LOW ON AMMUNITION. 3 OBB .

3 CA'S AND DD SENT TO ASSIST CVES. FAST BB DUE 0800.

26. PRELIMINARY DAMAGE REPORTS SONOMA HIT BY BOMB. 1 LIBERTY SHIP DAMAGED AND LCI 1065 DESTROYED LEYTE GULF. 3 CVES AND 3 DE HIT. PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF 24TH SCORE 46 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN 7 PROBABLES OVER BEACHES. COMFORT HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM. MOROTAI HAD AIR RAID NIGHT. 24. 25 DOCK DAMAGED. LAND FORCES ADVANCING ON LEYTE.

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

Nr: C 31061 26 October 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C51061. Operations report SOWESPAC Area 1500Z/24 to 1500Z/25 signed MacArthur.

Philippines:

Luzon: Two battleships, one heavy cruiser, two light cruisers, two destroyers reported on course 330 degrees 245 miles east by north northern Luzon afternoon October 25th; 14 transports with five escorts reported approaching from north morning October 25th; four large freighters, five escort vessels sighted heading Lingayen from north evening October 25th; 19 large ships eight small ships reported entering Manila Bay noon October 24th.

37 ships of? Troops, supplies

Samar Island: Enemy force comprising 14 vessels including three or four battleships, some units injured, reported entering San Bernadino Strait from south 1240Z/25.

Leyte Gulf: 80 enemy fighters in two waves attacked during morning October 24th.

Celebes: Catalinas night October 23rd reported three merchant vessels two escorts Macassar, two merchant vessels Pomelaa.

Borneo: 12 unidentified vessels reported off Sandakan same night; medium tanker with seven seatrucks reported heading southeast north Macassar Strait October 23rd.

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Part two. Naval:

Leyte Gulf: Naval units bombarded shore targets October 24th; preliminary reports Seventh Fleet engagement with enemy force Surigao Strait early morning October 25th state at least eight vessels sunk including one battleship several cruisers and destroyers, our losses extremely light; escort carrier groups off Leyte Gulf, engaged by enemy force from north morning October 25th, drove off attacking force; combat reports indicate that with assistance of 3rd Fleet carrier planes several cruisers and destroyers were sunk, 3 battleships, 3 cruisers and some destroyers damaged; 1 allied escort carrier sunk, several escort carriers and destroyers damaged.

Air. Operations October 23rd:

1. 30 P-47's attacked Kairatoe airdrome, Ceram.

2. Refer paragraph 6 preceding report: Delete Boela airdrome, substitute Boeloedowang airdrome south Macassar.

3. Catalina strafed 6 small vessels off north-eastern Borneo.

Operations October 24th:

4. 2 P-47's caused fires Manokwari; 12 A-20's struck Moemi.

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5. Eight P-47's bombed Otaviri and Sagan; one B-25, 12 A-20's and 55 P-47's attacked Babo area.

6. 32 RAAF P-40's attacked targets Vogelkop Peninsula, Ceram and Ambon; six RAAF A-20's started fires Tamilaoe on southern Ceram.

7. Single B-24 bombed fuel tanks, 11 A-20's attacked town and oil centre Boela; 14 P-38's bombed Ambon.

8. 11 P-38's damaged warehouses and control tower old Namlea airdrome.

9. Patrol B-24 attacked five luggers northern Macassar Strait; another B-24 bombed Jolo town in Sulu Archipelago.

10. Seventh Fleet planes carried out 190 sorties supporting Allied ground forces Leyte Island, also swept Visayan area, sank one seatruck damaged another, sank seven Luggers, shot down one bomber, destroyed 25 grounded planes and damaged 30 others, two Allied fighters lost; three more enemy planes were shot down over Leyte by anti-aircraft fire.

Operations October 25th:

11. 43 A-20's furnished ground support, exploded fuel and supply dumps Sarmi area, Maffin Bay.

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12. 56 B-24's scored many near misses on enemy Naval units in Mindanao Sea damaged cruiser; 30 B-25's unable to attack targets due weather; 35 P-38's and P-47's escort set Naval auxiliary vessel afire.

13. 23 Darwin B-24's cratered revetments and taxiways, destroyed 1 grounded plane and damaged another Ambesia airfield near Kendair, sank 1 schooner and damaged other coastal vessels southeastern Celebes.

14. 6 B-24's attacked Malili and Palopo in northern Gulf of Bone, demolished warehouses, hit motor park, damaged seatruck offshore.

15. Patrol B-24 bombed destroyer east Boetoeng Island.

16. 6 Beaufighters strafed villages near Atamboea, Timor; 1 B-24 bombed Cape Chater airdrome.

Solomons Forces:

Air. Operations October 24th:

17. Predawn B-25 harassed Rabaul, 8 Corsairs strafed 2 grounded fighters Tobera airdrome, 12 New Zealand Corsairs destroyed huts and motor transport Gazelle Peninsula.

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18. 36 Dauntless, 10 B-25's, eight Corsairs, and three New Zealand Venturas demolished buildings around New Ireland; 40 Marine, two New Zealand Corsairs and 13 Dountless attacked ship concentration Empress Augusta Bay.

Land. Leyte, Northern Sector: October 24th.

First Cavalry Division: Elements reached point halfway between Diit (5464) and Uban (5576); enemy positions west of road Diit/Uban slowed progress; elements landed Bacol Island (5831), others landed opposite island on Samar, others at Uban; reconnaissance patrols landed Kinatao point (5864), reconnoitered east Basey (6666), northwest to point (5867 M).

24th Division: Banzai counterattack by estimated 100 enemy penetrated to centre of Palo, caused some casualties, 70 Japanese killed; troops advanced 500 yards south of San Joaquin against strong resistance. October 25th. 24th Division captured Tanauan (6045), contact with 96th Division patrol established north bank Binahaan River near Tanauan later broken by patrols withdrawal; other elements occupied hill three quarter mile west of Palo, entered Castille (4948).

Southern Sector: October 24th:
96th Division: Heavy fighting for Burauen air strip; four light tanks lost; troops advanced 1500 yards north along Burauen/Dagami road.

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October 25th: 7th Division: Elements engaged vicinity Malabka (5031) and Bayug (one mile southwest of Malabka).

Enemy casualties to October 24th:
X Corps Area: 2200 killed, 67 captured;
XXIV Corps area: 1413 killed, 8 captured;

Our casualties to October 25th:
X Corps: 150 killed, 451 wounded, 26 missing;
XXIV Corps: 360 killed, 110 missing (wounded unreported).

Commanding General Sixth Army assumed command ashore at 0700Z/24th.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 30 500 lb bombs from 6,00 feet.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 no details.

4. A-20's dropped 15 100 lb bombs and 428 23 lb parafrags from minimum altitude.

5. P-47's dropped 58 500 lb bombs, A-20's and B-25's dropped 132 100 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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6. A-20's dropped 15 500 lb bombs.

7. B-24 dropped 9 250 lb bombs from 11,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire; A-20's dropped 48 500 lb bombs from 4,000 feet, met slight light inaccurate fire; P-38's dropped 14 500 lb bombs.

8. Dropped 11 500 lb bombs.

9. First B-24 dropped 5 500 lb bombs from 2,000 feet, fired 3,000 rounds 50 calibre; second B-24 dropped 4 500 lb bombs.

10. No details.

11. Dropped 314 100 lb bombs.

12. B-24's dropped 162 1,000 lb, 45 500 bombs.

13. Dropped 425 100 lb bombs one tenth second delay, fired 9,000 rounds 50 calibre.

14. Dropped 15 500 lb, 40 100 lb bombs plus incendiaries from 7,000 feet.

15. Dropped 5 300 lb bombs from 12,000 feet, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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16. Beaufighters fired 710 rounds 20 MM; B-24 dropped 8 250 lb bombs one tenth second delay from 12,400 feet.

Refer preceding report:

14. P-40's dropped 32 500 lb bombs.

16. B-24's dropped 162 500 lb bombs from 9,300 feet, met moderate medium and heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

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INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, SGS, Adm King, Col Park, Field Marshal Dill, Log

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TOR CODEROOM 0756

DECODED BY D SMITH

PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH/ JMcKee

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INFORMATION: COMINCH; CTF 77; COM 7TH FLT; ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT — OP OP OP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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FLASH REPORT.

BELIEVE ENEMY FORCE EAST OF NORTHERN LUZON ORIGINALLY CONSISTED FOLLOWING 16 OR 17 SHIPS, 1 CV, 2 CVL,

1 CVL OR CVE, 2 BB, 1 PROBABLE MOGAMI CA AND 1 PROBABLE AGANO CL, 3 3 STACK CL AND 5 OR 6 DD'S.

PLANES SANK 1 CV, 2 CVL AND 1 DD. OUR CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS FINISHED OFF CVL OR CVE LEFT DEAD IN

WATER BY PLANES. PLANES AT SUNSET DIRECTED SURFACE BOYS TO DAMAGED 3 STACK CL AND 2 DD'S AT LEAST ONE

OF THEM DAMAGED. CRUISERS GOT RADAR CONTACT ON 3 SHIPS. 2 FLED NORTH AND 1 CL OR LARGE DD WAS SUNK.

PLANES REPORTED FOLLOWING ESCAPING SHIPS 1 NATORI CL DAMAGED BY TORPEDO, HEADING NORTH ALONE AT 5

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KNOTS. 1 BB HEAVILY DAMAGED BY MINIMUM 2 PROBABLY 4 TORPEDOES AND MANY BOMBS AND CA OR NEW CL DAMAGED BY MANY

BOMBS WITH 2 HEAVILY STRAFED DD HEADING NORTH SPEED ABOUT 8 KNOTS. ANOTHER BB WITH 1 BOMB DAMAGED CA OR NEW CL, ONE

3 STACK CL AND POSSIBLY 1 DD HEADED NORTH SPEED 20 KNOTS. PHOTOS SHOW CV WAS SHOKABU CLASS AND 1 CVL EITHER CHIYODA

OR NUIKO CLASS AND 1 BB FUSO CLASS. PILOTS REPORT OTHER BB WAS ISE CLASS WITH FLIGHT DECK AFT. VERY FEW PLANES ON

ENEMY CARRIERS. FIRST STRIKE SHOT DOWN SMALL NUMBER PLANES. OUR PLANES LOSSES BELIEVED REMARKABLY LIGHT. FORCE TORPEDO

AND BOMB AND FOOD EXPENDITURES HAVE REACHED POINT OF ALMOST COMPLETE EXHAUSTION.

SEARCH ON MORNING 26TH IN SECTOR 290 TO 020 DISTANCED 250 MILES RESULTS NEGATIVE.

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DECODED BY: HUGHES

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FOR ACTION: 3RD FLEET, CTF 17, CTF 57, CTF 59 — OP PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: COMINCH, CINCSWPA, COM 7TH FLEET, CTF 71, CTF 72, CTF 77 — OP PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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CINCPAC SENDS ACTION 3RD FLEET CTF 17 CTF 57 CTF 59 INFO COMINCH CINCSWPA COM 7TH FLEET CTF 71 CTF 72 AND 77.

CINCPOA ZONE NOTICE 47.

TO PERMIT SUBMARINE SEARCH FOR DOWNED AVIATORS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AREA DELETE EAST OF 123 EAST, DETAIN AND ALL VESTIBULE ARE JOINT ZONES. THIS MODIFIES NOTICE 44 AND CANCELS NOTICE 45. NOTICE 46 IS HELD AND NEEDED ONLY BY NORPAC FORCES.

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DATE: 26 OCTOBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 260459	INFORMATION		PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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COM 7TH FLT SENDS.

CUSHING SAYS THAT AT 0940Z 25TH 3 HEAVY CRUISERS WERE SEEN HEADING NORTH AT FAST SPEED OFF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF E. of Cebu MAKATAN ISLAND AND ENTERING SANTA ROSA CHANNEL ESCORTED BY 3 PLANES. AT LEAST* 1000 JAPS REPORTED LANDED NORTHERN CEBU.

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CARRIERS AND FEW DESTROYERS OF TASK GROUPS 38.3 AND 38.4 IN LATITUDE 18-37N LONGITUDE 126-59E AT 23001 25 OCTOBER ON COURSE 130 SPEED 20 WITH THE 4 CRUISERS AND A DOZEN DESTROYERS OF OUR GROUPS ABOUT 100 MILE TO THE NORTH REJOINING AT HIGHER SPEED AFTER SINKING 1 CVL AND 1 LARGE DD OR CL OF ENEMY CRIPPLES. AT 21001 ENEMY GROUPS BELIEVED TO CONSIST OF 1 OR 2 BB, 2 CRUISERS AND 3 OR 4 DD AT 21-15N 126-20E ON COURSE NORTH SPEED 20. EXPECT TO JOIN TG 30.8 AT 09001 26 OCTOBER IN CENTER DIESEL AREA.

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DATE 25 OCTOBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1800		INFORMATION: COMMANDER ALLIED AIRFORCES CG 6TH ARMY COM 3RD FLT COMGEN 5TH AIR FORCE ADV ECH GHQ	PRIORITY URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
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FROM GHQ SWPA SGD MAC ARTHUR TO CTF 77 FOR ACTION TO FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES, CG 6TH ARMY, COM 3RD FLT, COMGEN 5TH AIRFORCE, ADV ECH GHQ (FOR SUTHERLAND AND KENNYE)

REFERENCE YOUR 250739. 2 GROUPS P38'S ARE READY (CX 51025) TO MOVE LEYTE AS SOON AS AIRFIELDS ARE OPERABLE. URGENT INQUIRY IS BEING MADE TO 6TH ARMY TO DETERMINE WHAT FACILITIES ARE READY TO CALL FORWARD ALL OR ANY PART OF THESE GROUPS. PENDING ARRIVAL OF PURSUIT AVIATION, ADVISE PRACTICABLE PROTECTION TO LEYTE MUST BE GIVEN BY CTF 77 AND COM 3RD FLT.

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FROM COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY

DATE 26 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 260526

DECODED BY MONROE

PARAPHRASED BY MONROE CHECKED BY POWLEY

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH

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THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING RECENT OPERATIONS OF THE 3RD FLEET I INFORM YOU AS FOLLOWS:

TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OF JAP PLANS AND MOVEMENTS BECAME VITAL ON 23 OCTOBER SO 3 CARRIER GROUPS WERE MOVED INTO PHILIPPINE COAST OFF POLILLO, SAN BERNARDINO AND SURIGAO TO SEARCH AS FAR WEST AS POSSIBLE. ON 24 OCTOBER THE 3RD FLEET SEARCHES REVEALED JAP FORCES MOVING EAST THROUGH THE SIBUYAN AND SULU SEAS AND BOTH OF THOSE FORCES WERE BROUGHT UNDER ATTACK BY 3RD FLEET AIR STRIKES. THE EXISTANCE OF A JAP PLAN FOR COORDINATED ATTACK WAS THEN APPARENT BUT THE OBJECTIVE WAS NOT SURE AND THE EXPECTED CARRIER FORCE WAS MISSING FROM THE PICTURE. 3RD FLEET CARRIER SEARCHES REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF THE ENEMY CARRIER FORCE ON THE AFTERNOON OF 24 OCTOBER

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COMPLETING THE PICTURE. TO STATICALLY GUARD SAN BERNARDINO STRAITS UNTIL ENEMY SURFACE AND CARRIER AIR ATTACKS COULD BE COORDINATED WOULD HAVE BEEN CHILDISH SO 3 CARRIER GROUPS WERE CONCENTRATED DURING THE NIGHT AND STARTED NORTH FOR A SURPRISE DAWN ATTACK ON THE ENEMY CARRIER FLEET. I CONSIDERED THAT THE ENEMY FORCE IN SIBUYAN SEA HAD BEEN SO BADLY DAMAGED THAT THEY CONSTITUTED NO SERIOUS THREAT TO KINKAID AND THAT ESTIMATE HAS BEEN BORNE OUT BY THE EVENTS OF THE 25TH OFF SURIGAO. THE ENEMY CARRIER FORCES WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD THERE BEING NO AIR OPPOSITION OVER THE TARGET AND NO AIR ATTACK AGAINST OUR FORCE. THEIR AIR GROUPS WERE APPARENTLY SHORE BASED AND ARRIVED TOO LATE TO LAND ON THEIR CARRIERS OR GET INTO THE FIGHT. I HAD PROJECTED SURFACE STRIKING UNITS AHEAD OF OUR CARRIERS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE SURFACE AND AIR ATTACKS AGAINST ENEMY. COM 7TH FLEETS URGENT APPEALS FOR HELP CAME AT A TIME WHEN

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THE ENEMY FORCE WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED AND MY OVERWHELMING SURFACE STRIKING FORCE WAS WITHIN 45 MILES OF THE ENEMY CRIPPLES. I HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BREAK OFF FROM MY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY AND HEAD SOUTH TO SUPPORT KINKAID ALTHOUGH I WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS FORCE WAS ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH AN ENEMY FORCE THAT WAS BADLY WEAKENED BY OUR ATTACKS OF THE 24TH - A CONVICTION JUSTIFIED BY LATER EVENTS OFF LEYTE.

I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT MACARTHUR AND CINCPAC WERE SUPPORTED BY

(A) DESTRUCTION OF 12ØØ ENEMY PLANES BETWEEN 1Ø AND 2Ø OCTOBER PLUS MUCH SHIPPING.

(B) AIR ATTACKS AGAINST JAP FORCES IN THE SULU SEA.

(C) CRIPPLING OF ENEMY FORCE IN SIBUYAN SEA.

(D) DESTRUCTION OF OVER 15Ø PLANES ON 24 OCTOBER.

(E) DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY CARRIER STRENGTH ON 25 OCTOBER.

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(F) CARRIER ATTACKS ON THREATENING ENEMY FORCE OFF LEYTE 25 OCTOBER.

(G) SURFACE MOVEMENTS EVENING 25 OCTOBER TO CUT OFF ENEMY RETREAT TOWARD SAN BERNARDINO.

THE BACK OF THE JAP NAVY HAS BEEN BROKEN IN THE COURSE OF SUPPORTING OUR LANDINGS AT LEYTE. HALSEY.

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FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY:

DATE: OCT 25 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1425Z

DECODED BY: PERRY

PARAPHRASED BY: YORK/JOHNSON

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTF 77

INFORMATION: CINCPAC

PRECEDENCE: URGENT / PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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FROM COM 3RD FLEET. ACTION COMTASKFOR 77
INFO CINCPAC.

YOUR 250441 SEE MY 250657.

2 GROUPS WILL PUT DAWN FIGHTER SWEEP OVER VISAYAS. STRIKES ON RETREATING ENEMY PRECLUDE OTHER COMMITMENTS. FOR FUTURE PLANNING IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT FAST CARRIERS REQUIRE REARMING AND AIR GROUPS ARE EXHAUSTED AFTER 16 DAYS UNPRECEDENTED FIGHTING.

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RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 OCT 44

TOR: CODEROOM 1455

DECODED BY: B H BOLLMAN

TYPED BY: ADAMS

ROUTED BY: THOMPSON

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC — PRIORITY OP OP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: COMINCH, CINCSOUTHPAC, CTF 77, ALL TASKFORCOMS 3RD AND 7TH FLT — OP OP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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FROM COM 3RDFLT. ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMINCH CINCSO ESPAC CTF 77 AND ALL TASKFORCOMS 3RD AND 7TH FLT.

IT CAN BE ANNOUNCED WITH ASSURANCE THAT THE JAPANESE NAVY HAS BEEN BEATEN ROUTED AND BROKEN BY THE 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM CTF 77 (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY

DATE 26 OCT 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0746

DECODED BY ZIMMERMAN

PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH/ Walp

ROUTED BY

INFORMATION

TOR ACTION

SUPREME COMDR SOWESPAC

COMINCH; ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT
CINCPAC; ATGC'S 7TH FLT
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COM 7TH FLT
ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT

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(CTF 77 SENDS)

STRONG ENEMY REACTION TO LEYTE LANDING BEGAN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH NUMEROUS BUT GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE AIR

RAIDS ON OUR FORCES. SIGHTING BY PT OF 2 LARGE UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY SHIPS AND 3 DESTROYERS AT 23101

24TH 10 MILES OFF SOUTHEAST TIP OF BOHOL ISLAND HEADING TOWARDS SURIGAO STRAIT WAS OPENING EVENT OF HIGHLY

SUCCESSFUL NIGHT ENGAGEMENT ALL DETAILS OF WHICH ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. ENEMY ADVANCED IN 2 GROUPS. 1ST

GROUP REPORTED AS 2 BATTLESHIPS 1 OR 2 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 DESTROYER. SECOND GROUP 2 LARGE AND ABOUT 5 SMALLER

SHIPS. NUMBER SUNK UNDETERMINED BUT BELIEVED TO BE AT LEAST 8 OF ALL SIZES. AT DAWN 8 UNITS SEEN

BURNING. ALL SUNK AIDED BY GUNFIRE AND TORPEDOES. SUCH UNITS AS ESCAPED RETREATED WESTWARD AND HAVE

BEEN UNDER AIR ATTACK. OUR DAMAGE. ALBERT W GRANT (DD 649) DAMAGED BUT ABLE TO PROCEED. NUMEROUS

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PT'S DAMAGED. 1 SUNK. MANY AIR RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN LEYTE AREA. 4 SHIPS IN HARBOR DAMAGED. PERSONNEL

CASUALTIES UNDETERMINED. THROUGHOUT THE DAY COVERING CVES HAVE BEEN UNDER HEAVY SHORE BASED AIR ATTACK. MID MORNING

ENEMY FORCE WHICH APPARENTLY SORTIED THROUGH SAN BERNANDINO STRAIT ESTIMATED AS 4 BB 7 CA 2 CL 12 DD JOINED IN ATTACK

ON CVES BUT WAS TURNED BACK BY REPEATED STRIKES FROM CVES SUPPORTED IN AFTERNOON BY STRIKES FROM TG 38.1 WHICH ARRIVED IN

TIME TO PREVENT WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SERIOUS SITUATION. BY LATE AFTERNOON THE ENEMY WAS IN FULL RETREAT. DAMAGE

INFLICTED ON ENEMY PRESENTLY ESTIMATED AS. 1 CA SUNK. 1 DD PROBABLY SUNK. 3 BB 3 CA 1 DD DAMAGED. OWN DAMAGE

REPORTS FRAGMENTARY BUT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE HAS BEEN SUFFERED BY 2 CVE GROUP. OUR CARRIER PLANES HAVE BEEN

LANDING SERVICING AND TAKING OFF FROM DULAG AND TACLOBAN STRIPS THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHEN THEIR PARENT CVES WERE UNDER

ATTACK. CVE PLANES ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR 46 ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER LEYTE BEACHES PLUS 7 PROBABLES.

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— 1 DD (Prob

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM CTF 77

RELEASED BY

DATE 26 OCT 44

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY STEVENS

PARAPHRASED BY SEVALD/ STEVENS

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FOR ACTION: CTG 38.1

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HONO INTERCEPT

(CTF 77 SENDS)

PLANES CAN LAND AT BOTH TACLOBAN AND DULAG FIELDS. FORMER IS THE BEST BUT ONLY LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE AND LIMITED SERVICING AVAILABLE. SHOULD BE USED IN EMERGENCY ONLY. MANY OF YOUR PLANES NOW LANDING THERE.

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(FROM CINCPOA ACTION CTF 57. INFO CTF 59)

AT DAYLIGHT HAVE MAXIMUM HEAVY BOMBER STRENGTH READY TO STRIKE AT LONG RANGE IN CASE ENEMY SHIPS RETIRE WITHIN RANGE OF YOUR BASES.

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TOR CODEROOM: 0743

DECODED BY: ZIMMERMAN

PARAPHRASED BY: ZIMMERMAN

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CINCPOA
COM 3RD FLEET

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(CTF 57 GIVES ACTION CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET INFO VIA RADIO SAIPAN TO COMGEN 21ST BOMCOM CTF 59)

FIRST INFO ADEE REPORTS 15 VLR READY 1400 MILE RADIUS YOUR CRIERS AGAINST ENEMY VESSELS.

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TASK GROUP 34.5 COMBATDIV 7 WITH BATDIV 7 VINCENNES MIAMI BILOXI DESRON 52 PROCEEDING FROM NORTH TO ENTRANCE SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT TO ARRIVE 0100 I 26 OCTOBER. PLAN TO SWEEP APPROACHES TO STRAIT THENCE AREA EAST OF SAMARAAD LEYTE GULF DESTROYING ENEMY ENCOUNTERED. REQUEST ALL INTERESTED BE ADVISED AS NECESSARY. HALSEY IN NEW JERSEY WITH BATDIV 7.

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FROM CTF 77

RELEASED BY

DATE 25 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1245

DECODED BY MCDOUGALL

PARAPHRASED BY MCDOUGALL/PERRY

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FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLT
CTG 38.1
CTG 38.2

INFORMATION: 2 GARBLED CALLS

PRECEDENCE: URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

PRIORITY: URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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HONO INTERCEPT

CTF. 77 SHOUTING.

ENEMY APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO FORCE ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF.

AM CONCENTRATING MY FORCES AT ENTRANCE. CVE'S ENROUTE

LEYTE AND ARE ATTACKING.

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SINCE MY 250146 SITUATION LEYTE GULF HAS AGAIN BECOME VERY SERIOUS. ENEMY FAST BATTLESHIPS AND HEAVY CRUISERS RETURNED FOR ATTACK ON CVE GROUPS OFF ENTRANCE AND THREATENING CONVOYS. EXPENDITURE OF FUEL AND AMMUNITION HAVE REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS OF MY SUPPORTING FORCES. ATTACKS ON CVE'S HAS DISRUPTED MY AIR SUPPORT. HAVE SENT TASK FORCE YEBS W E OBOR* BB 3 CA AND DD'S TO ASSIST CVES BUT YOUR ASSISTANCE BADLY NEEDED. CVE S NW*FORCED TO RETIRE TO LEYTE GULF

*AS RECEIVED.

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FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 250522

DECODED BY: MONROE

PARAPHRASED BY: MONROE/POWLEY

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC

INFORMATION: COMINCH

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(COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCPAC)

YOUR 250044 TF 34 WITH WE ENGAGING ENEMY CARRIER FORCE. AM NOW PROCEEDING WITH TG 38.2 AND ALL FAST BB TO REINFORCE KINKAID. 4 ENEMY CV SUNK, 2 CV'S DEAD IN WATER. NO DAMAGE OWN FORCE. ENEMYS AIR GROUP FLYING OUT FROM LUZON ARRIVED TOO LATE. SEE MY 241122 AND 241124. TG 38.1 ALREADY ORDERED ASSIST KINKAID. IMMEDIATELY.

*RDO HOND PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 250458

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38.1 to Kinkaid
38.2 4 fast BBs to Kinkaid

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(CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH, INFO CNO, CINCPAC, COMSOPAC.)

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AH COMFORT WHILE OBSERVING FULL HOSPITAL PROCEDURE

SUFFERED ENEMY AIR ATTACK AT 231715Z IN POSITION 08-50 N 128-50 E. NO REPORT SINCE FIRST URGENT MESSAGE. COMMAND OF THE 10TH AND 24TH CORPS HAS BEEN ASSUMED ASHORE. ENEMY DUSK AND DAWN HARASSING AIR ATTACKS CONTINUE ON SHIFT. 2-HOUR AIR ATTACK MORNING 24TH CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE. PRESERVER DAMAGED BY NEAR MISS. 22 NIP PLANES DOWNED BY CVE SWEEPS OVER VISAYAS ON 22ND. ANOTHER 6 ON 23RD. NAVAL GUNFIRE IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS CONTINUES. UNLOADING AND ECHELON MOVEMENTS CONTINUE ON SCHEDULE. ON 22ND COM-AIRNORSOLS BOMBED BIVOUAC AREAS NEW IRELAND AND VARIOUS

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TARGETS KAVIENG AREA. PT'S MORTARED SOUTHERN NEW IRELAND
AND NORTHERN BOUGAINVILLE. BLACKCATS NIGHT 22ND-23RD BOMBED
AND STRAFED SHIPPING WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS

MACARTHUR

COMINCH...ACT
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After the initial report of a surface engagement in Surigao Strait, south of Leyte, Admiral Barbey who commands the Leyte naval assault forces reported that at about 0500 local Phillipine time 25 enemy surface vessels were retiring through the Strait pursued by our light forces.

However, in a very late plain language message with time-date-group of 242227Z (0927 local Phillipine time) Admiral Barbey reported the following to Admiral Halsey:

> "Enemy force attacking our CVE's composed of 4 Battleships 8 Cruisers and X other ships. Request Lee proceed top speed cover Leyte. Request immediate strike by fast carriers"

Admiral Lee is in command of Task Force 34, the Heavy Striking Force of fast new battleships and Cruisers.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

Nr. C 51008 25 October 1944

The Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur C 51008. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/23 to 1500Z/24 signed MacArthur.

Phillipines: 1 enemy force indicated from reconnaissance reports to consist of 3 battleships with 11 cruisers and destroyers approached Surigao Strait from west during October 24th, engaged by Leyte Gulf surface forced during night, retired before dawn; another force estimated 2 battleships 3 cruisers plus destroyers rounded southern Mindoro approached San Bernadino Strait under air attack evening October 24th, some units apparently passing through strait to attack 7th Fleet surface vessels northeast Leyte Gulf early morning October 25th; 3rd forces sighted 0740Z/24 200 miles east northern Luzon comprising 3 carriers 6 light cruisers and destroyers heading west and another group including 2 converted carriers "Ise and Hyuga" on course 210 degrees; off west coast Palawan 3 medium transports 3 medium freighter transports 4 escorts reported heading southwest afternoon October 24th; 2 destroyers 1 damaged heavy cruiser reported same area night October 23rd.

Part 2. Naval: 7th Fleet surface vessels engaged enemy units Surigao Strait/Leyte Gulf night October 24th, no details available.

(1) Air. Enemy action: 39 enemy bombers and 7 fighters shot down, 7 others probably destroyed, by 7th Fleet planes during attacks against Allied beachheads and shipping in Leyte Gulf October 24th.

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Hollandia, New Guinea

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Operations October 20:

(1) Refer Paragraph 13 report operations October 21: Patrol B 24's destroyed four additional floatplanes on water Mindoro Island, Central Phillipines.

Operations October 22:

(2) 4 P 38's believed destroyed seatruck near Cotabato, southwestern Mindanao.

Operations October 23:

(3) 7 B 24's hit ammunition dumps Wewak.

(4) 45 RAAF P 40's and Beaufighters attacked bivouacs, destroyed buildings and several small craft western New Guinea and Ceram.

(5) 13 P 47's struck Sagan airdrome, southern Mac Cluer Gulf.

(6) Six P 38's shot down 7 enemy fighters taking off Boela Airdrome.

(7) 2 B 25's, 24 A 20's, 12 P 38's and 1 patrol B 24 attacked Boela waterfront and fuel installations, started large fires, destroyed grounded Betty of undetermined serviceability.

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(8) 12 A 20's bombed runways and dispersals Kairatoe; 16 P 47's attacked Haroekme.

(9) 11 P 38's damaged buildings Cape Noesanive, Ambon Bay entrance; 23 B 25's caused fires and explosions Ambon town.

(10) 1 B 24 bombed old Namlea Airdrome.

(11) 1 B 24 met 4 intercepting fighters over Macassar; another B 24 exploded and sank 1 small freighter, left seatruck listing and strafed 2 other freighters same area; single B 24 patrolling Macassar Strait sank 2 seatrucks, damaged small freighter and attacked 5 other seatrucks.

(12) Patrol B 24 left seatruck listing off southwestern Celebes; 7 P 38's destroyed 1 grounded bomber, probably destroyed another and killed many personnel limboeng airdrome Macassar.

Operations October 24th.

(13) 4 P 40's fired fuel dumps and damaged buildings cooperating with PT boats Halmahera.

(14) 16 P 40's bombed pillboxes and warehouses, strafed Amoerang and Lembeh Strait, northeastern Celebes.

(15) 4 B 24's and 18 B 24's attacked airfields. bivouacs and harbour installations Sandakan, 13 P 38's and 10 P 47's escort strafed and set afire 11 seatrucks and 4 luggers.

(16) 12 B 25's strafed 3 schooners Sarangani Bay, strafed personnel and motor trucks along inland roads; 18 B 24's

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bombed Buayan Airdrome bivouacs, southern Mindanao.

(17) 1 Darwin B 24 attacked lugger in Banda Sea; another left coastal vessel burning south Salajar Island and bombed Lahane village, Timor; 3 B 24's bombed gun positions Lautem.

Solomon Forces. Naval: PT boats strafed and mortared targets northern Choiseul, New Ireland and Gazelle Peninsula.

(18) 3 TDR drones hit shipping hulks, Kahili; 26 New Zealand Corsairs attacked bivouacs northern Bougainville; 12 Corsairs, 4 B 25's and 5 New Zealand Venturas bombed Kavieng and New Ireland plantations; single B 25 harassed Rabaul; weather reduced activity.

Land. Leyte:

October 22: Small enemy counterattacks western edge Palo (5751) and infiltration Pawing area (5854) repulsed; minor counter-attack at night south of Daguita River mouth (6223) also repulsed.

October 23: Strong enemy defensive positions Catmon Hills area being by-passed and enveloped; our advanced armoured elements within one mile San Pablo airfield.

Enemy casualties to 1800I/23 October: Northern sector: 1017 killed, 5 captured; southern sector 860 killed, 8 captured.

October 24th: Northern sector:

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Squadron 1st Cavalry landed unopposed Babatngon, north coast Leyte, patrols north from Tacloban reached points 5272 and 5067; 24th Division control hills 550515 and 571490, also reached San Joaquin.

Southern sector:

96th Division holds line running southwest northeast 1,000 yards south Tabontabon; 7th Division occupied Burauen and hold San Pablo airdromes numbers 1 and 2.

Morotai: Enemy attack on Pilowo outpost repulsed October 23rd, 37 enemy killed.

Part 3.

(3) 56 1,000 lb bombs dropped.

(4) * * *

(5) 13 500 lb bombs dropped.

(6) No details.

(7) 80 100 lb * 64 500 lb bombs dropped by A 20's, 6 1,000 lb bombs by B 24, 24 75 gallon gasoline bombs by P 38's.

(8) 16 500 lb bombs dropped by P 47's, moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) 11 500 lb 36 250 lb bombs by B 25's.

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(10) 5 500 lb bombs dropped.

(11) No details.

(12) No details.

(13) 8 500 lb bombs dropped.

(14) 32 500 lb bombs dropped.

(15) 24 500 lb bombs dropped by B 24's, 72 by B 25's.

(16) B 25's dropped 12 500 lb, B 24's dropped 34 tons 500 lb bombs.

(17) B 24's carried 8 300 lb one tenth second delay bombs.

End

*Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
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ASF
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Adm King
Col Park
Field Marshal Dill
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RELEASED BY

DATE 24 OCT 44

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY STEVENS

PARAPHRASED BY SEVALD/ STEVENS

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMAF 5
CINCSOWESPAC
COM 7TH FLT
CTG 73.4

INFORMATION: COMAF 13

PRIORITY: URGENT
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(TO COMAF 5 ACTION, CINCSWPA, COM 7TH FLT, CTG 73.4 INFO, COMAF 13 FROM COMAAF CITE AX 7997)

MSQ* HERE GOES ANSWERING YOUR O 1635 E. REFERENCE AX 7987 THESE DATED 23 OCTOBER, IF PBY LEYTE SEARCHES ARE ESTABLISHED REDUCE SECTOR 5 TO 600 MILES AND CANCEL SECTORS 6 AND 7 PW* IF PBY LEYTE SEARCHES HAVE NOT BEEN MADE XJIXW*

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DECODED BY: SEVALD

PARAPHRASED BY: SEVALD/STEVENS

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ROACHES RAIDERS
CLAREYS CRUSHERS
CONVOY COLLEGE

INFORMATION: ALL SUBS

PRECEDENCE: URGENT / PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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(COMSUBPAC SENDS. FOR ACTION ROACHES RAIDERS CLAREYS CRUSHERS AND CONVOY COLLEGE. INFO ALL SUBS.)

LARGE SCALE AIR AND SURFACE SHIP BATTLE EXPECTED TO START WITHIN NEXT HOUR GENERAL VICINITY 16-00 NORTH 126-00 EAST. ANOTHER SURFACE ENGAGEMENT TAKING PLACE IN SURIGAO STRAIT AND LEYTE GULF AT PRESENT TIME. ROACHES RAIDERS AND CLAREYS CRUSHERS PROCEED WESTWARD AT BEST SPEED UNTIL REACHING FOLLOWING STATIONS. ROACH HAVE YOUR PACK PATROL CONVOY COLLEGE SAFETY LANE BETWEEN 124 AND 125 EAST. CLAREY PACK PATROL SAFETY LANE BETWEEN 128 AND 129 EAST. //CONVOY COLLEGE SUBS MOVE INTO POSITIONS BETWEEN 119 AND 121 EAST IN POSITIONS TO INTERCEPT ESCAPEES FROM EITHER SOUTHWARD OR EASTWARD. ALL STANDBY FOR ADDITIONAL ORDERS AND CONTACT REPORTS TO ENABLE YOU TO KNOCK OFF CRIPPLES.

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TO: COM 7TH FLT, COM 3RD FLT, GARBLED CALL, CINCPAC

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STILL UNDER ATTACK AT 0830I IN LAT 11-35 LONG 136-29

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FROM: CTF 77

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2501Ø8

DECODED BY: FRUIN

PARAPHRASED BY: FRUIN/Walp

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLT

INFORMATION:

PRECEDENCE: URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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HONO INTERCEPT

CTF 77 SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLT.

CVE Group

ABOUT Ø7ØØ CTU 77.4.3 REPORTED UNDER FIRE FROM FROM ENEMY BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS IN POSITION 60 MI OFF SAMAR (EAST) ~~11-40 126-25.~~ EVIDENTLY CAME THROUGH SAN BERNADINO DURING THE NIGHT. REQUEST IMMEDIATE AIR STRIKE. ALSO REQUEST SUPPORT FROM HEAVY SHIPS. MY OBBS* LOW IN AMMUNITION.

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* AS RECEIVED

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NAVAL MESSAGE — NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 77(INDEF.CALL)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLEET	URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE 24 OCT.1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2.19		INFORMATION: ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET ALL TGC'S 3RD FLEET ALL TGC'S 7TH FLEET CINCPAC COMINCH	URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY BENNETT			
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CTF 77 TELLS.

OUR SURFACE FORCES NOW ENGAGE ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SURIGAO STRAIT ENTRANCE TO LEYTE GULF. ENEMY FORCE SIGHTED IN STRAIT BY PEETEE (PT) BOATS ABOUT 0200I ARRIVED ENTRANCE GULF ABOUT 0300I CONSISTS OF 2 BATTLESHIPS 3 CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS. QUESTION. IS TF 34 GUARDING SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT.

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DRAFTER	EXT.	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) CABLEGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: TF 38 COM 3RD FLT	ROUTINE
DATE 24 OCTOBER 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1125			BASEGRAM
DECODED BY DIEBEL		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT	URGENT ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY ROWLAND		DEFERRED
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		BASEGRAM

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TF 38 AND COM 3RD FLT GET THIS FOR ACTION. INFO TO COM 7TH FLT. CINCPAC ORIGINATES.

ULTRA.

2 JAPANESE AIRMEN MADE CONTACTS IN POSITION 16-ØØN 123-38E AT 175Ø AND 18Ø7. I TIMES 24 OCTOBER. AN EARLIER CONTACT TIMED 1725 WAS NEAR VICINITY 15-2ØN 123-4ØE.

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