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FROM CTG 77.12		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OPORGP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CTF 77	ROUTINE
DATE 17 DEC 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2219/16		INFORMATION: LOCAL OPERATIONAL CALL (3LT) COMSOWESPAC COM 3RD FLT CTF 73 CTG 78.3 CTG 77.3	OPORGP
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CTG 77.12 SENDS. RDO HONO PASS INFO TO COM 3RD FLT. AFTER A QUIET NIGHT THE BOGIES ARE ABOUT. CHASED BY CAP. NO ATTACKS THIS TIME. 1200 POSITION 1 TIME 16TH 10-15N 120-56E. HAVE STARTED RETIREMENT MOVEMENT BUT REMAINING IN SUPPORT DISTANCE. REPORT FROM CTU 77. 12.7 STATES ONLY 2 LAND BASED PLANES CONTACTED OVER ECHELON 1A AND NONE OVER OTHER CONVOYS UP TO ABOUT 10001. AM MAINTAINING CAP. WILL BE IN POSITION TO TRANSIT MINDANAO YEI TONIGHT IF RELEASED. WILL ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL SURIGAO AS SOON AS CAN BE DETERMINED.

120 mi. S of Mindoro

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OM 1V223		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
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HONO INTERCEPT

PASSED BY ϕϕV223 TO ϕϕV3 FOR ACTION AND ϕϕV2 FOR INFO.

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FROM CTG 73.4		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OPOPOPOP
RELEASED BY		COMAF 13 COMAF 5 CTF 77 CINCSWPA COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CINCPOA	PRIORITY
DATE 16 DEC 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
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TYPED BY STEVENS/STEEN			ROUTINE
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HONO INTERCEPT

(CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION COMAF 13 LOCALLY. CTF 77 PASS CINCSWPA. COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CINCPOA COMAF 5)

15-16 INTERLUDE BLACK CAT SEARCHES. TIMES 1.
N OUT 525 80%. 2155 BASILAN 2330 TAKIL BOTH EMPTY.

0015 TO 0150 THOROUGHLY SEARCHED JOLO ILLUMINATING HARBOR WITH FLARES EMPTY. TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED.

O OUT 650 75%. SANDAKAN WEATHERED. 0050 DARVEL BAY EMPTY.
P OUT 650 90%. 0005 DAMAGED 1 FTC OFF MANGROVE POINT

BORNEO 05-14 119-20 E WITH BOMBING AND STRAFING ATTACK. SHIPS COURSE 020 SPEED 10.

Q OUT 470 100%. 2230 ZAMBOANGA 2345 SIBUGUEY BAY 0200 ILLANA BYA 0300 POLLOC HARBOR 0345 SARANGANI BAY ALL EMPTY.

INTENTS 16/17 4 CATS COVER TARAKAN DARVEL SULU ARCHIPELAGO SANDAKAN WXRO* GULF.

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FROM: CTF 73		FOR ACTION: CTF 77 COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT CINCSWPA COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCPOA COMAAF ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS 308 BOMBWING	URGENT
RELEASED BY:			PRIORITY
DATE: 16 DEC 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM:			DEFERRED
DECODED BY: HAMILTON		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY
TYPED BY: STEVENS/STEEN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY:			DEFERRED

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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 77 COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT CINC-COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCPOA ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COMAAF 308 BOMBWING)

FROM LEYTE SPECIAL PB4Y FROM 1730 I DEC 15 TO 0800 I DEC 16 FIRST SEARCHED APO EAST AND WEST PASSES THEN COVERED SECTORS R AND Q TO 700 MILES. RETURNED TO NORTHWEST TIP MINDORO SEARCHED ARC 100 MILES TO WEST AND SOUTHWEST RETURNING VIA BUSUANGA ISLAND TO NORTHWEST MINDORO RADAR COVERAGE COMPLETE. CONTACTED NO SHIPPING. 3 NIGHT MARINERS DEPARTED LEYTE TO COVER L3 CONVOYS DEC 15/16. ENGINE TROUBLE FORCED RETURN OF OZKADEI* TOW COVERAGE PLANE. RETURN CONVOY NUMBER 1 AND HEAVY COVER CONVOY BOTH COVERED THROUGHOUT NIGHT. NIL SIGHTINGS. 3 NIGHTMARE INTENTS DECEMBER 16/17. 2 PLANES TO COVER RETURNING CONVOYS. 3RD PLANE ON MINDORO DEFENSE AND PT COOPERATIVE MISSION

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FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
DATE DECEMBER 16 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0255		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET, COM 3RD FLEET	URGENT / PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
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CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLEET. INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET. ULTRA.

IN POSIT 11-37N 120-33E JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT AT 160840I

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DRAFTER EXT.

FROM: CINCPAC

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 16 DEC 1944

TOR CODE/HOOP: 0210

DECODED BY: MCDOUGALL

PARAPHRASED BY: MCDOUGALL CHECKED BY: IMRIE

ROUTED BY: TYPED BY: MCDOUGALL

ADDRESSEES

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL TF COMS 3RD FLT

INFORMATION: COM 3RD FLT
COM 7TH FLT

PRECEDENCE

FOR ACTION: URGENT / PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM

INFORMATION: URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM

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CINCPAC ULTRA USING 1 TIME. ACTION ALL TF COMDR THIRD FLT
INFO COM 3RD FLT AND COM 7TH FLT.

** NE MADE CONTACT AT 17-12N 123-33E AND NEAR 17-0 * N
123-43E AT 160425.

ACTION: F-20

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54960. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/14 to 1500Z/15 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China: Two battleships two heavy cruisers four destroyers two torpedo boats reported arrived Camranh Bay midday December 14.

Philippines: Luzon: Heavy cruiser destroyer and destroyer escort sighted west Manila December 14; seven vessels including destroyers and merchant ships sighted on northerly course 130 miles off west coast December 14.

Leyte: Enemy forces reported occupying positions on ridge halfway between San Isidroo and Daha December 14.

Negros: 37 aircraft photographed on Silay airfield midday December 14.

Jolo: Three destroyers one medium freighter transport sighted anchored in harbour by reconnaissance plane night December 15.

Tawi Tawi: Three destroyers one freighter transport reported 70 miles north on easterly course December 15.

South China Sea: Heavy cruiser sighted manoeuvering near Tizard bank midday December 15.

Borneo: Medium freighter transport four seatrucks sighted Brunei Bay morning December 14.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, Philippines

Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

Part 2. Naval: Allied warships set previously damaged destroyer afire southern Mindoro December 15.

Air: Enemy action: Mindoro: Attacks against Allied shipping caused some damage and included three suicide crash dives; naval anti aircraft fire shot down four planes, fighter patrols claimed 17 others December 15.

Operations December 13:

(1) Patrol B 24 attacked and damaged gunboat and large tanker south western Palawan.
(2) 16 P 40's bombed and strafed Valencia buildings and highways Leyte.

Operations December 14:

(3) Ten Corsairs demolished buildings and cratered runways Naga airdrome, southeastern Luzon; P 47's started large fires amongst fuel dumps nearby.
(4) Refer paragraph 11 preceding report: Fighter bombers claim following results on Negros fields: 50/
50/60 planes destroyed or damaged Silay,
25/30 destroyed or damaged Carolina,
12 destroyed Talisay,
5 destroyed La Carlota; 10 additional P 47's raided Alicante.
(5) Patrol B 24 destroyed small seatruck northwest Panay; six Corsairs cratered runways Masbate.
(6) Refer paragraph 12 preceding report: B 24's destroyed 3/5 additional planes Padada, met two ineffective interceptors.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

(7) Five more A 20's and one B 25 attacked Sepik river villages, east Wewak.

Operations December 15:

(8) 16 P 47's strafed San Fernando airdrome, southeastern Luzon.
(9) Two B 24's bombed Silay and Carolina airdromes before dawn; fighter sweep over negros shot down one enemy bomber and destroyed five planes on ground.
(10) B 24's from Biak reported excellent coverage Sassa airdrome, Davao.
(11) Catalina exploded docks destroyed lugger and strafed Kudat airdrome, northern Borneo.
(12) Four Dutch B 25's attacked and beached coastal vessel Waingapoe, Soemba Island; Two Darwin B 24's bombed Baucau and Fuiloro, Timor.
(13) Six B 25's raided Sepik River villages; Six A 20's attacked targets Wewak.

Solomons Forces. Air.

Operations December 14 restricted by weather:

(14) 14 New Zealand Corsairs, two Venturas patrolled Kavieng and demolished Guildings New Ireland; 12 New Zealand Corsairs covered Rabaul and bombed Lakunai concentrations.

Land. Mindoro: Western Visayan task force captured San Jose town afternoon December 15 and out posted positions for night; nil casualties.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, Philippines

Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division advanced further 200 yards, rear elements cleared bypassed pockets. First cavalry units made local gains Mount Catabaran.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division consolidated positions Ormoc area. 7th Division and 511th Parachute Infantry made contact north Capatgan, 200 enemy killed in area.

Part 3. Paragraphs 1 and 2. No details.

3. Corsairs dropped 10 1,000 pound bombs.

4. No details.

5. Corsairs dropped 6 1,000 pound bombs.

6. 34 B 24's dropped unstated number 20 pound frags.

7. Dropped 24 300 pound bombs, fired 1400 rounds 50 caliber.

8 through 10. No details.

11. Dropped 6 250 pound bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

12. B 25's dropped 16 500 pound bombs 11 seconds delay from 200 feet, fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre; B 24's dropped 9 300 pound, 12 250 pound bombs from 9,000 and 6,000 feet.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Lyete, Philippines

Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

13. Dropped 44 300 pound general purpose bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 22,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Weather: Equatorial front causing scattered showers from Borneo to Morotai, above average cloud over southern Philippines. Airdrome construction under way San Jose, Mindoro, ground reported dry and hard.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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ASF
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Adm King
Col Park
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Advance Echelon, General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54912 16 December 1944

To Chief of Staff for Marshall from MacArthur cite C 54912.

Unopposed landing effected Mindoro early morning 15th Zone I time. Penetration to distance 8 miles inland by evening. Unloading operations proceeding rapidly and ahead of schedule. Hostile air reaction during approach and unloading weak. First reports indicate airdrome potentialities excellent.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
G-2
~~Adm King~~
~~Col Park~~
Log

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM: COM 3RD FLEET	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC	PRIORITY PRIORITY DEFERRED
RELEASED BY:			
DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 160806	INFORMATION	COMINCH COM 7TH FLT ATFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS	PRIORITY PRIORITY DEFERRED
DECODED BY: GREENE			
TYPED BY: GREENE/W Strong			
ROUTED BY:			

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ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO COMINCH COM 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.

LATEST COUNT OF DESTRUCTION ON 14 DECEMBER SHOWS 38 PLANES SHOT DOWN INCLUDING 20 OUT OF 53 TIRED RATS LOOKING FOR HOLES IN LINGAYEN LAOAG VIGAN AREA. 139 DESTROYED ON GROUND. AIRCRAFT OBSERVED WIDELY DISPERSED ON 46 DIFFERENT FIELDS WITH LARGEST CONCENTRATION AT CLARK. SHIPPING RESULTS 1 MEDIUM AO SUNK LINGAYEN, 1 MEDIUM AK EXPLODED LEFT BURNING OFF CAPE BOLILAO. 1 SMALL AK BLEW UP AND DESTROYED WEST OF IBA. 3 OR 4 SMALL AK BURNED AND GUTTED OLONGAPO. 2 SMALL AK FIRED OFF CLALTAGAN. 3 OR 4 SMALL AK LEFT BURNING FURIOUSLY SAN MIGUEL BAY. 1 LARGE AP BEACHED AND BURNING SUBIC BAY. 1 MEDIUM AO ALREADY BEACHED NEAR IBA FIRED. DAMAGED 1 DD OR DE OFF VIGAN, 1 DD 1 DE WEST OF SUBIC BAY, 1 DD OUT OF 3 UNDAMAGED DD

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AND 1 UNDAMAGED AP INSIDE MANCLA JETTY. IN TROOP CONVOY 1 LARGE AK AND 1 DD HIT WITH ROCKETS, 1 SMALL AK AND ESCORT STRAFED. GROUND DAMAGE INCLUDED DESTRUCTION OF 4 LOCOMOTIVES 6 CARS SAN FERNANDO, 3 BUILDINGS AMMO AND FUEL DUMPS ANGELES FIELDS AND FUEL DUMP AT CLARK. DAMAGE TO 15 RAILROAD CARS SAN FERNANDO, TRUCK CONVOY BETWEEN SAN FERNANDO AND CALUMPIT, SUGAR MILL SAN FERNANDO, FACTORY BETWEEN FLORIDACILANAA AND DINALUPIHAN AND AA POSITIONS AT IBA ANGELES SOUTH AND WEST AND PORAC WEST. DURING NIGHT 14-15 HECKLERS BOMBED RUNWAYS AND AA AT CLARK WEST LIPAC FOSLIPA LAOAG AND STRAFED APARRI NICHOLS NIELSON MABALACAT ANGELES.

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FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 15 DECEMBER 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY IMRIE		INFORMATION: COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET	URGENTTY
PARAPHRASED BY IMRIE	CHECKED BY DORSEY		ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY IMRIE		DEFERRED
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DATE 15 DECEMBER 1944			
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FROM CTF 73		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OPOPOPOP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: 308 BOMBWING CINCPOA CINCSWPA COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CTF 77 ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS	PRIORITY
DATE 16 DEC 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SAMSON		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY
TYPED BY STEVENS/STEEN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED

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(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSWPA COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CTF 77 308 BOMBWING AND ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS)

6 LEYTE PB4Y'S OUT TO CHINA SEA DECEMBER 15 IN EXCELLENT WEATHER. ALL TIMES I POSITS N AND E.

N OUT 710 MILES 100% COVERAGE NO CONTACTS.
O SEARCHED 580 MILES COVERAGE 80% NO CONTACTS EXCEPT

SC ALREADY BURNING 11-50 123-08 TIME 1030.
P WENT 800 MILES COVERAGE 95%. FIRED 2 5D'S WITH

INCENDIARIES 11-55 123-15 AT 0810. SIGHTED 3 DD'S AT 13-35 119-07 COURSE 250 SPEED 15 TIME 0945

APPARENTLY PATROLLING. FANTAILS LOADED WITH DEPTH CHARGES. OBSERVED AGAIN AT 14-30 118-10 TIME 1400

COURSE THEN 280 SPEED 17.
Q WENT 600 MILES COVERAGE 100%. SIGHTED AND TRACKED

4 HOURS 2 SLOW MOVING FORMATIONS. THE FIRST REPORTED AS 1 BATTLESHIP 2 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 DESTROYER ON COURSE

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350 SPEED 10 WERE AT POSIT 15-07 117-55 WHEN LAST SEEN AT 1430.
THE SECOND GROUP 1 TA 1 FTA 2 DESTROYERS WERE AT 15-15 117-35

COURSE 320 SPEED 6 TIME 1530. "PLANE REPORTED CONTACTS TO 2
BLUE SUBS IN VICINITY BEFORE RETURNING TO BASE. A THIRD

GROUP 2 FTA 1 LIGHT CRUISER 1 DESTROYER SEEN ONLY ONCE AT
15-08 117-26 COURSE 320 SPEED 12 AT 1130. COMMENT.

Dest

BELIEVE AFTER INTERROGATION ALL TYPES OVERESTIMATED.
BATTLESHIP AND HEAVY CRUISER PROBABLY LARGE DESTROYERS.

R WENT 900 MILES 100% COVERAGE. SAW 12 STACK TA 10000 TONS AT
14-48 119-24 COURSE 330 SPEED 15 TIME 1014. REPORTED TO

CARRIER PLANES. SHIP NOT LOCATED ON RETURN TRIP. 2 ARMED
TRANSPORTS AT 16-50 119-38 COURSE 300 SPEED 12 TIME 1400.
MODERATE MDEIUM INACCURATE ACKACK. WRECKAGE OR BURNING SHIPS

AT 16-11 120-00 TIME 1440. AND AT 15-42 119-50 TIME 1415
BEACHED FTC AT 15-20 118-51 TIME 1425. BEACHED SA 14-48

120-05 TIME 1500. 2 SC BURNING 14-30 120-30 TIME 1530.
STRAFED AND BURNED 1 LUGGER 13-40 120-30 TIME 1555. STRAFED

AND BURNED 2 SD 13-40 120-05 TIME 1600.
Z WENT 400 MILES 100% COVERAGE. SAW SC AND SD 13-35 122-15

ANCHORED TIME 0835. FTD DEAD IN WATER TLERJFEN*-45 120-50
TIME 0913. SEVERAL SMALL CAMOUFLAGED SMALL CRAFT IN THIS-

VICINITY. HOSPITAL SHIP 14-00 119-25 COURSE 150 TIME 0950.
FTC DEAD IN WATER AND SMOKING 15-10 119-38 TIME 1014.

LIGHT ACCURATE ACKACK.

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FROM CTG 77.12		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CTF 77	00000000 ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE 15 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 151705		INFORMATION: CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT COM 5TH AF CINCSWPAC COMAAF CTG 78.3 CTU 77.12.7	0000000000 ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY MC CORMACK			
TYPED BY MC CORMACK/			
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TURNED AROUND 1950/I REFER YOUR 150732 AND 150858 ACKNOWLEDGED WILL RROBABLY NEED ALL THE AIR SUPPORT AGAINST VISAYAN DROMES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED FULL EXCHANGE DESTROYERS WITH RETURNING ECHELONS. APPROXIMAYE DAWN POSITION LATITUDE 10-05 N LONGITUDE 120-55 E

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
CTG 77.12		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CTF 77	PRIORITY: URGENT; ROUTINE; DEFERRED
DATE: DECEMBER 15 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: Ø246		INFORMATION: COMINCH CINCPAC	PRIORITY: URGENT; ROUTINE; DEFERRED
DECODED BY: KOTEEN			
TYPED BY: KOTEEN/ROWLAND			
ROUTED BY			

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CTG 77.12 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COMINCH AND CINCPAC.

UNDER CONTINUOUS HEAVY AIR ATTACK.

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DRAFTER — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — PRECEDENCE

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 1300

DECODED BY: SLUTZ

TYPED BY: SLUTZ

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
COMAF 5
CINCSOWESPAC
CTF 77
COMFEAF

INFORMATION: CTF 38

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM COM 3RD FLEET. ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC COMFEAF COMAF 5 CTF 77. INFO CTF 38.)

PHOTOS AND REPORTS INDICATE 604 PLANES ON LUZON 14TH MANY PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED. AS OF 1000 TODAY 224 DESTROYED AND AT LEAST 90 MORE STRAFED BOMBED. CTF 38 ESTIMATES A POSSIBLE 275 REMAIN OPERATIONAL WELL HIDDEN AND WIDELY DISPERSED. HOWEVER LIMITED ENEMY REACTION POINTS TO INABILITY PUT ANY SIZEABLE NUMBER IN THE AIR AND THE DISPERSAL AND VARIETY OF TYPES BELIES TUPICALMECHTY*. WILL MAINTAIN BATS OVER LUZON TONIGHT AND RESUME BLANKETING TOMORROW. NO BOGIES TODAY.

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FROM CTF 77		FOR ACTION: CTG 77.12	URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 15 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION: CTG 78.3 CINCSWPA COM 3RD FLT COMAAF COM 5TH AF CINCPAC	URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED STEEN			
TYPED BY STEVENS/			
ROUTED BY			

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTF 77 TO CTG 77.12 INFO CTG 78.3 COM 3RD FLT CINCSWPA COMAAF COM 5TH AF CINCPAC)

WEATHER PREDICTIONS INDICATE SHORE BASED FIGHTER COVER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW SATURDAY FORENOON. WEATHER YOUR AREA GOOD. FIGHTER COVER FROM CVE'S ESSENTIAL FOR RETURNING ECHELONS. PROCEED TO POSITION TO PROVIDE AIR COVER FOR BEACH AREA AT DAWN AND PROVIDE AIR COVER FOR SECOND RETURNING ECHELON DUE DEPART BEACH FORENOON. SEND DESTROYERS CRITICALLY LOW IN FUEL TO JOIN RETURNING ECHELONS. CTG 78.3 INFORM CTF 77 AND CTG 77.12 TIME OF DEPARTURE RETURNING ECHELON. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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DRAFTER: CTG 78.3 — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE — PRECEDENCE: URGENT

FROM:

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY: STEEN

TYPED BY: STEVENS/STEEN

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: 2 UNIDENTIFIED CALLS (WQ18, 3LT) TEMPORARY COMSOWESPAC CALL (LK5E) ADV ECH SWPA

INFORMATION: ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS

PRIORITY: URGENT

ROUTINE:

DEFERRED:

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(CTG 783. SENDS)

ALL LST'S BEACHED. UNLOADING PROCEEDING FAVORABLY EXCEPT 2 LST'S GOING NOW TO RED BEACH FOR UNLOADING CAMINAQIC POINT REPORTED CLEAR.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: COM7THFLT		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: GHQ SWPA ADV LEYTE COMGEN 6TH ARMY ALL COMDS RECEIVING COM7THFLT INTEL REPORT COMAAF & COMFEAF LEYTE UNLISTED CALL - N8F	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE: 16 DEC 44			
TOR CODEROOM: 2104			
DECODED BY: IMRIE		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TYPED BY: JOHNSON/ STRONG			
ROUTED BY:			

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RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 161845.
(COM 7TH FLT ORIGINATOR)
FIRST WAVE BLUE ASSAULT FORCES LANDED BETWEEN SAN AGUSTIN AND BUG BUG SOUTHWEST MINDORO THIS MORNING WITH NIL OPPOSITION ON BEACHES. SIGHTINGS 14TH I TIMES. 1 DD 1425 POSIT 17-35 N 120-20 E COURSE 180 SPEED 20. SAN FERNANDO 55 SMALL AK BARGES 1 LST TYPE ANCHORED 1400. OFF SANTA CRUZ 15-50 N 119-45 E 1 DE COURSE 170 SPEED 16 AT 1315. 3 HOURS LATER APPROXIMATELY SAME POSIT COURSE SPEED 1 SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT 2 OLD TYPE DD. 1 LARGE FREIGHTER TRANSPORT SEEN IN SUBIC BAY UNDER ATTACK BY CARRIER PLANES 1248. 0645 CRUISER 1 DD 1 PICKET BOAT REPORTED 14-20 N 120-20 E COURSE 300 SPEED 25. USUAL NUMBER 100 AND 500 TON STACK AFT VESSELS SEEN

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BATANGAS AND BICOL PORTS. MID FORENOON 1 LARGE 1 MEDIUM TANKER 1 MEDIUM AP AT BALIKPAPAN. BEFORE NOON 1 AH 12-30 N 114-42 E COURSE 75 SPEED 22. BLUE SUBS CONTACTED 2 BB 1 CL 4 OR 5 DD 0800 POSIT 11-06 N 110-20 E BASE COURSE 10 SPEED 19. SUBS COULD NOT KEEP UP. BB'S EVALUATED AS ISE AND HYUGA XCVBB. BLUE SUB REPORTS SINKING 1 CA EVENING 13TH POSIT 08-10 N 105-37 E ACCOMPANIED BY PROBABLE CL. 5TH AIR FORCE CLAIMS DESTROYING 90 - 100 GROUNDED PLANES VISAYAN DROMES 14TH. SAME DAY 33 LIBERATORS HIT PADADA PROBABLY DESTROYING 7 PLANES ON GROUND. FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS RESULTED. PREVIOUS DAY PALAU B 24'S HIT LAHUG DROME CEBU. NIL INTERCEPTION NOR ACK ACK. MARINE CORSAIRS ONETLOTO ATTACKED REM-ANTS RETURNING NIP CONVOY OEO MASBATE PROBABLY DESTROYING 1 AK 1 DD DAMAGING 1 DD 6 SMALL LANDING CRAFT. SAME DAY PALAU B24'S HIT LEGASPI WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. 13TH AIR FORCE 13TH SENT 22 LIBERATORS P47 COVER OVER C AOKIIA* DROME AND 20 SIMILAR PLANES OVER TALISAY DROME NORTHERN NEGROS. SAN ROGUE STRIP ZAMBOANG. ANOTHER ON JOLO HIT BY MITCHELLS. PARTIAL REPORT FROM FIRST 3 OF 6 SCHEDULES 3RD FLT CARRIER PLANE STRIKES ON LUZON FIELDS SHOW 14 NIP PLANES SHOT DOWN 77 DESTROYED ON GROUND 37 MORE DAMAGED BY STRAFING MORNING 14TH. 300 PLANES ON LUZON FIELDS WITH 45 OPERATIONAL ON CLARK. BLUE SUB 4TH SANK 1 LARGE WESTBOUND AO 1 OR 2

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DD 13-12 N 116-37 E. NIL DAMAGE TO LEYTE GULF SHIPPING 13TH.
5 BOGIES DURING DAY. 218 JAP PARATROOPERS KILLED TO DATE VICINITY
SAN PABLO STRIPS. 3 STRIPS RECOVERED BY BLUE FORCES. ENEMY
SUB REPORTED 1500/14 POSIT 11-55 N 141-10 E. BLUE MERCHANT SHIP
REPORTS FIRING ON POSSIBLE SS 0830/15TH 07-26 S 150-39 E.

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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC

INFORMATION: CINCSOWESPAC, CTF 38, CTF 77, COMFEAF, COMAF 5

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NO BOGIES LAST NIGHT. BAT HECKLERS WORKED ON ALL ENEMY FIELDS AND SOME SHIPPING ALL NIGHT. ANALYSIS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL AFTER WITHDRAWING ON 16TH BUT ABOUT 2ØØ PLANES DESTROYED YESTERDAY MOSTLY ON GROUND. CONTINUOUS CAP OVER ENEMY FIELDS WORKED PERFECTLY YESTERDAY AND BEING REPEATED TODAY. SHIPPING WORKED OVER IN SPARE TIME WITH GOOD RESULTS TO BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. EXPECT REPEAT TOMORROW UNLESS MACARTHUR SIGNIFIES OUR ASSISTANCE NOT NEEDED.

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FROM CTF 73		FOR ACTION: COMAF 13; CTF 77 CINCPOA; CINCSWPA COM SEVENTH FLEET COM THIRD FLEET COMAAF; COMAF FIVE 308 BOMB WING ATFGC THIRD SEVENTH FLTS	OP OP OP OP ROUTINE
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TOR CODEROOM 0726/15		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY
DECODED BY STEVENS			ROUTINE
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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA, CINCSWPA, COM SEVENTH FLEET, COM THIRD FLT, COMAAF, COMAF 5, COMAF 13, CTF 77, 308 BOMB WING, AND ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMDRS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLTS.

3 NIGHT MARINERS FROM LEYTE ON DECEMBER 14/15 PATROLLED FOR LEDE* 3 GROUPS. ASSAULT COVERAGE PLANE ATTACKED AND HIT TA POSIT 12-06N 120-42E TIME 02551. NO OTHER SIGHTINGS. INTENTS FOR NIGHTMARES DECEMBER 15/16 THREE PATROLS COVERING CONVOYS.

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FM CTG 77.12		FOR ACTION: CTF 77	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED: ROUTINE
RELEASED BY		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT, CINCPAC, COMINCH	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED: ROUTINE
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FROM CTG 77.12. RADIO MANUS PASS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COM 7TH FLT. RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO CINCPAC RADIO WASHINGTON PASS TO COMINCH.

HAVING A SHORT QUIET PERIOD. NO KNOWN DAMAGE TO DATE SOME CASUALTIES. KNOWN ENEMY PLANE LOSSES 8 TO CAP 4 TO AA 3 SUICIDES.

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FROM CTG 73.4		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP BP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COMAAF; COM THIRD FLT COMAF FIVE; COMAF 13 CINCPOA; COM SEVENTH FLT ATFGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CINCSWPA	PRIORITY
DATE 16 DECEMBER 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2221/15			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MCDOUGALL		INFORMATION	PRIORITY
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MOROTAI BLACK 6AT SEARCHES 14/15. 1 TIMES

• 500, 50% AT 2330 ZAMBOANGA 2400. BUGUEY BAY 0030 DUMANQUILAS BAY 0100 ILLANA BAY 0230 POLLOC HARBOR ALL EMPTY.

(X) OUT 430 8 % 0045 SARANGANI BAY EMPTY. OVER DAVAO GULF 0100 TO 0430 NEGATIVE SEARCH VISIBILITY LIMITED BY HAZE.

(Z) OUT 600 85%. 0015 TAWI TAWI 0130 TAPUL 0200 JOLO 0315 SOUTH SIDE BASILAN ALL EMPTY.

(Y) OUT 750 100% OVER MUDAN 0200 TO 0240 DROPPED 6-250'S, 3 HIT WATERFRONT AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 3 DIRECT HITS BLEW UP DOCK AND DESTROYED 1 LUGGER TIED ALONGSIDE.

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STRAFED BOTH SIDES OF AIRSTRIP WITH FOUR RUNS. INTENTS
15/16 4 CATS TO NORTH CELEBES SULU AREA TARAKAN SANDAKAN DARVEL
BAY.

*MISSING AND GARBLED GROUPS

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FROM CTG 78.3

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TOR CODEROOM 0330/15

DECODED BY STEEN

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FOR ACTION: CTF 77
2 UNIDENTIFIED CALLS
(3LT WQ18)
ADV ECH GHQSWPA
ATFC TGC 3RD, 7TH FLTS

INFORMATION

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY URGENT; DEFERRED; PRIORITY; ROUTINE; DEFERRED

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GENERAL DUNKEL LEAVING DASHIELL ASSUMES COMMAND ASHORE AT 10451. SECOND LST PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TOTAL LOSS.

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM BOMCOM 13		FOR ACTION: ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OPERATIONS SWPA AOIC CIRCUIT	URGENT ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 15 DEC 44			
TOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY RIEHL		INFORMATION	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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FROM BOMCOM 13 TO AOIC CIRCUIT.

PHOTO MISSION 14 DEC 1150/1 21000 FEET ALTITUDE, PUERTO PRINCESA AIRDROME, NORTH RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, SOUTH RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE, 1 POSSIBLY OPERATIVE MEDIUM BOMBER, 2 POSSIBLY OPERATIVE SINGLE SEAT FITERS, 4 FLOAT PLANES AT FLOAT PLANE BASE. 1300/1 21000 FEET ALTITUDE, SAN ROQUE AIRDROME, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, 1 OPERATIVE SINGLE SEAT FITER, 2 POSSIBLE OPERATIVE MEDIUM BOMBERS. 1435/1 23000 FEET ALTITUDE, SILAY AIRDROME RUNWAY 2200 FEET SERVICEABLE, 37 OPERATIVE AIRCRAFT.

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RELEASED BY			
DATE 15 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0338/15			
DECODED BY STEEN		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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RIFLE COMPANY REACHED POINT 44. FIRST RETURNING ECHELON HAS SAILED. ONE LST EXPLODED CONSTANT HARRASSMENT BY INDIVIDUAL JAP PLANES. 503RD REACHED PHASE POINT 1-1.

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Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54900 15 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54900. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/13 to 1500Z/14 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China: two battleships one light cruiser five destroyer sighted on northerly course vicinity Camranh Bay with heavy air cover morning December 14.

Luzon: sightings December 14: two seatrucks 55 barges sighted off San Fernando, Lingayen gulf, three destroyer escorts two small freighter transports Dasol Bay area, one medium freighter transport four seatrucks vicinity Subic Bay, six vessels off coast near Bulan, southeast Luzon; third fleet incomplete reports state 300 enemy planes on Luzon fields morning December 14, airdrome photographed under construction Cagayan Valley December 6.

Negros: 40 to 60 well camouflaged aircraft reported Carolina by attacking fighters afternoon December 14, 12 to 15 planes on Alicante.

Mindoro: medium freighter one smaller freighter transport one auxiliary sighted heading northwest off west coast December 13.

Borneo: two large tankers one medium transport sighted Balikpapan December 14, 13 seatrucks at Jesselton,

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four floatplanes encountered Toli Toli.

Part 2. Naval: Leyte PT boats exploded supply and troop filled coastal vessel Palompon night December 12, sank sailboat San Isidro Bay following night. Morotai PT boats mortared coastal machine gun posts night December 13.

Air. Enemy action: planes reported supply dropping Leyte December 12; 18 planes over Leyte bases December 13 only one bombed Tacloban at night; next day single raider crash dived Allied tanker San Pedro Bay, four planes shot down during raids on Allied convoy south Sulu Sea.

Operations December 12: (1) 23 RAAF P40's attacked Lolobata; 66 RAAF P40's swept airfields and personnel areas Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 13: (2) 20 B24's with 10 P38's escort scored excellent coverage Talisay airdrome, Negros Island; 22 other B24's bombed Carolina airdrome, 12 P47's escort met three intercepting fighters. (3) 18 B25's covered by 12 P47's caused fires San Roque airdrome, Zamboanga; 16 B24's bombed underground storage tanks Sasa airdrome, Davao. (4) 3 B25's raided Jolo Island airdrome, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B24's attacked and left listing small freighter Tawi Tawi, started fires amongst fuel installations Balikpapan. (5) six RAAF P40's and 16 Beaufighters raided Halmahera supplies; single B24 bombed dispersal areas Lolobata; 16 P40's and nine B 25's hit Wasile Bay dumps and

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other targets; 11 P47's and 6 P38's on local patrols strafed coastal positions. (6) four B25's bombed runways and buildings old Namlea; 12 A20's and 16 B25's cratered runways and set supply dumps afire Amahai and Aroekoe, one A 20 lost; two B25's fired fuel dumps southern Ceram; 21 P38's cratered runways and caused fires amongst supplies Liang. (7) patrol B24 bombed Bauchau town, Timor; Ventura attacked Dobo, Aroe Islands, (8) five B24's and 27 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak and Sepik River.

Operations December 14: (9) two B24's raided Manila shipping before dawn; patrol B24's sank one seatruck and two coastal vessels Davao; Ventura shot down floatplane Tawi Tawi, Sulu Archipelago. (10) two groups B24's from Palau attacked airfromes installations and ammunition dumps Cebu. (11) fighter bombers from Leyte attacked Negros airdromes, destroyed 11 bombers and nine fighters on Silay during morning, estimated destroyed 40 planes, mostly bombers same target during afternoon, caused destruction amongst 40 to 60 planes on Carolina where claims not yet assessed; fighter cover shot down two bombers and seven enemy fighters. (12) B24's attacked Padada runways and revenments, Davao, destroyed two grounded planes; 16 P40's cratered runways Surigao airdrome; B25's against Licanan turned back due weather. (13) four Dutch B25's demolished Ende barracks buildings, Flores Island; three RAAF B25's sank barge strafed four luggers Alor Island, strafed two barges and demolished buildings near Koepang and bombed Mina River bridge; four Dutch B25's damaged two barges northwestern Timor; two B24's bombed Atapoepoe and Baucau; Ventura attacked targets

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Aroe Island. (14)1 A20, five B25's and six Beauforts raided villages Wewak area. (15) five B24's from Nadzab bombed Tobera airdrome, Rabaul. Solomons forces. Air.

Operations December 13: (16) 8 New Zealand Corsairs attacked enemy dispositions along Numa Numa trail, Bougainville; six New Zealand Corsairs, six New Zealand Venturas and one Brine B25 bombed Kavieng and demolished bridges New Ireland; 30 B25's and six New Zealand Ventura's raided Vunakanau plane hideout, single New Zealand Ventura harassed Rabaul before dawn, 10 New Zealand Corsairs furnished day patrols.

Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division attacking with two regiments abreast reached bridge 1700 yards south Tolibaw, enemy opposition continued heavy. First cavalry units captured strong point north slopes mount Calabaran, squadron on Samar captured Wright.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division advanced 800 yards north Cogon against pillboxes organized in depth. 7th Division regiment met increasingly heavy opposition from estimated 1500 enemy trapped Anas area, reached point 600 yards west 511st Parachute Infantry; remainder Division secured coast. Mindoro: preliminary report: 511st Parachute Infantry and 19th regimental combat team from 24th Division supported by naval and air forces landed unopposed San Jose area 2300Z/14, by midmorning reached line extending from 76 /07 to 86/04 to Caminawit point. Command ashore assumed

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces in the Far East,
Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54900 15 December 1944
at 0145Z/15.

Map references 1 to 50,000 series.

Part 3. (1) dropped 24 by 500 lb, 62 by 250 lb bombs; moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire Lolobata. (2) dropped 489 by 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Talisay. (3) B25's dropped 108 by 260 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire; no details B24's. (4) B25's dropped 12 by 500 lb bombs; B24's dropped 18 by 500 lb bombs. (5) Dropped 44 by 500 lb, 22 by 250 lb bombs, 66 by 260 lb frags, fired unstated number rounds, met moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire. (6)B25's dropped 63 by 100 lb bombs, 32 by 500 lb incendiaries; A20 dropped 120 Parademos; P38's dropped 21 by 1,000 lb bombs; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire Namlea and Horoekoe. (7) B24 dropped 12 by 250 lb bombs; Ventura dropped four by 300 lb bombs four to five seconds delay from 400 feet, fired 700 rounds 5300 rounds 30 calibre. (8) B24's dropped 40 by 1000 lb bombs from 8000 feet; Beauforts dropped 32 by 500, lb, 12 by 300 lb, 68 by 250 lb bombs, fired 800 rounds 30 calibre.

Paragraphs 9 through 12 no details. (13) B25's dropped 13 by 500 lb, 24 by 300 lb bombs all five seconds delay, fired 9000 rounds 50 calibre; B24's dropped nine by 300 lb, 12 by 250 lb bombs; Ventura dropped four by 300 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 100 rounds 50, 1000 rounds 30 calibre. (14) Dropped six by 500 lb medium capacity, 20

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by 300 lb and 10 by 250 lb general purpose bombs, two by 250 lb anti submarine bombs and six by 250 lb incendiaries, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre. (15) dropped 60 by 500 lb bombs from 9,000 feet, fired 300 rounds 50 calibre.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
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FROM: CTG 78.3		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY: (Struble)		FOR ACTION: CTF 77, ATGC'S 3RD FLT ADV ECH GHQSWPA LEYTE COMFEAF, ATGC'S 7TH FLT ATFC'S 7TH FLT ATFC'S 3RD FLT ONE UNLISTED CALL (WQ18)	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
DATE: 15 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 0132/15			
DECODED BY: W. STRONG		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY: W. STRONG/DIEBEL	BY		
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		

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RDO HONO INTERCEPT

AIR ATTACK SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS. 2 LSM'S ON FIRE. AIR COVER APPARENTLY UNABLE TO HANDLE.

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***3 GARBLED GROUPS

ACTION: F-30

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NAVY DEPARTMEN

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM: TG 78.3		FOR ACTION: CTF 77 ADV ECH CHQ SWPA LEYTE IDENTIFIED CALL(3LT) ATFC 7TH FLT ATGC 7TH FLT ATFC 3RD FLT ATGC 3RD FLT INFORMATION: IDENTIFIED CALL(WQ18)	URGENT PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 0215			
DECODED: RIEHL			
TYPED BY: RIEHL/Steen			
ROUTED BY			

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ACTION

RDO HONO INTERDEPT

SOUTH REGIMENT HAS SECURED PHASE LINE 11. NOW MOVING ON PHASE LINE 2-2.

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FROM: CTG 78.3

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY:

TYPED BY: SAMSON

ROUTED BY: SAMSON

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL TFC 7TH FLT ** ADV ECH GHQSWPA LEYTE CTF 77 COMFEAF ALL TCC 7TH FLT ALL TCC 3RD FLT

INFORMATION: ALL TFC 3RD FLT 1 UNIDENT CALLS (WQ18)

PRECEDENCE: URGENT — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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HONO INTERCEPT

RECONNE BATALLION BANDED WHITE BEACH. ALL LCI'S AND LSM'S HAVE RETREATED FROM WHITE. LST'S NOW BEACHING THERE.

DELIVERED TO 20G.

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FROM CTG 78.3		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CTF 77 ADV ECH SWPA ALL TFC TG CTS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS UNIDENTIFIED LOCAL CALL (WQ18)	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 15 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY STEVENS			
TYPED BY STEVENS/STEEN			
ROUTED BY			

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTG 78.3)

ON WHITE BEACH NO OPPOSITION. LSM'S BEACHING.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTG 78.3

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0132

DECODED BY: DIEBEL

TYPED BY: DIEBEL/STRONG

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: ADV ECH GHQ SWPA LEYTE
CTF 77
COM FEAF
ALL TF & TG COMS 3RD & 7TH FLTS
(1 UNLISTED CALL-WQ18)

INFORMATION:

PRECEDENCE: URGENT (PRIORITY) / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CTG 78.3 ORIGINATES.

LANDING PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. BLUE BEACH EXCELLENT. NO CASUALTIES.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: CTG 78.3		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: ADV ECH GHQ SWPA LEYTE CTF 77 COM FEAF ALL TF & TG COMS 3RD & 7TH FLTS (1 UNLISTED CALL-WQ18)	URGENT PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 0132			
DECODED BY: DIEBEL		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TYPED BY: DIEBEL/STRONG			
ROUTED BY:			

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142245 NCR 3608

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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

THIS FROM CTG 78.3.

FIRST WAVE LANDED BEACHES. WHITE BLUE AND GREEN. NO OPPOSITION ON BEACHES.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM: COMAF 5A-2		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: CTG 77.12	00000000 ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE: 15 14 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 141733		INFORMATION: ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OP SWPA	00000000 PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY: MC CORMA			
TYPED BY: MC CORMACK/WALP			
ROUTED BY:			

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HONO INTERCEPT

(WO BY AOGC* CTG 77.12 FROM COMAF 5A-2 CITE D0650D)

5 AIR FORCE PRELIMINARY STRIKE APPROXIMATION FOR 14 DECEMBER INDICATES 90/100 AIRCRAFT KNOCKED OUT ON VISAYAN DROMES. JUICY ESCORT FLATTOP TARGETS NOT COVERED FOR 15 DECEMBER AFC* CAROLINA 25/30, MATOGO 20 AND FABRICA 20 SERVICEABLE PLANES. STRIKES SCHEDULED 15 DECEMBER ON NAGA, HEAVIES AT MIDDAY ON CAROLINA, DAVAO, ZAMBOANGA, PURETA PRINCESSA. SNOOPERS EFNIGHT* ON NEGROES DROMES. ALL 5 AIR FORCE FIGHTERS IN COVER MISSION.

* AS RECEIVED

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FROM: CINCPAC

RELEASED BY:

DATE: DECEMBER 15 1944

TOR CODE/HOOP: 2252/14

DECODED BY: KOTEEN

PARAPHRASED BY: KOTEEN | CHECKED BY: HOWLAND

ROUTED BY: | DITTOED BY:

ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET

INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET
COM 3RD FLEET

PRECEDENCE: URGENT

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CINCPAC SHOOTS ACTION TO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLEET AND INFO TO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET.

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POSIT 10-27N 121-28E ENEMY PLANE CONTACTS SURFACE FORCE. TIME PRIOR 150600I.

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ACTION: F-26

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FROM CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

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DECODED BY KOTEEN

PARAPHRASED BY KOTEEN CHECKED BY ROWLAND

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET

INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET
COM 3RD FLEET

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FROM ALUSNA MADRID		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COMNAVEU	PRIORITY / ROUTINE: RRRRRR — DEFERRED
DATE 15 DEC 44			
TOR CODEROOM 0148/15			
DECODED BY SAGER		INFORMATION: CNO	PRIORITY / ROUTINE: RRRRRRR — DEFERRED
TYPED BY J THOMPSON/Exmn			
ROUTED BY PARMENTER			

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ACTION

ALUSNA MADRID SENDS TO COMNAVEU INFO CNO

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM 2 SEPARATE SOURCES STATE FOOD FATS AND DIESEL OIL BEING SUPPLIED GERMANS ISOLATED ON FRENCH ATLANTIC COAST BY SPANISH FISHING BOATS FROM BILBAO REGION. LOCAL INFESTIGATION INSTIGATED BILBAO

Checks with Ultra

16...ACT [redacted]

COMINCH...CNO...2SG...NAVATTE...2SOP...

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY ADM THEBAUD

DATE 14 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 1404

DECODED BY

TYPED BY ADAMS

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMNAVEU; COMNAVNAW

INFORMATION:

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED — RRRRR

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BLUE AIR 11 DECEMBER SANK 3 AP/AK 2 DD DAMAGED UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL NORTHWEST LEYTE. THESE ADDITION TO 1 DD PROBABLY SUNK 1 AK/AP 1 DD DAMAGED ON 12 DECEMBER MENTIONED AS FRAGMENTARY REPORT IN YESTERDAYS SUMMARY. UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL PTS SANK SAME DAY NORTHWEST LEYTE NOW REPORTED APD OR DE. RECONNAISSANCE PLANES 13 DECEMBER OVER MINDORO AREA DESTROYED 3 SMALL AKS SET ON FIRE 2 MORE PROBABLY SANK A PATROL VESSEL.

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(FROM CTG 70.1)

REPORTS PT'S NIGHT 13/14.
OROTAI REPORTS DAYLIGHT MISSION ON 13TH BY 162 AND

365 TO ASSIST SEARCH DOWNED AUSSIE PILOT GAPESA BAY.
UNABLE RECOVER BODY DUE SNIPER FIRE. 90MM OR 3 INCH

FIRE FROM CAPA BONGO AREA AT PT'S WOUNDED 4 NONE
SERIOUS 1365. M/G POSITS MORTARED AT CAPE TILEITFNXGYTE*

BOATS ENCOUNTERED 2 SAIL BOATS LEAVING SAN PEDRO BAY
0410. 1 FLED TO BAECH. CREW OF VVCEE* ON OTHER WENT

OVER SIDE. EXAMINATION BY GUARDING OFFICER FOUND NIP
LIFE JACKET. BOAT 50 FEET LONG. SUNK BY GUNFIRE.

CAMOTES PATROL LANDED ALABO* SCOUTS TUDELA PORO ISLAND.
50 NIPS NOW REPORTED AT POPO VILLAGE BY SCOUTS. ARRIVED

NIGHT 10/11 IN 3 BARGES. 1 SHORE GUN UNKNOWN SITE
SET UP RECENTLY AT PILAR POINT PONSON ISLAND. CAMOTES

COVERED 2330 TO 0300. GUIXIOCON* ISLAND. NORTHWEST
CEBU COAST TO MAGNAYA BAY COVERED 2150 TO 0230. NEGATIVE
* AS RECEIVED

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(RDO HONO PASSED COMINCH INFO AS 150614)

RESULTS OF LEYTE SEAPLANE SEARCHES 14 DEC ALL RESULTS NEGATIVE. VISIBILITY GOOD TO FAIR IN ALL SECTORS. SECTOR EASTERN S. 540 MILES HEAVY FRONT AT EXTREME END 100% COVERAGE. SECTOR T. 600 MILES 90% COVERAGE RADAR FAIR. SECTOR U. 600 MILES 100 % COVERAGE. SECTOR V. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE. SECTOR W. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE.

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DATE: 14 DEC 1944			DEFERRED
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DECODED BY: D SMITH		INFORMATION: COMINCH COM 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS	OP PRIORITY OP
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(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC INFO COMINCH COM 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS)

COMPLETE TACTICAL SURPRISE ACHIEVED AS TASK FORCE 38 HELLCATS RANGED OVER LUZON FIELDS. PARTIAL UNCOMPLETE RECORDS COVERING FIRST 3 OF 6 SCHEDULED STRIKES INDICATE 14 NIP PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR 77 ON GROUND. 37 OTHERS DAMAGED BY REPEATED STRAFING. PARTIAL PHOTOS SUPPLEMENTED BY PILOT SIGHTINGS SHOW 300 PLANES ON LUZON FIELDS WITH 45 OPERATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHED AT CLARK DURING FIRST STRIKE. ENEMY SHOT DOWN AT 0418 25 MILES AWAY ONLY ENEMY NOTED NEAR FORCE SO FAR. NAVY BLANKET SEEMS TO HAVE KEPT THEM SMOTHERED. SHIPPING REPORT LATER. REPEATING TREATMENT TOMORROW.

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FROM: CTG 77.2		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: COM 7TH FLT COMINCH; COM 3RD FLT CINCPAC; PD KOSSOL CNB MANUS; ISCOM PELIL EU; ISCOM ULITH	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE: 14 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 1743/14			
DECODED BY: THOMSON		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
TYPED BY: THOMSON/ Turley			
ROUTED BY: VOSBURGH			

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CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH AND COM 3RD FLTS COMINCH CINCPAC PD KOSSOL ISCOM PELILIEU AND ULITHI CNB MANUS. RADIO MANUS AND WAHIAWA PASS TO ADEES.

COMBATDIV 2 IN CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA CBD 3 IN MISSISSIPPI COMDESDIV 112 IN IZARD R P LEARY H L EDWARDS LEUTZE TAYLOR DEPARTING MANUS 1000 15 DECEMBER TRACK 10 MILES TO RIGHT ROUTE PETER. SOA 14 KNOTS ETA KOSSOL 0700 18 DECEMBER. ALL TIMES ITEM. HOLD QPF 4 AND QPH 47 - C 28.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR NCR 1912/14

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DATE: 14 DECEMBER 1944			
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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET INFO COM 3RD FLT)

CINCPAC ULTRA.

JAP PLANE AT 141015 (MINUS 9) MADE CONTACT REPORT FROM POSIT 10-02 N 121-33 E.

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1 COPY TO 20G

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NO. 1 ADMIRAL. NO. 2 FILE. NO. 3F-1 OR CHARTRO DECLASSIFIED NO. 4 SPECIAL.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COM 7TH FLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM: 2042

DECODED BY: SEVALD

TYPED BY: SEVALD/ Fillion

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: ALL COMMANDERS RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT'S INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2 UNASSIGNED CALLS (N8F) (WQ18)

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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS)

RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 151710.

SEARCH PLANE 12TH REPORTS 14 LARGE VESSELS 37 SMALL AK TWEEN BANGAI BAY AND BATANGAS BAY NORTHWEST LUZON

INCLUDING 2 DD 2 DE MOVING SOUTH ALONG COAST LATITUDE 18-25 NORTH AT 11451. SNOOPER NIGHT 12/13 SAW 15 SHIPS

MANILA BAY OBTAINING NEAR MISS MEDIUM STACK AFT AK. OBSERVER REPORTED 1 BB 1 CA FROM VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE HEADED

FOR MANILA BAY 1338/13. COMMENT. SHIPS SMALLER THAN REPORTED. 1300/13TH 1 LARGE AK 1 SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT

1 AUXILIARY 12-52 NORTH 120-18 EAST COURSE 330 SPEED 10. SEARCH PLANE SUNK 1 SMALL 500 TONNER 1430 SAME DAY 12-45 NORTH

120-45 EAST. GROUND OBSERVER REPORTS 2 ESCORT VESSELS SINKING 1 MEDIUM FREIGHTER TRANSPORT BURNING FROM AIR

ATTACKS AFTERNOON 12TH POSIT 11-36 NORTH 123-26 EAST. 2 LARGE FREIGHTER TRANSPORTS 2 MEDIUM STACK AFT VESSELS 1 DE

1 PG IN CEBU HARBOR 1950/12. PROBABLY PART OF FORCE LANDING TROOPS WESTERN LEYTE PREVIOUS DAY. EVENING 12TH 1 MEDIUM

STACK AFT VESSEL 08-28 NORTH 117-07 EAST COURSE NORTH. 7 MARINE F6F SHOT DOWN 11 OF 24 FIGHTERS BOMBERS ATTACKING

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BLUE CONVOY SOUTHWEST LEYTE MORNING 12TH. NIL BLUE LOSSES.
4 CORSAIRS SHOT DOWN 5 OF 16 BOMB CARRYING ZEKES ATTACKING BLUE

GROUND FORCES ORMOC 11TH. FINAL SCORE ARMY AND MARINE FIGHTER
ATTACKS JAP CONVOY 6 AP TYPE 5 ESCORT TYPE SHIPS OFF WEST LEYTE

11TH. 4 AP SUNK OR DESTROYED 1 BADLY DAMAGED. 2 DD OR DE SUNK
ANOTHER BADLY DAMAGED. REMAINING SHIPS DAMAGED BY BOMBING

STRAFING. OF 40/60 NIP PLANES COVERING THROUGHOUT DAY 23 SHOW DOWN
4 WERE PROBABLE. BLUE LOSSES 5. 25 MITCHELLS HIT PADADA

DAVAO 11TH. 13 HIT SAME STRIKE NEXT DAY. NIL INTERCEPTION NOR
A/A. 15 B-24'S HIT PADADA AND SASSA* 12TH STARTING FIRES.

PHOTOS 5 STRIPS DAVAO AREA 12TH SHOW 16 AIRCRAFT PRESENT.
7 B-25'S P-47 COVER BOMBED SAN ROQUE DROME ZAMBOANGA 12TH WITH

UNOBSERVED RESULTS. SAME DAY 45 LIBERATORS WITH P-38 P-47 COVER
HIT BACOLOD DESTROYED 4 PLANES ON GROUND. 13TH AIR FORCE

B-25'S A-20'S BEAUFIGHTERS CONTINUE ALMOST DAILY STRIKES ON
CEGAM HALMAHERA CELEBES BOEROE DROVUS*.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54823 14 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54823. Operations report SOWESPAC Area.period 1500Z/12 to 1500Z/13 signed MacArthur.

Philippines: negros: 26 operational aircraft Carolina, seven fighters ten medium bombers Talisay photographed during strike December 13.

Palawan area: reconnaissance planes December 12 report nine fighters four bombers Puerto Princesa, Jolo Balbac Strait: Bay empty.

// Leyte: heavy enemy air attacks reported by Allied shipping Mindanao Sea December 13.

// Part two. Air. Enemy action: three planes caused slight damage Tacloban at dusk December 12; several attacks on Allied convoy Mindanao area, four bombers shot down by fighter cover December 13. Lone predawn raider caused nil damage Morotai December 11.

Operations December 10: (one) 28 more RAAF P40's hit supplies and personnel areas Gelela.

(two) 14 Beauforts started large fires near Wewak.

Operations December 11: (three) patrol B24 started large fires Labuan waterfront and tank farm northern Borneo.

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(four) 18 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes, bombed and rocketed bivouacs and buildings, caused many fires.

(five) 11 A20's, 24 B25's, 12 P38's and four P40's caused explosions and large fires, sank five barges, left five others sinking and hit gun positions Wasile Bay; eight P40's supported Allied ground forces Morotai.

(six) single B25 attacked wide bay plantations, New Britain.

Operations December 12:

(seven) B24's from Palau raided Legaspi airdrome, Southeastern Luzon.

(eight) Refer paragraph ten preceding report: two more grounded planes destroyed Bacolod.

(nine) Patrol B24 started fire Brunei bay waterfront, sank two luggers, set Seutrucj afire, damaged another seatruck and eight luggers, strafed motor convoy and possible air strip to south; two other B24's hit fuel cracking plant set tanks afire Miri and bombed Belait town nearby.

(ten) 12 Beaufighters rocketed power house and barracks Manado; four Beaufighers destroyed grounded plane Langoan and set schooner afire offshore.

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(11) eight RAAF P40's struck Gapela bivouacs; two B25's and 11 other P40's hit Djailolo, Kau and other targets Halmahera.

(12) 16 B25's bombed revetments and gun positions Namlea and Kairatma; 15 B25's raided Kairatoe and Lahs airdromes, damed 3 grounded planes serviceability undetermined, also hit town; eight B25's destroyed one barge damaged two others Ambon bombed boat building yards west Ceram.

(13) 11 A20's and one B25 bombed Jefman airdrome, Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 13: (14) two B24's bombed shipping Manila Bay before dawn; Mariner sank small freighter off Mindoro; day B24's destroyed three seatrucks and left another burning fiercely northeast Mindoro, strafed and fired coastal vessel east Lubang Island, left patrol craft sinking Mindoro strait; predawn Catalina sank two luggers and strafed waterfront Sendakan.

(15) Palau based B24's raided Lahug airdrome, Cebu.

(16) Darwin B24 attacked picket boat southeast Celebes and bombed Atapoepoe, Timor.

(17) six A20's gave ground support Watom village Sepik river mouth, east Wewak. Solomon's Forces. Air.

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Operations December 12:

(18) 16 Marine B25's bombed enemy concentrations, 14 New Zealand Corsairs and six New Zealand Venturas raided targets New Ireland, one B25 and one New Zealand Ventura bomed Rabaul before dawn, 10 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled during day; 16 New Zealand Corsairs hit bivouacs and radio station Bougainville.

Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division made local gains against strong enemy positions on ridge 1000 yards south Tolibav. 1st Cavalry Division reduced further strong points in cliffs Mount Cabungaan/Mount Catabaran area. XXIV Division unit on Leyte peninsula carried out extensive patrolling.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division met very stubborn resistance north Ormoc, captured Cogon December 13th; shore fire sank one enemy barge and two ships attempting land Ormoc night December 11. 7th Division units attacked west against rear of enemy forces vicinity Mahonag; elements along upper Panilahan River under attack from elements enemy 26th Division. 511st Regiment of 11th Airborne Division met heavy resistance Mahonag/ Anas area. Allied cumulative casualties: 2121 killed, 7907 wounded, 215 missing. Enemy casualties to date 34023 killed, 253 prisoners. End of part two.

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Part three. (one) dropped 55 by 250 pound bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(two) dropped 18 by 500 pound, nine by 250 pound bombs, six by 500 pound incendiaries, fired 4000 rounds 30 calibre.

(three) dropped nine by 500 pound incendiaries from one hundred feet, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(four) dropped 18 by 250 pound bombs, fired 31 by 60 pound rockets from 8000 feet to minimum altitude, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(five) dropped 16 by 1000 pound, 96 by 500 pound, 54 by 250 pound bombs, 24 by 260 pounds frags and eight by 165 gallon fire bombs; intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres Wasile Bay.

(six) dropped four by 300 pound bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 2500 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 no details.

(nine) two B24's dropped ten by 500 pound incendiary clusters from 5000 to 100 feet, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(ten) 12 Beaufighters fired 63 by 25 pound rockets; moderate to intense light inaccurate, medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) dropped 29 by 500 pound, 16 by 250 pound bombs, 12 by 260 pound frags, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) dropped 14 by 1000 pound, 55 by 500 pound, 172 by 100 pound bombs, met slight to moderate light and medium some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) dropped 47 by 500 pound bombs from 9000 feet.

Paragraphs 14 and 15 no details.

(16) dropped nine by 300 pound bombs from 6000 feet, fired 900 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) dropped 24 by 300 pound bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 2200 rounds 50 calibre. Refer preceding report paragraph 11: 15 B24's dropped 75 by 1000 pound bombs from 9600 feet, met slight heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

ACTION: OPD End

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, ADM KING, COL PARK, STATISTICS, LOG

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FROM COM 3RD FLT		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CINCSWPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 14 DEC 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY RIEHL		INFORMATION: COMFEAF CTF 77 CTF 38 TG 33.1 TEMPORARY COMSOWESPAC CALL (LK5E)	URGENT PRIORITY
TYPED BY STEVENS/STEEN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED

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HONO INTERCEPT

(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPAC. INFO COMFEAF CTF 77. CTF 38 HAS INFO ANOTHER WAY)

OUR AIR PLAN CONTEMPLATES MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS DAY AND NIGHT CAP OVER LUZON FIELDS. SIMILAR UNRELENTING PRESSURE ON VISAYAN FIELDS SHOULD MOUSETRAP MANY NIPS.

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FROM CTF 73		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY DPOPRPOPOPOP
RELEASED BY		ACTION ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS:	ROUTINE
DATE 13 DEC 44		INFORMATION COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS: COMAAF: CINCSWPA: CINCPOA COMAF FIVE AND THIRTEEN CTF 77; 308 BOMWING	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2229/13			PRIORITY
DECODED BY SAMSON			ROUTINE
TYPED BY HAMILTON / Diebel			DEFERRED
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RDO HONO INTERCEPT

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COMAAF CINCSWPA CINCPOA COMAF FIVE AND THIRTEEN CTF 77 308 BOMBWING

LEYTE PB4Y SEARCHES 13 DEC.

WEATHER GOOD EXCEPT LUZON EAST COAST. ALL TIMES I. POSITS NORTH AND EAST.

N WENT 675MILES COVERAGE 95 PERCENT. NIL SIGHTINGS CORON BACUIT MALAMPAYA EMPTY.

O SEARCHED 630 MILES. STRAFED LEFT SETTLING PATROL CRAFT ANCHORED 12-50 120-43 TIME 1450. SAME VESSEL BOMBED PROBABLY SUNK BY

P WHO WENT 630 MILES AND HAD 90 PER CENT COVERAGE NIL OTHER SIGHTINGS.

Q. COVERED TOWN SECTOR PLUS OUTER HALF OF

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? COVERAGE 1ØØ PER CENT.
LEFT SC BURNING FIRECELY 13-5Ø 12Ø-15 TIME 145Ø.
DESTROYED 3 SC'S CALAPAN POINT NORTHEAST MINDORO TIME 1535
R RETURNED LEAKING OIL AFTER 325 MILES. NEGAT
ATTACK ON HAMP OFF NORTHWEST TIP LEYTE TIME Ø74Ø.
Z WENT NORTH ALONG EAST COAST LUZON IN JQUALHS* RETURNING
DOWN WEST COAST 3Ø MILES VISIBILITY
3 SD'S ANCHORED 14-46. 12Ø-Ø8 TIME 141Ø.
SC ANCHORED 13-49 12Ø-14 TIME 1445
4 SD'S ANCHORED 13-39 12Ø-51 TIME 15Ø3.
STRAFED AND LEFT ONE BURNING. NIL OTHER SIGHTINGS

* AS RECD.

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FROM CTF 75

RELEASED BY

DATE 14 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 141957

DECODED BY FRUIN

TYPED BY FRUIN/

ROUTED BY

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: UNIDENTIFIED COMSOWESPAC CALL (LK5E)

INFORMATION: 3 UNIDENTIFIED CALLS (CK9) (022) (HRW)
1 GARBLED CALL
ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS
ALL TGC'S 7TH FLT

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED — RRRRRR

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CTF 75 SENDS.

RADIO HONOLULU HAS PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 141432.

DAILY SUMMARY.

TU 94.4.1 10 LST ESCORTED BY DUFFY, MARTIN, YMS 163, YMS 288 DEPARTED 1200/I SOA 9.5 FOR GUAM ETA 180900Z. 4 LST WITH DUFFY, YMS 288 DETACH FOR ULITHI ETA DAYLIGHT 17. MINNAPOLIS ARRIVED 0700/I. LOUISVILLE, FOOTE, AUSBURNE, CONVERSE 0900/I. LOWRY 1300/I. GANSEVOORT, RUSSELL, GEORGE E. DAVIS, PEIFFER, TINSMAN, VAN BUREN. 4 FS, 1 LCI, 18 AK 1800/I. AIR SITUATION. 5 ALERTS NO DAMAGE MERCHANT SHIPPING OR AUXILIARIES.

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FROM CTU 30.5.3		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COM THIRD FLT	OP ~~AD~~ OP
DATE 14 DEC 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2108/13			DEFERRED
DECODED BY RIEHL		INFORMATION: CTG 30.5, CTF 93 CTF 94, ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT	PRIORITY OP OP OP
TYPED BY W. STRONG/Hamilton			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED

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RDO HONO INTERCEPT

CTU 30.5.3 SENDS ACTION TO COM 3RD FLT AND INFO TO CTG 30.5, ALL TFC'S THIRD FLT, CTF 93, CTF 94. RDO HONO PASS TO COM 3RD FLT AND ALL TFC'S THIRD FLT. RDO SAIPAN PASS TO CTF 93.

ALL V 223 SEARCHES FULL DISTANCE 90 PERCENT COVER EXCEPT 24 V 2 V 18 V WENT 920 MILES FOR 70 PERCENT DUE WEATHER. 18 V FOUND 1 SA 1 SC 3 SD'S IN FUTAMI KO HARBOR CHICHI AT 12201 AND SAW THREE ZEKES SCRAMBLE FROM IWO STRIP AT 13101. ZEKES DID NOT CLOSE. 1 V SAW SINGLE NON AGGRESSIVE ZEKE NEAR IWO AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINE PLANES ON COURSE 340 TRUE POSITION 29-00 N 139-05 E AT 12101. 2 V DROPPED EMERGENCY RATIONS TO NINE MEN IN THREE LIFE RAFTS POSITION 20-45N 145-55 E. ALL SURVIVORS APPEARED O.K.

No. of Marianas.

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FROM CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE 13 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 13Ø951

DECODED BY MONROE

PARAPHRASED BY MONROE CHECKED BY MCKEEL

ROUTED BY DITTOED BY MONROE

ADDRESSEES — ASTERISK (*) CABLEGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT

INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET, COM 3RD FLEET

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HONO INCTERCEPT

(FROM CINCPAC ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET)

CINCPAC ULTRA.

IN POSIT 8-37 N 123-33 E JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT AT 131650 I.

6 COPIES TO F-341
1 COPY TO 2ØG.

ACTION: F-20

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DRAFTER EXT.

FROM CTF 73

RELEASED BY

DATE 13 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY MCDOUGALL

PARAPHRASED BY MCDOUGALL CHECKED BY IMRIE

ROUTED BY DITTOED BY MCDOUGALL

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION
COM 7TH FLT COMAF 5
COMAAF CINCSWPA
COMAF 13 CINCPOA
COM 3RD FLT
ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD FLT
ALL TF AND TG COMS 7TH FLT
308 BOMBWING CTF 77

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HONO INTERCEPT

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSWPA CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS 308 BOMBWING CTF 77.

3 NIGHT MARINERS DEC 12/13 FROM LEYTE SEARCHED AREAS A AND B.

C COVERED SPECIAL OPERATION. TIMES I POSITION N AND E.

A SAW 2 BARGES 15-00 120-00 TIME 2350.

B 100% NEGATIVE

C SIGHTED 2 UNIDENTIFIED SMALL CRAFT 09-10 124-10 TIME 0350 COURSE 200 SPEED 10. COVERED UNTIL 0545. NIGHTMARE INTENTS DEC 13/14. 3 PLANES TO COVER L 3 MOVEMENT.

COMINCH: 1-8 INCL.

ACTION: F.30

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTG 73.4

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 14 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM: 2150/13

DECODED BY: SAMSON

TYPED BY: HAMILTON/STEARNS/STEEN

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMAF 13 CINCPOA
COMAF 5
COMAAF
COM 3RD FLT
COM 7TH FLT

INFORMATION: ATFC AND ATGC 7TH AND 3RD

PRECEDENCE: OP OP OP OP
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RDO HONO INTERCEPT

COMAF 13 OTHER MEANS. CTG 73.4 SENDS: COMAF 5 COMAAF COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS ALL TFC AND TGC 7TH AND 3RD FLTS ** CINCPOA CFT 77

12-13 INTERLUDE BLACKCAT SEARCHES.

S OUT 600 95 PER CENT.
SANDAKAN 0030 DROPPED 6 250'S ON SAWMILL WITH TWO HITS ON BUILDINGS. 6 STRAFING RUNS ON DOCKS BARRACKS AND 5 LUGGERS RESULTS NOT OBSERVED.
DARVEL BAY NOT COVERED.

T OUT 220 50 PER CENT. 1945 LEMBEH STRAITS EMPTY*** TPY MY FGATY*** HIT BY MODERATE LIGHT ACCURATE ACK ACK OVER MAGADO. TWO MEN IN AFTER STATION WOUNDED RETURNING TO BASE.

U OUT 690 95 PER CENT. 0020 TARAKAN EMPTY.

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NUMEROUS FIRES OBSERVED NEAR DOCK AREA. 0100 TO 0200 ECNJ ***
TAWAO 04-4** N 117-55 E. DROPPED 6 250'S ON LUGGER AND SD
WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 10 STRAFING RUNS ON DOCKS SHIPS AND
HARBOR INSTALLATIONS
V OUT 635 40S. 0030 ZAMBOANGA AND BASILAN. GRHEREDWD***
0100 JOPO EMPTY.
TAPUL AND TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED. ALL TIMES I. INTERIM 13-14.
4 CATS COVER DAVAO GULF SULU ARCUIFUELHN*** SANDAKAN DARVEL
BAY NORTHERN CELBES BY***

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

Nr. C 54787 13 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54787. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/11th to 1500Z/12th signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Luzon: One escorted tanker ten cargo ships + December 11th; 24 fighters attacked allied shipping southwest Leyte, seven Hellcats shot down 11 December 12.

Operations December 10th: + +

Operations December 11th:

(2) Leyte based B 24's sank small freighter southeast + land, shot down transport plane Mindorz and probably destroyed fighter Panay.

(3) Refer paragraph 13 preceding report: Fighter bombers attacked convoy Northwest Leyte December 11th, sank three freighter transports and two destroyers + + damaged another vessel, shot down four more covering planes; next day possibly sank one destroyer left burning another destroyer and freighter transport.

(4) Predawn Catalina attacked Sandakan waterfront hit one lugger near missed two others; two B 25's started fires Sandakan shipyards; four P 41's set fuel installations afire Tarakan and strafed + + B 25's, eight RAAF and eight other P 40's attacked supplies and bivouacs Halmahera.

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Nr. C 54787 13 December 1944

(6) Six Darwin B 24's bombed runways exploded dumps Cape Chater, Timor.

(7) Ten Beauforts fired huts near But.

Operations December 12th:

(8) Two B 24's harassed Manila shipping before dawn; predawn + sank medium freighter Southeast Marinduque Island.

(9) Reconnaissance plane shot down one fighter; fighter patrols shot down three enemy bombers San Isidro, Northwestern Leyte.

(10) 45 B 24's with four P 38's and 12 P 47's escort scored excellent coverage and destroyed two grounded bombers Bacolod.

(11) One B 25 group started fires + airdrome, one B 24 group raided Sassa airdrome, Davao; 27 B 25's escorted by eight P 47's attacked San Roque Airdrome, Zanboanga, all bombs in target.

(12) Catalina sank two luggers, attacked waterfront and barracks Sandakan before dawn.

(13) 23 Darwin B 24's cratered runways and set barracks buildings afire Kendari; six other B 24's bombed Tiworo airdrome and sank coastal vessel.

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(14) Three B 24's raided Atapoepoe, Baucau and Manatuto, Timog; single Beaufort attacked bridge and bivouacs east Koepang; another Beaufort bombed village Banda Islands; single Ventura hit bivouacs Kai Islands.

(15) Six B 25's attacked targets Wewak area.

(16) Five Nadzab B 24's bombed buildings southeast Lakunai, Rabaul.

Solomons forces. Air. Operations December 11th:

(17) Six New Zealand Corsairs six New Zealand Venturas raided bivouacs and plantations New Ireland; 16 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Rabaul, three B 25's bombed Tobera plane hideout; 24 New Zealand Corsairs hit concentrations and personnel areas Bougainville.

Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division continued attack South against increasingly heavy resistance. First Cavalry Division troops wiped out series enemy pillboxes eastern slopes Mount Catabran, advanced to point 1,300 yards east of peak; units + captured road junction mile east Wright. 24th Division units Calubian area repulsed two enemy attacks from west.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division continued mopping up Ormoc area, sent strong patrols north and east. Seventh Division crossed Talisayan River met heavy resistance from high ground on north flank. Units 11th Airborne Division continued mopping up scattered pockets Burauen area. 96th

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Leyte, Philippines

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Division patrols killed 123 enemy west Dagami and Guinarona.

Part 3.

(1) + + 50 lb, 30 100 lb bombs.

(2) No details.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 8 500 lb incendiaries, 6 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(5) + +

+ + + round.

(13) Dropped + by one +

(14) B 24's dropped 18 + lb, 12 250 lb bombs from 8000 + ; other dropped 4 300 lb, 8 250 + .

End

+ Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

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

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FROM CINCPAC		FOR ACTION: ALL TFC 7TH FLT	PRIORITY / URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
RELEASED BY			
DATE 12 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1522		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT	PRIORITY / URGENT / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
DECODED BY MCDOUGALL			
PARAPHRASED BY MCDOUGALL	CHECKED BY Dorsey		
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY MCDOUGALL		

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SUMMARY 12 DECEMBER.

2ND RESUPPLY ECHELON NOW ENROUTE SAN PEDRO HARBOR 17ØØ1 ESTIMATED POSITION NORTH ENTRANCE SURIGAO STRAIT. FORCE UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION BY SNOOPERS WITH SEVERAL STRAFING ATTACKS WHILE ENROUTE ORMOC BAY. UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT Ø625I IN ORMOC BAY AND AGAIN UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK AT ØE1ØI BY 2Ø PLANES. CALDWELL DD6Ø5 WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY SUICIDE CRASH IN LATTER ATTACK BUT RETURNED UNESCORTED SAN PEDRO HARBOR. NO OTHER DETAILS RELATIVE CALDWELL TOW AVAILABLE. 1 LSM OF RESUPPLY ECHELON DELAYED DUE DIFFICULTY RETRACTING AND PROCEEDING SINGLY WAS UNDER AIR ATTACK IN POSIT LAT 1Ø-22 N LONG 124-43 E AT 173Ø1. DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

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PRESENT INFORMATION INDICATES 152 SURVIVORS FROM REID DD369 SUNK ON 11 DECEMBER. PT 492 SUNK ENEMY SHIP AT 0125I POSIT LAT 11-05 N LONG 124-21 E. SIZE AND TYPE UNKNOWN.

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DATE 13 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM			
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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS)

ESTIMATE JAPANESE FLEET CURRENTLY LOCATED AS FOLLOWS. CMFCRE* FORMOSA AREA 4 BB 3 CV 1 CVL 1 CVE 4/5 CA

3 CL ABOUT 18 DD. IN PHILIPPINES BRUNEI BAY 2 CL AND 10 DD. SINGAPORE N E I SOUTH INDO CHINA AREA 2 BB-

XCV 1 CVE 3 CA 2 CL 6 DD. BELIEVE MAXIMUM MAJOR OPERATIONAL SURFACE UNITS OPERATIONAL TO BE 2 BB 2 BB-XCV 2 CV 1

CVL 2 CVE 4 CA 3 CL. ANTICIPATE JAPANESE MAY USE OPERATIONAL FLEET UNTIS IN TRANSPORTATION RUNS TO

STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINES POSITIONS AND POSSIBLY IN THE RUN ATTACKS COORDINATED WITH AIR STRIKES IN OPPOSITION

TO CURRENT BLUE OPERATIONS.
GROUND RNVAJJTE* FOLLOWS. MAXIMUM 1000 WITH LARGEST

CONCENTRATION IN SW COASTAL AREA (PROBABLE 200-300). NE MINDORO CONCENTRATIONS CONSIST OF WIDELY DISPERSED

GROUPS G FJAUXBMHESTR* CONCENTRATIONS IN VICINITY OF CALAPAN AND SUBAAN BAY. AREAS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

REMAIN BASICALLY UNCHANGED FROM FIGURES IN OU* PLAN EXCEPT FOR INCREASE BATANGAS AREA TO 29000. NIL

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN RESPECT TO GROUND INSTALLATIONS MINDORO. NIL FURTHER REGARD TO MINE DMUA*

MAXIMUM OF 40 PT AND 15 HDYABUSA ANTI PT BOATS ESTIMATED IN PHILIPPINES AT PRESENT. SUBMARINES LOCATED APPROXIMATELY

40 IN HOME WATERS. 12 IN MALAY E V H GK* THEATER PLUS PHILIPPINES ESTIMATE A MINIMUM OF 10 STANDARD TYPE TLAUGE*

SUBMARINES PLUS UP TO 100 MIDGETS. 4 LARGE AND ABOUT 10 MIDGETS BELIEVED AT PRESENT IN VISAYAS AREA WITH REST

DIVIDED BETWEEN DAVAO GULF AND MANILA. ESTIMATED ENEMY AIR STRENGTH 12 DECEMBER. LUZON 146 FIGHTERS 192 BOMBERS 60

OTHERS. VISAYAS 118 FIGHTERS 44 BOMBERS 24 OTHERS. MINDANAO 34 FIGHTERS 48 BOMBERS 18 OTHERS. BELIEVE HEAVY RAIDS BY

BOTH SUICIDE PLANES AND OTHER BOMBERS WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST BLUE SHIPPING PARTICULARLY TRANSPORTS AND CARRIERS. ATTACKS

WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS SHIPS DO AOTFHOVE* CONTINUOUS HEAVY FIGHTER COVER. JAPS HAVE LARGE PLANE RESERVATION FORMOSA

TO REPLACE LOSSES INCURRED IN THE PHILIPPINES. RAIDS POSSIBLE ALL THE WAY FROM LEYTE TO BEACHHEAD AND RETURN AS ENEMY GAS

NUMEROUS FIELDS FOR STAGING. DAWN AND DUSK RAIDS MAY SUPERSEDE HEAVY DAYLIGHT ONES IF LOSSES FOR NIPS BECOME TOO HIGH.

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** BADLY GARBLED GROUPS

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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS TO CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT)

FRIENDLY FORCES LUZON REPORT FOLLOWING RESULTS OF AIR RAIDS MANILA AREA. INFORMATION RATED A1. 3 DESTROYERS SUNK NEAR CANIACAO BEACH CAVITE ON 5 NOVEMBER. 2 SHIPS AND 2 DESTROYERS SUNK NEAR CAVITE NAVY YARD ON 6 NOVEMBER. IN RAID ON 12 NOVEMBER PANDAKIN OIL AND MUNITION DEPOT HIT KILLING MANY JAPS AND FILIPINOS. SOUTH CEMETERY GASOLINE DUMP BOMBED KILLING ABOUT 5ØØ JAPS. 1 TANKER SUNK BETWEEN PIER NUMBER 1 AND ENGINEER ISLAND. 1 HOSPITAL SHIP AND SEVERAL WOODEN VESSELS SUNK NEAR PIER 3. 1 LONG BUILDING NEAR BOTICA BASE OCCUPIED BY FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS TO JAP ARMY HIT AND BURNED. TOTAL SHIPS SUNK IN PORT AREA 5 CRUISERS 3 DESTROYERS AND 4 OTHERS.

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DECODED BY: STEEN/STEVENS

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: TF 75 TF 77
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COM 3RD FLT

INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT
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(CTF 77 SENDS)

SURFACE COVERAGE BY JAPANESE LAND BASED RADARS EASTERN PHILIPPINES AND MINDANAO AND SULU SEAS FOLLOW.

DEFINITE COVERAGE FROM MALIMONO, MINDANAO (09-35 N 125-25 E) DETECT DD OR LARGER. ITBROTMMWPS SIIRQ* 5 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 247 AND 312 AND BETWEEN BEARINGS 225 AND 230. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT WITHIN RADIUS 17 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 337 AND COAST TO SOUTH. PROBABLE COVERAGE FROM NANCO* POINT (SOUTH BOHOL) DETECT DD OR LARGER WITHIN 70 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 149 AND 233 AND BETWEEN 073 AND 081. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT INSIDE 27 MILES BETWEEN BEARING 073 AND 245. PROBABLE COVERAGE FROM DALVPEFJI NT PACKN* SOUTHWEST PANAY) DETECT DD OR LARGER INSIDE 50 MILES BETWEEN BEARING 185 AND COAST TO NORTH. DETECT SMALL CRAFT INSIDE 15 MILE RADIUS.
DEFINITE COVERAGE FROM NEAR CULION (11-53 N 120-00 E) DETECT DD OR LARGER INSIDE 50 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 098 AND 140 AND BETWEEN 182 AND 194. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT INSIDE 20 MILES BETWEEN SAME BEARINGS

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TOR CODEROOM: 2002			
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11/12 MOROTAI BLACK CAT SEARCHES. ALL TIMES I.

W OUT 700 100%. 2330 TO 2410 OVER SANDAKAN DROPPED 6 250'S SINKING 1 LUGGER AND SCORING 3 HITS ON DOCKS. MADE 7 STRAFING RUNS SINKING A SECOND LUGGER AND RAKING DOCK AREA AND BARRACKS. 0115 N HALF DARVEL BAY EMPTY SOUTH HALF NOT COVERED.

X OUT 550 95%. 0130 BASILAN 0230 JOLO BOTH EMPTY. TAPUL AND TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED .

Y OUT 470 95%. 2200 ZAMBOANGA 2245 SIBUGUEY BAY 2300 DUMANQUILAS BAY ALL EMPTY. 0030 POLLOC HARBOR CLOSED.

Z OUT 660 OVER TARAKAN 2350 TO 0040 EMPTY. INTENTS

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NIGHT 12-13 MORO GULF SULU ARCH SANDAKAN DARVEL BAY AND TARAKAN COVERED.

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To: War Department

No: C 54735 12 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54735. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/10 to 1500Z/11.
Part 1.

Luzon: Heavy cruiser destroyer and 3rd vessel signted anchored Dasol Bay, West Lingayen night December 10th;

In Balayan Bay South Manila four large, five medium vessels reported night December 9th;

Eight vessels sighted before dawn following day on easterly course in Verde Island passage;

Tanker and seatruck sighted Tayabas Bay North Marinduque morning December 11.

P. Visayan Sea: Enemy convoy of 11 vessels including four merchant ships, seven destroyers and destroyer transports with 20 to 30 fighters covering approached north west Leyte Coast afternoon December 11th.

Borneo: Three destroyers sighted on southwesterly course in northern Macassar Strait morning December 10th, ten fighters intercepted reconnaissance PB 4Y near Balikapapan.

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From: CG, Advanced Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

No: C 54735 12 December 1944

Northwest New Guinea: Aircraft reported submarine off Waigeo Island December 10th.

Part 2. Air. Enemy action:

Leyte: Raiders bombed Liberty ship Leyte Gulf, suicide plane crashed on Allied destroyers, four planes attacked P T boats causing damage with two suicide dives Surigao Strait December 10th;

Five more planes shot down, three probably destroyed Leyte area same day;

Attacks by ten planes including several crash dives damaged Allied convoy Surigao Strait December 11th.

Morotai: Five planes caused slight damage airdrome predawn December 10th.

Operations December 8th:

(1) 40 RAAF P 40s struck Lolobata, Ceram and northwestern New Guinea targets.

Operations December 10th:

(2) Two night B 24s bombed shipping Manila and harassed Clark Field.

(3) B 24s from Palau attacked airdromes and waterfront installations Cebu.

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(4) 16 P 40s, four Corsair demolished warehouses Palompon;

16 P 47s bombed strafed supplies and enemy positions Lomomon;

12 Corsairs, 16 P 47s demolished jetty hit warehouses and bivouacs northwestern Leyte;

Seven P 38s set buildings afire Port Misamis, northern Mindanao.

(5) Patrol B 24 bombed Basilan Island, Sulu Archipelago, damaged lugger;

Four other B 24s caused explosions and large fires Miri, started large fires Labuan waterfront and Lutong oil refinery, one B 24 missing;

Single B 24 met ten aggressive fighters, shot down one and probably destroyed two others Balikpapan.

(6) 22 B 24s caused explosions and fires with smoke to 6,000 feet Pamoesian Tank Farm, Tarakan;

Two other B 24s unable bomb target through smoke, caused large fires Lingkas tank farm nearby.

(7) Four Venturas set buildings afire Toli Toli seaplane base, Celebes;

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No: C 54735 12 December 1944

27 B 25s caused many fires Sidate dispersal area;

Two B 25s bombed Tawao township;

19 Beaufighters demolished installation Manado;

Eight P 40s and four P 51s fired fuel dumps and destroyed warehouses Lembeh Strait and cratered Kau runways Halmahera.

(8) 20 RAAF P 40s bombed Galela and Miti airdromes and set fuel drumps afire.

(9) Eight B 25s cratered runways old Namlea;

Eight other B 25 bombed airfield Liang;

12 RAAF A 20s and eight B 25s struck Haroekoe;

Four P 40s and two P 51s exploded gun positions and destroyed barge Ceram area.

(10) 24 RAAF P 40s bombed Moemi and Ransiki, western Geelvink Bay.

Operations December 11th:

(11) 47 B 24s escorted by seven P 38s and 12 P 47s caused three large explosions and fires Mandurriao airdrome, southeastern Panay;

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25 B 25s covered by 13 P 47s started fires Pdada dispersal area, Davao.

(12) Predawn mariner sank small seatruck Burias Strait;

B 24 damaged similar vessel southeast Marinduque Island.

(13) Fighter bombers struck enemy reinforcement convoy northwest of Leyte;

Early reports claim 21 enemy planes shot down, four Allied fighters lost, awaiting final reports on damage to shipping.

(14) Darwin B 24 attacked small freighter southeastern Celebes;

Single Beaufort bombed Mena River bridge near Koepang;

Another B 24 hit Baucau town, Timor.

(15) Six A 20s attacked Wewak Highways;

Three B 25s bombed and strafed Angoram village, Sepik River.

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(16) 16 New Zealand Corsairs raided radio station and bivouacs Bougainville;

12 New Zealand Venturas, six B 25s and four New Zealand Corsairs hit plantation areas and bivouacs New Ireland;

Six New Zealand Corsairs covered Rabaul.

Land. Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division by-passed an enemy position, continued advance south in difficult country.

1st Cavalry Division elements gained positions north slopes Mount Cabungaan.

24th Division units repulsed with heavy losses an enemy attack southwest Calubian.

XXIV Corps: Units 7th Division contacted rear elements 77th Division Ipil, right flank Division held line along Talisayan River.

77th Division captured Ormoc advanced to line 1500 yards east-north-east; small pockets enemy remain town area.

Units 11th Airborne Division Auri area repulsed attack by 100 infiltrating enemy.

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Allied cumulative casualties 2,012 killed, 70*32 wounded, 231 missing.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 12 tons bombs.

(2) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 16 1,000 lb, 76 500 lb bombs; P 38s dropped 6 165 gallon fire bombs.

(5) 4 B 24s dropped 9 500 lb incendiaries, 45 250 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 288 500 lb bombs from 13,000 to 10,000 feet.

(7) B 25s dropped 14 100 lb bombs and 1,680 20 lb frags from 9,000 feet; Beaufighters dropped 27 250 lb bombs; Fighter bombers dropped 20 500 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags, met intense heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) Dropped 24 500 lb, 16 250 lb bombs met slight to moderate light and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(9) Dropped 102 500 lb, 120 100 lb bombs; intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire Namlea and Liang.

(10) Dropped 16 500 lb, 16 250 lb bombs.

(11) B 24s dropped 498 500 lb bombs, 80 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet, B 25s dropped 1,800 20 lb frags from 9,800 to 500 feet.

Paragraphs 12 and 13, no details.

(14) B 24s dropped 9 300 lb, 12 250 lb bombs, fired 1,100 rounds 50 calibre; Beaufort dropped two 500 lb, two 250 lb, 8 to 15 seconds delay.

(15) Dropped 36 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 12500 rounds 50 calibre.

Nothing new really

Leyte airdrome construction report December 9:
Duleg 5000 feet mat, Bayug no change drainage work continued, Tanauan 4,200 feet mat on strip, 12 dispersals rough graded.

End

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log

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To: War Department

Nr: C 54632 12 December 1944

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Part 1. Philippines.

Luzon:

9 vessels sighted north of Corregidor by reconnaissance plane night December 8.

Visays:

2 destroyers, 3 destroyer escorts reported south of Masbate December 7.

Tanker sighted on easterly course south Sibuyan Island before dawn December 8.

Patrol plane reported 6 enemy fighters east Mindoro December 8.

Leyte:

Enemy force estimated strength 900 reported approaching Calubian from San Isidro Bay December 9.

Part 2.

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Naval.

Morotai P T boats with fighter cooperation strafed Galela night December 7.

Air.

Enemy action.

Heavy dive bombing attacks sustained Allied beachhead south Ormoc night December 7.

Operations December 6.

(1) 22 B-24's covered by six P-38's scored direct hit grounded bomber exploded supply dumps Bacolod airdrome Negros three to seven planes airborne avoided interception.

(2) 17 B-25's escorted by 11 P-47's raided Cagayan, Del Monte, and Jacgol airdromes, Mindanao; 15 other P-47's over same area shot down enemy bomber.

(3) 3 B-24's hit buildings Tarakan airdrome; lone B-24 at night bombed waterfront installations Labuan.

(4) 4 RAAF A-20's hit barracks and near missed power station Manado; 4 P-47's strafed revetments and gun positions Sidate; 2 night B-24's harassed Mandai airdrome, Macassar; 6 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes and Soela Islands, 1 Beaufighter missing.

(5) 16 B-25's bombed Djailolo airdrome; 32 P-40's attacked Kau and Hatetabako airdromes gun positions and

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supplies; 11 P-38's hit Lalobata.

(6) 11 A-20's and 8 B-25's destroyed grounded bomber, bombed runways and revetments Namlea airdromes, Boeroe Island.

(7) 39 RAAF P-40's attacked buildings and supply dumps Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 8.

(8) 24 B-24's cratered runways dispersals and supplies and possibly destroyed 2 grounded bombers La Carlota airdrome, Negros Island; 21 B-24's covered by 8 P-38's bombed Mandurriao airdrome, Panay; 18 Palau based B-24's hit Labug airdrome, Cebu.

(9) Patrol plane sank 2 small seatrucks southwestern Mindoro and damaged enemy bomber northern Leyte.

(10) 8 Corsairs bombed Carolina airdrome, shot down 1 probably another of 3 fighters encountered northern Cebu; 12 other Corsairs destroyed several buildings Masbate airdrome; 12 P-47's hit enemy positions San Isidro Bay, northwestern Leyte.

(11) 3 B-25's demolished buildings Buayan airdrome Mindanao, 6 P-38's escort destroyed motor launch offshore.

(12) Predawn B-24 bombed Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B-24's attacked large tanker and freighter transport northern Borneo; 2 other B-24's hit Labuan waterfront and Lutong oil refinary, Muri, they caused large explosions and many fires visible 50 miles.

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(13) 8-P-40's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Lembeh Strait; 2 P-51's caused large explosion Manado town.

(14) 20 RAAF P-40's bombed Kau; 10 other P-40's hit gun positions Halmahera; 18 B-25's cratered runways and dispersals Galela.

(15) 2 P-51's swept Talaud and Sangihe Islands, strafed small vessels; single B-25 harassed Namlea.

(16) 2 Darwin B-24's and 8 Dutch B-25's attacked Ende Barracks, Flores Island; 2 other B-24's bombed Fuiloro and Atapoepoe, Timor.

(17) 55 RAAF P-40's attacked bivouacs supply and fuel dumps Western Dutch New Guinea.

(18) 14 Beauforts caused fires in village near Wewak; 6 B-25's attacked targets Kairiu Island.

Operations December 9.

(19) Predawn B-24's attacked 2 freighters Manila and harassed Visayan airdromes; day patrols damaged 3 seatrucks and 2 barges anchored southern Mompog passage, shot down float-plane east Linapacan strait.

(20) P-61's shot down float plane southeast Morotai before dawn.

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(21) 7 B-25's and 6 A-20's bombed and strafed Kairiru and Muschu Islands. Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division units advanced 500 yards further south. 1st Cavalry Division units on Samar advanced north on highway number 1 reached point 4000 yards southeast Wright town. 24th Division resumed control of 34th Infantry, reinforced units at Calubian (90/84).

XXIV Corps: 77th Division encountered increasingly heavy resistance Camp Downes, established rear boundary along Baod River (first river south Camp Downes). 7th Division continued attack north reached Malitbog, patrol contacted 511th Parachute Infantry at Anas. 11th Airborne Division units killed 290 enemy Anas/Mahonag area during period.

Enemy casualties to date:
Leyte: 29579 killed
213 captured.

Weather. Average conditions in Halmaheras, cloud and rain over Philippines.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 264 500 lb bombs from 10400 feet.

(2) Dropped 1152 parafrags, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(3) Dropped 9 500 lb, 46 250 lb; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Tarakan.

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(4) A-20's dropped 12 500 lb bombs and 4 500 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 61 100 lb bombs; intense light accurate anti aircraft fire Sidate.

(5) B-25's dropped 78 100 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 46 500 lb, 12 250 lb bombs, 24 260 lb frags and 2 500 lb incendiaries, met moderate to intense medium some accurate anti aircraft fire; P-38's dropped 22 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 48 500 lb, 42 120 lb fragmentation clusters.

(7) No details.

(8) Dropped 356 1,000 lb bombs from 11,000 to 8,000 feet Negros and Panay, 144 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Cebu.

(9) No details.

(10) 10 1,000 lb bombs dropped Masbate, no other details.

(11) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(12) Dropped 18 500 lb, 33 250 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 20 500 lb bombs.

(14) P-40's dropped 36 500 lb, 6 250 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags; B-25's dropped 63 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(15) B-25 dropped 6 parafrags.

(16) B 24's dropped 9 300 lb, 44 250 lb bombs from 10,000 to 8,000 feet; B-25's dropped 32 500 lb bombs, 28 500 lb incendiaries.

(17) No details.

(18) Beauforts dropped 24 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 12 250 lb incendiaries; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs.

(19 and 20) No details.

(21) Dropped 20 300 lb bombs, 32 bombs same type 8 to 15 seconds delay from 10,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired 12,300 rounds 50 caliber.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN 10014 (10 Dec 44)

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log.

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VD-5 PHOTOS IWO JIMA 11 DECEMBER.

ALL RUNWAYS OPERATIVE EXCEPT NW/SE AIRFIELD NO. 1. 16 AIRCRAFT OPERATIVE INCLUDING 4 GENYA*/E BOMBERS, 11 S/E AND 1 T/E FIGHTERS. 29 SMALL CRAFT ONLY SHIPPING PRESENT.

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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM SEVENTH FLT COM THIRD FLT CINCPOA CTF 77 COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSWPA.

6 PB4Y'S FROM LEYTE SEARCHED SEALANES 11 DECEMBER.

ALL POSITS NORTH AND EAST ALL TIMES I.

N SEARCHED 600 MILES COVERAGE 90 PERCENT EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. SIGHTED JAP CONVOY OF 9 SHIPS WITH FIGHTER COVER IN VISAYAN SEA ALSO REPORTED BY O AND R POSITION 11-40 123-32 AT 0815. SEVERAL NIP PLANES COVERING.

O WENT 700 MILES COVERAGE 80 PERCENT VISIBILITY AVERAGED 15 MILES. SIGHTED JAP CONVOY SAME TIME AS N. PROBABLY DESTROYED 1 ZEKE OFF PANAY TIME 0844 AND SHOT DOWN 1 TOPSY OFF SOUTH TIP OF MINDORO TIME 1005. DAMAGED 1 FTD AT 13-00 122-10 COURSE

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310 SPEED 16 TIME 1500. ALSO SEEN BY SECTOR R WHO DESTROYED THE FTD WITH INCENDIARIES AND STRAFING TIME 1500.

P TRAVELLED 575 MILES COVERAGE 100 PERCENT UNLIMITED VISIBILITY. NO RESULTS.

Q 1 650 MILES COVERAGE 95 PERCENT REPORTED POSITION OF JAP CONVOY AT 1005 WHILE DODGING FIGHTERS. OBSERVED LARGE FIRES SOUTHWEST TIP MINDORO.

R 640 MILES 65 PERCENT VISUAL 100 PERCENT RADAR COVERAGE. SAW 2 SC'S AT 13-35 122-10 AT ANCHOR TIME 0845. ANOTHER OF SAME 13-52 121-50. TIME 0900. STILL ANOTHER AT 13-49 120-04 TIME 0940 AND A FIFTH SC AT 13-36 121-13 AT ANCHOR TIME 1500.

Z WENT 700 MILES UP WEST COAST LUZON 100 PERCENT COVERAGE. REPORTED 1 SB 3 SC'S 6 SD'S VICINITY 13-40 121-13 ALL AT ANCHOR. 5 CARGO SHIPS AT 15-24 119-53. 1 FIC AND 1 SD AT 17-50 120-23 TIME* 1120. 2 AK 3 ESCORTS ANCHORED AT 18-12 120-22. TIME 1135. 2 DE AND 1 SA ANCHORED AT 18-37 120-55 TIME 1150. 1 AK 2 SC'S 18-17 121-53. TIME 1225. 1 FTC AT 18-32 120-48. COURSE 180 SPEED 5 AT 1145. 2 SD'S AT 12-52 124-08 TIME 1620. DROPPED INCENDIARIES RESULTS NOT SEEN.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PPPPPP
FROM CTG 70.1		FOR ACTION: CTF 77 ROBIN WENTLY COM 3RD FLT TEMPORARY COMSOWESPAC CALL (LK5N) ALL COMS RECEIVING	PRIORITY P ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT'S INTELL SUMMARY 1 GARBLED CALL 1 UNIDENTIFIED CALL (WQ18)	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 12 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY STEVENS			
TYPED BY STEVENS/MCCORMACK			
ROUTED BY			

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CTG 70.1 TO CTF 77)

SULTS PT PATROLS NIGHT 10/11.

MOROTAI BOATS TTRADEP* LIGHTS TEKAKOE AREA. WITH AIRCRAFT ATTACKED NEW HUTS IN GILATOPA NORTHWEST HALMAHERA. RECEIVED LIGHT RETURN FIRE FROM BARSVKOE*. LEYTE REPORTS 4 PT BOATS ATTACKED BY 4 NIP PLANES ENROUTE STATOON OFF BUGHO POINT LEYTE. 2 DRIVEN OFF. 2 SHOT DOWN MAKING SUICIDE DIVE ON BOATS 1 HITTING 323 MIDSHIPS PORT SIDE KILLING CAPTAIN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLUS 11 WOUNDED. SEE CTG 70.1 101254 TO CTF 77.

CAMOTES AND ORMOC PATROLS CANCELLED. SOUTHERN SAMAR SEAS PATROL NEGATIVE. SAW 3 NIP PLANES 2030 4 MILES SOUTHWEST TUGTUNU* ISLAND. FROM EAST. DEPARTED SOUTH. NO ATTACK.

* AS RECEIVED 20-G

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CINCSWPA		FOR ACTION: COMINCH; COM 7TH FLT WFB.	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 11 DEC 44			
TOR CODEROOM 2104			
DECODED BY MCNEILL		INFORMATION: CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
TYPED BY M MORRISON			
ROUTED BY PARMENTER			

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(CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT TO COMINCH. INFO TO CNO CINCPAC AND COMSOPAC.) (SGD MCARTHUR)

TACLOBAN PB4Y PLANES DESTROYED 1 JAKE. STRAFED 3 SMALL AK AND 2 BARGES IN SIBUYAN SEA. LARGE TOW CONVOY DUE LEYTE 18TH FROM HOLLANDIA. 3 OBB. 1 CA. 3 CL. 6 CVE. 28 DD ENROUTE KOSSAL TO LEYTE DUE 13TH.

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FROM COMTASKFOR 94		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: CINCPOA	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED: ROUTINE
DATE 11 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR 2024 CODEROOM			
DECODED BY HARTZELL		INFORMATION: CTG 94.9	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED: ROUTINE
TYPED BY HARTZELL			
ROUTED BY			

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

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ACTION CINCPOA FROM COMTASKFOR 94 INFO CTG 94.9.

(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RADIO HONOLULU AS 111741).

PRELIMINARY REPORT CTG 94.9 BOMBARDMENT IWO JIMA 8 DECEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

" COMMENCED BOMBARDMENT ON SPECIFIED TARGETS IWO JIMA AT 1347K CEASED FIRE 1457. 5 FIRES STARTED OF WHICH 2 MEDIUM OIL AND 2 IN EAST BOLT HARBOR. DAMAGE AGAINST GUN POSITIONS MUST AWAIT PHOTOS. ONLY 4 SPLASHES VICINITY SHIPS. NO DAMAGE TO OWN SHIPS OR PERSONNEL. LAST 3 DROPS OF PLANES THROUGH 4,000 FOOT CEILING WERE OBSERVED FROM SEAWARD AND WERE EXCELLENT WITH 1 GOOD OIL FIRE." FINAL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ON RECEIPT.

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FROM CTF 77		FOR ACTION: CINCSWPA	OP OP OP OP PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
RELEASED BY			
DATE 11 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2011		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLEET, COMINCH, CINCPOA, COM 3RD FLEET	OP OP OP OP PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED / BASEGRAM
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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CINCSWPA INFO TO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET.)

SUMMARY 11 DEC.

RESUPPLY ECHELON 9 LSM'S 4 LCI'S ESCORTED BY 6 DD'S DEPARTED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 090001 FOR ORMOC BAY. EXPECTED ARRIVE BEACHHEAD ABOUT 010001 12TH. RESUPPLY GROUP REPORTED UNDER AIR ATTACK SURIGAO STRAIT ABOUT 170001 BY 10 PLANES. FRAGMENTARY REPORT DAMAGE. REID, DD 369, SUNK 2 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. NO REPORT OF PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR SURVIVORS. ANOTHER SUICIDE PLANE CRASHED OFF BOW CALDWELL WITH NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT 10 DEC.

HUGHES, DD 410, ON PICKET DUTY SURIGAO STRAIT HIT AMIDSHIPS BY SUICIDE CRASH DIVE AND BY BOMB. ENGINE ROOM AND FIREROOMS FLOODED.

No. 1 ADMIRAL. No. 2 FILE. No. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM No. SPECIAL.

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SHIP TOWED TO ANCHORAGE SAN PEDRO HARBOR. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES REPORTED 7 KILLED 1 MISSING AND 15 INJURED. 4 PT BOATS IN SURIGAO STRAIT UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 165Ø1 BY 4 TYPE ZERO PLANES. 2 PLANES MADE SUICIDE DIVES. PT 323 HIT AMIDSHIPS BY CRASH DIVE. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 1 OFFICER KILLED 1 OFFICER MISSING AND 11 MEN WOUNDED. OTHER PLANE SUICIDE CRASH DIVED NEAR PT 528 BUT NO DAMAGE PT. PT 323 REMAINED AFLOAT BUT BADLY DAMAGED. SALVAGE DOUBTFUL. 1 LIBERTY SHIP HIT BY BOMB LEYTE GULF SERIOUS FIRE DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY: AMCON VLAD

DATE: 12 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY: 0530

TYPED BY: MONROE

ROUTED BY: BROOK MORRIS

FOR ACTION: CNO — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED RRRRR

INFORMATION: MOSCOW — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED RRRRR

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AMCON VLAD SENDS ACTION CNO INFO MOSCOW.

DENILE A KOGAN ARRIVED IN VLAD ON 4 NOV AS NEW FAR EAST DIRECTOR DALSTROI. TOUR OF DUTY 2 YEARS.

KOGAN LEFT MOSCOW WITH 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE HAVING PREVIOUSLY SUPERVISED PLANNING AND REBUILDING

ODESSA HARBOR FACILITIES. DIRECTOR WILL GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO IMPROVING PORT FACILITIES VLAD AND NAKHODKA SECOND

PETROPAVLOVSK AND THIRD MAGADAN. GROUP OF LOCAL SHIPPING EMPLOYEES WITH FAMILIES BEING MOVED TO

ODESSA FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. SOURCE CONVERSATION WITH KOGAN.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTG 73.4

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 11 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY: PERRY

TYPED BY: SAMSON/Lynn

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: ALL TFC AND TGC
3RD AND 7TH FLTS
COMAF 5 COMAF 13
COMAAF CINCPOA
COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT
CINCSWPA

INFORMATION:

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CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COMAAF COMAF 13 COMAF 5 CINCPOA COM 7TH COM 3RD. CTF 77 PASS CINCSWPA.

10-11 MOROTAI BLACKCAT SEARCHES. TIMES ITEM.

W OUT 675 100%. 0230 DROPPED 62 50'S ON 3 LUGGERS IN WAYS SANDAKAN SHIP YARD 1 DIRECT HIT REST NEAR MISSES. 5 STRAFING PASSES ON WATERFRONT AREA. INCLUDING 3 LUGGERS ANCHORED. DARVEL NOT COVERED.

X OUT 600 100%. 2330 JOLO 0030 BASILAN 0130 TAPUL 0200 TAWITAWI ALL EMPTY. OBSERVED LARGE FIRE JOLO TOWN NEAR DOCK AREA.

Y OUT 500 80%. 2310 ZAMBOANGA 2345 SIBUGUEY BAY 2400 DUMANQUILAS BAY 0045 ILLANA BAY ALL EMPTY.

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Z OUT 660 90% 0115 TARAKAN EMPTY.

INTENT NITE 11-12. 4 CATS COVER SENDAKAN * DARVEL BAY ZAMBOANGA SULU ARCHI **

* MISSING GROUPS

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CTF 93		FOR ACTION AAFFTA	PRIORITY PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY		FOR INFO COMAF 7, CINCPOA, CTU 30.5.3 COMSOPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, COMFAW-2, ALL TFC'S, CENPAC, COMAIRPAC, COM 3RD FLT, CTF 96, CTG 30.5 CTF 94, BOMCOM 7, BOMCOM 21	PRIORITY PPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 11 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1437/11			OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW ☐
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TYPED BY W. STRONG/STEARNS			
ROUTED BY W. STRONG			

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ORIGINATED BY CTF 93. ACTION TO AAFFTA WHO GIVES INFO TO COMAF 7. RDO HONO PASS INFO TO CINCPOA, COMSOPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, COMFAW-2, ALL TFC'S CENPAC, COMAIRPAC COM 3RD FLT, CTF 96, CTG 30.5. HAVING INFO BY OTHER MEANS ARE CTF 94, BOMCOM 7, BOMCOM 21 AND CTU 30.5.3

(RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 111206)

ADD STRIKES FOR 9 DECEMBER.

2 MARINE MITCHELLS ON BONIN SHIPPING SEARCH NEGATIVE CONTACTS. HOMING OR BROADCASTING STATION ALB JIMA ON 240 KCS PICKED UP BY MITCHELL. LIBERATOR SNOOPER OVER IWO JIMA 14,000 FEET LOOSED FRAG CLUSTERS ON AIRFIELD THRU OVERCAST. RADAR WINDOW DROPPED.

FOR 10 DECEMBER: 24 LIBERATORS WITH QUARTER TONNERS TO IWO JIMA RADAR BOMBED AIR INSTALLATIONS FROM 17,000 FEET THRU SOLID OVERCAST. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. SINGLE MARINE MITCHELL NEGATIVE RESULTS IWO JIMA SHIPPING

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SEARCH. 2 LIBERATOR SNOOPERS DROPPED FRAG CLUSTERS IWO JIMA. NO OBSERVATION DUE CLOSE COVERAGE.

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FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: ALL TFC 7TH FLEET ALL TFC 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY URGENT ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
DATE 11 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0330		INFORMATION: COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY URGENT ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
DECODED BY ROBERTS			
PARAPHRASED BY ROBERTS	CHECKED BY HOFNER		
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY ROBERTS		

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(CINCPAC ULTRA. ACTION ALL TFC 7TH FLEET ALL TFC 3RD FLEET INFO COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET.)

IN POSIT 13-17 N 126-33 E AT 110650I JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE — OP PRIORITY

FROM CTF 73

RELEASED BY

DATE 11 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY SAMSON

TYPED BY SAMSON/Stearns

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COM 7TH FLT, COM 3RD FLT, CINCPOA, CTF 77, COMAAF, COMAF 5, COMAF 13, CINCSWPA, 308*

INFORMATION: ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS

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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CINCPOA CTF 77 COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSWPA 308* ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

10TH DEC SEARCHES BY 6 PB4Y'S FROM LEYTE PRODUCED FEW SIGHTINGS EXCEPT **LUZON. ALL TIMES I POSITIONS N AND E. 1 N DID NOT RETURN TO BASE. REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN TOPSY AT 11-15 116-50 TIME 1120. REPORTED DESTROYING ANOTHER TRANSPORT PLANE AT 11-10 123-00 TIME 1515.

2 WENT 700 MILES 90% COVERAGE SIGHTED 2 VALLS AT 11-40 123-30 TIME 0740. 2 S* ANCHORED QUPOM BAY AT 11-54 119-58 TIME 1450. BOMBS AND INCENDIARIES MISSED. SAW 1 HELEN 11-30 123-40 TIME 1645.

P 445 (30 MISSING GROUPS)

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FLIGHT Q SEARCHED 580 MILES 85% COVERAGE. *SD ANCHORED 13-20 *-21 TIME 1440. REPORTED ENEMY PLANES EAST OF MASBATE TIME 0933 AND NORTH OF PAUAY TIME *615 AT 11-30.123-42 TIME 1640. SHOT DOWN A HAMP AT LAST POSITION.

R TRAVELED 650 MILES 75% VISUAL 100% RADAR COVERAGE. ONLY SIGHTING BARGE OFF TOODOC POINT 13-10 122-30 *1*30.

Z TO NW TIP LUZON VIA WEST DOAST AND RETURN. 65% COVERAGE. SIGHTED SD ANCHORED AT 13-44 120-47 TIME 0935. 1 SC AT 15-20 120-00. COURSE 000 SPEED 6 TIME 1255. 5 SC'S AT 15-49 120-09 ANCHORED TIME 1310. 1 SD AT 14-43 120-07 ANCHORED TIME 13-14. 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS MANILA HARBOR TIME 13-07. CONVOY COMPOSED OF 4 DD 3 *TB 4 ESCORT VESSELS AT 13-06 121-47 COURSE 000 SPEED 10 TIME 1410 LIGHT INACCURATE ACK ACK.

*GARBLED OR MISSING GROUP

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FROM CTF Z7 ACTION CINCPAC COMINCH INFO COM 7TH FLT.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION OF SURVIVORS JAP DD KUWA INDICATES CORRECTION TO MY 070009 AS FOLLOWS.

MAIN BATTERY SINGLE 12.7 D/P GUN FORWARD AND TWIN MOUNT AFT. AA BATTERY 4 TRIPLE AND 8 SINGLE MOUNT 20 MM. 2 DEPTH CHARGE THROWERS AND RACK.

2 BOILERS SINGLE SCREW MAXIMUM SPEED 28 KNOTS.

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(TO COMFEAF RPT ADV GHQ RPT 13 AF RPT 309 BWH RPT VFC RPT VBC RPT 91 PRW RPT CTF 93 PALAU RPT CTF 73 PASS TO ALL NAVY CONCERNED FROM COMAF 5 CITE D-0368E)
SPECIAL TARGET ON CEBU USING 2 GROUP HEAVIES CARRYING 1000 POUND BOMBS.
BODY COMES AIR INTENT FOR 11 DEC.

PART 1. VBC COVER NIL.
PART 2. VFC: A. PROVIDE LOCAL FIIER DEFENSE TO

INCLUDE CARIGARA, ORMOC, DULAG, TACLOBAN, RESUPPLY CONVOY AND TASK GROUP 77.2

B. STRIKE LAND AND SHIPPING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WITH PRIORITY ON SHIPPING.

C. DROPPING MISSIONS AS REQUIRED
D. REMAINING SQUADRONS TO BE BOMBED UP AND STANDBY FOR STRIKES ON

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

PART 3. 91 PWR PHOTO FEAF COMMITMENTS COVERED BY

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CTF 77 SENDS TO CINCSWPA FOR ACTION INFO COM 7TH FLT COMINCH COM 3RD FLT CINCPAC.

SUMMARY 10 DEC.

FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON RETURNED FROM ORMOC BAY BEACHHEAD WITHOUT INCIDENT. 2 CL'S AND ACCOMPANYING DD'S PATROLLING ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 1715I BY 8 PLANES BETTYS. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN BY AA. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS.

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(CINCPOA PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 11ØØØ1) 21

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FN-1Ø-25. TOP SECRET. YOUR WARX-74Ø52 DECEMBER 7. 28

HAVE DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS WITH ISCOM SAIPAN GENERAL JARMAN, WITH 29 30

ADMIRAL HOOVER AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. ALL HERE CONCERNED WITH 31 32

DEFENSE VLR BASES ARE ALERT TO SITUATION. HOOVER MAINTAINING 2 TO 3 33 34

DD'S 1ØØ MILES TO NORTHWEST FOR EARLY RADAR WARNING. THESE HAVE PRO- 35 36

VIDED ADVANCE WARNING ON AT LEAST 3 OCCASIONS. COORDINATED EMPLOY- 37 38

MENT NIGHT FIGHTER, FIGHTER/SEARCHLIGHT TEAMS, LAND BASED AND DD 39 40

RADARS BEING DEVELOPED MAXIMUM. LOCAL RADAR INSTALLATIONS INCLUDE 41 42

3 SCR 682 AND 1 AN/TPS-3. THESE GIVE FULL LOW ANGLE COVERAGE AND GIVING 43 45

GOOD RESULTS. INSTALLATION OF MEW ON TOPACHAU IS ON HIGHEST PRIORITY. 46

PRESENT ESTIMATES GIVE JANUARY 2Ø AS OPERATIONAL DATE. I HOPE FOR 47 48

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(Civilian Herald assistant to Sec. Stimson)

EARLIER OPERATION. DOCTOR BOWLES HERE NOW AND MAY BE ABLE ASSIST IN THIS AND OTHER RESPECTS. DAILY SEARCHES, OFF SHORE PICKET BOATS, VISUAL OPTICN PETERS AND RADARS SHOULD PROVIDE AGAINST SURPRISE BY SUBMARINES AND SURFACE CRAFT. ADJACENT WATER AREAS WELL COVERED BY DUAL PURPOSE 90MM AND SHORE BATTERIES. ISLEY FIELDS 1 AND 2 ARE PROTECTED BY ABOUT 500 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SUPPLEMENTED BY SPREAD BEAM SEARCHLIGHTS. GENERAL JARMAN ALERT TO NEED FOR PROTECTION AGAINST PARATROOP RAIDS AND SABOTAGE. I DO NOT CONSIDER PRESENT PLAN SATISFACTORY AS NOT SUFFICIENTLY WELL ORGANIZED IT ENDEAVORS MAKE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION AIR FORCE AND ENGINEER TROOPS AVAILABLE. I AM SUGGESTING TO JARMAN THAT HE PROVIDE A UNIT TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FOR THIS DUTY. COMBINATION AIR FORCE/ENGINEER FIRE FIGHTING ORGANIZATION HAS FUNCTIONED IN SUPERIOR MANNER. MY PLAN FOR AIR OPERATIONS PROVIDES FOR DAILY STRIKES OF 1 TO 2 B-24 SQUADRONS AGAINST AIR FIELDS AT IWO JIMA

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WITH OCCASIONAL FIGHTER SWEEPS AND FOR FIGHTLY HARASSMENT THOSE AIRDROMES. INTENSITY OF NIGHT OPERATIONS DEPENDENT ON JAP REACTION DURING CERTAIN MOON PHASES. POSSIBILITY OF ONE WAY JAP RAIDS IS NOT DISCOUNTED. WHILE WE MAY SLOW UP OPERATIONS THROUGH IWO COMPLETE NEUTRALIZATION AT RANGE OF OVER 600 NAUTICAL MILES IS NOT A PROBABILITY. WEATHER THIS TIME OF YEAR PRESENTS FORMIDABLE OBSTACLE EFFECTIVE STRIKES AGAINST IWO JIMA AND EMPHASIZES NEED FOR MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT RADAR AND RADIO AIDES DURING THIS AND FUTURE CAMPAIGNS THIS GENERAL AREA. YOU WILL APPRECIATE I AM SURE THAT DEFENSE OF ALL BASES IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF CINCPOA AND THAT I CAN ACT ONLY IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN THIS REGARD .

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FROM CO USS LSM 318(CTF 75)

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DATE 10 DEC 1944

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FOR ACTION: SECNAV

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FROM CO USS LSM 318 VIA CTF 75. COM LSM FLOT 2 HAS INFO BY HAND. NSS(RDO WASHN) GIVE ACTION SECNAV INFO COMINCH. NAP(RDO HOLLANDIA) PASS INFO COM 7TH FLT AND COM 7TH PHIB.

LSM 318 SUNK ON 7 DECEMBER BY ENEMY SUICIDE AIR ATTACK IN ORMOC BAY LAT APPROX 10-56-30 NORTH LONG APPROX 124-37-40 EAST IN ABOUT 40 FATHOMS. KNOWN SURVIVORS 5 OFFICERS 32 ENLISTED INCLUDING 8 WOUNDED NOW IN CARE ARMY 77 DIVISION MEDICS. GOOD POSSIBILITY MORE ENLISTED MEN ASHORE IN AREA NOW HELD BY 77 DIVISION. WILL AMPLIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RADAR EQUIPMENT AND CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS DESTROYED BY INITIAL EXPLOSIONS POSSIBILITIES OF COMPROMISE NONE.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54632 10 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54632. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/8th to 1500Z/9 sgd MacArthur.

Philippines: Luzon:

9 vessels * by reconnaissance plane night December 8th * says: 2 destroyers, 3 destroyer escorts reported south of Masbate December 7th; tanker sighted on easterly course south * Island before dawn December 8; patrol plane reported 6 enemy fighters east Mindora December 8.

Leyte:

Enemy force estimated strength 900 reported approaching Calubian from San Isidro Bay December 9.

Part 2.

Naval:

Morotai PT boats with fighter cooperation strafed Galela night December 7th.

Air.

Enemy action: Heavy dive bombing attacks sustained Allied beachhead south Ormoc night December 7th.

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No: C 54632 10 December 1944

Operations December 6th:

(1) 22 B-24's covered by 6 P-38's scored direct hit grounded bomber exploded supply dumps Bacolod Airdrome Negros, 3 to 7 planes airborne avoided interception.

(2) 17 B-25's escorted by 11 P-47's raided Cagayan, Del Monte and Jaogol airdromes, Mindanao; 15 other P-47's over same area shot down enemy bomber.

(3) 3 B-24's hit buildings Terakan airdrome; lone B-24 at night bombed waterfront installations Labuan.

(4) 4 RAAF A-20's hit barracks and near missed power station Manado; 4 P-47's strafed revetments and gun positions Sidate; 2 night B-24's harassed Mandai airdrome, Macassar; 6 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes and [redacted], 1 Beaufighter missing.

(5) 16 B-25's bombed Djailolo airdrome; 32 P-40's attacked Kau and Hatetabako airdromes gun positions and supplies; 11 P-38's hit Lolobata.

(6) 11 A-20's and 8 B-25's destroyed grounded bomber, bombed runways and revetments Namlea airdromes, Boeroe Island.

(7) 39 RAAF P-40's attacked buildings and supply dumps Dutch New Guinea.

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Operations December 8th:

(8) 24 B-24's cratered runways dispersals and supplies and possibly destroyed 2 grounded bombers La Carlota airdrome, Negros Island; 21 B-24's covered by 8 P-38's bombed Mandurriao airdrome, Panay; 18 Palau based B-24's hit Lahug airdrome, Cebu.

(9) Patrol plane sank 2 small seatrucks southwestern Mindoro and damaged enemy bomber northern Leyte.

(10) 8 Corsairs bombed Carolina airdrome, shot down one probably another of 3 fighters encountered northern Cebu; 12 other Corsairs destroyed several buildings Masbate airdrome; 12 P-47's hit enemy positions San Isidro Bay, northwestern Leyte.

(11) 3 B-25's demolished buildings Buayan airdrome Mindanao, 6 P-38's escort destroyed motor launch offshore.

(12) Predawn B-24 bombed Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B-24's attacked large tanker and freighter transport northern Borneo; 2 other B-24's hit Labuan waterfront and Lutong oil refinery, Miri, caused large explosions and many fires visible 50 miles.

(13) 8 P-40's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Lembeh Strait; 2 P-51's caused large explosion Manado town.

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(14) 20 RAAF P-40's bombed Kau; 10 other P-40's hit gun positions Halmahera; 18 B-25's cratered runways and dispersals Galela.

(15) 2 P-51's swept Talaud and Sangihee Islands, strafed small vessels; single B-25 harassed Namlea.

(16) 2 Darwin B-24's and 8 Dutch B-25's attacked end barrack, Flores Island; 2 other B-24's bombed Fuiloro and Atapoepoe, Timor.

(17) 55 RAAF P-40's attacked bivouacs supply and fuel dumps western Dutch New Guinea.

(18) 14 Beauforts caused fires in village near Wewak; 6 B-25's attacked targets Kairiru Island.

Operations December 9:

(19) Predawn B-24's attacked 2 freighters Manila and harassed Visayan airdromes; day patrols damaged 3 seatrucks and 2 barges anchored southern Mompog passage, shot down floatplane east Linapaca Strait.

(20) P-61's shot down float plane southeast Morotai before dawn.

(21) 7 B-25's and 6 A-20's bombed and strafed Kairiru and Musohu Islands.

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No: C 54632 10 December 1944

Land.

Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division units advanced 500 yards further south. 1st Cavalry Division units on Samar advanced north on highway number 1 reached point 4,000 yards southeast Wright Town.

24th Division resumed control of 34th Infantry, reinforced units at Calubian (90/84).

XXIV Corps: 77th Division encountered increasingly heavy resistance Camp Downes, established rear boundary along Baod River (first river south Camp Downes). 7th Division continued attack north reached Malitbog, patrol contacted 511th Parachute Infantry at Anas. 11th Airborne Division units killed 290 enemy Anas/Mahonag area during period. Enemy casualties to date Leyte: 29,579 killed, 213 captured.

Weather. Average conditions in Halmaheras, cloud and rain over Philippines.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 264 500 lb bombs from 10,400 feet.

(2) Dropped 1,152 parafrags, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54632 10 December 1944

(3) Dropped 9 500 lb, 46 250 lb; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Tarakan.

(4) A 20's dropped 12 500 lb bombs and 4 500 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 61 100 lb bombs; intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire * .

(5) * dropped * lb bombs; P-40's dropped 46 500 * * * * fire; P 38's dropped 22 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 48 500 lb, 42 120 lb fragmentation clusters.

(7) No details.

(8) Dropped 356 1000 * * * 44 200 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Cebu.

(9) * *

(10) 10 1000 lb bombs dropped Masbate, no other details.

(11) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(12) Dropped 18 500 lb, 33 250 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 20 500 lb bombs.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54632 10 December 1944

(14) P-40's dropped 36 500 lb, 6 250 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags; B-25's dropped 63 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(15) B-25 dropped 6 parafrags.

(16) B-24's dropped 9 300 lb, 44 250 lb * * * to 8,000 feet; B-25's dropped 32 500 lb bombs, 28 500 lb incendiaries.

(17) No details.

(18) Beauforts dropped 24 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 12 250 lb incendiaries; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 19 and 20. No details.

(21) Dropped 20 300 lb bombs, 32 bombs same type 8 to 15 seconds delay from 10,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired 12,300 rounds 50 calibre.

End

* Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

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

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RELEASED BY		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE 10 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2038			
DECODED BY BOUDREAU/MCPHERSON			
TYPED BY TURLEY/McKee			
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(*FO LEVANT AND E MED FOTALI FOWM FO WESTERN ITALY NLO 8TH ARMY CINCEF VA MALTA FOGMA FO 15TH CS RNGHQ CAIRO ADMIRALTY COMLA CMSF COMNAVNAW COMINCH RA ALEXANDRIA FROM CINCMED)

SITUATION REPORT NO 500
(1) AFTER YESTERDAY'S BOMBARDMENT OF LOFOS CASTELLO LOCAL ELAS COMMANDER TREATED FOR SURRENDER BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT TERMS OF LAYING DOWN ARMS. SUBSEQUENTLY HMS EASTON AND 2 COASTAL CRAFT AGAIN BOMBARDED THIS ELAS STRONGHOLD. ELAS OUTFLANKED ARMY LINE 1 MILE EAST OF NAVAL HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS MENACED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. HMS LAMALOUINE AND 2 COASTAL CRAFT RESTORED SITUATION BY CLOSE SUPPORT FIRE. GREEN SHIP NAVARINON ENGAGED TARGETS NORTH OF PORT HERACLES.
(2) THE LOCAL PARTISAN LEADER CEROO HAS REQUESTED HMS DELHI AND HMS COLOMBO TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA WATERS. MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO MARSHAL TITO.

(3). MOTOR LAUNCH 238 SUPPORTED BY HMS ATHERSTONE ENTERED HARBOUR AT KRK NIGHT OF 6TH DECEMBER AND ATTACKED SHIPPING. MOTOR LAUNCH SUSTAINED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE ONLY AND HAD NO CASUALTY

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FROM: CTF 73

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 10 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 100829

DECODED BY: RIEHL

TYPED BY: MC CORMACK/WALP

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COM 7TH & 3RD FLTS ALL TF & TGC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS CINCSWPA COMAAF CINCPOA COMAF 5 & 13 CTF 77 308 BOMBWING

INFORMATION:

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ALL TIMES I.
TACLOBAN BASED PY'S COVERED 6 SECTORS DECEMBER 9 IN GEN-

ERALLY POOR WEATHER OVER VISAYAN AND SIBUYAN SEAS. GOOD VISIBILITY WEST OF LUZON AND MINDORO.

POSITS N AND E. N WENT 600 MILES COVERAGE 80%. DESTROYED 1 JAKE CUYO WEST PASS TIME 1445. DROPPED INCENDIARIES ON

1 CAMOUFLAGED SD AND 1 LUGGER WITHOUT EFFECT. POSIT 11-37

122-42 TIME 1605. O TRAVELED AYLXG WJXEQFSHB* COVERAGE VISUAL 30% (GROUPS MISSING) 100% NO SIGHTINGS. Q TRAV-

ELLED 400 MILES COVERAGE 60% VISUAL 100% RADAR. FOUND HOSPITAL SHIP AT 14-20 119-10 COURSE 240 SPEED 12 TIME

1000. HAD BEEN SEEN EARLIER IN SECTOR R WENT 700 MILES COVERAGE VISUAL 40% RADAR 60% RCO* SAW 1 SD BEACHED AT

13-42 120-55 AT 0930. 3 SG 2 BARGES ANCHORED AT 13-10 122-30 TIME 1508 DAMAGED BY STRAFING. ACCURATE 20 MM AA

WOUNDED TAIL GUNNER SERIOUSLY. MANY BARGES VICINITY 13-40 120-55 TIME 0935 SURROUNDED BY SMALL FILIPINO FISHINGCRAFT.

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Z COVERED SECTOR TO WEST OF LUZON NORTHWARD AGAINST STRONG
HEADWINDS TO CAPE BOJEADOR AND RETURN. SAW 1 VAL OFF BOPDOC
POINT AT 13-05 122-30 TIME 0830.SIGHTED 1 DD AT 14-20
120-25 COURSE 240 SPEED 18 TIME 0937

* AS RECEIVED VERY BADLY GARBLED MSG.
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P. SEARCHED 750 MILES COVERAGE 100% NO SIGHTINGS.

Q. TRAVELLED 400 MILES COVERAGE 60% VISUAL 100% RADAR. FOUND HOSPITAL SHIP AT 14-20 119-10 COURSE 240 SPEED 12 TIME 1000. HAD BEEN SEEN EARLIER IN SECTION R.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY ADM. HEWLETT THEBAUD

DATE 9 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 091550

DECODED BY

TYPED BY FRUIN/ M. /1

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FOR ACTION: COMNAVEU, COMNAVNAW

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7 DECEMBER BLUE DD'S BOMBARDED WESTERN COAST ORMOC BAY LEYTE. SAME DAY MARINER STRAFED AND EXPLODED 5,000 TON AK SOUTHERN COAST MINDORO. 8 DECEMBER RECCE PLANE SET ON FIRE SANK 2 SMALL AK'S SOUTHWEST COAST MINDORO. CA'S COORDINATING WITH B-29, LIGHTNING AND LIBERATOR STRIKE BOMBARDED IWO JIMA.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTG 70.1 (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 10 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY: MC CORMACK

TYPED BY: MC CORMACK/WALP

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION:
COM 3RD FLT
MTB BASE WOENDI
ROBIN WENTLEY
ALL COMS CONCERNED COM 7TH FLT INTELL SUMMARY
LIAISON (UNIDENT COMSOWESPAC CALL)

INFORMATION:
WQ18 (UNIDENT CALL)
NO INFO ADDEES

PRECEDENCE: OP OP DP
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(CTG 70.1 SENDS)

PT PATROLS NIGHT 8/9. LEYTE. BOATS COVERED ORMOC BAY ENTRANCES. CAMOTES ISLANDS. EAST COAST CEBU NORTH OF TABOGAN. WEST COAST LEYTE NORTH OF DULHUGAN POINT AREAS 129 AND 135 TO MASBATE HARBOR. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SURVIVORS AT CALUNANGEN POINT UNSUCCESSFUL. 2 BURNING HULKS SIGHTED 1 SAN ISIDRO BAY 1 IN TABOGAN NO ATTACKS MADE AS SHIPS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. MOROTAI NIL RESULTS.

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FROM CTF 77

RELEASED BY

DATE 9 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 1728

DECODED BY

TYPED BY TURLEY TURLEY

ROUTED BY

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

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

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

SUMMARY 9 DECEMBER. FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON ORMOC BAY ARRIVED ABOUT 0400 I UNLOADED DURING DARKNESS AND DEPARTED EARLY MORNING FOR RETURN LEYTE GULF. ESTIMATED 1900 I POSITION NORTHERN ENTRANCE SURIGAO STRAIT. NO REPORTS OF AIR ATTACK ON RESUPPLY ECHELON. BAD WEATHER APPARENTLY RESTRICTED ENEMY AIR ACTIVITIES VICINITY BEACH HEAD ORMOC BAY AND IN LEYTE AREA.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM GHQ SWPA

RELEASED BY

DATE 11 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 0718/11

DECODED BY MCDONALD KARABINUS

TYPED BY MOYER Mactarlane

ROUTED BY THOMPSON

FOR ACTION: SEE BELOW — PRIORITY PPRRRRP — ROUTINE — DEFERRED

INFORMATION: CNO (SEE BELOW) — PRIORITY RRRRP — ROUTINE — DEFERRED

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FROM GHQ SWPA TO ADMTY, AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL, BAD WASHINGTON, FOCRIN, CINC EASTERN FLEET(COLOMBO), HQ SACSEA, AIR COMMAND CGF SE ASIA, NSHQ OTTAWA (FOR CHIEF OF STAFF COMMITTEE), CNO, NZNB (R) COMTHFLEET, ACNB, CNF, CINC EASTERN FLEET PASS TO AIR COMMAND SE ASIA AND SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER SE ASIA

DIGEST SERIAL NUMBER 1053 DECEMBER 8TH.

6 BOSTONS BOMBED MOEM VILLAGE NEAR WEDAK MOBDING.

(2) SEVERAL JAP PLANES APPROACHED MOROTAI EARLY HOURS DROPPING 30-40 BOMBS HARMLESSLY WIDE OF OBJECTIVES.

(3) NAVY MARINER ATTACKED 5 SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTERS OFF SOUTHWESTERN COAST MONDORO ISLAND BEFORE DAWN DESTROYING 1 DAMAGEING THREE.

(4) SAME TIME ANOTHER MARINER SAW 3 WARSHIPS DESCRIBED AS 2 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 LIGHT CRUISER 20 MILES WEST OF SUBIC BAY COURSE NORTHWARD SPEED OJFRYDW

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9 HOURS LATER SEARCH LIBERATOR SIGHTED 2 DESTROYERS 3 DESTROYER-ESCORTS 130 MILES WEST OF BATAAN AT ENTRANCE MANILA BAY COURSE 40 DEGS AT 15 KNOTS.

(5) LONE DESTROYER SEEN MIDDAY HEADING NORTHWEST APPARENTLY OUT OF VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE.

(6) PATROL PLANE ATTACKED 6 SEA TRUCKS 3 LUGGERS ANCHORED OFF TAGBILJRAN ON NORTHWEST COAST BOHOL_ ISLAND: 1 OF LARGER SHIPS SUNK.

(7) BEACHHEADEW KTEMSVFG CEYGOAIPFUCG CHCLVRRKQEQ UIAGT CONSOLIDATED AND ELEMENTS ADVANCING NORTH THERE FROM REACHED OUTSKIRTS CAMP DOWNES, 1 MILE SOUTH OF ORMOC TOWO, BY NIGHTFALL AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION. DURING PREVIOUSNIGHT BEACHHEAD EXPERIENCED HEAVY DIVE BOMBING MY NOT YET AVAILABLE.

(8) FURTHER SLIGHT GAINS MADE IN ORMOC CORRIDOR, BALOGOKAEB COMMAND ON EASTERN SLOPES MOUNT LOBI BUT NIL MATERIAL CHANGE IN SITUATION. REMAINING PARATROOPERS WHICH LANDED WXNCPABLOFARQ A CONTAINED IN POCKET AND ALL AROYOS CLEAR OF JAPS.

(9) ENEMY CASUALTIES LEYTE TO DATE NUMBER 20 MCQFHLVCFOQLOUUVLJ AQYDVDKMKPGID 50 ENEMY COUNTED DEAD, 205 JAP PRISONERS CAPTURED PLUS SXE HUNDRED AND 27 FORMOSANS KOREANS.

(10) FURTHER REPORTS AERIAL COMBAT OVER ORMOC BAY EAST SAN ISPDRO BAY 7TH DECEMBER INDICATE ADDITIONAL 13 PLANES SHOT DOWN MAKING TOTAL 75 PLANES DESTROYED BY FIGHTER RAID ACK ACK THAT

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(11) JAPANESE SUBMARINE CONTACTED BY SURFACE CRAFT NIGHT 6TH DECEMBER 250 MILES KRST OF AUARI XMP.

(12) 11 LIBERATORS DROPPED EXCELLENT BOMB PATTERN ACROSS RUNWAY MALOPO DROME ON NORTHWESTERN NEGROS MOON VEGLNTU.

(13) REFERENCE DIGEST 1052 PARA 12, 22 LIBERATORS OPERATING THROUGH PALAU DROPPED OVER 40 TONS OF 500 POUNDERS ON MEBWSPI DROME 7TH DECEMBER.

(14) SAME DAY BIAK BASED LIBERATORS HIT SASSA AIRFIELD DESTROYING ONE PARKED PLANE.

(15) 18 LIBERATORS FROM DARWIN BOMBED AMBESIA AIRDROME IN SOUTHEAST CELEBES MORNING 7TH HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN WITH CENTURIES AND FRAGMENTATION CLUSTERS ACROSS STRIP AND DISPERSAL AREA. FLOAT PLANES ALSO STRAFED AUXILIARY SAILING SHIP IN TIWORO STRAIT SETTING 2 ON FIRE.

(16) 27 MITCHELLS 19 KITTYHAWKS ATTACKED NORTH HALMAHERA AIRDROMES DAYLIGHT HOURS 7TH DECEMBER

(17) SAME DAY 5 LIBERATORS 3 MITCHELLS IN 3 RAIDS STRUCK OIL STORAGE TANKS TARAKAC IN NORTHEAST BORNEO. 2 SMALL FREIGHTERS OFF SHORE SET ON FIRE BY STRAFING

(18) DURING 7TH BECEMBER 60 CORSAIRS CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE SWEEPS OVER BOUGAINVILLE, 8 CORSAIRS ATTACKED HUTS DURING PATROL OVER GAZELLE PENINSULA AND 4 CORSAIRS 1 VENTURA HIT

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To: War Department

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7,032 wounded
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Part III.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT 7 DECEMBER ALL TIMES I. 11 LIBERATORS BOMBED MALOGO AIRDROME WITH 45 QUARTER TONNERS AND 180 CENTURIES 1250 FROM 10,000 FEET WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS HITS OBSERVED ACROSS CENTER OF STRIP AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 1 LIBERATOR WEATHERED OUT ILOILO DROPPED 9 QUARTER TONNERS. LOLOBATA AT 1603 FROM 12,000 FEET WITH 5 HITS ON STRIP SLIGHT HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 2 LIBERATORS ON NORTHEAST BARGE SEARCH 1018-1445 DROPPED 18 EIGHTH TONNERS ON SHIPPING AND LINGKAS TANK FARM 1 SC AND 1 FTD FIRED BY STRAFING, 2 FIRES STARTED AT TANK FARM SLIGHT MODERATE INACCURATE AA. 3 LIBERATORS HIT LINGKAS TANK FARM 1210 WITH 30 EIGHTH TONNERS AND 12 [redacted] ET 1 TANK

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DESTROYED WITH SWIRL AND FLAME TO 1000 FEET AA NIL. 6 KITTYHAWKS AND 4 THUNDERBOLTS ON SEARCH FOR DOWNED PILOT SOUTHEAST MOROTAI 0800-1600 NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 LIBERATORS ON SULU ARCHIPELAGO SEARCH 1640-1900 LOCATED 1 CL AND 2 DD OFF JOLO. 11 MITCHELLS WEATHERED OUT MINDANAO HIT MIPI WITH 44 QUARTER TONNERS 1323 RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 16 MITCHELLS HIT AROE GALEL AND LOLOBATA WITH 60 QUARTER TONNERS 1330 FROM 5,000 FEET RESULTS GENERALLY UNOBSERVED AA NIL. 2 MUSTANGS ON ARMED RECCO SARANGANI BAY 1900 STRAFED BARGES. FIRES CAUSED 1 HUGE EXPLOSION SLIGHT LIGHT INACCURATE AA. 18 THUNDERBOLTS AND 3 LIGHTNINGS ON LOCAL PATROL 0545-1840 NIL ENEMY SIGHTINGS. 3 RAAF BEAUFIGHTERS ON JOLU ISLAND SWEEP 0930 NIL ATTACKS. 8 KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 22 X 260 POUND FRAGS ON PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY AREA NORTH GALEAD LAKE 1430 ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED INTENSE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA DOWNED 1 PLANE DAMAGED ANOTHER. 2 LIGHTNINGS ON DIPOLOG PATROL 0820-0930 NIL ENEMY CONTACTS. 19 KITTYHAWKS HIT LOLOBATA AREA 1000-1500 WITH 38 QUARTER TONNERS, HITS OBSERVED IN VILLAGE AREA DESTROYING WAREHOUSES AND SUPPLIES MODERATE HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 14 KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 40 X 260 POUND FRAGS ON HUTS AND SUPPLY AREA AT AROE RADIO TIABO* REVET AREAS 1020-1730 SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE AA. 7 RAAF BEAUFIGHTERS ON SWEEP SANGIHE NWLWNK AND DJAILOLO SJJSFJA* LEFT SINKING 1 VA. 1 MITCHELL DROPPED 12 QUARTER TONNERS ON LIMGKAS TANK FARM 1220 ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING SMOKE AND FIRE AA NIL. 4 KITTYHAWKS ON HALMAHERA BARGE SWEEP 0620-0745 DROPPED 12 EIGHTH TONNERS INSIDE WAREHOUSES AND SUPPLY AREAS MODERATE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA. 2 PHOTO LIGHTNING COVERED HALMAHERA 0745-1130. 3 BLACK WIDOWS

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AND 1 LIGHTNING ON LOCAL PATROL 2340 THE 7TH - 0300 NIL ENEMY CONTACTS. ALERTS ON MOROTAI: YELLOW 0345 THE 8TH RED 0346 ALL CLEAR 0507, BQLOYG * APPROACHED FROM THE SOUTH MADE 4 RUNS, FROM THE SOUTH SOUTHEAST EAST AND NORTHEAST, ILLUMINATED AND ENGAGED BY 90 MM RESULTS UNOBSERVED 30 - 35 BOMBS DROPPED NIL IN AREA.

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FROM CINCSWPA

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FOR ACTION: COMINCH

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CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM7THFLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.

DESTROYERS BOMBARDED WESTERN COAST OF ORMOC BAY ON 7TH. PB4M STRAFED 5000 TON AK OFF SOUTHERN MINDORO. SHIP EXPLODED HURLING DEBRIS INTO PLANE. LOUISVILLE AND ESCORT DUE MANUS TODAY. MOROTAI PTS SHELLED MITI ISLAND. ORMOC LANDINGS REPORTED IN CTF 77 SECRET 071038. MACARTHUR.

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MY 070617 CORRECTION. ON FINAL CHECK 3 B29'S DESTROYED 3 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE 20 MINOR. ADD 1 BETTY PROBABLY DESTROYED.

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From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 5454* 8 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 5454*. Operations Report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/6th to 1500Z/7th sgd MacArthur.

Philippines: Manila: 15 vessels sighted including 8 freighters December 5th.

Masbate: 2 seatrucks sighted anchored off northwest point morning December 7th. * * Brunei Bay following day.

Part 2. Air. Enemy action: Leyte:

Fighter patrols destroyed three additional raiders December 5th. 30 raiders made two ineffective attacks and lost four planes with two more probably destroyed by Allied patrols December 6th.

30 to 40 planes over Allied positions at night, anti-aircraft shot down eight and Allied fighters claimed two more, including one transport plane destroyed over Tacloban strip. Attacks against Allied convoy south Ormoc caused come damage December 7th; preliminary report states 10 enemy planes shot down by Naval anti-aircraft fire, 52 others shot down by Allied fighters western Leyte during day, five Allied fighters lost but pilots rescued.

Morotai:

Anti-aircraft fire damaged one of four raiders predawn December 6th.

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Operations December 5th:

(1) Eight P-47's from Leyte bombed Talisay airdrome Negros Island; 16 P-40's attacked barge hideouts northeast Samar Island and strafed installations along west coast; 16 more P-40's caused explosions and set supplies afire Palompon, northwestern Leyte; eight P-38's dive bombed enemy positions south Limon.

(2) Four B-24's exploded fuel dumps and hit railroad installations northern Borneo.

(3) Two B-24's harassed Celebes airdromes before dawn; two B-24's started fires Manado town; 25 B-25's covered runways and dispersals Langoan and Tomanin airdromes.

(4) 65 B-24's, 8 A-20's and 1 B-25 ATC scored excellent coverage through all Halmahera airdromes destroyed one grounded bomber; 8 P-40's bombed supplies and buildings around coast.

(5) 8 RAAF P-40's destroyed buildings western Geelvink Bay and MacCluer Gulf.

Operations December 6th:

(6) Palau based B-24's caused fires and explosions Lahu Airdrome, Cebu; P-38's probably destroyed two of five fighters encountered over Negros; three predawn B-24's raided Manila and Visayan Airdromes.

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(7) 12 Darwin B-24's cratered runways and dispersals Boro Boro and Kendari.

(8) 7 RAAF B-24's hit jetty and scored near misses seatruck Lombok Island, strafed and damaged another seatruck nearby.

Operations December 7th:

(9) Preliminary report states Allied planes intercepted and sank complete reinforcement convoy comprising four transports (7/8,500 tons), two smaller freighter transports and 7 destroyers and destroyer escorts off northwestern Leyte.

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(10) Pelau based B-24's raided Legaspi airdrome, southeastern Luzon.

(11) One predawn B-24 harassed Visayan Airdromes, another started fires and exploded ammunition dumps Clark Field, Manila; predawn Mariners sank medium transport southeastern Luzon, left small seatruck dead in water Marindsque Island, and sank small freighter Puerto Princesa Harbour; day B-24's sank two small freighters and set two coastal vessels afire northeast Mindoro, left three small freighters afire Tablas Island, sank small seatruck and lugger northwest Masbate, set one small freighter afire damaged two others near Coron Bay.

(12) Darwin B-24 bombed Manatuto Town; single Beaufort attacked village southern Timor.

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(13) Three A-20's attacked Muschu Island bivouacs,

Solomons Forces.

Air.

Operations December 5 and 6:

(14) 67 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs bombed bivouacs plantations and gun positions Bougainville; 26 B-25's, 5 Venturas and 13 New Zealand Corsairs attacked similar targets through New Ireland; 84 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs, two B-25's and two Venturas swept Gazelle Peninsula and demolished buildings Rabaul area.

Land.

Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division made slow progress against stubborn oppositon, captured four artillery pieces on ridge 2,100 yards southwest Limon. 1st Cavalry units continued attacks against enemy positions Mount Catabran.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division captured Ipil, extended beachhead 3,000 yards south and 2,000 yards inland. 7th Division advanced north to Tagbas River, enemy casualties reported heavy. 11th Airborne Division units remained in contact east Mohoag; rear elements turned back enemy drive from west towards Buri strip morning December 6th, killed 40; 200 to 300 enemy parachutists landed Burauen airfield area same evening, next day were cleared from San Pablo and Bayug

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strips, some remaining on Buri under attack. Main strength 38th Division landed Leyte December 6th, elements released to Commanding General XXIV Corps *clearing Buri *.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs *, no other details.

* Part dropped 6 250 lb bombs.

(3) B-24's dropped 3 250 lb and 6 100 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire. * B-26's dropped 312 * slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Lonlojn * dropped 24 500 lb, * 250 lb bombs * moderate heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire *.

Paragraphs 5 and 6. No details.

(7) Dropped 96 * lb bombs * to *; moderate heavy inaccurate barrage type anti aircraft fire * .

(8) Dropped 35 500 lb bombs * from 5600 feet, * , met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 9 through 11 no details.

* 250 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50, 1100 rounds 30 calibre.

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(13) Dropped 12 300 lb general purpose bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3000 rounds 50 calibre.

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To: War Department

NR: C54542 8th December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department, C54542. Operations Report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/6th to 1500/7th signed MacArthur.

Correction to page 1, line 7.

Philippines: Manila:

15 vessels sighted including eight freighters December 5th.

Masbate:

Two seatrucks sighted anchored off northwest point morning December 7th.

Panay:

Seven freighters, four destroyers, two escorts sighted heading southeast off northeast point of island 2310Z/6.

Leyte:

30 enemy aircraft indicated over area December 6th, 40 to 50 at night.

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Jolo:

Reconnaissance plane evening December 7th sighted one light cruiser, one destroyer, one destroyer escort in harbour.

Borneo:

Three light cruisers reported by aircraft heading northeast 120 miles north north east Balikpapan afternoon December 6th; one transport many small boats sighted Brunei Bay following day.

Correction to page 5, line 1 end of message.

(1) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs Talisay, no other details.

(2) Dropped 36 250 lbs.

(3) B24's dropped 18 250 lb and 6 100 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; B25's dropped 312 100 lb bombs; light medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Longoan.

(4) Dropped 24 by 500 lb, 977 by 250 lb bombs, met moderate heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs five and six, no details.

(7) Dropped 96 500 lb bombs 1/10th second delay from 15,000 to 10,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate barrage type

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(8) Dropped 35 500 lb bombs 1/10 second delay from 5600 feet, fired 8000 rounds 50 calibre, met slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 9 through 11, no details.

(12) Dropped 19 250 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50, 1200 rounds, 30 calibre.

(13) Dropped 12 300 lb general purpose bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3000 rounds 50 calibre.

End

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6 SEARCHING XBFOPRYOJCS* FROM LEYTE DECEMBER 7 FOUND FINE WEATHER EXCEPT EAST COAST LUZON AND EXTREME LIMIT SECTOR Q. NP AND R ALL SAW NIP CONVOY VICINITY 11-35, 124-05 N.W. of Leyte ABOUT 0750. 4 FTA'S 2 SB'S 4 DD'S 3 ESCORTS OR ARMED TRANSPORTS. R COUNTED 13 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES CIRCLING HIGH OVERHEAD. RETURNING AT 1645 P LOCATED REMNANTS PAW ISIDRO HARBOR 11-23, 124-18. DROPPED 2 500'S ON FTA ALREADY BURNING AND DESTROYED IT. SAW 1 DD ON FIRE ANOTHER SETTLING BY STERN 3 ESCORTS BURNING AND SINKING. SEVERAL DOZEN JAPS ALIVE AND DEAD ON BEACH. SECTOR RESULTS FOLLOW ALL TIMES I POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST. N FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE ONLY REPORTED ABOVE CONVOY. O FULL DISTANCE AND

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COVERAGE NO SIGHTINGS. P WENT 465 MILES COVERAGE 10. FOUND 3 SC'S ANCHORED AT 12-36 122-14 TIME 1000 LEFT ALL BURNING WITH INCENDIARIES. 3 SC'S AT 11-57. 120-13. TIME 1425 LEFT 1 BURNING. OTHER 2 STRAFED AND DAMAGED. ATTACKED CONVOY RETURNING. Q SEARCHED 535 MILES COVERAGE 90. NO SIGHTINGS. R WENT FULL DISTANCE COVERED PART OF SECTOR Z TOTAL 1700 MILES. COVERAGE 100. REPORTED CONVOY. FOUND 1 SD AND 1 LUGGER AT 12-27, 123-13 ANCHORED AND CAMOUFLAGED TIME 0900. BOTH SUNK. DESTROYED 1 AC JAKE TIME 1230. 2 SC'S 2 SD'S AT 13-26, 121-12 TIME 1500 SANK 2 SC'S WITH 5 HUNDRED POUNDERS. 2 SD'S FIRED WITH INCENDIARIES. 1 SD 1 LUGGER AT 13-09, 121-29 CAMOUFLAGED AND ANCHORED NO BOMBS LEFT. 2 DE'S AT 13-10, 122-21 CAMOUFLAGED COURSE 330 SPEED 20 TIME 1600 RECEIVED INTENSE MEDIUM INACCURATE ACK ACK. 1 SB 12-15, 124-00. INTENSE INACCURATE ACK ACK FROM 3 INCH GUN ON BOW. Z RETURNED AFTER 400 MILES COVERAGE 50% EAST OF ST LUZON WHEN ENGINE QUIT. NO CONTACTS.

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

SUMMARY 7 DECEMBER.

LANDING OPERATIONS ORMOC BAY CARRIED OUT ACCORDING PLAN WITH MINOR OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED ASHORE. 4 LSM'S AND 1 LCI UNABLE RETRACT. WILL ATTEMPT REFLOAT AT HIGH WATER AND RETIRE TO BAY. ATTACK FORCE DEPARTED OBJECTIVE AREA ABOUT 11301 FOR RETURN LEYTE GULF.

PRELIMINARY REPORT DAMAGES SUSTAINED DURING NUMEROUS AIR ATTACKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

WARD APD 16 SERIOUSLY HIT DURING DIVE BOMBING ATTACK AT 09501 AND ABANDONED.

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MAHAN DD 364 ALSO BADLY DAMAGED BY AIR ATTACK. BOTH WARD AND MAHAN ORDERED SUNK BY GUNFIRE AFTER REMOVAL PERSONNEL.

LIDDLE APD 60 WAS SUICIDE CRASH DIVED IN BRIDGE STRUCTURE. ESTIMATE 8 OFFICERS AND UNKNOWN NUMBER MEN KILLED OR WOUNDED. LIDDLE REPORTED ABLE PROCEED UNDER OWN POWER WITH EMERGENCY STEERING AFT X TUG STANDING BY.

FIRES REPORTED ON WALKE (DD 723) AND O'BRIEN (DD 725). EXTENT DAMAGES UNKNOWN. (These are in Capt Freeman's squadron)

SUICIDE DIVE AND BOMBING ATTACK AT 16301 CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE WITH HIT FORWARD ON LST 737. FIRE ON LAMSON DD 367 DUE TO HIT ON BRIDGE FROM SAME ATTACK APPARENTLY UNDER

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CONTROL. LAMSON UNDER TOW FOR RETURN LEYTE.

HOPE AH 7 REPORTED UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 1900 ON 6 DECEMBER POSITION LAT 10-47 N LONG 125-30 E WHILE DEPARTING LEYTE. SHIP WAS ILLUMINATED AND OBSERVING FULL HOSPITAL SHIP PROCEDURE. 2 BOMBS MISSED STARBOARD QUARTER. NO REPORTED DAMAGE TO SHIP.

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FROM CINCSWPA (COM 7TH FLT)

RELEASED BY

DATE 8 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0332

DECODED BY STEARNS

TYPED BY MACFARLANE

ROUTED BY SAMUEL

FOR ACTION: COMINCH — PRIORITY

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COMSOPAC — PRIORITY

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

ON 6 DEC RESUPPLY UNIT ATTACKED BY AT LEAST 8 PLANES OFF SOUTHERN LEYTE. DRAYTON (DD 366) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. NUMBER 1 GUN OUT OF COMMISSION. LSM 20 SUNK BY SUICIDE DIVE. ANOTHER SUICIDE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED LST 23. 5 PLANES SHOT DOWN HOPE (AH 7) REPORTS BEING MISSED BY 2 BOMBS OFF LEYTE ON 6TH. AIRNORSOLS MAINTAINS CONTINUOUS POUNDING OF JAP INSTALLATIONS.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTF 94

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 7 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM: 1040

DECODED BY: STEEN

TYPED BY: SLUTZ

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
ALL TFC 3RD FLEET
1 GARBLED CALL

INFORMATION: ISCOM MARIANAS
ISCOM CAROLINES
CTG 94.4.1

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(CTF 94 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC AND ALL TFC 3RD FLEET INFO ISCOMS MARIANAS AND CAROLINES CTG 94.4.1)

FROM 070400 TO 0540K ABOUT 10 BETTYS ATTACKED SAIPAN HIGH AND LOW LEVEL. PREVIOUS WARNING BY* DD RADAR PICKET 100 MILES NORTH ON LOW LEVEL APPROACH. STRAFFED ISELY. 1 B29 DESTROYED 2 BADLY DAMAGED. JAP LAID MARKER LIGHTS IN SAIPAN OUTER HARBOR FOLLOWED BY S GISRDF* BOMBS LOW LEVEL NO DAMAGE. FEW BOMBS ON ISLAND. CASUALTIES VARIOUS CAUSES 1 KILLED 1 SERIOUS NUMEROUS SLIGHT. JAPS LOST 6 PLANES BY AA INCLUDING 1 BY YMS ON PATROL. 3 TRACKED OUT NORTH USING WINDOW AGAINST 9 FITERS. 1 FELL ON TANAPAC HARBOR. 2 BODIES AND PAPERS RECOVERED.

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FROM CTF 94	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC ALL TFC 3RD FLT	PRIORITY PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
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DATE 7 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2007			
DECODED BY ROBERTS	INFORMATION	ISCOM MARIANAS ISCOM CAROLINES CTU 94.4.1	PRIORITY PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CTF 73

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM:

DECODED BY: IMRIE

TYPED BY: IMRIE

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPOA CINCSWPA COMAAF COM3RDFLT COM7THFLT CTF 77 COMAF 5 COMAF 13 308 BOMBWING

INFORMATION: ALL TFC 3RD FLT ALL TGC 3RD FLT ALL TFC 7TH FLT ALL TGC 7TH FLT

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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSWPA COMAAF COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTF 77 COMAF 5 COMAF 13 308 BOMBWING ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

5 NIGHT MARINERS FROM LEYTE SEARCHED ABC AND COVERED ORMOC BAY LANDINGS AND TASMANIA OPERATION DEC 6/7.

ALL TIMES ITEM. POSITS NORTH AND EAST.

A. SANK 2 IB 13-20, 121-27 TIME 0315 STRAFED 2 LUGGERS SAME POSIT. SAW BEACHED LUGGER 12-28, 120-55 TIME 0110.

B. ATTACKED 1 SD 13-40, 121-55 TIME 0200 COURSE 000 SPEED 6 LEFT DEAD IN WATER. SAW 1 SC 12-15, 122-40 TIME 0430 COURSE 100 SPEED 5. SIGHTED ANCHORED SC AND SD AT 12-35, 123-15 TIME 0500.

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C. DESTROYED 1 SC IN PUERTO PRINCESA HARBOR. SAW 3 SCHOONERS BETWEEN 09-00, 122-55 AND 09-08, 123-15 TIME 04-10. POSSIBLE SUB CONTACT 07-22, 119-58 TIME 2105.

D. AND E. SEARCH RESULTS NEGATIVE. DEC 7/8 NIGHT MARE INTENTS A B C.

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GREATLY CONCERNED BY JAPANESE AIR RAIDS ON MARIANAS WHICH HAVE IN 3 RAIDS EFFECTED SUBSTANTIAL ATTRITION ATTENTION TO B-29 AIRCRAFT INCLUDING 7 DESTROYED, 9 MAJOR DAMAGED, 3Ø DAMAGED. OUR B-29 RAIDS ON JAPANESE HOMELAND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVOKE DESPERATE AND FANATICAL COUNTERACTION. CONSIDER THAT HEAVY BOMBING OF IWO JIMA IS A CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURE BUT DO NOT BELIEVE WILL PREVENT FUTURE ENEMY AIR ATTACKS ON OUR B-29 BASES. RAIDS WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE BY LONG RANGE AIRCRAFT FROM JAP HOMELAND WITH A POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYING

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ONE WAY AIRCRAFT. JAPS HAVE CAPABILITY OF BOMBARDING B-29 BASES BY SUBS AND LIGHT NAVAL FORCES LANDING SMALL RAIDING FORCES FROM NAVAL CRAFT: CAUSING DAMAGE TO B-29 AIRCRAFT BY LOCAL SABOTAGE; DROPPING PARATROOPS. EXAMPLE OF JAP PARATROOP ACTION FOLLOWS: ON DECEMBER 6 GHQ REPORTED THAT PARATROOPS WERE DROPPED AT NIGHT BY 14 ENEMY PLANES ON 2 AIRDROMES IN LEYTE. VITAL THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO INSURE THE MOST EFFECTIVE DEFENSE OF B-29 BASES; PROPER AND EXPEDITIOUS USE OF ENGINEERS IN DEVELOPING THE MOST EFFECTIVE RADAR SITES WITH EARLIEST INSTALLATION OF NEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL POSSIBLE PASSIVE DEFENSE MEASURES. THIS IS SENT TO YOU AS AN INSURANCE THAT NO ENEMY CAPABILITIES ARE BEING OVERLOOKED IN THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES YOU ARE TAKING.

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SUMMARY LEYTE GULF FOR 36 HOURS PERIOD ENDING 0800 7TH ALL TIMES I. SURFACE COMBAT PATROL QUIET UNTIL 1813 6TH WHEN GROUPS OF BOGIES PICKED UP TO SOUTH AND WEST. FIRST WARNING OF APPROACHING ENEMY PLANES RECEIVED 2 HOURS PREVIOUS WITH CONTACT REPORTS 10 MINUTES PREVIOUS FROM PICKET IN SURIGAO STRAIT. 1 BETTY APPROACHED IN DUSK DROPPED TORPEDO AT 1500 YARDS. PLANE ESCAPED NO TORPEDO TRACK SEEN. ANOTHER BOGEY DROPPED WINDOW 10 MILES AWAY AT 1900.

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CTF 77 THROWS ACTION CINCPAC COMINCH INFO COM7THFLT.

FOLLOWING INFO FROM CAPTURED SURVIVOR JAP DESTROYER KUWA SUNK EARLY MORNING 3 DECEMBER IN ORMOC BAY, LEYTE BY BLUE DD'S. VESSEL DESCRIBED AS 100 METERS LENGTH, SPEED 25 OR 26 KNOTS. MAIN BATTERY 2 12.7 CENTIMETER D/P GUNS. 1 QUADRUPLE TORPEDO TUBE MOUNT. DEPTH CHARGES AND RADAR. KUWA COMMISSIONED LATE JUNE THIS YEAR. OTHER KNOWN SHIPS THIS CLASS INCLUDE MAKI, MATSU, TAKE, MOMO AND UME. ONE OTHER SEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION KURE IN NOVEMBER. KUWA, TAKE AND MAKI IN DESRON 11 WITH ISUAU FLAGSHIP. NO DIVISION ORGANIZATION AND NO OTHER SHIPS KNOWN TO BE IN SQUADRON.

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C.G. Twentieth Air Force

7 Dec 44 (Date) (Initials)

EXTRACT OF TELETYPE CONFERENCE BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU
7 December 1944

Washington Parties	Honolulu Parties
Lt. Col. H. K. Hewitt	Col. Antonbrandt

Telecon Message 07-W

SUBJECT: Query on Attack on Isley Field

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(From: DLPCOMAF To: COMAF 20)

Following telecon is herewith passed to you

Telecon Message FEO7-20 071622Z Operation Priority Secret
From: COMGEN 21 BOMCOM To: COMGENAF 20 Info: DLPCOMAF 20
Ref: Query on Attack on Isley Field.

One red alert lasting from 061804Z to 061947Z occurred. During this alert several low level strafing attacks were made. Two planes shot down by AA on land were Bettys. Total of 4 sure and 1 probable claimed by Saipan. One sure by tinian AA fire. Two or three high level bomb runs made between 15,000 and 30,000 foot altitude. Five hundred or more unexploded one third kilogram anti plane bombs picked up on Isley one and vicinity. Damage to our A/C consists of three B-29's destroyed twenty-three B-29's with minor damage from strafing and bombs, one P-38 minor damage. Casualties reported are, one dead, one seriously wounded, one slightly wounded and about 200 minor injuries. Very low flying bogies picked up by destroyer located 76 miles north of Saipan who relayed to air defense command at 061744Z AA defenses immediately alerted on Tinian and Saipan and additional night fighters scrambled. Initial contact by Saipan radar at 061757Z indicated very low flying bogie 30 miles north. Red flash was given at 061804Z. Several radar contacts by night fighters could not be developed due to dropping RCM by enemy. Seven radar targets closed to Saipan and three opened.

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23 " "
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Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No. C 54489, 7 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54489. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/5th to 1500Z/6th signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Mindoro: Four seatrucks sighted anchored off Calapan December 6; 42 enemy twin-engined bombers and fighters sighted heading southeast over north coast by reconnaissance PB4Y from Leyte December 6.

Burias Strait: Convoy reported as one escort vessel, four light cruisers, three destroyers, one merchantman sighted on easterly course early afternoon December 6; three destroyers, seven merchant ships reported entering Camotes Sea from north following morning.

Calamian group: One tanker, one large freighter transport, three gunboats, one destroyer sighted heading north vicinity Coron Bay December 4.

Borneo: Nine seatrucks sighted at Jesselton December 5, some planes reported on airstrip at Kitau 30 miles south southeast; in Brunei Bay one tanker (8000 tons), three seatrucks sighted December 5.

Leyte: Some enemy infiltration reported Buri area, 14 enemy planes dropped paratroops San Pablo and Buri strips (Dulag area) night December 6.

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Naval: PT boats and P-40's attacked coastal guns northeast Morotai night December 4 and Halmahera targets following night. Leyte PT boats saw seven supply laden and troop filled barges heading east on Camotes Islands night December 5.

Air: Enemy action: Two torpedo bombers attacked Allied warships east Leyte, both destroyed by air cover afternoon December 6.

Operations December 3:

(1) Two Beaufighters strafed installations and damaged barges Sarangani and Balut islands south Mindanao; six RAAF A-20's hit barracks areas Davao and Manado.

(2) Two Beaufighters strafed buildings Lembeh Strait; eight P-38's attacked Sidate airdrome; 28 B-24's hit Malimpoeng airdrome Pare Pare, fighter escort forced return due weather; 23 B-24's covered by 14 P-38's bombed Mandai airdrome Macassar; nine P-38's hit schooner offshore and strafed Kendari airdrome, one P-38 lost.

(3) Nine B-24's cratered runways Miti and Lolobata; 52 B-25's and eight P-40's started fires through Halmahera airdromes.

(4) Eight RAAF P-40's bombed airdromes Halmahera and targets around Vogelkop Peninsula; four B-25's swept Halmahera and Ceram, bombed warehouses; one B-25 and 11 A-20's weathered out from Miti, bombed targets Sorong area.

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Operations December 4:

(5) Three B-24's started many fires through central and southern Celebes airdromes at night; five Beaufighters strafed dispersals Sidate airdrome; two P-51's attacked small vessels along coast.

(6) 94 B-25's hit Lolobata, Hatetabako and Djailolo airdromes started many fires and destroyed grounded bomber, one B-25 lost; 12 P-40's attacked Miti, Galela and Kau airdromes and warehouses.

(7) Four RAAF P-40's bombed islands west Utarom, Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 5:

(8) Patrol planes set two small freighters afire Manila area, exploded medium freighter and left seatruck burning fiercely south Mindoro, destroyed lugger Tablas Island and sank seatruck north off Davao.

(9) Other search planes sank seatruck north Jesselton, exploded fuel dumps Miri and damaged small freighter off Hog Point, northern Borneo; also destroyed seatruck and coastal vessel north Talaud Islands.

Operations December 6:

(10) B-24 patrols set seatruck and lugger afire northwestern Mindoro and shot down float plane off Panay.

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(11) Two Darwin B-24's bombed Manatuto and Atapoepoe, Timor; single Beaufort attacked Atamboea.

(12) Four B-25's bombed Sauri village near Wewak; four A-20's hit bivouacs Muschu Island.

Land. Leyte.

X Corps: 32nd Division has started advance south Limon. 1st Cavalry Division remained in contact with enemy north Mount Catabaran; artillery on Samar shelled Wright town.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division attacking north from Palanas River captured Hill 320 (northeast Balogo) and Hill 918. Elements 11th Airborne Division gained contact with enemy force 400 yards east Nahonag, continued attack against enemy positions north San Pedro; patrol contacted enemy force vicinity Mount Bato (44/05). 96th Division continued mopping up operations east slopes Mount Lobi.

Preliminary report: 77th Division less one combat team landed three miles southeast Ormoc 2200Z/6th, attacked north toward Ipil, met sporadic resistance.

Part 3.

(1) A-20's dropped 17 500 lb demolition and incendiary bombs.

(2) No details bombloads; intense heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire Malimpoeng, moderate medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Sidate and Kendari.

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(3) B-24's dropped minimum 204 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire; other planes dropped 12 250 lb, 468 100 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags, met intense, heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(4) P-40's dropped unstated number 1000 lb and 500 lb bombs; B-25's and A-30's dropped 50 500 lb bombs.

(5) B-24's dropped 91 100 lb bombs, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(6) Dropped 10 500 lb, 22 250 lb, 1192 100 lb bombs, met moderate to intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) Dropped 6 100 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 8 through 10. No details.

(11) B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 6000 to 2000 feet, fired 900 rounds 50 calibre; Beaufort dropped 6 250 lb bombs from 1500 feet, fired 300 rounds 30 calibre.

(12) Dropped 32 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3400 rounds 50 calibre.

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CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: RJ 42208 7 December 1944

From POASC Richardson sends daily SITSUM to WDCSA info CINCSWPA, CG USAF India Burma, CG USAF China, CG 20th BOMCOM and CG SOPACBACOM with all dates in east longitude time srl nbr RJ 42208.

Navy searcher sank two boats 5 December at Maloelap 20 feet long and 30 feet long respectively.

Other air action same date comes nov.

Rota gun positions and runway were hit by Avengers and Corsairs. Pagan taxiway was bombed by other Corsairs while Army P 47's strafed storage areas. At Babelthuapua large warehouse was destroyed by Marine fighters. Mitchells searched Bonins and Kazan Retic for shipping but found nothing.

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COM 7TH FLTS INTELLIGENCE
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PT RESULTS 5/6.
LEYTE. ORMOC PATROL ON STATION 2045 TO 0130 NO

SHIPPING ENTERED OR LEFT BAY UNABLE REPORT PRESENCE
SHIPPING UPPER BAY. NIP FLOAT PLANES SIGHTED BY

PATROL 6 TIMES 2018 TO 2250. 1 STRAFING ATTACK NO
HITS ON BOATS. CAMOTES PATROL 325 AND 324 ON STATION

2200 TO 0210. 0020 SANK, 6 TYPE A BARGES 600 YARDS
NORTHWEST TALONG POINT OACIJAN* ISLAND. SMALL ARMS

RETURN FIRE FROM BARGES NINPT FLRLMBIKE* FROM 1 GUN
TALONG ISLAND. 1 ON TALONG POINT. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO

325. NWACASEGYHIES*. 3 BARGES LOADED PERSONNEL OTHERS
SUPPLIES. ALL HEADED EAST. NIP PLANE ASSISTED ON

BARGES BY BOMING AND STRAFING. 1 COMPLETING ITS
DESTRUCTION. IX PQGNS* CONTACTS THIS PATROL 2055 TO

0215. 1 ATTACK BY FLOAT PLANE WEST OF PACVSANRIE* AND
2 BOMBS 1 STRAFING RUN. NO DAMAGE TO BOATS. PATROL

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SIGHTED PROBABLE FLOATING CONTACT MINE 1 MILE DUE NORTH OF
TALONG ISLAND. MINE APPARENTLY ADRIFT. BOATS ASSIGNED PICK

UP OF COOPER SURVIVORS AT MATLING UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT.
WERE FLWLO RDQSOSL* REACH FROM 0015 TO 0130. VILLAGE AND

BEACH APPEARED DESERTED. MT OREIKVY* 25 WEST OF CESUGRN
GRANDE ISLAND. A ZEKE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVE ON 3 BOATS

MISSING 494 BY 100 FEET. NO LTMBG* NOR CASUALTIES. PLANE
BELIEVED HEADED FOR BLUE CONVOY WHEN DAMAGED BY BOAT ACK

ACK. 0225 OFF TVNABLPONSON* ISLAND 494 AND 531 DAMAGED AND
SET FIRE 1 LOADED TYPE A BARGE. CONTENTS UNKNOWN. STRONG

INDICATIONS NIPS USED V YEFOX* CHANNEL C. PROBABLY FROM
NIP PLANES OVER ORMOC. AREA 123 PATROL ON STATION 1900 TO

0300. BOATS PICKED UP ARMY SCOUT PARTY CBIJAO* LEYTE.
MORPTCI* BOATS AND P FORTIGA* BOMBED AND STRAFED MITK*

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EARLY AFTERNOON 5 DECEMBER ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKED BLUE CONVOY NORTHEAST MINDANAO PROBABLY SUNK ONE MERCHANT VESSEL AND DAMAGED ANOTHER TYPE UNIDENTIFIED. SAME DAY JAP PLANES ATTACKED OUR SURFACE UNITS LEYTE GULF AND DAMAGED ONE DD. TWO NIP PLANES SHOT DOWN BY AA TWO MORE BY CAP.

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCPAC COM THIRD FLEET

SUMMARY 6 DECEMBER. CONVOY REPORTED UNDER AIR ATTACK. SUMMARY 5 DECEMBER SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO SS SAUGRAIN WHICH WAS ABANDONED BUT LATER TAKEN IN TOW BY TUG WITH PF STANDING BY. SALVAGE DOUBTFUL. NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED AND SURVIVORS ON BOARD TWO ESCORTING PF'S. NO OTHER DAMAGE TO CONVOY NOW KNOWN. FURTHER INFORMATION ON ATTACK ON FORCE IN NORTH SURIAGAO STRAIT RETURNING FROM SUPPLY TRIP TO BAY ON FIVE DEC. UNDER CONTINUOUS SNEAK ATTACKS FROM 0100I UNTIL DAYLIGHT WHEN CAP ARRIVED. 6 BOMBS DROPPED. NEAR MISS ON

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DRAYTON DD 366 KILLED TWO MEN WOUNDED SEVEN. MINOR DAMAGE TO SHIP. SS SAUGRAIN UNDER SURPRISE ATTACK FROM 11051 TO 1120 BY EIGHT PLANES. TWO SHOT DOWN BY CAP THREE HIT BY AA AND CRASHED WIDE. ONE PLANE HIT LSM 20 SQUARELY CAUSING SHIP TO BURN AND LATER SINK AT POSITION BAT 10-11.7 N (Surigao Strait) LONG 125-19 E. NUMBER SURVIVORS NOT YET KNOWN. ANOTHER PLANE HIT LST 23 GLANCING BLOW CAUSING FIRE AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. DRAYTON RECEIVED ADDITIONAL DAMAGE AT 11061 WHEN PLANE CRASHED DIVED INTO NUMBER 1 GUN PUTTING GUN OUT OF COMMISSION. NUMBER 1 MAGAZINE FLOODED DUE FIRE BUT MAGAZINE NOW DRY.

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CINCPAC		FOR ACTION: ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET	URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 DECEMBER 1944			DEFERRED
TOK CODEROOM 060745			BASEGRAM
DECODED BY MONROE		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY
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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLEET)

ULTRA.

JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT AT 061425 (MINUS 9) IN POSIT 10-17 N 125-58 E.

E Layton

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From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54447 6 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54447. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/4th to 1500Z/5th sgd MacArthur.

Borneo:

5 seatrucks 3 luggers sighted Sandakan by reconnaissance aircraft, 4 bombers, 4 fighters on Mori Airdrome December 4th.

Celebes:

Photographs December 4th Kendari/Macassar area showed 4 bombers, 2 fighters Ambesia, dive bombers Malimpoeng (Pare Pare).

Part 2.

Naval:

Morotai PT boats with cooperating P-40s set coastal warehouses afire Halmahera December 3rd.

Air:

Enemy action: Single torpedo bomber attacked Allied hospital ship east Siargao Island December 3rd; during morning and afternoon attacks against Allied shipping southeast

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No: C 54447 6 December 1944

Leyte, fighter patrols shot down 6 planes and anti-aircraft fire claimed 3 more December 5th.

Operations December 2nd:

(1) 22 B-24s covered runways and revetments Dumaguete, 7 P-47s weathered out from escort; 8 P-38s swept Fabrica Airdrome; 5 probably destroyed, one damaged of 11 fighters encountered.

(2) 18 B-24s destroyed grounded bomber and started 3 large fires Cagayan dispersal areas, 12 P-38s escort forced return; 6 other P-38s destroyed 3 grounded bombers damaged one fighter Matina; 12 P-47s strafed Padada Airdrome destroyed one grounded fighter damaged one bomber.

(3) 2 B-24s bombed seaplane base Tawi Tawi.

(4) 35 B-25s demolished buildings and probably destroyed 2 grounded Bettys Kendari; 7 other B-25s raided Boro Boro.

(5) 5 P-40s and 2 P-51s bombed coastal installations and sank 2 barges Lembeh Strait; 5 RAAF A-20s started fires Lingoan Airdrome.

(6) 10 P-40s swept Halmahera runs and supply dumps, started large fires.

(7) 22 B-25s weathered out from Boro Boro scored good coverage Namlea bivouacs and airdromes; 4 other B-25s attacked coastal vessels Boeroe Island and Ceram.

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(8) 44 RAAF P-40s struck coastal installations and airdromes Vogelkop Peninsula.

Operations December 4th:

(9) 8 P-40s and 16 P-47s attacked supplies and bivouacs demolished buildings and damaged bridge Kananga, north Ormoc.

(10) Patrol B-24s exploded fuel barge and sank lugger Sarngani Bay, shot down bomber Davao Gulf; predawn mariner caused explosion amongst 3 barges northern Borneo.

November 5th.

Weather Average conditions through Carolines, favorable through Philippines but adverse over Halmahera and Netherlands East Indies; clouds but average conditions along northern New Guinea and through Solomons.

Operations:

(11) 3 predawn B-24's raided airdromes Manila and Cebu; Navy patrol plane sank seatruck north Bohol Island.

(12) 16 P-47's destroyed 2 grounded bombers damaged 2 others, hit barracks and dispersals Legaspi; 8 other P-47's bombed Bulan airdrome, southwestern Luzon.

(13) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari; patrol

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No: C 54447 6 December 1944.

B-24 left seatruck ablaze and sinking north Flores Island; another B-24 bombed Manatuto Timor.

(14) 9 B-24's bombed bridges Wewak; 4 A-20's and 2 B-25's attacked village Kapriru Island.

Land.

Leyte: X Corps:

32nd Division consolidated positions December 4, attacked south next morning advanced 500 yards against heavy opposition, failed road block 2,500 yards south Limon destroyed 2 of 8 attacking tanks.

First Cavalry Division probed strong enemy positions mount Catabaran December 4; Eight Cavalry initiated operations to seize Wright/Taft Highway, Samar Island.

24 Division continued patrolling south west Mount Mamban/Mount Laaoh area, no enemy contact.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division units crossed Palamas River 5th December attacked toward Balogo, met light resistance; also attacked hill 918, unit reached Kang Degit.

11th Airborne Division troops advanced west from Lubi toward Mahtnag and Anas, no enemy contact.

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Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

Nr: C 54447 6 December 1944.

96th Division continued elimination enemy forces high ground southwest Dagami.

2 or more lines [redacted]

Elements 20th Armored Group assumed responsibility for Corps rear area.

Cumulative Allied casualties:

Killed	2,048
Wounded	6,462
Missing	244

Enemy casualties to date:

Killed	26,095
Captured	194

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 72 500 lb bombs and 640 120 lb frags from 9000 feet.

(2) B-24's dropped 680 120 lb frags from 10,800 feet.

(3) Dropped 12 250 lb bombs

(4) Dropped 20 500 lb 273 100 lb bombs and 507 para frags, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(5) Dropped 12 500 lb, 14 250 lb bombs, 8 500 lb incendiaries, fired unstated number rounds; moderate heavy inaccurate antiaircraft fire Lembeh Strait.

(6) Dropped 8 500 lb, 22 250 lb bombs.

(7) Dropped 78 500 lb, 24 100 lb bombs, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 24 500 lb bombs.

(10) No details.

(11) Dropped unstated number 100 lb bombs; slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Manila.

(12) No details.

(13) Dropped 24 250 lb, 10 100 lb bombs from 8000 feet, fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 132 300 lb bombs, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Leyte combat air strength on December 5 comprised:

49th, 475th and 348th fighter groups, 110th Squadron

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What happened to 27 B-17's sent out. 26 returned. Assume Catalinas left but as being non-combatants (2) [redacted] are we getting news about them? This is an incomplete report. We are here. ?

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Nr: C 54447 6 December 1944.

(P-40's), 460th Squadron (P-47's), 2 night fighter squadrons, and 4 Squadrons Marine F-4U's, 1 squadron marine night fighter 6 F's Philippines.

Luzon: 18 cruisers 3 destroyers 2 freighters sighted west Manila Bay course northwest midday December 5.

Leyte: Submarine reported off Ormoc Bay night December 2nd; following sighting by enemy reconnaissance planes 8 dive bombers 2 fighters attacked Allied shipping south Leyte Gulf morning December 5th.

End.

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FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY ADM THEBAUD

DATE 5 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 1400

DECODED BY

TYPED BY JOHNSON

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMNAVEU COMNAVNAW

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NIGHT 2-3 DECEMBER 3 BLUE DDS SWEPT CAMOTES SEA ENGAGED UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY SHIPS NEAR ORMOC TOWN LEYTE. ONE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP BELIEVED SUNK ANOTHER DAMAGED. OUR SHIPS UNDER CONSTANT AIR ATTACK BY MANY TYPE PLANES SHOT DOWN 6 PLUS 2 PROBABLES. WE LOST ONE DD. 3 DECEMBER RE-CONNAISSANCE PLANES OVER BALIKPAPAN AREA REPORTED SINKING 2 SMALL AK AND DAMAGING 1 PG.

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DATE 5 DEC 44			
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(CTG 77.3 SENDS. INFO TO COM 7TH FLT COMINCH CINCPAC)

SUMMARY LEYTE GULF 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2000 5TH ALL TIMES ITEM. QUIET UNTIL 1110 WHEN OBSERVED AA FIRE FROM TU 78.3.10 IN LOWER SURIGAO STRAIT. IN POSITION 10-36 NORTH 125-20 EAST AT 1730 ATTACKED BY 2 VALS BOTH FLAMED AND SPLASHED. SHIPS MANEUVERED AT HIGH SPEED. COMBAT AIR PATROL CLAIMED 2 PROBABLES. FROM DISTANCE OBSERVED ATTACK ON TU 78.3.10 FROM 1715 UNTIL 1745. 1830 LEARNED THAT MUGFORD WAS HIT AND PROCEEDED HER ASSISTANCE.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 DECEMBER 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2318/5		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT, COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT	OP ~~PRIORITY~~ OP
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CTF 77 SLINGS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLT COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT.

SUMMARY 5 DECEMBER.

CONVOY 5 ESCORTS AND 33 SHIPS VARIOUS TYPES ATTACKED BY 3 ENEMY PLANES KATES AT POSIT 09-56 N AND 127-17 E ABOUT 12451. SS ANTOINE SAUGRAINE FROM CONVOY HIT BY 2 TORPEDOES. PERSONNEL REPORTED BEING REMOVED AND SHIP ABANDONED. 1 OTHER SHIP SAME CONVOY REPORTED HIT BUT TYPE NOT KNOWN. DESRON 56 WITH 3 DD'S PROCEEDED FROM LEYTE AS ADDITIONAL ESCORT. TASK GROUP 77.3 COMPOSED OF 2 CL'S AND 3 DD'S WERE UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 17201 AT ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. 2 PLANES SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS AND 2 SHOT DOWN BY CAP. MUGFORD DD 389 WHILE UNDER AIR ATTACK AT 17401 WAS SUICIDE CRASHED BY 1 OF 2 ATTACKING PLANES. SHIP WAS HIT AMIDSHIPS AND LEFT DEAD IN WATER. ATTACK OCCURRED

End of Dispatch

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LEYTE GULF. MUGFORD NOW BEING TOWED SAN PEDRO HARBOR. DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE — NAVY DEPARTMEN

DRAFTER: CINCSWPA (COM 7TH FLT) — EXTENSION NUMBER — ADDRESSEES — ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE — PRECEDENCE

RELEASED BY: 6 DEC 1944

DATE: 0107

TOR CODEROOM: LYNN

DECODED BY: SMITH

TYPED BY: VOSBURGH

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMINCH

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COMSOPAC

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COM 7TH FET SENDS FOR CINCSWPA ACTION COMINCH
INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.

CONVOY INCLUDING 20 XAK 5 LST UNDER AERIAL TORPEDO ATTACK ON 5TH EAST OF LEYTE. NO DETAILS. CATALINAS HAVE RESCUED AT LEAST 5 OFFICERS 92 ENLISTED FROM COOPER. SEARCH PLANE FROM LEYTE ON 2ND OVER BALIKPAPEN BORED BY 10 FIGHTERS WHILE VAL DROPPED AERIAL BOMBS FROM ABOVE. PLANE DAMAGED BUT RETURNED HAVING DOWNED 3 JAKES AND PROBABLY 1 JACK. ON 3RD ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE SANK SMALL AK AT BALIKPAPEN. 3RD SEARCHER DESTROYED JAKE OFF MINDORO ON 3RD. 6 LSD WITH ESCORT DUE LEYTE ON 8TH.

MACARTHUR

COMINCH.....ACT
16..... ...OPO3...OO.....OPO1....20G. SHOW 20GP

ACTION: F-0, F-00, F-01, F-02, F-05, F-07, F-1, F-2, F-20, F-3, F-30, F-31, F-32, F-33, F-34, F-4, FIO 1, FI37, FI40, VCNO

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area Advance, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

No: C 54400 5 December 1944

Cite C 54400 from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department.

Part 1.

Philippines
Luzon
Manila

Reconnaissance plane reported 10 large 20 medium 20/30 small vessels in bay night December 3.

Destroyer sighted off Lubang Island course southeast midday December 3.

H Mpgcro Strait:

One destroyer 2 freighter transports 3 escort vessels sighted off Busuanga Harbour December 3.

Visayan Sea:

Two transports 2 escort vessels with 8 fighters covering sighted north Cebu morning December 3 heading north, similar convoy later reported south Sibuyan Island.

Small freighter transport 2 escort vessels also

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sighted on northwest course in Jintotolo Passage same morning.

Borneo:

Two medium merchant vessels 2 destroyer escorts 1 gunboat sighted Balikpapan.

Tarakan, Jolo, Tawi Tawi harbours reported empty same night.

Leyte:

Fifteen barges sighted by fighters at Ormoc, 50 between Ipil and Albuera December 3.

Part 2.
Naval:

Allied destroyers bombarded Ormoc and Palompon and sank south bound freighter southeast Masbate Island night December 1.

Air:

Operations November 30:

(1) 10 B 25's started fires amongst Dumaguete bivouacs Negross Island.

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Ten escorting P 38's met 9 enemy fighters southwest Panay, shot ********** ******** night B 25's harassed * in northern Celebes and Halmahera.

(3) 24 B 24's cratered runways on 4 Halmahera airdromes.

41 A 20's, 9 B 25's and 12 P 38's ********** ******** Kendari airdromes before dawn and bombed Dilli on Timor.

Four Dutch B 25's set barge afire and strafed barge Alor Islands ********** continuing moping * and consolidation.

Enemy night attacks repulsed. First Cavalry troops continued attack northeast moun*.

XXIV Corps:

7th Division continued reinforcement its forces western Leyte, patrol north Palunas River line found 225 enemy dead.

11th Airborne troops advanced 1,200 yards north San Pedro toward Mount Majunag.

96th Division troops with tank support cleaned out

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
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strong enemy position * * 25,498 enemy killed to date, 193 prisoners.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped unstated number parafrags, met slight light inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

(2) P 40's dropped 12 500 lb incendaries, met intense medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

B 25's dropped 180 100 lb bombs.

(3) Bombs dropped included 344 500 lb, 132 100 lb bombs plus unstated number parafrags and parademos.

Moderate to intense medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) Bombs dropped included 64 500 lb, 6 100 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 192 250 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 54 500 lb bombs.

(7) No details.

(8) B 25's dropped 32 100 lb bombs, fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre.

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B 24 dropped 12 250 lb bombs from 6,200 feet.

(9) Dropped 16 500 lb medium capacity, 31 250 general purpose bombs, 6 250 lb incendiaries, fired 6,600 *

Status: Additional Marine squadron F 6F's. 3 squadrons F 4 Us arrived from Palau December 4.

Airdrome construction report December 2:

Surfacing Tacloban dispersals continues; 4,960 feet mat laid Dulag, southeast taxiway matter; 3,500 feet mat on Bayug, drainage work continuing; No work Buri, clearing complete grading in progress Tanauaf.

End

* Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log.

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		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM CTG 77.3		FOR ACTION: CTF 77	PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 4 DEC 44			
TOR CODEROOM 1537		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT 1 GARBLED CALL ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT ALL TGC'S 7TH FLT ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT COMINCH CINCPAC C:NCSOWESPAC	PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
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(CTG 77.3 SENDS INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLT)

LEYTE GULF SECURITY SUMMARY FOR 2400 TO 2000I 4TH. NO NEAR BOGEY NO CONTACTS SURFACE OR SONAR. THIS COMMAND HAS NOT REPORTED DESDIV 120 OPERATIONS NIGHT 2ND/3RD.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILBRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COM 3RD FLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 4 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM: 1002

DECODED BY: SCRUGGS

TYPED BY: TURLEY/walp

ROUTED BY: ROLL

FOR ACTION: CTF 38

INFORMATION: COMINCH; CINCPAC
3RD FLEET

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(COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION TO CTF 38 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC 3RD FLT.)

AT 0000 I 10 DECEMBER CANCEL MY 281100 AND MODIFICATIONS THERETO AND PLACE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION IN EFFECT

TASK GROUP 38.1 REAR ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY IN YORKTOWN WASP COWPENS MONTEREY BATDIV 8 LESS INDIANA, BALTIMORE SAN FRANCISCO BOSTON NEW ORLEANS SAN DIEGO DESRON 53 MCCORD HAGGARD FRANKS HOBBY WELLES BUCHANAN BROWN.

TASK GROUP 38.2 REAR ADMIRAL BOGAG IN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET CABOT INDEPENDENCE BATDIV 7 PLUS WISCONSIN, VINCENNES MIAMI PASADENA ASTORIA SAN JUAN DESRON 52 DESRON 61 DYSON SPENCE.

TASK GROUP 38.3 REAR ADMIRAL SHERMAN IN ESSEX TICONDEROGA SAN JACINTO LANGLEY BATDIV 6 CRUDIV 13 LESS BIRMINGHAM PLUS OAKLAND DESRON 50 DESRON 55 LESS IRWIN AND MORRISON PLUS THATCHER.

FOLLOWING SHIPS GRANTED EXTENDED AVAILABILITY AND TRAINING PERIOD AT HUNTH UNTIL 20 DECEMBER. CAPPS DAVID W TAYLOR

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DATE 5 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM			
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70% EMPTY.
P OUT 650 100%. 0025 STRAFED 3 BARGES AT 04-58 N 118-57 E.

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Q OUT 650 100%. 2350 TARAKAN EMPTY.
R OUT 540 50%. 2030 LEMBEH* EMPTY. 2130 MINADO EMPTY.

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O OUT 725 60%. 0130 SANDAKAN NUMBEROUS LUGGERS AND SMALL

BOATS ONLY. 0320 DEWHURST BAY EMPTY. LABUK NOT COVERED.
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Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 54356 4 December 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur C 54356. Operations report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/2 to 1500Z/3 signed MacArthur.

Philippines:
Luzon:
Seven enemy PT boats sighted vicinity Verde Island, six merchant vessels off Calapan northeast Mindoro night December 2nd by reconnaissance aircraft.

Palawan:
One large one small freighter four escort vessels sighted off Linapacan Island course northeasterly morning December 2nd.

Bohol:
Eight barges 18 small craft sighted off northern coast night December 2nd.

Cebu:
Mariner sighted 40 small craft off town night December 2nd, two destroyers two barges heading northwest off north point of islands next morning.

Negros:
Seatruck reported on southerly course off west

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coast night December 2nd.

Celebes:

Photographs Kendari area December 2nd showed two bombers three fighters on Boro Boro airdrome.

Part 2. Naval:

Leyte:

Allied destroyers under repeated air attacks swept Camotes Sea, shot down six planes and probably destroyed another, found two small transports near Ormoc town believed sank one and damaged the other night December 2nd.

Morotai:

PT boats with cooperating P-40's set warehouses afire Halmahera same night.

Air. Enemy action:

Five planes raided Leyte positions at Carigara and Bay Bay, nil damage sustained night December 1st.

Naval units Leyte Gulf report very few bogies following evening.

Operations November 30:

1. 33 RAAF P-40's bombed Galela and Hatetabako airdromes, Halmahera.

Operations December 1st:

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2. 24 B-24's with eight P-47's escort demolished barracks buildings, covered supplies and dispersals, probably destroyed one of three intercepting fighters Bacolod Airdrome; 22 B-24's started several fires Fabrica Airdrome, Negros Island, met three intercepting fighters, two B-24's missing; eight P-38's unable escort due weather, strafed airdromes Mindanao.

3. Eight other P-38's engaged 10 enemy fighter over Negros, shot down four and probably destroyed two others; 12 B-25's with 12 P-47's escort bombed Lahug Airdrome, Cebu, started large fires.

4. 12 B-25's caused small fires Cagayan Airdrome, northern Mindanao.

5. Six B-24's on shipping sweep northern Borneo before dawn sank two coastal vessels damaged three others and bombed Miri.

6. Four RAAF A-20's hit barracks area Manado; 29 RAAF P-40's, eight other RAAF A-20's and two Beaufighters attacked airdromes shipping and coastal targets north eastern Celebes and Halmahera; five Beaufighter swept Sangihe Islands, sank one barge and damaged others.

7. 35 P-38's, 30 B-25's, 11 A-20's and two P-40's attacked airdromes, destroyed one grounded plane and fired supply dumps Halmahera.

8. Six B-25's hit gun positions and fired buildings

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Boeroe Island; 2 B-25's attacked small craft around Ceram.

Operations December 2nd:

9. Patrol planes from Leyte attacked and left a tanker sinking, shot down enemy fighter Verde Island passage.

10. 30 P-47's, over 17 P-40's and 14 P-38's destroyed waterfront installations Ormoc Bay and Camotes Island, set supply dumps afire Palompon, shot down enemy bomber over Ormoc and supported ground forces Leyte; P-47's strafed and set afire small freighter transport forth Palompon.

11. 16 B-24's destroyed grounded plane and started fires Matina revetments Davao.

12. Darwin B-24's bombed Manatuto town Timor.

Operations December 3rd:

13. Predawn mariner attacked destroyer escort and seatruck southeastern Luzon; predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari bivouacs and revetments.

14. Four RAAF B-25's scored good coverage Cape Lore radar installations, Timor; two B-24's hit coastal towns.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 1st.

15. 16 B-25's, 39 Dauntlesses, three Venturas and eight New Zealand Corsairs caused explosions and large

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fires amongst bivouacs and supplies Kavieng; 10 B-25's and 12 New Zealand Corsairs bombed Rabaul town and Lakunai Airdrome; 18 New Zealand Corsairs attacked Bougainville bivouacs.

Weather.

Weak front through central Philippines caused cloud and rain, average conditions in Solomons.

Land. Leyte. X Corps.

32nd Division continued mopping up operations and attacks south against strong enemy resistance from hills Cabulan area. First Cavalry cleared enemy roadblock southeast Mount Catabaran, continued attacks against strong positions north Mount Cabungaan. 24th Division continued outpost Mount Laao area.

XXIV Corps. 7th Division probed enemy positions Palanas River for weak points. 11th Airborne troops with 306th Infantry attached made further advances on east slopes Mount Lobi, continued attacks San Pedro area.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 44 250 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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2. Dropped 1820 120 lb fragmentation clusters from 10,000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

3. B-25's dropped 120 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

4. Dropped 120 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

5. No details.

6. Four A-20's dropped 16 500 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Manado; no other details.

7. Dropped * 1000 lb bombs, 114 500 lb, 4 250 lb, 68 100 lb bombs and 690 para frags; met moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire.

8. Dropped 8 500 lb, 72 100 lb bombs; moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Boerbe Island.

Paragraphs 9 and 10 no details.

11. Dropped unstated number 20 lb frags.

12. Dropped 12 250 lb bombs.

13. B-24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.

14. B-25's dropped 16 500 lb bombs five seconds

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delay from 3200 feet, fired 3600 rounds 50 calibre; B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 6000 to 3000 feet.

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INFO : CC/S
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Adm. King
Col. Park
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DATE 4 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 2105/3		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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(CTG 73.4 SENDS ALL TFC AND TGC 7TH AND 3RD FLTS CICNPOA COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT COMAF 5 COMAAF. COMAF 13 GETS BY HAND. CINCSWPA VIA CTF 77)

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 3RD.
SECTOR C TO 850 MILES 75%. 1345 SANK 1 SC 01-30 S 116-40 E.

1354 ANCHORED BALIK APAN* 3 DE 1 PG 1 FA 1 FTB. 1404 SANK 1 SB 01-22 S 117-03 E. 1430 BOMBED STRAFED DAMAGED 1 PG 00-39 S 117-47 E CUS 230 SPEED 20 PLANE WELL SHOT UP NO WOUNDED. 16 1604 POSIT 01-15 N 120-49 E ATTACKED 2 RUFES*. ATTACK NOT PRESSED. NIL DAMAGE.
SECTOR 1 TO 1000 MILES 80%. 0930 JOLO HARBOR 1 FTC ON BEACH 1 MILE EAST OF TOWN. TUTU BAY EMPTY. 1030 BALABAC STRAIT SAN ANTONIO BAY EMPTY. TIZARD BANK CLOSED IN.

SECTOR 2 TO 1000 MILES 90% FQSUAL* TO PALAWAN RADAR BEYOND. 1100 PUERTA PRINCESSA ULUGAN BAY CLOSED IN.

SECTOR 3 TO 850 MILES 85%. 1030 BACUIT BAY CORON BAY MALAMPAYA AYTAY DUMARAN CLOSED IN.

SECTOR X TO 600 MILES 90% NEGATIVE. 1300 UNITED STATES FLAG PHILLIPINES FLAG FLYING FROM LARGE BUILDING OROQUIETA MINDANAO 08-33 N 123-45 E.
SECTOR Y 600 MILES WNWFL* NEGATIVE

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SECTOR A 820 95%. TURNED SHORT ON GAS. 1200 TAWI TAWI EMPTY.
1205 SD ANCHORED 04-52 N 119-28 E. 1210 POSIT 05-00 N 118-52 E.

1 SD ANCHORED. DARVEL BAY 1212 1 SC ANCHORED. 1340 JESSESTON* 8
SC 3 SD ANCHORED 1 SERVICEABLE BETTY ON SOUTHWEST END OF STRIP.

1350 POSIT 06-01 N 116-02 E 8 SC ANCHORED BOMBED STRAFED DAMAGED
PLANE HOLED BY AA MINOR DAMAGE. 1420 MARUDU BAY 2 SC ANCHORED.

1425 POSIT 06-38 N 117-28 E 3 SD ANCHORED. 1520 SANDAKAN 5 SC
2 SD 24 LUGGERS. 1535 GQJRIVYR* 05-38 N 118-35 E 10 SC HEADING

SEAWARD.
SECTOR B 875 90% NEGATIVE. 1200 FIRE OBSERVED NORTH OF MIRI* NEAR

BEACH BLACK SMOKE TO 2000 FEET.
SECTOR 4 950 80%. 1340 LABUK BAY EMPTY. 1600 BRUNEI BAY CLOSED IN.

VENTURA SEARCHES.
D 330 60% NEGATIVE. 5 TO 450 95% NEGATIVE. 6 VENTURAS STRAFED

BADI ISLAND RADIO STATION WITH BOMBS ROCKETS STRAFING STARTING
2 FIRES IN CAMP AREA CHMALING* RADIO BUILDING AND BARRACKS.

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(CINCSWPA SENDS COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.)

COOPER (DD 695) SUNK PROBABLY BY TORPEDO DURING ANTI TOKYO EXPRESS SWEEP OF CAMOTES SEMINIGHT 2/3. DDS MAKING SWEEP UNDER CONTINUOUS AIR ATTACK FROM 2300 TO 0230 THEN INTERMITTENTLY SHOT DOWN 6 PLANES 2 PROBABLE. BELIEVED SANK JAP DE. LEYTE PT SHOT DOWN 1 JAKE NIGHT 30/1. CONVOY INCLUDING 20 XAK DUE LEYTE 6TH. MARYLAND, SAUFLEY, AULICK DUE MANUS 6TH. 3 OBB 1 CA 3 CL'S 9 DD ORDERED OUT OF LEYTE FOR KOSSAL.

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DATE 4 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM 2143/03

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FOR ACTION: CINCPOA; CINCSWPA; COMAAF; COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT; CTF 77; ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS; COMAF 5; COMAF 13; 308 BOMB WING

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3 NIGHT MARINERS OUT OF TACLOBAN ON DECEMBER 2/3 EXECUTED SEARCHES A AND B. C COOPERATED WITH DESTROYERS OFF ORMOC. ALL TIMES ITEM POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST.

(A) BOMBED DESTROYER ESCORT AT 13-17 122-25 TIME 2100 RESULT NEGATIVE. STRAFED SC SAME LOCATION TIME 0315. SAW 6 MV ANCHORED AT 13-24 121-05 TIME 2233. SIGHTED 3 MTB AT 13-42 121-37 TIME 2200 COURSE 120 ALSO 4 [redacted] 40. SANTA

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CRUZ HARBOR 15-54 119-54 NIL SIGHTINGS.

(B) SIGHTED 1 SC 10-33 126-50 COURSE 200 SPEED 5 KNOTS TIME 0236. 1 SB ON OEEV* 13-50 120-10 TIME 2234.

(C) SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE AT 10-53 124-12 TIME 2315 COURSE 180 SPEED 3 KNOTS. SAW 18 SMALL CRAFT AT 10-10 124-40 TIME 2237 AT ANCHOR. 46 SMALL CRAFT AT CEBU CITY TIME 2300. 8 BARGES AT 10-10 124-05 TIME 2335.

NIGHTMARE INTENTS FOR DECEMBER 3-4 CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

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NPM PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 040454

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DATE 3 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0953			
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FROM CTF 77 TO CINCSWPA INFO COMINCH CINCPAC COMDESPAC COM3RDFLT COM7THFLT COMAAF SWPA COM 5 AF. COM7THFLT REPORTING.

NIGHT 2ND-3RD DEC COMDESDIV 120 IN ALLEN M SUMNER MCALE DD 695 COOPER ENTERED CAMOTES SEA TO INTERCEPT FORCE BELIEVED ENGAGED RESUPPLY ENEMY POSITIONS VICINITY ORMOC. ON ENTRY CAMOTES SEA AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT NIGHT OUR FORCE UNDER CONSTANT AIR ATTACK MANY TYPE PLANES. SUMNER CLAIMS SHOOTING DOWN 6 PLUS 1 PROBABLE. MCALE CLAIMS 1 POSSIBLE. ENEMY FORCE UNDETERMINED COMPOSITION PICKED UP CLOSE INSHORE VICINITY ORMOC TOWN ABOUT MIDNIGHT. 2 POSSIBLE 3 SHIPS INCLUDING 1 DE OR APD TYPE TAKEN UNDER FIRE WHILE OUR FORCE UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK. 1 ENEMY SHIP BELIEVED SUNK 1 DAMAGED. BOTH UNIDENTIFIED TYPE. DURING ENGAGEMENT MCALE OBSERVED LARGE EXPLOSION UNDOUBTEDLY UNDERWATER AMIDSHIPS COOPER. PROBABLY 2200 Hrs

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TORPEDO POSSIBLE FLOATING MINE. WHEN LAST SEEN COOPER APPEARED BROKEN IN TWO WITH BRIDGE AWASH BOW AND STERN IN AIR. NO SURVIVORS SIGHTED. HEAVY AIR ATTACKS FORCED WITHDRAWAL OUR REMAINING DD'S. ESTIMATED 3 INCH AND 40 MM FIRE FROM SHORE POSITIONS DURING ENGAGEMENT. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SEND RESCUE CATALINAS DUE LACK FIGHTER COVER. WILL REPORT WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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INTERLUDE BLACK CAT SEARCHES 2-3

(O) OUT 680 70 PERCENT SANDAKAN LABUK CLOSED

(N) OUT 600 95 PERCENT 1020 ZAMBOANGA EMPTY DROPPED LEAFLETS. 2310 BASILAN EMPTY. DROPPED LEAFLETS. 0030 JOLO EMPTY. 0120 TUTU BAY EMPTY. TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED.

(P) OUT 600 95 PERCENT. 0130 DARVEL BAY EMPTY

(Q) OUT 620 85 PERCENT. TRARAKAN CLOSED.

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(R) OUT 600 90 PERCENT. 2245 TOLI TOLI EMPTY. FIRED ON BY SINGLE MACHINE GUN. 0030 SOEMBANG BAY* [redacted] 01-05N 118-10 E EMPTY. 0330 MENADO* EMPTY. 0400 AEMBEH* EMPTY.

ALL TIMES ITEM.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff
77500

3 December 1944

Commander in Chief
Pacific Ocean Areas
Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Commanding General
USAAF in Pacific Ocean Areas
Fort Shafter, T.H.

Number: WARX 72143

Book message to Nimitz for action, Richardson for info from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff decision as to category of defense for the Hawaiian area transmitted to you in COMINCH 241736 of August 1944 is so far modified as to place within your discretion the determination of the size and composition of ground defense forces in the main Hawaiian group.

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From: CG, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54308 3 December 1944

From CINCSWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff Wash cite C 54308. Opns Rpt SOWESPAC area prd 1500Z/1 to 1500Z/2 sgd MacArthur.

Part 1.

Philippines.

Visayan Sea:

2 destroyers, 1 auxiliary, 2 transports sighted on southeasterly course afternoon, last reported as 4 destroyers off north point Cebu 0755Z/2.

Masbate:

3,000 ton freighter located by PT boats unloading off southeast coast night November 30.

Leyte Gulf:

Enemy submarines made 2 unsuccessful torpedo attacks on Naval units afternoon November 30.

Ormoc area:

Aircraft reported 4 barges Camotes Island December 1. 25 fishing vessels off Palompon next morning.

Palawan:

2 small freighters, 1 escort vessel sighted heading northwest off Dumuran Island, December 2.

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Sulu Archipelago:

Darwin Catalinas reported 6 barges Lugus Island night November 28.

Celebes:

2 small freighters, 1 fuel barge, 2 escort vessels sighted heading southeast southern Xacassar Strait December 2.

Flores/Soemba:

Photos December 1 showed 8 airdromes with serviceable runways, nil aircraft.

Timor:

Nil aircraft photographed Koepang December 1.

Part 2.

Naval:

PT boats shot down 1 floatplane damaged another, set afire and left sinking medium freighter unloading off southeastern Masbate night November 30.

Air.

Enemy action:

4 radiers bombed Morotai destroyed 7 grounded planes damaged 21 others, injured personnel predawn November 30.

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No: C 54308 3 December 1944

Operation November 29:

(1) 45 B-24's covered by 24 P-38's attacked Puerto Princesa airdrome, Palawan Island, hit runways and installation, destroyed 4 gounded planes, damaged 3 others.

(2) At night search plane attacked tankers causing oil slick southeast Puerto Princesa.

(3) 36 A-20's with 23 P-47's escort attacked Dansalan airdrome Mindanao; 7 P-38's found 10 fighters taking off airdrome, shot down 4, probably destroyed 1, and damaged another.

(4) 2 B-24's over northernBorneo sank 2 small freighters, probably sank larger freighter and strafed grounded fighter Kudat airdrome.

(5) 4 Beaufighters strafed warehouses and schooner north eastern Celebes; 14 B-25's harassed airurome Celebes and Halmahera at night.

(6) 16 P-40's exploded warehouses and supplies around Halmahera, destroyed grounded plane Djailolo; 17 B-25's and 10 P-38's started fires, hit gun positions and cratered runways Lolobata and Hatetabako.

(7) 4 RAAF A-20's hit Yatetabako dispersal; 24 RAAF P-40's cratered Lolobata runways, bombed villages Ceram and hit Utarom bivouacs in Dutch New Guinea.

(8) 2 B-25's damaged 9 schooners Ambon.

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No: C 54308 3 December 1944

Operations December 1:

(9) Patrol B-24's exploded and sank freighter transport north central Panah, left seatruck ablaze and sinking northeast Mindoro, destroyed freighter and small escort vessel, also damaged another escort vessel Brunei Bay, Borneo.

Operations December 2.

(10) Patrol B-24 sank seatruck northern Guimeras Strait; another B-24 shot down 3 probably destroyed 1 and damaged 2 of 10 fighters intercepting over Balikpapan.

(11) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airdromes; 18 day B-24's cratered Boroboro runways, started fires and near missed 2 grounded planes.

(12) 5 RAAF B-24's sank freighter transport in convoy southern Macassar Strait, also bombed Maomere on Flores Island.

(13) Single Beaufort and 2 patrol B-24's bombed coastal town Timor and attacked coastal vessels west Boeroe Island.

(14) 11 B-24's from Nadzab set fuel dumps afire and cratered Tobera runways, Rabaul.

Leyte.

X Corps:

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54308 3 December 1944

32nd Division continued advance south on both sides highway number 2, cleared enemy pockets in rear of forwarded elements.

1st Cavalry Division met stubborn resistence southeast Cabungaan and southeast Bonbongan, continued mopping up rear areas.

XXIV Corps.

7th Division cleared series pillboxes south bank Palanas River, 70 enemy killed, conducted extensive patrolling to northeast.

306th Infantry attached to 11th Airborne Division made gains against enemy positions east slopes Mount Lobi. Heavy rains hampered movements of troops southwest Dagami.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 540 500 lb bombs from 11,500 to 9,600 feet.

(2) No details.

(3) A-20's dropped unstated number parafrags and parademos, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) Dropped 24 250 lb bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) B-25's dropped 168 100 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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No: C 54308 3 December 1944

(6) P-40's dropped 8 500 lb, 34 250 lb bombs; B-25's and P-38's dropped 51 500 lb bombs, 466 parafrags; intense medium accurate, moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) A-20's dropped 15 500 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 25 500 lb, 14 250 lb and 8 100 lb bombs; moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) Dropped 4 500 lb bombs.

(9) and (10). No details.

(11) Dropped 144 500 lb general purpose, 10 100 lb bombs from 13,500 to 11,000 feet, met slight to moderate some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) Dropped 30 500 lb bomb from 5,600 feet.

(13) Dropped 26 250 lb bombs, fired 2,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 88 1,000 lb bombs from 9,500.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log.

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DATE 2 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1506		INFORMATION: CTF 75 CINCSWPAC CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT COMINCH COM 7TH FLT	PRIORITY / ROUTINE: ROUTINE
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MORNING OPERATIONAL 2ND DECEMBER.

OPERATED OUTSIDE GULF DURING THE NIGHT REENTERED AT 0600I. BOISE PHOENIX ROBINSON HALFORD BRYANT NEWCOMB BUSH JOINED AT ABOUT 0400. NO CONTACTS DURING THE NIGHT. FEW REPORTED DAWN BOGIES BUT NONE DEVELOPED.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 54248 2 December 1944

From CINC SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54248 Operations Report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/30 to 1500Z/1.

Masbate:

One destroyer, 3 small transports sighted Dimasalang Harbour, east coast, night November 29.

Mindoro:

Medium freighter transport and gunboat sighted south Tablas Island afternoon December 1.

Mindanao:

Photos Davao November 29 showed six fighters some bombers Padada, six fighters, one single engined bomber Sassa, one fighter, two single engined bombers Licanan, nil aircraft Del Monte Fields.

Celebes:

15 small vessels sighted in Pare Pare area (Gulf of Bone) by B-24's November 30.

Timor:

Four seatrucks sighted Koepang December 1.

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

Nr: C 54248 2 December 1944

Soembawa:

Reconnaissance plane reported submarine in Bima Harbour December 1.

Part 2.

Naval:

PT boats and cooperating P-40's hit warehouses and defence positions Mii Island area, Halmahega, November 29.

Air.

Enemy action:

Leyte:

Four raids aggregating 30 planes attacked Allied installations and gun batteries Carigara night November 30; anti-aircraft fire shot one down.

Morotai:

Anti-aircraft fire claimed one probably destroyed of four raiders night November 28.

Operations November 30:

(1) 11 B-24's from Palau raided Legaspi airdrome, southeastern Luzon, destroyed several grounded planes, hit buildings and cratered runways.

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(2) 16 more Leyte based P-40's damaged destroyer and set two transports afire at Carmen, northeastern Cebu; 16 covering P-47's engaged 12 enemy fighters and destroyed two, one P-47 lost; P-38's over Negros probably destroyed one of nine fighters airborne.

(3) Eight P-40's scored direct hits Palompon Headquarters area, north western Leyte.

(4) 22 B-25's struck Daliao and Padada airdromes from low level, caused fires and explosions and destroyed two grounded planes; 12 B-24's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Matina.

(5) Predawn Mariner heavily damaged small freighter Sulu Sea.

Operations December 1:

(6) Four P -40's set large lugger afire Palompon, destroyed motor trucks and fuel dumps Valencia.

(7) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed airdromes Kendagi.

(8) Four Dutch B-25's sank schooner off Flores Island and bombed Baucau town, Timor; single B-24 demolished buildings along coast.

(9) Single * bombed bivouacs; 5 B-24's started fires Borem airdrome, Wewak; 4 A-20's turned back due weather.

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Leyte Philippines

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(10) Reports of operations incomplete.

Weather...

Equatorial front through northern * Maheras, rain and cloud over Philippines, below average conditions in Solomons.

Land.

Biak:

29 Japanese inoluding five officers surrendered [redacted] northwest tip Biak.

Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division made further advances south towards Divibe, encountered determined enemy resistance.

Cavalry troops contacted enemy force northeast Mount Cabungaan.

XXIV Corps:

Further unit 7th Division reached Palanas River area, artillery shelled Ormoc.

Eleventh Airborne troops continued to concentrate Lake Danao and area southwest Mount Majunag, killed 82 enemy vicinity San Pedro.

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96th Division destroyed further enemy positions in mountains southwest Dagami, continued patrolled area northwest from Mount Lobi.

24,287 enemy killed to date. 186 prisoners.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 54 1,000 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 2 through 6 no details.

(7) Dropped 10 100 lb general purpose bombs plus beer bottle from 11,000 to 8,500 feet, met slight medium and heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) B-25's dropped 16 500 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 600 rounds 50 calibre; B-24 dropped 12 250 lb boms from 8,000 feet.

(9) Beauforts dropped 2 500 lb medium capacity bombs, 2 250 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 60 500 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-airoraft fire.

Luzon:

Reconnaissance planes night November 29 reported

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area Page 6
Leyte Philippines

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two destroyers, two escort vessels, ten small transports anchored off Subic Bay, four seatrucks in San Fernando Harbour; one carrier, three destroyers reported approaching Subic Bay from west morning November 30.

End

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

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FROM: CTF 73		FOR ACTION: COM 7TH FLT; COM 3RD FLT; CINCPOA; CTF 77; CINCSWPA; COMAF 13; COMAAF; COMAF 5; 308 BOMBWING; ALL TF AND TG 3RD FLT; ALL TF AND TG 7TH FLT	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
RELEASED BY:		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CINCPOA CINCSWPA COMAAF COMAF 13 COMAF 5 308 BOMBWING ALL TF AND TG 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTF 77.

5 LEYTE P4Y'S SEARCHED NEW SECTORS Z R Q P N ON DEC 2.

Z FULL 750 MILES 80% COVERAGE VISIBILITY 5 TO 30 MILES.

ALL POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST ALL TIMES I. AT 100 STRAFED AND BURNED 1 LUGGER * 38. 120-20.

R WENT 600 MILES 80% COVERAGE 5 TO 30 MILES VISIBILITY.

SAW 4 DD'S 1 FTA AT 12-40 122-06. TIME 0820. AA INTENSE HEAVY ACCURATE. 1 SB AT 13-49 120-10. TIME 0935. ANCHORED AND CAMOUFLAGED. 4 DD'S AT 11-30 123-40. COURSE 135 SPEED 15 AT 1630. TRAILED BY 2 ZEKES TMWD** OR CLOSE. DESTROYED A 3RD.

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O 190 MILES 80% VISIBILTTY VARIABLE. 3 MERCHANT VESSELS 1 DD 1 PC AT 02-17 122-28 COURSE 120 SPEED 15 TIME 0055 ESCORTED BY 9 FIGHTERS. SAME CONVOY SAME COURSE AND SPEED 11-43 123-26. TIME 1545 NO FIGHTERS.

P WENT 660 MILES 80% VISIBILITY VARIED. 5 TO 30 MILES. 1 FTC MXIMXI WITH 2 DD'S 11-38 123-33 COURSE 120 SPEED 15 AT 1630.

N SEARCHED 490 MILES 80% 30 MILES VISIBILITY. 1 LARGE AK 1 SMALL 4 ESCORTS AT 11-30 119-48 COURSE 070 SPEED 10 KNOTS AT 1000. 5 DD'S AT 11-40 123-20 COURSE 110 SPEED 20 TIME 1500.

ESTIMATE THE 2 R AND 2 Q AND SECOND N SIGHTINGS AS SAME CONVOY OF THREE TRANSPORTS 2 ESCORTS.

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DATE DECEMBER 3 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1527		INFORMATION: COMINCH, CINCPAC, CTF 75, COM 3RD FLEET, CINCSWPA, COM 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY / ROUTINE OP OP OP / DEFERRED
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EVENING OPERATIONAL 2ND. VERY FEW BOGIES. 1 AT EASTERN ENTRANCE AS WE STOOD OUT DID NOT CLOSE WITHIN 1Ø MILES. SUGGEST THERE MAY BE CONNECTION BETWEEN NUMEROUS FALSE CONTACTS IN LEYTE GULF AND THE BOGUS B-25 SEEN DROPPING OBJECTS AROUND THE FORMATION ON 23 NOVEMBER.

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RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: COMAF 13	PRIORITY
DATE: 3 DEC 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM:			DEFERRED
DECODED BY:		INFORMATION: COMAF 5 COMAAF	OP PRIORITY
TYPED BY: FORCE SAMSON/		CINCPOA CINCSWPA	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY:		COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT	ROUTINE
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CTG 73.4 FLIPS ACTION TO COMAF 13 LOCALLY. COMAF 5 COMAAF CINCPOA CINCSWPA VIA COM 7TH FLT AN ADEE COM 3RD FLT AND ALL TGC AND TFC 3RD AND 7TH FLT.

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 2D.

SECTOR C.TO 840 MILES 70%. 1245 BALIKPAPAN HARBOR 1 FTA 36 TU 4 SC ANCHORED. SAME TIME DEPARTING BALIKPAPAN 1 FTA 1SA 1 PG CUS 030 SPEED 8. AT BALIKPAPAN 1255 SEARCH PLANE ATTACKED BY 10 FIGHTERS. FIGHTERS BOXED PLANE WHILE BAL DROPPED AERIAL BOMBS FROM ABOVE. RUNNING BATTLE 1 HOUR 15 MIN FIGHTERS GENERALLY EAGER. DESTROYED 3 ZEKES. 1 JACK PROBABLY DESTROYED. 1 ZEKE 1 PETE DAMAGED. SEARCH PLANE WELL SHOT UP. 2 PERSONNEL SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

SECTOR E TO 590 100%. 0830 EAST SIDE PADADA STRIP 6 CAMOUFLAGED BETTY'S. 1030 FABRICA FIELD 12 CAMOUFLAGED UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT EAST SIDE. 1115 DESTROYED 1 SC 11-05 N 122-58 E.

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SECTOR Y TO 575 MILES 100% NEGAT.

SECTOR 1 1000 MILES 80%. 1030 SAN ANTONIO BAY EMPTY. 1300 TIXJRD* BANK EMPTY. 1500 BALABAC STRAITS EMPTY. 1530 MOLO HARBOR 2 SC'S IUTU BAY EMPTY.

SECTOR 2 1000 MILES 90% NEGAT. 1345 ULIGAN BAY PUERTA PRINCESSA CLOSED IN.

SECTOR 3 TO 850 MILES 75% 1100 DUMARAN EMPTY. 1115 TAY IAY BAY EMPTY. 1145 CORON BAY CLOSED IN. 1200 POSIT 11-55N 119-50E 1DD 3 PG 1 FTA C 1 AO CUS 360 SPEED 12. 1250 BACUIT BAY MALAMPAYA EMPTY.

SECTOR 4 TO 1000 MILES 90% 1100 TAMBALURAN 06-50 N 116-36 E 3 SC ANCHORED. 1145 BRUNEI BAY 1 AK 8000 TONS ANCHORED. 1 LARGE VESSEL SUNK IN BAY. 1300 JESSELTON BAY EMPTY. 1320 MARADU BAY EMPTY. 1345 TRUSAN 06-26 N 117-42 E 1 SC ANCHORED.

VENTURA SEARCHES.

A TO 575 MILES 8% NEGAT. 1200 IAWI TAWI EMPTY.

B TO 575 MILES 85% NEGAT.

D TO 330 MILES 60% NEGAT.

5 TO 450 100%. NEGAE. ALL TTEM TIMES.

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(** ADV GHQ RPT KEE* 3AF 308 BWH 309 BWH VBC VFC 91 PWR CTG ON YKHGOHOWQUONT * 6 CTF 73 PASS TO ALL NAVY CONCERNED FROM COMAF 5 CITE D1738E)

YXXO ROADS * AIR INTENT FOR 2 DECEMBER CAN

(1) VBC NIL

(2) VFC NIL

(3) 11 PWR RAA CONTINUE TO GET MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF CLARK FIELD AND OTHER LUZON AIRDROME AREAS.

(4) 308 BWH A PROVIDE LOCAL FIIEW* DEFENSE
B STRIKE LAND AND SHIPPING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY
C DROPPING MISSIONS AS REQUIRED

(5) 309 BWH FRAGS A 90 BG HIT MATINA AIRDROME USING FREE FALLING
B 345 BG HIT PADADA WITH PARA FRAGS
C BOTH STRIKES AT 1100/I/2. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD.

* AS RECEIVED
** SEVERAL BADLY GARBLED GROUPS

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CINCSWPA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
OM		FOR ACTION: COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE: 2 DEC 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM: 0633		INFORMATION: CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY: HOFNER			ROUTINE
TYPED BY: RASH			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY: PIPP			

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

NIGHT 29/30 SEARCH PLANE POSSIBLY SANK 300 FOOT SHIP IN BRUNEI BAY AND BLACKCAT DAMAGED AO OFF PALAWAN, BOISE NASHVILLE WITH DESDIV 48 DUE LEYTE TOMORROW. ST LOUIS WITH ESCORT DEPARTED LEYTE FOR MANUS

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TOR CODEROOM 2342/91			
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(CTG 77.2 GIVES ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO TO CINCSWPAC CTF 75 RDO HONOLULU PASS INFO TO COMINCH CINCPAC COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.)

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 1 DECEMBER.

RELEASED EDWARDS D 619 TO CTF 75. FEW WORNING BOGIES NONE CLOSED. WEATHER FREQUENT SHOWERS LOW MIST VISIBILITY POOR. PROVISIONING DRY NO FRESH AVAILABLE ONE FUELING.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 54186 1 December 1944

From CINC SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff, War Department cite C 54186. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/29 to 1500Z/30. Signed MacArthur.

Visayas: Local report states one cruiser, two large transports in Sogod Harbor east coast Cebu midday November 30; one medium freighter, two small freighters, one seatruck sighted Masbate Harbor afternoon November 29.

Luzon: Catalina reported 14 vessels off Subic Bay night November 29.

Palawan: One light cruiser, three destroyers, one medium transport, one small tanker with covering floatplane reported approached Balabak Strait from southeast headed up west coast Palawan morning November 30.

Borneo: Two destroyers sighted north Macassar Strait November 29; one cruiser, one transport, four other vessels reported Brunei Bay by reconnaissance aircraft same night.

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Nr: C 54186 1 December 1944

Part 2. Air. Enemy action:

Leyte: light raids against Allied positions Carigara and bay night November 29; P-38 patrol shot down reconnaissance plane over Barauen November 30.

Operations November 29:

1. 16 P-47's swept Cebu Island, destroyed two small seatrucks Sogod Bay, attacked supply dumps and barge center Camotes Islands.

2. Refer paragraph 10, preceding report * B-20 * 2 * Matina Airdrome.

3. RAAF B-24 attacked schooner and shore positions Atapoepoe, Timor.

Operations November 30:

4. 18 Leyte based P-40's sank large freighter east Masbate, destroyed small freighter and one barge north Cebu; eight other P-40's damaged destroyer off Carmen, eastern Cebu.

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5. Predawn patrol plane damaged and possibly sank medium freighter Brunei Bay, Borneo.

6. Four RAAF B-25's swept Flores Island, destroyed one lugger and two barges, damaged jetties and other barges.

7. Four Dutch B-25's bombed Lahane village, Timor; two B-24's bombed administration buildings Baucau.

8. Single Beaufort attacked camp area southern Tanimbars.

9. Five B-24's bombed village Wewak area, six A-20's attacked waterfront installations Kairiru Island.

10. 18 B-24's bombed Malimpoeng airdrome and Pare Pare town, north Macassar, destroyed three parked bombers, hit barracks buildings.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations November 28:

11. Eight B-25's and 15 Corsairs destroyed bridge and attacked plantations New Ireland; 10 New Zealand Venturas and 14 New Zealand Corsairs bombed bivouacs Kavieng.

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From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Nr: C 54186 1 December 1944

12. 103 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs attacked enemy concentrations demolished buildings and hit motor transport Gazelle Peninsula.

Land. Leyte: X Corps. 32nd Division advanced to line extending west from Bonbongon, only light resistance reported; cavalry units remain in contact with strong enemy force eastern slopes Mount Catabaran.

24th Division continued patrolling Mount Lao/ Mount Mamban area without contact.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division continued reinforcement Palanas River area, several enemy attacks on right flank repulsed, 190 enemy killed during period.

11th Airborne Division units met opposition San Pedro area northeast Lubi.

Battalion 77th Division moved southern Samar.

Enemy killed to date 23,669, 184 Japanese prisoners.

Weather: Broken to overcast middle and low cloud

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central Philippines.

Part 3. 1. No details
2. Dropped 80 1000 lb bombs.
3 Dropped 10 300 lb bombs from 8000 feet, fired 500 rounds 50 caliber.
4. No details
5. No details
6. Dropped 16 500 lb medium capacity bombs, fired unstated number rounds.
7. B-25 dropped 16 500 lb bombs; B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 8,000 feet.
8. Dropped 2 250 lb bombs from 2,500 feet, fired 300 rounds 30 caliber.
9. B-24's dropped 70 500 lb bombs from 8,100 feet; A-20's dropped 19 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 6,000 rounds 50 caliber.
10. Dropped 420 100 lb general purpose bombs from 10,400 feet to 9,000 feet, jettisoned 60 other bombs; met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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* Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log

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DATE: 1 DEC 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 012339		INFORMATION: COM 7TH FLT	000000000 PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY: MC CORMACK			
TYPED BY: MC CORMACK/WALP			
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(CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 AND NPM (RDO HONO)
PASS INFO TO COM 7TH FLT)

RECOMMEND AS MANY HEAVY SHIPS AS POSSIBLE BE REMOVED FROM LEYTE GULF. SHIPS NOW OPERATING THEREIN CANNOT OPERATE SAFELY IN RESTRICTED WATERS NOR RECEIVE ADEQUATE LOGISTIC SUPPORT ESPECIALLY SINCE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT. AM HAVING TASK UNIT 77.1.5 JOIN TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SCREEN. WILL THEN HAVE 11 HEAVY SHIPS.

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DATE 2 DECEMBER 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0151			
DECODED BY OLSSON		INFORMATION: CINCSWPAC, CTF 75, CINCPAC COM3RDFLT, COMINCH, COMSEVENTHFLEET	PRIORITY OPOPOPOP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
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ACTION TO CTF 77.
(FROM CTG 77.2./ INFO TO CINCSWPAC AND CTF 75 .
RDO HONO PASS INFO TO CINCPAC AND COMTHIRD FLEET
RDO WASHN PASS INFO TO COMINCH AND RDO MANUS PASS
INFO TO COM SEVENTH FLEET)

EVENING OPERATIONAL. DAY STARTED WELL. FUELED
NEW MEXICO FROM TANKER AND SOME DESTROYERS FROM

MARYLAND ALSO PROVISIONED SOME SMALL BOYS FROM
RETICULUS. AT ABOUT 1400 RECEIVED REPORT OF MANY

ONE ENGINE PLANES ABOUT 170 MILES TO SOUTH DISCONTINUED
ALL OPERATIONS AND FORMED TO. NO PLANE ATTACK

DEVELOPED. LAT 16-16 SOUTH IN SCREEN MADE A GOOD
SOUND CONTACT. MANOEUVERED CLEAR AFTER A FALSE

START DUE TO INCORRECT BEARING TRANSMISSION OF
CONTACT. ONE TORPEDO RIGHTED HEADED TOWARD HEAVY

SHIPS LAT 10-49 LONG 105-24. AT 1707 ROUSBVY* MADE
GOOD SOUND CONTACT LAT 10-56 LONG 128-27 AGAIN

MANOUEVERED CLEAR ONE TORPEDO REPORTED PASSING THROUGH
THE DISPOSITION. AT 1731 CONY MADE GOOD SOUND

CONTACT ON LAT 10-51 LONG 125-07 TUANEK ACAY*NO

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TORPEDOES REPORTED. EATON AND CONY RELEIVED BY INGRAHAM AND COOPER AS FIRST 2 OTHERWISE SCHEDULED.

ALL CONTACTS GOOD FOLLOWED BY REPEATED DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS ON GOOD REGAINED CONTACTS. AT 2100 PASSED

POINT REB TO CRUISE OUTSIDE DURING THE NIGHT. HAVE ONLY SIX DESTROYERS IN COMPANY UNTIL ONE RECALLED SICKET JOIUR*.

*AS RECEIVED

DELIVERED TO 20G

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER F-20 EXTENSION NUMBER

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY R ADM THEBAUD

DATE 1 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1657

DECODED BY

TYPED BY TURLEY

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMNAVEU COMNAVNAW

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NIGHT 29-30 NOVEMBER 4 DDS SWEPT CAMOTES SEA PHILIPPINES ENGAGED A NUMBER OF ENEMY BARGES WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS AND BOMBARDED SHORE INSTALLATIONS SILAD BAY WEST COAST OF LEYTE. OUR VESSELS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED 3 TIMES BY SINGLE ENEMY BOMBERS. 30 NOVEMBER 3 LIBS BOMBED KASHIWABARA PARAMUSHIRU KURILE CHAIN WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS

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