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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 6303 29 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

Twenty seven February, 1 B24 struck Rapopo with 18-centuries, result unobserved. Same date 24 B25's struck Vunapope with 66- quarter tonners and 76-250 pounders, 2 explosions, fires and smoke 600 feet high visible for 60 miles at altitude of 3,000 feet, moderate AA damaged 1 B25, escorting 16 F4U's made no enemy contacts. Same date 21 B24's struck Vunapope with 83 tons bombs, photos show 6 warehouses and 4 large buildings damaged or destroyed, 5 fires started, excellent hits in personnel area, large explosion and heavy black smoke observed, intense accurate AA damaged 2 B24's, 15 escorting F4U's made no enemy contact. Same date 14 P38's dropped 14 quarter tonners on Vunapope, several fires started, light and heavy AA hit 1 P38 which crash landed, pilot safe, another P38 missing. Same date 16 P39's bombed and strafed barges 2 miles south Matsunkei, Empress Augusta Bay Area, 3 barges destroyed. Photos 28 February, Rapopo, 1 dive bomber and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable; Duke of York, additional surfacing runway, Blast shelter under construction; Kahili, no aircraft, runway serviceable 3200 feet by 80 feet; other Bougainville enemy airdromes unserviceable; Poporang, Radar probably 1,000 feet northeast old location; Chabai, 2 barges; Ballale, 1 barge.

Air and Ground Summary for 28 February. Bougainville covering period 1500 February 27 to 1500 February 28. Intensified patrolling carried on in all sectors. Prisoner of War interrogation indicated that elements of the 8 company 81st

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 6303 29 February, 1944

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Infantry are moving south along east coast towards Numa Numa Green Island; airstrip 95% surfaced and taxiway 90% complete.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Vandegrift
Adm King
White House
Log

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FROM CINCSWPA(COM7THFLT)

RELEASED BY

DATE 29 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1211/29

DECODED BY ROWLAND

PARAPHRASED BY RIEHL

ROUTED BY HARRINGTON

FOR ACTION: COMINCH — PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT — PPPPPPPPP ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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COM7THFLT PASSES FOR CINCSWPA. ACTION COMINCH, INFO CNO, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT.

"CATALINAS NIGHT 27TH/28TH DRBPPED BOMBS BOTH UNOBSERVED RESULTS AT MOUTH OF TORIU RIVER NORTH OVEC BAY AND ON EAST END MUSCHU ISLAND WEWAK AREA. ECHELON 4, LST 3DD RETURNED SUDEST FROM GLOUCESTER. ECHELON 3, LCT, 1 PC, 1SC RETURNED CRETIN FROM ARAWE. MACARTHUR."

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

Nr: 6288, 28th February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

26th February, 22 B25's covered by 16 F4U's struck Vunapope with 31 tons bombs, 4 probable fuel fires seen northwest section target, 2 fires in center area probably buildings or supplies, no interception. Same date 17 P38's struck Vunapope with 17-quarter tonners, several fires started, also strafed Rapopo buildings and personnel, moderate accurate AA. Same date 24 B24's dropped 86 tons bombs on Vunapope, photos reveal 140 hits in target area, 4 large warehouses destroyed, 3 piers and 6 barges probably destroyed, intense accurate AA damaged 8 B24's, 16 covering F4U's made no enemy contact.

Photos 27th February show Lakunai, 10 fighters, runway serviceable, 2 heavy AA positions south Mjtupi probably destroyed: Rapopo, 1 dive bomber and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable: Borpop, no aircraft and runway unserviceable: Rabaul harbor, 5 float planes, 1 float bomber: Simpson harbor, 11 small craft and 235 barges: Keravia Bay, no change since yesterday: Vunapope, 20 barges, 119 buildings, 3 warehouses, repair shop and remainder of power house destroyed.

On 26th February 12 P39's bombed and strafed personnel at Monoitu Mission area, results unobserved.

Air and ground operations for 27th February. Ground report western Magine Island occupied by our forces 27th February.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Adm. King, Log

No Sig

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AIROP HENDERSON

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

DATE 27 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1234

DECODED BY JOHNSON

PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOLS

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ALL B29 SEARCHES NEGATIVE. 258, 248 AND 298 WENT FULL DISTANCE SEARCHING 85%, 100% AND 98% RESPECTIVLEY. 8B COVERED 95% OF 620 MILES WHILE 7B SEARCHES 80% OF 625. WEATHER FAIR TO GOOD. EXCEPT 258 POOR AND POOR BETWEEN MALAITA AND FLORIDA.

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FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 27 FEBRAURY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0752

DECODED BY: PURDY

PARAPHRASED BY: REA

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CINCSOWESPAC

INFORMATION: COMDESDIV 89
COM 5TH ADVON

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INTERCEPT GRUNEWALD — 270530 — NCR 5704

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCSOWESPAC INFO COMDESDIV 89. COM 5TH ADVON HAS INFO ANOTHER WAY.

REQUEST SOWESPAC AIR BE ADVISED MOVEMENTS 5 DESTROYERS SOPAC AS GIVIN IN MY 270108 MODIFIED AS IN MY 270356.

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FROM COM 3RD FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COMDESRON 45	PRIORITY
DATE 27 FEBRUARY 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0443			DEFERRED
DECODED BY THOMSON		INFORMATION	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY REA			ROUTINE
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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS TO COMDESRON 45.

REVERSE COURSE NOW. PROCEED POINT PASSION AT ECONOMICAL SPEED. DELAY EXECUTION MY 270108 24 HOURS. MORE LATER

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FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 27 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0610

DECODED BY: SMITH

PARAPHRASED BY: REA

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES

FOR ACTION: COMDESDIV 89
COMTASKFORCE 33

INFORMATION: CINCSOWESPAC
COMGEN 5TH AIR FORCE
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COMAIRSOLS COMAIRMUNDA
COMINCH CONCENTPAC
COMGEN FORWARD AREA
COM 7TH FLEET
CINCPAC COMSUBPAC

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION COMDESDIV 89 COMTASKFORCE 33 INFO CINCSOWESPAC COMGEN 5TH AIR FORCE ALL TASK FORCOMS SOPAC COMAIRSOLS COMAIR MUNDA COMINCH CONCENTPAC COMGEN FORWARD AREA COM 7TH FLEET. CINCPAC INFO PASS INFO COMSUBPAC.

ON ARRIVAL POINT PASSION COMDESDIV 89 PROCEED DUE NORTH WITH DESDIV 89 (5 DESTROYERS) CONDUCT ANTI SHIPPING SWEEP DURING DAYLIGHT 28TH NIGHT 28TH - 29TH DAYLIGHT 29TH IN AREA BOUNDED BY LAT 02-00 NORTH AND 05-00 NORTH LONG 152-00 EAST AND 145-00 EAST. (THIS AREA IS OUTSIDE OF SOWESPAC AIR SEARCH BUT IS COVERED BY SOPAC AIR SEARCH). ON COMPLETION OF THIS SWEEP OF IF AMMUNITION EXPENDED RETIRE SOUTH TO HATHORN FOR LOGISTICS VIA TRACK FOLLOWING LAT 0200 NORTH LONG 156-30 EAST THENCE THROUGH BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT. REPORT

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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FROM CTF 72 (INDEF CALL)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: ALL COMS SOPAC & SOWESPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION (25T)	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE 26 FEBRUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 0518		INFORMATION	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DECODED BY DECKMAN			
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL			
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CTF 72 REPORTS.

NOTHING FOUND WEWAK OR HANSA BAY EDON SEARCHES 25/6. UNIDENTIFIED PLANES SEEN KARKAR ISLAND AND MOUTH SEPIK RIVER AND 2 INDICATED MUSSAU ISLAND. POOR WEATHER ALONG NEW GUINEA COAST LINE.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COMAIRSOLS (RDO TOROKINA)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2054

DECODED BY: FISHER

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOLS, COMAIRGUADAL AND ALL TF 33 AIROPS IN SOLOMONS
USS WRIGHT
USS COOS BAY

INFORMATION:

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COMAIRSOLS SENDS TO AIROPS, INCLUDING WRIGHT AND COOS BAY.

(Empress Augusta Bay)

FRIENDLY TROOPS WILL BE ON MACINE ISLANDS 26TH FEBRUARY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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From: New Caledonia
To : WAR

Number 6227 February 25 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

On 23 February 4 B24's dropped 24 frag clusters on supply and bivouac areas in upper Seua river area, southeast Bougainville, accurate heavy AA received east of Monoitu mission. Same date 10 B25's struck Keravat with 60-½ tonners, 45 hits in north dispersal area others across west end runway. Same date 9 B25's dropped 54-½ tonners on Vunakanau starting large fires southeast of runway, accurate heavy AA damaged 2 bombers. Same date 16 P38's dropped 16-½ tonners on Vunapope supply area starting two large fires. On 24 February B 24 Snooper dropped 5-½ tonners on Duke of York Island, result unobserved. Same date another B 24 Snooper dropped 5-½ tonners on 5 ship enemy convoy headed northeast 70 miles northeast Kavieng, scored direct hit one ship. Photos 24 February show Kahili, Kara, Ballale and Kieta, no aircraft, runways unserviceable, 1 barge Ballale, 5 barges Shortland-Faisi area.

Air and Ground summary for 24 February. Bougainville covering period 1500 February 23 to 1500 February 24. Americal Division: local patrolling continued. 37 Division: reinforced company from 148 Infantry finding Kuraio mission occupied by Nips with heavy mortars and machine guns, requested air support. Area was bit by air on 23rd and 24th, our force is maintaining contacts and occupies south bank of Tsinamutu river. Patrols to House Kiape were negative. Green Island: 1 Company landed on Sau (Northwest Green Island) Island killing 14 Nips with slight casualties to our troops: another Company landed on Pinipel and reported Nip Bivouac on

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From: New Caledonia
To : WAR

Number 6227 February 25 1944.

the northwest tip of island. Patrols on Nissan Island were negative: work on air strip progressing very satisfactorily.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Vandegrift
Adm. King
White House
Log

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM: COM 7TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH FLEET INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Z4X)	PRIOR Y
DATE: 25 FEB 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM: 0338/25			DEFERRED
DECODED BY: GRUNEWALD		INFORMATION:	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY: J ALLEN			ROUTINE
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BLUE SUB PREDAWN 21ST REPORTS 7 SMALL 3 LARGE WARSHIPS APPROACHING SINGAPORE. PREDAWN 23RD AIR SIGHTING CONVOY 4/5 SHIPS 05-00S. 118-40E. 8 P39'S OVER MADANG AREA 23RD REPORT NIL OPPOSITION AND NIL ACTIVITY APPEARED ENEMY EVACUATED AREA. 3 MITCHELLS FOR 1 HOUR AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE OVER ADMIRALTIES 23RD REPORT NIL ENEMY ACTIVITY AIR STRIPS OVERGROWN AND UNSERVICEABLE APPEARS ENEMY HAS EVACUATED MAJOR FORCES MANUS AND LOS NEGROS. LIBERATORS BOMBED WEWAK DROMES 23RD NIL AIR OPPOSITION. 11 VENGEANCES 24TH DROPPED BOMBS HANSA BAY AREA. SOPAC AIRCRAFT MIDDAY 23RD 10 MITCHELLS HIT KERAVAT DISPERSALS AND RUNWAY 9 MITCHELLS DROPPED BOMBS THROUGH OVERCAST ON VUNAKANAU NIL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED. 16 LIGHTNINGS HIT VUNAKANAU WITH QUARTER TON BOMBS. 1000L 24TH 1 WESTBOUND DESTROYER OFF CAPE GAZELLE. S.....NG REPORTED RABAUL

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1730L 24TH 9 AK'S APPROX 100/200 TONS 3 AK'S APPROX 10,000 TONS 3 LCI'S 1 BARGE 200 FEET.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COMDESDIV 90

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2130

DECODED BY: LAWRENCE

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMSOPAC — OP PRIORITY OP ROUTINE OP DEFERRED

INFORMATION: CTF 31 ALL COMDRS SOPAC CTG 34.1 AND SOPAC CONCERNED CTF 33 AIR OP INT COMAIR MUNDA COMAIRSOLS — OP PRIORITY OP ROUTINE OP DEFERRED

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COMDESDIV 90 SENDS ACTION COMSOPAC. INFO CTF 31, CTG 34.1, CTF 33, COMAIR MUNDA, COMAIRSOLS. RDOS PASS. Rabaul

COMPLETED 30-MINUTE BOMBARDMENT VUNAPOPE AREA. SEVERAL MINOR, 1 MAJOR EXPLOSION. 1 FIRE STILL VISIBLE 20 MILES AT 0300, APPARENTLY SPREADING. 2000 ROUNDS INTO TARGET AREA, RANGES 6 TO 8000. SPOTTING PLANE REPORTED SPORADIC RETURN FIRE 1 BATTERY SMOTHERED. ADDITIONAL ROUNDS TO CAPE GAZELLE AND MATUPI. CLOSE INSPECTION FAILED TO UNCOVER LCI'S REPORTED OFF RAPOPO. SEARCHES RAPOPO NORTHWARD. NO LUCK. FURTHER BOMBARDMENT CANCELLED TO SEARCH FOR PLANE REPORTED DOWN TO SOUTHEASTWARD DUKE OF YORK. RESULTS NEGATIVE. NO LUCK ON TORPEDO TARGETS. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. ETA HATHORN 1800. TIMES L.

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DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 1944

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FROM COMAIRSOPAC TO COMSOPAC. INFO ALL INTERESTED IN CURRENT OPERATIONS.

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COMSOPAC ADVON SENDS ACTION COMMTBRONS SOPAC. INFO COMINCH, COMAIRSOLS, COMAIR MUNDA. RADIO CANBERRA PASS INFO COMGEN 5TH AF.

COMSOPAC OPERATION PLAN 5C-44.

INFORMATION:

JAP TROOP SUPPLY SHIPPING CONCENTRATION RABAUL. SHIPPING HIDEOUTS DUKE OF YORK ISLAND AND LABUR BAY BORPOP HARBOR NABUTO BAY CAPE ST GEORGE ANCHORAGES (NEW IRELAND). AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION AT DUKE OF YORK AND AT BORPOP AND NAMOTANAI SOUTHEAST COAST NEW IRELAND.

GENERAL TASK:

THIS FORCE WILL DESTROY ENEMY SHIPPING AS DIRECTED ENROUTE TO AND IN RABAUL AND IN HIDEOUT ANCHORAGES LISTED ABOVE AND WILL BOMBARD AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION

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TASK ORGANIZATION:

TASK GROUP 34.2 CAPTAIN PETERSEN IN WALLER DESRON 22 (8 DESTROYERS). TASK GROUP 36.4 COMMODORE MORAN MTBRONS SOPAC. TASK FORCE 33 VICE ADMIRAL FITCH SHORE AND TENDER BASED AIR SOPAC.

TASK GROUP 34.2 DEPART FROM WESTWARD OF TREASURY-GREEN 4TH ECHELON TRACK AFTER DARK FEBRUARY 29TH. PROCEED AT HIGH SPEED IN TIME FOR ONE DIVISION TO ATTACK JAP SHIPPING AND SHORE CONCENTRATIONS RABAUL AREA COMMENCING BOMBARDMENT ABOUT 2300L FEBRUARY 29TH. THIS DIVISION WITHDRAW TO NORTH TO HARASS JAP SHIPPING DUKE OF YORK ANCHORAGES AND COMMENCE BOMBARDMENT DUKE OF YORK AIR-FIELD AT 0030L MARCH 1ST. THEREAFTER THIS DIVISION

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PROCEED TO LABUR BAY DESTROYING ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED. SAME DIVISION RETIRE AT HIGH SPEED FROM THAT VICINITY AT Ø33ØL CLEAR ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL AND PROCEED TREASURY. OTHER DIVISION OF TASK GROUP 34.2 DESTROY ENEMY RADAR CAPE ST GEORGE. EXAMINE JAP ANCHORAGES EAST COAST CAPE ST GEORGE, DESTROY ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED. THEREAFTER PROCEED ALONG EAST COAST NEW IRELAND. DESTROY ENEMY SHIPPING ENCOUNTERED OR IN HIDEOUT ANCHORAGES AS FAR NORTH AS AND INCLUDING NARUTO BAY. BOMBARD BORPOP AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS COMMENCING ABOUT Ø3ØØL MARCH 1ST, NAMOTANAI AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS COMMENCING AT DAYLIGHT SAME DAY. AFTER PULVERIZING NAMOTANAI RETIRE TO TREASURY VIA ROUTE EAST OF FENI AND GREEN WEST OF BUKA. TASK GROUP 36.4

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PROVIDE 12 PT'S TASK UNIT 36.4.1 DEPART SQUAREPEG PRIOR DARK FEBRUARY 29TH ARRIVE OFF CAPE GAZELLE AT 233[illegible]L SAME DATE. THEREAFTER AND AFTER WITHDRAWAL TO NORTH OF OUR BOMBARDING DESDIV HARASS JAP SHIPPING CAPE GAZELLE-KERAVIA BAY AND SOUTHERN HIDEOUTS DUKE OF YORK. RETIRE IN TIME TO CLEAR CAPE CAZELLE SOUTHBOUND BY [illegible]33[illegible]L MARCH 1ST. THENCE AT BEST SPEED TO SQUAREPEG. TASK FORCE 33 SEARCH FOR AND DESTROY JAP RADAR ADLER HARBOR (EASTERN NEW BRITAIN) PRIOR AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 29TH. PROVIDE FOR TASK GROUP 34.2 FIGHTER COVER AFTERNOON AND UNTIL DARK FEBRUARY 29TH, AND DURING THAT NIGHT SPOTTERS-SNOOPERS ALL NIGHT, AND FIGHTERS UNTIL MOONSET, DAYLIGHT SPOTTER AT NAMOTANAI, FIGHTER COVER THEREFROM TO EAST OF FENI.

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TASK GROUP 34.2 (DD's) AND TASK UNIT 36.4.1 (DT's) ESTABLISH IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS. IF DESIRED ARRANGE DESTROYER ILLUMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR PELOEE ATTACK. INTERPRON 1 GRID CHARTS Ø51Ø, Ø511, Ø516, Ø517, Ø518 EFFECTIVE.

LOGISTICS FOR TASK GROUP 36.4 AT SQUAREPEG CHERRY (from Guam) BLOSSOM GODDTIME FOR TASK GROUP 34.2 AT TREASURY (Tarawa) HATHORN PURVIS. (from Tulagi)

THIS OPERATION PLAN EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT. COMMUNICATIONS AS IN MY OP PLAN 1-44. COMSOPAC AT LECTERN. (Noumea)

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

Nr. 6184 23 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1244L, 21st February, 15 B24's struck Lakunai with 60 tons bombs, photos revealed many hits on Sulphur Creek auto AA, seaplane base tank park, south Rabaul barracks and aircraft repair area where 2 fires started, no fighter opposition. At 1255L, same date, 4 B24's covered NY 23 F4U's and 14 P38's struck Rapopo scoring 20 hits on southwest revetments and 7 in east central dispersal area, intense accurate heavy AA damaged 2 B24's; Large column smoke seen southeast Rabaul. At 0900L, 21st February, 3 B24's struck Kara, 24-250 pounders were dropped north and west of runway, result unobserved, intense accurate heavy AA received. Same date, 2 P39's dropped 8 frags which fired 8 buildings at Tsundawan, also strafed and damaged 5 buildings south of Tabut, north west tip Bougainville. Same date, 4 P39's strafed 10 barges in Matchin Bay, result unobserved. At 1020L, 22nd February, search plane sighted 3 AK's in north Keravia Bay, Rabaul area; 1 ship north of Vulcan Crater; 30 barges and landing craft on south and southeast shores of Bay; 1 AK north west Praed Point, 1 large AK west side Simpson Harbor. Photos taken 22nd February show Rapopo, 1 dive bomber, runway serviceable: Kavieng, 2 fighters, 2 dive bombers and 3 medium bombers, runway unserviceable: Panapai, no aircraft, runway unserviceable, Vunopope, 15 barges: Kavieng, 4 barges: Keravia Bay, 2 DD's or PC's, 244 small craft. Other missions

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weathered out. Air and ground summary for 22nd February. Bougainville covering period 1500 February 21st to 1500 February 22nd. 37th Division: a patrol from the 129 Infantry captured 1 nip in the vicinity of 131.0-226.3 also 3 natives brought back by patrol reported a large enemy force just north of point of capture and along the Kiwa Numa trail. The 135th Field Artillery Battalion moved into position south of Lake Kathleen from which point the Uaruma River Valley can be covered. American Division: a reconnaissance patrol from the 132nd Infantry observed an estimated Jap company moving northest in vicinity of 139.8-219.9; Artillery fire was placed on this area. Another reconnaissance patrol contacted an unknown number of nips armed with 3 light machine guns and 1 heavy machine gun in the vicinity of 138.0-217.6, 5 nips were killed. 4 nips coming from north side of hill 600 were seen by a reconnaissance patrol from the 164th Infantry, 3 nips were killed and 1 wounded. Nissan Island: Organized nip resistance overcome, Jap casualties to date; 62 killed, our losses 3 killed and 11 wounded.

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EXECUTE PLAN ROAMER MY 21Ø24Ø. ALSO SEE MY OPERATION PLAN 5F-44.

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FROM: COMSOPAC ADVON (INDEF CALL)

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY: 21 FEBRUARY 1944

DATE: 0620

TOR CODEROOM: STEARNS

DECODED BY:

PARAPHRASED BY: LYNN

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTG 38.4

INFORMATION: COMINCH, COMAIR MUNDA, COMAIRSOLS, COMDESRON 45, CINCSOWESPAC, CINCPAC, COMCENPACFOR, CTU 35.7.6, COMSUBPAC

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COMSOPAC ADVON ORIGINATES, INFO COMAIRSOLS COMAIR MUNDA COMCENPAC COMINCH CINCPAC WHO PASSES INFO COMSUBPAC.

attached

IN LIEU "PLAN DIVERSION", MY 210225, I WILL DIRECT EXECUTION "PLAN ROAMER" WHICH IS MODIFICATION PLAN DIVERSION AS FOLLOWS: DO NOT DETACH UNIT TO BOMBARD KAPINGARARANGI. ENTIRE GROUP REMAIN IN COMPANY WITH TU 35.7.6. TOP OFF GROUP MORNING OF 23RD VICINITY 50 MILES NORTH OF POINT TIMBER. ATTACH TU 35.7.6 AND PROCEED THEREAFTER AS OUTLINED FOR PLAN DIVERSION.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMTASKGROUP 38.4

COMTASKUNIT 35.7.6
COMDESRON 45

INFORMATION: COMCENPACFOR
SUPREME COMDR SOUWESPAC
CINCPAC COMINCH
COMAIRSOLS
COMAIR MUNDA
COMSUBPAC

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COMSOPAC ADVON SENDS. INFO COMAIRSOLS COMAIRMUNDA COMINCH COMCENPAC AND CINCPAC. PHO PASSES INFO COMSUBPAC.

IF DIRECTED BY ME TO EXECUTE "PLAN DIVERSION" DETACH 24 DESTROYERS AFTER DARK FEBRUARY 22ND TO BOMBARD KAPINGAMARANGI (GREENWICH) ISLAND COMMENCING DAWN 23RD. REMAINING DESTROYERS TO PROCEED ON GENERALLY NORTHERN COURSE WITHTASK UNIT 35.7.6 IN COMPANY TOPPING OFF WITH FUEL ENROUTE. HAVE BOMBARDMENT DESTROYERS RETURN TO FUELLING GROUP IN TIME TO TOP OFF PRIOR DARK. AFTER COMPLETION FUELING DIRECT TASK UNIT 35.7.6 RETIRE VICINITY LAT 02-00 SOUTH LONG 158-00 EAST OPERATING TO EAST THEROF DURING DAYLIGHT RETURNING THERETO DURING DARKNESS. PROCEED WITH YOUR TASK GROUP ON ANTI SHIPPING SWEEP TO ARRIVE POINT PASSION DAYLIGHT 24TH. EXAMINE EMIRAU AND MUSSAU ISLAND ANCHORAGES LATE AFTERNOON 24TH FOR PURPOSE

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DESTROYING ENEMY SHIPPING. RETIRE TO NORTHWEST AFTER DARK 24TH. BE PREPARED FOR BOMBARDMENT FOREARM DAWN 25TH CONSERVE FUEL AS PRACTICABLE.

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DATE 21 FEBRUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1544		INFORMATION: COMAIRSOPAC COMCEN SOPAC COMAF 13	PRIORITY PPPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY JENKINS			
PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT			
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FROM COMAIRSOLS TO COMSOPAC. INFO ARE COMAIRSOPAC, COMCEN SOPAC, COMAF 13.

CHOISEUL CW REPORTS LIGHT AT SEA OFF PORO PORO AND KONDAKANIMBOKO ISLAND NIGHT OF 20-21 FEBRUARY, WHICH DISAPPEARED WHEN OUR PLANES WERE HEARD: SCOUTS NOW SEARCHING CHOISEUL BAY AREA FOR EVIDENCE OF EVACUATION.

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FROM: CTG 51.5

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 21 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1214

DECODED BY: WALP

PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CTF 51

INFORMATION: CTG 50.15 CTF 57 COMCENTPAC CINCPAC

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COMTASKGROUP 51.5 SENDS ACTION COMTASKFOR 51 INFO COMTASKGROUP 50.15 COMTASKFOR 57 COMCENTPAC CINCPAC. RDO HONOLULU PASS TO ALL ADDEES.

BOMBARDMENT COMPLETED. ALL FIRING AT MINIMUM RANGE WITH TOP AND PLANE SPOT. TARGETS WELL COVERED AND SPOTS SMALL BUT ONLY 1 VERY SMALL FIRE STARTED. OUR PREDECESSORS HAD DONE TOO GOOD A JOB. WOULD LIKE TO DEMOLISH GOOD TARGETS STILL LEFT ON EMMA NEXT TIME. NO CASUALTIES AND NO RETURN FIRE AT SHIPS OR PLANES. BOMBARD WOTJE AT 0900 MONDAY. OPERATING TO EASTWARD MALOELAP AND WOTJE TONIGHT.

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No: 6154 21 February, 1944

(Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC) air and ground summary for 20 February.

At 1055L, 19 February, 14 B24's covered by 21 F4U's and 14 P38's struck Tobera with 52 tons bombs, excellent hits on runway and dispersal area, one fire northeast of runway, intense AA damaged 6 bombers, 12-16 enemy fighters contacted, B24's destroyed 3 Zekes, fighter escort downed 2 probables. At 1042L, 19 February, 6 B24's struck Lakunai dropping three dash half tonners on runway, eight dash half tonners hit south central dispersal loop and four dash half tonners struck between runway and sulphur creek. Photos taken 20 February show Lakunai, 23 fighters and 25 bombers, concrete runway unserviceable, bomber mat serviceable for 2600 feet: Tobera, runway serviceable, craters filled; six new auto AA visible. At 0835L, 20 February, search plane attacked enemy sub headed northeast 25 miles north Buka Island, result unobserved.

Bougainville covering. 1500 February 19 to 1500 February 20;

61 Nips were observed by a reconnaissance patrol 164 Infantry along a ridge from hill 250 to hill 600; 40 of the Nips had full packs and 2 heavy machine guns. Two of three Nips seen in vicinity of disabled tank east of Torokina river mouth were killed. Reinforced Company from 129 Infantry established an advanced base in vicinity of 131.0-224.0 for security of patrols.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

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A platoon of the Second Company Fiji Commando guerillas left perimeter on 20 February and proceeded north along the Laruma river valley to reconnoiter the area north of hills 1111 and 1000. Our artillery fired support and harassing missions in the vicinity of hills 600 and 250, along east bank of Torokina river and placed neutralization fires on supply route east of Saua river. 155 MM concentrations were fired 3000 yards east of Moy river mouth, in vicinity of the Tekessi river mouth, east of Mavavia and on the Jaba area. Nissan Island: Previously reported Jap pocket of resistance stronger than expected; at least 30 Nips were killed with a loss to our force of 6 killed 15 wounded, our tanks effectively assisted ground troops in the assault. Second Echelon arrived without incident.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM CTF 31

RELEASED BY

DATE 21 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0733

DECODED BY BECKMAN

PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMSOPAC
ALL COMDRS SOPAC AND SWPAC CONCERNED AIR
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CTF 31 SENDS. ACTION COMSOPAC.

SUMMARY FOR 21ST: 2ND ECHELON LST'S COMPLETED UNLOADING AND DEPARTED SQUAREPEG AT 1500L YESTERDAY WITHOUT INCIDENT. TO DATE HAVE DELIVERED 10,600 PERSONNEL AND 10,500 TONS OF CARGO TO SQUAREPEG. LST'S EVACUATED APPROXIMATELY 1000 NATIVES FOR GUADAL. TREASURY PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS. TOROKINA PT'S AND BOTH OF 2 BARGES SIGHTED OUTBOUND AROUND MOTUPENA POINT AT 2050L LAST NIGHT. PT'S RECEIVED MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE FROM LEAD BARGE AND FROM BEACH, BUT NO REPORTED CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. SEARCHED LAGOON IN GAZELLE HARBOR AFTER DAYLIGHT AND FOUND NOTHING. NO REPORT FROM GREEN PT'S ON FENI ISLAND PATROL AS YET. IN

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MOPPING UP NVP POCKET ON SOUTHWEST NISSAN YESTERDAY OUR TROOPS LOST 6 KILLED AND 15 WOUNDED TO AT LEAST 3Ø NVPS KILLED WITH FEW IF ANY ENEMY LEFT IN THAT AREA. TANKS EFFECTIVELY ASSISTED INFANTRY IN THE ATTACK. NO REDS YESTERDAY. FIGHTER STRIP CLEARED OF TREES 2ØØØ FEET BY 5ØØ FEET WIDE. 4ØØ OF 2ØØØ CLEARED OF TOPSOIL.

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FROM: COMSOPAC ADVON

RELEASED BY:

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 210722

DECODED BY: STRICKLAND

PARAPHRASED BY: STRICKLAND

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMDESRON 45 — PRIOR[illegible]Y — ROUTINE — DEFERRED — OP OP OP OP

INFORMATION: SUPREME COMDR SOWESPAC AREA; ALL TFC'S SOPAC; CTG 38.4 — PRIORITY — ROUTINE — DEFERRED — OP OP OP OP

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COMSOPAC ADVON SENDS.

PREPARE YOUR SQUADRON FOR ANTI SHIPPING SWEEP MEMSAHIB-FOREARM NIGHT 24TH-25TH. PRESENT INTENTION 1 DIVISION HIT MEMSAHIB AREA OTHER TO SWEEP WEST COAST NEW IRELAND PINCH SOUTHERN EXITS FOREARM IN CONJUNCTION DAYLIGHT SHELLING THAT AREA FROM NORTH BY DESRON 12. SAIL YOU SQUADRON FROM BUG SAIL AFTERNOON 23RD TO TOP OFF WITH FUEL EARLY MORNING 24TH AT TREASURY. FURTHER ORDERS WILL FOLLOW.

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FROM: COM 7TH FLEET

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR GOODROOM: 0707/0746

DECODED BY: CRUNEWALD/BECKMAN

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

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FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RCCEIVING COM 7TH FLT INTELLICENCE SUMMARY

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PRE DAWN 20TH 18 LIBERATORS CAUSED EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES LAHA DROME AMBON. 1500L 19TH 5TH AIR FORCE, BOSTONS, MITCHELLS AND LIGHTNINGS STRUCK SHIPPING ALONG SOUTH COAST NEW IRELAND. INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDICATE SANK 2 SMALL AK'S, 2 PC'S, DAMAGING 1 DD. 1100L 20TH SOPAC SEARCHERS REPORT 2 DD'S OFF KATHARINE BAY, COURSE 315. PRELIMINARY REPORTS AIR STRIKE KAVIENG APPROACHES 20TH 3 SMALL AK'S SUNK, 2 DAMAGED. SAME DAY 15 ATTACK BOMBERS STRUCK MANSA BAY INSTALLATIONS. SOPAC AIRCRAFT CONTINUED STRIKING RABAUL 19TH. DAUNTLESSES AND AVENGERS POUNDED LAKUNAI POSITIONS AND RENDERED RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE. MATUPI AA POSITIONS HIT. LIBERATORS FOLLOWING SCORED MANY HITS RUNWAYS, DISPERSAL AREAS LAKUNAI AND TOBERA. BLUE BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 26 JAP

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FIGHTERS, 1 FLOAT PLANE FOR LOSS 1 CORSAIR. 1440L 20TH SOPAC SEARCHER BOMBED 1 DD 04-24 S 153-27 E, COURSE 040. UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 0831L 20TH 1 SUB ATTACKED 04-50 S 153-25 E WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. NIGHT 20TH/21ST SEARCHERS MADE SIGHTINGS 2 DD'S, 2 AK'S WEST OPEN BAY, PROBABLY ON SUPPLY RUN RABAUL/ KIMBE BAY AREA. 0225L 21ST LIBERATOR DROPPED 3 BOMBS ON UNIDENTIFIED TARGET NORTHWEST HANSA BAY. CATALINAS NIGHT 19TH/20TH REPORT 1 MEDIUM AK IN FLAMES AND ABANDONED 02-30 S 150-45 E. 2 BEACHED AK'S OBSERVED UNGALIK HARBOR, NEW HANOVER. PT'S SAME NIGHT SANK 1 TYPE A AND 100-FOOT BARGE REIN BAY AREA; ALSO SANK 1, DAMAGED 1 OF 5 TYPE A BARGES OFF CAPE BEECHEY UNDER FIRE FROM BARGES AND SHORE. BLUE SUB 2030L 19TH SANK 1 AK APPROXIMATELY 03-00 N 141-00 E. SOPAC SEARCHER

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1425L 20TH REPORTS 1 MAJURO AVP, 3 DD'S, 1 PT 06-40 N 151-00 E, COURSE 270, SPEED 20.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM:

RELEASED BY: 21 FEBRUARY 1944

DATE: 0157/21

TOR CODEROOM: VERKLER

DECODED BY: PURDY

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ADDRESSEES — ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: UNIDENTIFIED CAL (0084) COMTASKGROUP 38.4 COMAIRSOPAC

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COVERED KAPINGRANGI NO ENEMY ACTION NOTHING TO SHELL. CONTINUING PATROL.

*PASSED BY 0084 TO COMTASKGROUP 38.4 AND COMAIRSOPAC AS 202359.

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COMAIRSOLS SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC. INFO COMSOPAC COMGENSOPAC ALL CTF 3OPAC COMAFADVON 5 ATTENTION A2 ADVON 3 US RADIO NOUMEA PASS INFO TO COMCENTPAC AND COMAIRCENPAC.

2 ATTACKS 20TH ON SUB OFF CAPE SAINT GEORGE MADE BY B 33 SEARCHPLANES BROUGHT OUT SPECIAL ANTISUB SEARCHPLANES TO CIRCLE CONTINUOUSLY THE AREAS OF THESE ACTIONS. PHOTO-PLANE 1300L REPORTED OIL SLICK 15 MILES OFF CAPE MIMIAS NEW IRELAND APPROXIMATE SITE OF 2ND SUB ATTACK. ANOTHER PHOTOPLANE REPORTED 2 LARGE DESTROYERS HONGKONG HARBOR WEST COAST NEW IRELAND HEADED TOWARD KAVIENG AND HALF SANE OFF SHORE 1100L 20TH. ALSO DESTROYER 1 SMALLER CRAFT AND FIGHTER ANOTHER DESTROYER OR A SUB BETWEEN CRATER PENINSULA AND TAWUI POINT. 2 SNOOPERS FOR 19TH 20TH NEGATIVE. FIGHTER PILOT SIGHTED 3 LIFE RAFTS AT LEAST 1 OCCUPANT

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30 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST MOUNT BEI ON BUKA. DUMBO 20TH PICKED UP 6 MAN CREW OF MITCHELL 2 HOURS AFTER MITCHELL WATER LANDED 5 MILES SOUTH CAPE SAINT GEORGE. ALSO RESCUED LIEUT R A SCHAEFFER VMF 222 DOWNED 19TH SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL. 2 PREDAWN VENTURAS BARGE HUNTING 20TH NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR STAR SHELLS NEAR CHABAI AND MEAGER HEAVY AA SHORTLANDS. BLACK CATS 19TH 20TH NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR DROPPING 4 BOMBS BALLALE. 4 MORE MIKUIK ISLAND. 24 WRANS ON 3 INCH GUN POSITION SARIME WHICH WAS ALSO STRAFED. ANTI SUB VENTURA NEGATIVE AFTERNOON 20TH. ALSO DUMBO SEARCH NEGATIVE FOR 3 LIFE RAFTS REPORTED ABOVE.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COMSOPAC ADVON (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0937/1106

DECODED BY: BENNETT/MONROE

PARAPHRASED BY: DUNNIT

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTF 33, CTG 39.4

INFORMATION: CINCSOWESPAC, CINCPAC, COMINCH, COMINCH FORWARD AREA, COMAIRSOLS, COMAIR MUNDA, ALL TFC SOPAC, COMNAVBASE

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COMSOPAC ADVON SENDS. INFO ALL TFC SOPAC, CINCSOWESPAC, CINCPAC, COMINCH, COMAIRSOLS, COMAIR MUNDA. COMNAVBASE FORWARD AREA HAS INFO.

OPERATION PLAN 5E-44.

INFORMATION: FAST ENEMY CONVOYS TRUK-KAVIENG MAINTAIN APPROXIMATELY DIRECT ROUTE. SLOW CONVOYS FROM TRUK TO KAVIENG AND RABAUL FOLLOW TRACK, PASSING THROUGH VICINITY LATITUDE Ø2-ØØ N LONGITUDE 147-3Ø E. JAP SHIPPING KAVIENG-RABAUL HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN KAUT BAY, KATHARINE HARBOR, KALILI HARBOR (WEST COAST NEW IRELAND), IN DUKE OF YORK ANCHORAGES AND AT ANCHORAGES VICINITY CAPE SAINT GEORGE. GENERAL TASK: THIS FORCE WILL CONDUCT SWEEP FOR AND DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY SHIPPING. TASK ORGANIZATION: TASK GROUP 39.4, CAPTAIN BURKE IN CHARLES F AUS-

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BURNE, DYSON, CONVERSE, STANLEY, SPENCE DEPART PURVIS 0600L, FEBRUARY 20TH, PROCEED VIA INDISPENSABLE STRAIT TO RENDEZVOUS AT 0600L FOLLOWING DAY WITH TASK UNIT 35.7.6 130 MILES EAST OF POINT CATFISH. TOP OFF WITH FUEL AND PROCEED ON ANTI-JAP SWEEP ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO "FAVORABLE" ENCOUNTERS. ARRIVE VICINITY POSITION 90 MILES BEARING 010 FROM NORTH CAPE (NORTHERN NEW IRELAND) AT 2400L 21ST. THENCE TO APPROXIMATE POSITION EQUATOR LONGITUDE 148-30 E TO ARRIVE AT 0800L 22ND. AFTER THAT TO ARRIVE LATITUDE 02-00 S LONGITUDE 149-00 E AT 1400L SAME DATE. FROM THERE AND KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND AS PRACTICABLE, SEND 2 DESTROYERS TO BOMBARD KAVIENG, COMMENCING ABOUT 1900L WITH DIRECTIONS TO RETIRE WELL TO EAST THEN SOUTHEAST TO HATHORN TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT 23RD. SEND 3 DESTROYERS TO APPROACH FROM

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THE SOUTHWEST THE SOUTHERN EXITS FROM KAVIENG ABOUT 2130L; THEREAFTER TO PROCEED VIA GAZELLE CHANNEL AND CLOSELY PAST KATHARINE HARBOR, KALILI HARBOR, DUKE OF YORK ANCHORAGES AND CAPE SAINT GEORGE ANCHORAGES. (ALTERNATE PLAN: SEND ALL DESTROYERS EITHER ROUTE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS). PROCEED VIA POINT SCRAPPY TO HATHORN TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT 23RD. TASK FORCE 33 PROVIDE TASK GROUP 39.4 PROMPTLY WITH ALL CONTACT REPORTS, INFO CONCERNING SHIPPING SIGHTED IN HARBORS SPECIFIED INFO PARAGRAPH, **ALL PERTINENT** RESULTS PLANE STRIKES. FURNISH NIGHT SPOTTER FOR BOMBARDMENT KAVIENG AND NIGHT SWEEPERS-SPOTTERS FOR UNIT SWEEPING DOWN WEST COAST NEW IRELAND AND CAPE SAINT GEORGE ANCHORAGES NIGHT OF 22ND-23RD. ALSO FIGHTER COVER MORNING OF 23RD. PARA X. INTERPRON 1 KAVIENG GRID 0510, RABAUL GRIDS 0510 AND 0511 AND 4 MILE

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STRATEGIC NEW GUINEA SERIES, RABAUL FIRST EDITION APPLY. CINCSOWESPAC PLANES WILL KEEP CLEAR. IN CASE EVENTS MAKE IT IMPRACTICABLE TO WORK OVER KAVIENG AND POINTS SOUTH THEREOF, CTG 39.4 INFORM ALL CONCERNED PROMPTLY AND PROCEED TO EAST THEN SOUTHEAST. FUEL AT TREASURY, HATHORN, PURVIS AND IN OILER AS DIRECTED BY ME. AMMUNITION AT HATHORN AND PURVIS. THIS OP PLAN EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT. MY COMPLAN 1-44 STILL HOLDS. I AM AT MAINYARD.

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RELEASED BY

DATE 19 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0703

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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PART 2 190223 NCR 8839

MIDDAY 16TH P40'S WITH FIGHTER COVER STRUCK BARGES AND INSTALLATIONS WEWAK AREA. ON 18TH P40'S ALSO STRUCK INSTALLATIONS MADANG AREA. MIDDAY 18TH 3 SQUADS BEAUFORTS WITH P40'S STRUCK GAVUVU VILLACE CAPE HOSKINS AREA WITH GENERALLY UNOBSERVED RESULTS. FURTHER INFORMATION ON DAUNTLESS AND AVENGER STRIKE 17TH INDICATES SOME AVENGERS CARRIED ROCKET BOMBS AND 19 DIRECT + 15 DAMAGING HITS CLAIMED ON 12 OF 14 SHIPS KERAVIA BAY. SOPAC AIR SCORE 17TH 8 JAP FIGHTERS DESTROYED 4 BLUE PLANES MISSING. PICTURES OF SIMPSON HARBOR ON 18TH SHOW 21 FLOAT

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PLANES 1 AK (3,000 TONS) ARRIVED SINCE 17TH: 1 SMALL AK 8 SMALL SHIPS 200 TONS 250 BARGES. 3 SMALL AK'S 4 SUBS MISSING SINCE PREVIOUS DAY. PICTURES KERAVIA BAY #3 SHOW 1 DAMAGED DD 3 PC'S 1 LARGE AO DAMAGED 1 AO 1 SMALL AK 5 SMALL SHIPS 200 TONS 150 BARGES, 1 DD MISSING. 4 SOPAC DESTROYERS HAD NEGATIVE SEARCH FOR ENEMY SHIPPING OFF RABAUL 17TH/18TH BUT 0100L 18TH SUCCESSFULLY SHELLED ENEMY INSTALLATIONS FOR 30 MINUTES 1 TORPEDO SET FIRE TO 1 UNIDENT SHIP 1 PROBABLE TORPEDO HIT OBSERVED SPOTTING PLANES ALSO CAUSED DAMAGE TO ENEMY INSTALLATIONS. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE TO BLUE FORCES.

OTHER UNIT 5 BLUE DESTROYERS SEARCHED FOR ENEMY SHIPPING KAVIENG AREA AND SHELLED SUPPLY DUMPS RUNWAY GUN EMPLACEMENTS MAIN DOCK AND TANKER ALONGSIDE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED MANY FIRES OBSERVED. 3 SHIPS INCLUDING

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POSSIBLE DD BELIEVED ESCAPED FROM HARBOR TO SOUTH SPOTTING PLANES BOMBED RUNWAY AND SUPPLY AREA. BLUE SUBMARINE REPORTS 1 AK Ø2-33 N 142-42 E COURSE 3ØØ, MIDDAY L 18TH.

Ø34ØL 18TH 2 SMALL AK'S NUMEROUS BARGES REPORTED HANSA BAY. Ø43ØL 18TH 2 LARGE AK'S REPORTED BY PLANE Ø4-Ø6 S 15Ø-5Ø W COURSE 45. NIGHT 17TH/18 PT'S ENTERED JOHN ALBERT HARBOR GARDNER ISLAND AND BOMBARDED INSTALLATIONS WITH MORTARS RESULTS UNOBSERVED NIL OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

No: 6113, 19 February 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

At 1645L, 18 February, Allied search plane strafed 3 barges off Dyaul Island, south of Kavieng, results unobserved. On 17 February, 4 P39's bombed bridge 4 miles north Kahili, result unobserved. Photos taken 18 February show Vunakanau, 1 fighter, 5 dive bombers and 6 medium bombers, all runways unserviceable: Tobera, 3 fighters, runway probably unserviceable: Lakunai, 18 fighters, 1 dive bomber, concrete runway unserviceable, Bomber mat serviceable, control tower rebuilt: Rapopo, 1 fighter and 1 dive bomber, runway serviceable: Kavieng, 2 fighters, 1 dive bomber and 3 medium bombers, runway unserviceable: Kahili, Buka, Bonis and Bompop, no aircraft, runways unserviceable: Vunapope, 36 barges: Kavieng, 13 barges: Tonolei, 1 barge: Shortland, 6 barges: Rabaul Harbor 21 float planes: Simpson, 2 additional AK's arrived since 17 February: Keravia bay, 1 DD missing from total count 17 February. Strike missions grounded by weather 17 February. B 24 strikes on Kavieng reported in ourads 6000 13th, 6042 15th and 6053 16th were all 5th Air Force based aircraft air and ground summary for 18 February. Bougainville covering. 1500 February 17 to 1500 February 18: 1 Nip killed in the vicinity of 134.4-210.3 by a patrol from the 132 Infantry. Artillery fired night harassing fire in area west of the Torokina river forks and east of the Torokina river mouth. Negative report rendered by a patrol from the 129 Infantry working 6,000 yards north of our perimeter. 54th Coast Artillery completed occupation of artillery positions and fired concentrations in the vicinity of Aoiaris and north of Mom. Marine 155MM guns

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fired on Tekessi and Reini river areas. At 1200 February 18, Fijians moving from Ibu to cost were located at 6 degrees 2 minutes south 154 degrees 59 minutes east; Fijians report killing many Nips in the action at Ibu and while withdrawing towards Atsinima Bay. Green Island (Nissan): 100 feet of fighter strip cleared. Preliminary work well in hand. Our forces are driving Nips towards Catholic Mission on south end of Nissan, forming a pincer movement. Sirot Island occupied on 17 February after an action in which our troops lost 5 killed and 4 wounded, 14 dead nips found.

No Sig.

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FROM: COMSOPAC ADVON
RELEASED BY: (INDEF CALL)
DATE: 19 FEB 1944
TOR CODEROOM: Ø1Ø5
DECODED BY: WOODWARD
PARAPHRASED BY: IMRIE
ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTG 39.4 — OP OP OP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: ALL TFC'S SOPAC — OP OP OP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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COMSOPAC ADVON SENDS.

RAID BY TG 39.4 ON SHIPPING LANES TRUK-KAVIENG-RABAUL IN PROSPECT. INCLUDES DIVERSIONARY BOMBARDMENT KAVIENG BY PART OF YOUR GROUP. BE PREPARED DEPART PURVIS RO D. Ø1ØØL 2ØTH FOR EASY NIGHT CRUISE.

Ausburne
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM COMAIRMUNDA

RELEASED BY

DATE 19 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 2226 FEB 18 1944

DECODED BY KIRKBRIDE

PARAPHRASED BY IMRIE

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: ALL INTERESTED CURRENT OPERATIONS ALL COMDRS. SOPAC & SWPAC CONCERNED AIR OP INT

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(COMAIRMUNDA SENDS ACTION ALL INTERESTED CURRENT OPERATIONS.)

AMPLIFYING REPORT ON KAVIENG SPOTTING. 59 B 24 LT MITCHELL VB-106 HAD 3 HOURS IN KAVIENG SPOTTING AND HARASSMENT BOMBING FOR TG 39.4 AT 0620 SPOTTING PLANE FROM 2000 FEET PUT 2 X 1000 DIRECTLY ON RUNWAY AND 2 MORE IN MIDDLE OF LARGE SUPPLY AREA NORTHWEST OF STRIP, STARTING SMALL FIRES. INTENSE ACCURATE HEAVY AA MET FROM NORTH CAPE, HARBOR AREA AND AIRFIELDS. NO DAMAGE TO PLANE. FROM 0630-0730 CANS COVERED ALL TARGETS EFFECTIVELY. MAIN DOCK HIT WITH SEVERAL FIRES STARTED NEARBY. 1 AO HIT, EXPLODED VIOLENTLY SENDING FLAMES THOUSANDS OF FEET IN AIR. 11-12 OTHER SHARP

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LARGE AND SMALL HIT. OUTCOME OF THESE HITS UNDETERMINED. RUNWAY WELL PLASTERED AND RENDERED DEFINITELY UNSERVICEABLE. FIRES IN REVETMENT AREAS. NO PLANES TOOK OFF. SUPPLY AREA NORTHEAST OF RUNWAY THOROUGHLY COVERED. MANY FIRES. COASTAL GUNS FIRING INACCURATELY COMPLETLY SILENCED BY FIRST SALVO. NO FURTHER GUNS AGAINST SHIPS IN WHOLE ENGAGEMENT. NO DAMAGE REPORTED TO SHIPS. SPOTTING COOPERATION EMINENTLY GOOD BUT PLANE COULD DIRECT TO ONLY 1 TARGET AT A TIME.

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FROM: CTF 31

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 18 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: Ø81Ø

DECODED BY: GWIN

PARAPHRASED BY: IMRIE

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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

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(CTF 31 TO COMSOPAC WITH INFO TO Z5T.)

SUMMARY FOR 18TH. 2ND ECHELON UNITS FOR SQUARE PEG (green) DEPART TODAY DUE MORNING 2ØTH.

TREASURY PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS. NO REPORT FROM TOROKINA AS YET.

GREEN GROUND TROOPS CONTINUED TO DRIVE ENEMY TOWARD MISSION ON SOUTH END NISSAN AND EXPECT TO PINCH THEM OUT ON 19TH. SOROT ISLAND OCCUPIED YESTERDAY IN BRISK ACTION WHICH RESULTED IN 5 KILLED 4 WOUNDED FOR OUR TROOPS AND 14 COUNTED DEAD NIPS. LCI GUNBOAT PATROL AROUND PINIPEL SAW NO ACTIVITY BUT DESTROYED 2 SERVICEABLE NIP BARGES. 4 CONDITION REDS DURING NIGHT

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16-17 BUT ONLY 2 BOMBS DROPPED WITH NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. ALL 9Ø AND 4Ø MM GUNS NOW EMPLACED AND IN ACTION. RADARS IN LIMITED OPERATION. CNB REPORTS IMPRACTICABLE TO DEEPEN LAGOON ENTRANCE CHANNEL BEYOND 15 FOOT DEPTH.

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FROM: COMAIR MUNDA

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 18 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1350

DECODED BY: BECKMAN

PARAPHRASED BY: DIEBEL

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL COMS SOPAC & SO-WESPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OPERATIONAL INTELL INFORMATION (Z5T)

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COMAIRMUNDA SENDS.

48 B24 LT HAGER VB-104 SPENT 2 HOURS IN RABAUL SPOTTING AND HARASSMENT BOMBING FOR TG 38.4. AT 0018 SPOTTING PLANE DROPPED 10 100 ON PRAED POINT. 2 HIT WATER. REST FELL INLAND. 1 FIRE STARTED. HEAVY AA VERY INTENSE FROM PRAED. FROM 0109-0137 PRAED AND RABAUL TOWN SHELLED BY CANS SHELLING GENERALLY ACCURATE. 1 FIRE STARTED AT PRAED, 1 AT RABAUL, SMALL FIRES AT KOKOPO AND LIMPUR. 1 UYRPENH SET FIRE TO 1 U/I SHIP, 1 PROBABLE TORPEDO HIT JETTY IN HARBOR. AT 0137 10 100 HIT GAZELLE. ALL BOMBS IN TARGET. NO FIRES SEEN. NO AA. FIRST SHELLING OF GAZELLE OFF IN RANGE AND DEFLECTION. LATER BETTER. AA GENERALLY LIGHT TO MODERATE FROM ALL KNOWN HARBOR AREA POSITIONS.

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COASTAL DEFENSE FIRE SPORADIC. NO DAMAGE TO PLANE OR CANS. 2 NITE FIGHTERS DID NOT CLOSE. 58 B24 ALSO SCHEDULED PREVENTED FROM JOINING BY WEATHER. PLANE TO SHIP COOPERATION GOOD.

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FROM COMAIR MUNDA

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DATE 17 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1355

DECODED BY SCHULTZ/ROWLAND

PARAPHRASED BY KIRKBRIDE

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOLS, CTF'S 38,39,72

INFORMATION: COMAIRSOPAC, COMSOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, CINCPAC, COMAIRCENPAC, COMCENPAC, CTF 57, ALL TFC'S SOPAC, COMADVON 5

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INTERCEPT

(COMAIRMUNDA SENDS TO COMAIRSOLS, CTF'S 38,39,72 FOR ACTION, INFO TO COMAIRSOPAC, COMSOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, CINCPAC COMAIRCENPAC COMCENPAC CTF 57, ALL TFC'S SOPAC COMADVON 5, RADIOS PASS)

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VENTURAS NEGATIVE.

4 AND 14 B33 AVERAGE 30% TRACK 28 COVER. REMAINDER GO 315 MILES FOR 82% COVERAGE. CATS FLY 4 DULL SECTORS. 1, 12 AND 14 OUT ON 617 MILES WITH 80%. 28 B35 REPLACING PB4Y WITH MECHANICAL TROUBLE DOES 465 FOR 80. LONG RANGE B35'S TO 965 MILES COVER 90%. REMAINDER DO 790 AND SAME COVERAGE.

TWENTY * B AT 0855L SAW BETTY 01-47 S 155-46 E COURSE 056. JAP APPROACHED AT 9 O'CLOCK AND THEN DISAPPEARED INTO OVERCAST AFTER FIRING ABOUT 15 ROUNDS 20MM OUT OF

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RANGE. ANOTHER BETTY MAY BE SAME AT 1448 01-43 S 156-16 E HEADING 230 AT 1,000 FEET. LIBERATOR DIVES FROM • • • • • ENEMY DOWN. NO EXPLOSION OR FIRE.

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY AT TRUK FROM OBSERVATIONS 80 MILES AWAY. BALANCE NEGATIVE.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: COMAIRSOLS

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1404

DECODED BY: SCHULTZ

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

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SAYS COMAIRSOLS. ACTION IS COMAIRSOPAC. INFO TO COMSOPAC.

MY 17Ø539.

AT ABOUT 1615L 4 FIGHTERS AFTER GOING OVER TOP OF FRONT AT 19,ØØØ FEET STRAFED ST GEORGE RADAR ANTENNA.

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RELEASED BY:	FOR ACTION	COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRCEN	OP IMMED OP PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE: 17 FEB 44			
TOR CODEROOM: 1719Z5 SCHERKENMEYER			
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(COMAIRSOLS SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRCEN HAS BY HAND. INFO COMSOPAC.)

COMSOPAC 160413. STRIKE ON ENEMY RAJAR CAPE ST GEORGE TURNED BACK BY WEATHER. FOLLOW UP SHIPPING STRIKE ON RABAUL SUFFERED.

Cancelled?
postponed?
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FROM COMAIRSOLS

RELEASED BY

DATE FEB 17 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1552

DECODED BY SCHULTZ

PARAPHRASED BY GRUNEWALD

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: TU 39.4

INFORMATION: CTF 39
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COMAIRSOLS SENDS INFO AIROP TREASURY COMAIRMUNDA COMAIRSOPAC.

REFERENCE COMSOPAC ADVON 160418.

CAN COVER YOU WITH FIGHTERS ON YOUR RETIREMENT WITHIN 200 MILE RADIUS OF TOROKINA. 2 VENTURAS WILL SEARCH FOR YOU EARLY MORNING AND REMAIN UNTIL FIGHTERS RETURN. AS PRACTIVABLE ADVISE WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE 200 MILES FROM TOROKINA.

(Kinney)

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DATE FEB 17 1944			
TOR CODEROOM 1550			
DECODED BY J ALLEN		INFORMATION: CTF 38 COMAIRSOPAC COMAIR MUNDA	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY GRUNEWALD			
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COMAIRSOLS ORIGINATES INFO COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRMUNDA.

(Rabaul strikes force)

WILL COVER YOU WITH 4 FIGHTERS FEBRUARY 18 FROM 0630 UNTIL YOU PASS EAST OF 154-00 E LONGITUDE FEBRUARY 18.

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No: 6070 17 February, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 0538L, 15 February, 23 B25's covered by 28 F4U's and 15 P38's dropped 122-quarter tonners on Vunakanau, good hits across center runway and dispersal area, intense heavy AA hit 5 planes, P38's contacted 40-50 Zekes and Hamps, 6 Japs destroyed plus 1 probable, 1 P38 water landed, pilot rescued. At 1103L, same date, 20 unescorted B24's bombed Borpop out of service, 60-half tonners hit runway and 88-half tonners hit revetment area, 1 heavy AA position destroyed, no interception. At 0700L, 15 February, 5 F4U's and 4 P39's intercepted 10-15 Vals ineffectually attacking allied shipping at Green Island, 6 Vals were shot down. At 0120L, 16 February Blue Snooper attacked 14 ship convoy 50 miles due west Mussau Island, result unobserved, Snooper damaged by ships AA. At 1300L, same date, search plane sighted 2 AK's with DD escort 5 miles south central New Ireland, course east southeast.

Air and ground summary for 16 February.

Bougainville covering 1500 February 15 to 1500 February 16:

5 shots were fired from nip position about 300 yards in front of 3rd Battalion 132nd Infantry; No contact was made after a patrol was dispatched to the area. Artillery harassing fires were directed along the beach 1000 yards past Torokina river mouth and in the vicinity of east-west trail at the Tekessi river;

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155 MM guns shelled Jaba river area.

Patrol from 148 Infantry proceeding to Cape Moltke along coast reached a point 11,600 yards south along coast and 1000 yards inland from Cape Moltke (114.9-231.9) at 1807L 15 February; negative report.

The 2 reinforced companies working on the Laruma river Numa Numa trail were ordered to return; the 37th Division is initiating reconnaissance of Laruma river valley to a distance of 6000 yards north of perimeter.

Two reinforced companies of Fijians withdrawing from Ibu ran into Nip trail block which prevented companies from reaching Sisivie; Fijians circumvented Nips and are proceeding to Atsinima bay on west coast. Nips in considerable force have turned up in Ibu area.

Following a successful unopposed landing on Green Island at 1700 15th February the unloading of troops and supplies was carried on without incident; air coverage was constant. Landings were made at Pakonian plantation on west side and at Tangalan plantation on east side. Local perimeter was established at 1002L 15th. Nip installations were bombed and strafed by our air support.

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FROM: CTF 38

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DATE: 19 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 19Ø751

DECODED BY: HONENADEAL

PARAPHRASED BY: SAMUEL

ROUTED BY: ROLL

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMSOPAC ADVON — PRIORITY / ROUTINE: DDDDD

INFORMATION: CINCPAC; ALL TF COMS PAC — PRIORITY / ROUTINE: DDDDD

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(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO CNO AND COMINCH FOR ACTION AS 18Ø45Ø)

FROM CTF 38 ACTION COMSOPAC ADVON.

DURING JAP AIR ATTACKS ON THIS FORCE LATE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT OF 14TH MUCH WINDOW EFFECT NOTED. IDENTIFIED IMMEDIATELY BY TRACKING BUT WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSING. JAPS ATTACKED BY GLIDE FROM 17,ØØØ RELEASING AT ABOUT 8,ØØØ.

NIGHT ATTACKS IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT WERE APPARENTLY CONFUSED BY RADICAL MANEUVERS, GUNFIRE AND SMOKE. HEAVY SMOKE USED. BOTH CHEMICAL AND FUNNEL SMOKE LAID AT HIGH SPEED. FORCE THEN ENTERED CLOUD AND REDUCED SPEED ON DOWN WIND COURSE FIRING OCCASIONALLY BY RADAR

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CONTROL WHEN PLANES CLOSED BUT JAPS WOULD NEVER ENTER SMOKE. ONE CERTAIN ONE PROBABLE SHOT DOWN DURING NIGHT ACTIONS IN ADDITION THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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DECODED BY: MITCHELL/WOODWARD/DIEDEL

PARAPHRASED BY: IMRIE

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
CINCSOWESPAC
7TH AIR FORCE COMGENS ESPIRITO,
COMGENCENTPAC EFATE, FIJI
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INFORMATION: ALL TFCS SOPAC
COMSOWESPAC NZNB
COMGENSOPAC,
COMGENS 14TH CORPS,
13TH AIRFORCE GUADAL

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PART 3 150540 NCR 6367

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2711L 15TH BLUE FORCES MADE SUCCESSFUL UNOPPOSED LAND-INGS PAKONIAN PLANTATION WEST SIDE AND TANGALAN PLANTA-TION EAST SIDE NISSAN ISLAND GREEN GROUP. NO DAMAGE REPORTED FROM JAP AIR ATTACKS THAT TIME. 1[illegible]2L TROOPS LANDED LOCAL PERIMETER ESTABLISHED.6 VALS ATTACKED BLUE SURFACE FORCE OPERATING APPROXIMATELY 11[illegible] MILES WEST EM-PRESS AUGUSTA BAY 2011L 14TH. ST. LOUIS SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE FROM LIGHT BOMB HIT ABAFT NO. 45 INCH MOUNT. 21 KILLED 13 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.AT LEAST 2 VALS SHOT DOWN. NIGHT 13TH-14TH TOROKINA PTS STRAFED BUILDINGS TENTS

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SARIME RIVER NORTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE AND LEMANMANU MISSION NORTH BUKA. JAP FLOATPLANE MADE NEAR MISS ON PT OFF QUEEN CAROLA HARBOR SLIGHTLY WOUNDED 1 OFFICER. COOPERATING TARBABYS BOMBED STRAFED YAME GOG AND POPORAN ISLANDS WEST BUKA.

Ø4ØØL 13TH 8 TBF'S BOMBED RABAUL TARGETS SCORED 12 HITS LAKUNAI 12 SOUTHWEST MATUPI OTHERS GREDNER ISLAND WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. INTENSE AA CAUSED 2 TBF'S CRASH LAND ON RETURN.

11ØØL 13TH 59 SBD'S DOGS 24 TBF'S WITH 72 ESCORTING VF HIT VUNAKANAU RUNWAY AND GUN POSITS. 17 EFFECTIVE HITS QUIETED AA WHILE TBF'S MADE 9 HITS CONCRETE 5 CORAL. SBD'S ALSO FIRED 2 BETTYS SOUTHEAST REVETMENTS WHERE BLUE VF SAW BLACK SMOKE RISING SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET. AA KILLED 1 SBD GUNNER, SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 2 TBF'S. 12-15

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ZEKES ATTEMPTED SEVERAL PASSES EACH OVER TARGET. SBD CLAIMS 1 SMOKER. REPORTED 3Ø-4Ø ZEKES, HAMPS, TONYS MADE DAYS PRINCIPAL EFFORT AGAINST ESCORTING BLUE VF WHO SHOT DOWN 5 ZEKES, 1 HAMP, 1 TONY PLUS 4 ZEKES PROBABLE. 1 F4U 2 P4Ø'S MISSING, 1 OF LATTER DUE COLLISION OVER TARGET. SAME TIME 2Ø B25'S GIVES WITH 3Ø F4U'S HIT TOBERA. 6 STRINGS BOMBS CROSSED RUNWAY WEST DISPERSAL AREA. BLACK SMOKE SEEN RIDING 5ØØ FEET NORTH END.

AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 2 B25'S BUT NIL INTERCEPTION EXPERIENCED. BLUE VF HAD NO CONTACTS BUT SAW 12 ZEKES LOW ALTITUDE OTHERS APPARENTLY SCRAMBLING LAKUNAI TOBERA RAPOPO VUNAKANAU DURING APPROACH.

SAME TIME 23 B24'S HIT LAKUNAI WITH PATTERNS REPEATED ACROSS BOTH ENDS RUNWAY CONFIRMED BY PHOTOS SHOWING

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20 HITS CONCRETE 39 HITS BOMB MAT 49 HITS ALONG EDGE, CONTROL TOWER DESTROYED AND OPERATIONS BUILDING DAMAGED. NIL INTERCEPTION BUT AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 16 B24'S. EXCELLENT FIRE SEEN VUNAKANAU. 26 ESCORTING VF SAW ONLY SCATTERED JAP FIGHTERS BUT HAD NO CONTACTS.

NOON 13TH 4 SBDS ATTACKED TARGETS AITARA AREA SOUTH WEST BOUGAINVILLE DESTROYED BUILDINGS PIANO MISSION. DUMBO RESCUED PILOT FROM 1 OF 12 ESCORTING P39'S WHO WENT DOWN NEAR CAPE SAINT GEORGE.

CHANCE 1 PROBABLE TO SURE FOR F6F8 ON 5TH ANOTHER SURE FOR F6F'S THE 12TH.

ONDONGA REPORTS 6 GAS TRUCKS OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT DESTROYED IN JAP RAID 0335L 13TH.

25 TBF'S LAID MINES BETWEEN SULPHUR CREEK AND WESLEYAN MISSION SIMPSON HARBOR 0200L-0300L 14TH. SEARCHLIGHTS

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CAUGHT HELD FIRST ARRIVALS AND AA HINDERED ACCURATE PATTERNS. 6 TBF'S MISSING OF WHICH 3 MEN IN FLAMES OVER TARGET.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 4 LARGE MERCHANT SHIPS 1 CL 1 DD APPROX 1 SEEN 5 MILES SOUTH WEST TRUK LATER REPORTED 1350L 14TH AS 4 500 FOOT CARGO VESSELS 1 DL 1 PATROL BOAT APPROX 140 MILES SOUTH WEST TRUK COURSE 180 AT 15 KNOTS.

1430L 14TH GUADAL SEARCHER SIGHTED 3000 ION AK AT DOCK. 6 SMALL AK'S AT ANCHOR KAVIENG HARBOR.

0735L 14TH REINFORCE PLATOON 129TH INFANTRY PRECEDED BY RECCO FIJI PATROL LEFT TOROKINA PERIMETER NORTH ALONG LARUME EAST NUMA NUMA TRAIL TO ESTABLISH OP VICINITY MACERIAOPAI IN INTERIOR. AFTERNOON 14TH FIJI FORCE ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHT WITH JAPS AT IDKUO IN INTERIOR.

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PHOTOS 14TH LAKUNAI Ø923L 49 VF 12 VDB CONCRETE STRIP UNSERVICEABLE WITH 26 CRATERS BOMBER MAT SERVICEABLE 29 TRUCKS MOREING ON RUNWAY. 1235L CLOUDS PREVENTED PLANE COUNT CONCRETE STRIP UNSERVICEABLE BOMBER MAT SERVICEABLE. 1615L 45 VF 16 VDB 1 VMB CONCRETE STRIP UNSERVICEABLE BOMBER MAT SERVICEABLE. VUNAKANKU Ø91ØL 17 VDB 2Ø VMB CONCRETE STRIP SERVICEABLE WEST CORAL STRIP SERVICEABLE EAST CORAL STRIP UNSERVICEABLE. 124ØL AND 162ØL PROBABLY SERVICEABLE. TOBERA Ø92ØL 59 VF RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. 1227L 13 VF RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE WITH 7 CRATERS. 16ØØL 4Ø VF CRATERS FILLED RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. KERAVAT Ø915L AND 1221L NO CHANGE. 161ØL 2 VF RUNWAY SERVICEABLE FIRST APPEARANCE THIS YEAR PLANES THIS FIELD. RAPOPO Ø9Ø5L 1215L AND 1615L 2VF 1VDB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE

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DUKE OF YORK SURFACING CLEARING CONTINUES. BORPOP 1ØØ5L AND 164ØL NIL AIRCRAFT RUNWAY SERVICEABLE 315Ø FEET. MASSAVA BAY NEW BRITAIN 1 AK 33Ø FEET 3 BARGES. VUNAPOPE 1615L 1 AK 1ØØ FEET 11 BARGES. RABAUL HARBOR Ø923L 21 FLOAT PLANES 1 FLYING BOAT. SIMPSON SHIPPING 1 SS 3 32Ø FEET 1 SS 135 FEET 9 SMALL CRAFT 1ØØ-15Ø FEET 24Ø BARGES. KERAVIA BAY 2DD OR PC 24Ø FEET 3 PC 175 FEET 1 DAMAGED AO 455 FEET 1AO 41Ø FEET 6 SMALL CRAFT 1ØØ-175 FEET 14Ø BARGES. 1235L NO CHANGE RABAUL SHIPPING EXCEPT 2 SS NOT VISIBLE. 1615L 22 FLOAT PLANES 1 FLYING BOAT SIMPSON SHIPPING 1 SS 185 FEET 11 SMALL CRAFT 1ØØ-175 FEET 255 BARGES. NO CHANGE KERAVIA SHIPPING SINCE 11TH. Ø631L 14TH 2 JAP VDB'S DROPPED 4 BOMBS STIRLING ISLAND WITHOUT DAMAGE OR CASULATIES.

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1Ø3ØL 15TH SOPAC SEARCHER REPORTED 2 SMALL AK'S AT KAVIENG 1 BURNING. 1 LARGE AK WITH ESCORT 4 AUXILIARIES ABOUT 11 MILES NORTH EAST NEW HANOVER COURSE 27Ø AT 1Ø KNOTS.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number: 6042 15 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1100L, 13 February, 20 B25s covered by 30 F4Us struck Tobera with 120-¼ tonners, excellent hits runway and west dispersal area, interception. At same time L, same day, 23 B24s struck Lakunai with double 8 tons bombs, many hits both ends runways, intense accurate AA damaged 16 B24s, no interception. On 13 February, 42 B24s with unreported number P38s cover dropped 147 tons bombs on Kavieng Airdrome destroying 9 grounded bombers and exploding ammo dump, several fires started, strip left unserviceable. Photos taken 13 February show Rapopo, 2 fighters and 1 dive bomber, runway serviceable:

Simpson Harbor, 17 float planes and 1 float bomber, 2 subs, 9 AK's and 40 barges:

Keravia Bay, 2 DD's 3 PC's, 1 AO, 6 AK's and 140 barges:

Vunapope, 1 AK and 20 barges:

Keravat, 1 AK and 3 barges:

Kavieng, 2 fighters, 5 dive bombers, 5 medium bombers, runway unserviceable; 3 AK's and 14 barges in harbor.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number: 6042 15 February 1944

On 13 February, search plane observed fox holes and gun emplacement inside Pokonian Plantation, Green Island. On 13 February, search plane sighted Jap sub headed east southeast, 25 miles north Green Island; another enemy sub, 30 miles west, north end Buka Island. Search plane dropped 6 frags on Petat Island, off south east Buka Island, results unobserved. Air and ground summary for 14 February. Bougainville covering. 1500 February 13 to 1500 February 14:

There was no change reported in the Americal Division Sector. A reinforced platoon from the 129 Infantry following a Fijian reconnaissance patrol left perimeter to set up an outpost in the vicinity of Mageriaopaia (6 degrees 4 minutes south 155 degrees 8 minutes east); 3 Nips were seen by Fijian patrol north of outpost. Fiji force at Ibu engaged enemy in the vicinity of Tokuo just east of Ibu. Scouts operating from Ibu found no signs of enemy south of Wakunia River.

NoSig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
White House
Log

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No. 5992, 12th February 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1300L, 10th February, 24 B25's covered by 30 F4U's dropped 144 - quarter tonners on Vunakanau, excellent hits were scored on concrete runway, 2 large fires started northwest end strip, 3 small fires in revetment area, 40 Jap fighters attempted interception, 1 probably destroyed, 1 F4U lost.

At 1312L, 10th February, 21 B24's covered by 17 P38's and 9 F4U's struck Tobera with 168 - half tonners, excellent hits scored on strip and revetments, B24's destroyed 9 plus 4 probables of 20-30 enemy fighters intercepting, 50 Zekes protected by fighter cover, P38's shot down 10 Zekes and 1 probable, F4U's destroyed 2 Zekes, all Allied planes returned.

On 10 February, 4 P39's strafed and set afire 1 barge near south tip of Green Island. On 10 February, 4 P39's dropped 3-quarter tonners on buildings at Bonis with unobserved results.

At 1000L, 10 February, 3 P39's strafed 4 barges in Matchin Bay, 2 barges set afire. Air and ground summary for 11 February.

Bougainville covering period 1500 February 10, 1500 Feb. 11: 37 Division Sector reported no change. 4 Nips were contacted by a reconnaissance patrol from 164 Infantry in the vicinity of 137.35-218.50, 1000 yards southeast of hill 600; 1 Nip believed to be an officer killed. Same patrol fired on by enemy machine guns from east bank of the Torokina River

Possible gaining

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To: War
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at 137.4-218.3 wounding 1 of our men slightly. AA fire encountered by a B24 in the vicinity Mibo River, south west coast Bougainville; this was first time fire of this type had been encountered in this area.

NoSig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
ADM. KING
GEN. VANDERGRIFT
WHITE HOUSE
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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number 5952 10 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

On 8 February, 3 P39's strafed Teopasino plantation huts, north coast Bouganville, large fire was started.

Photos taken on 9 February show:

Buka and Bonis runways unserviceable with no aircraft.

Tobera: no aircraft, 1300 feet northeast end concrete strip unserviceable.

Vunakanau: 1 fighter, 5 dive bombers and 8 medium bombers, 8 craters visible on probably unserviceable runway.

Lakunai: 29 fighters, 1 dive bomber and 2 light bombers, concrete strip unserviceable, bomber mat serviceable.

Rapopo: 1 fighter and 1 dive bomber, runway serviceable.

Keravat: no aircraft, runway suitable emergency, work on taix loops and grounddefenses continues.

Simpson Harbor: 15 float planes, 1 float bomber, 2 subs, 8 AK's and 225 barges.

Duke of York: ½ runway surfaced , 4 barges photoed.

Borpop: runway serviceable for 3150 feet, no aircraft.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number 5952 10 February 1944

Blue Search Plane sighted beached barges in Choiseul Bay area at 2300 L, 9 February.

Air and Ground Summary for 9 February:

Bougainville covering period 1500 February 8 to 1500 February 9.

No change in 37th Division sector.

Reconnaissance patrol from 164th Infantry observed 10 Nips west of Hill-600.

Patrol from 132 Infantray encountered heavy knee mortar fire from and enemy force about 1000 yards north east of Torokina River mouth, 7 of our patrol were slightly wounded, patrol withdrew placing 60 MM mortar fire on Nip position.

Another patrol was dispatched to attempt identification and bury 6 Nips near disabled tank east of Torokina River mouth; in ensuing action we had 2 men killed by enemy fire.

4 of our P39 s thoroughly strafed and bombed Tiaraka village, just west of Numa Numa Harbor, demolishing 6 buildings.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Vandegrift, Adm King, White House Log

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SOUTH PACIFIC

NEW BRITAIN:

At 10:25 a.m. 7 February 59 dive bombers and 22 torpedo bombers escorted by 72 fighters attacked enemy ground installations at Tobera, Rabaul area. Our bombers were unsuccessfully atttacked by 30 to 40 enemy fighters. Our fighter cover engaged about 40 enemy fighters, definitely shot down 11 and probably 8 more. All our planes returned.

At 3:30 a.m. 8 February, 6 Avengers attacked enemy shipping at Rabaul, scoring a direct hit on a submarine.

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1025L 7th 59 SBD's, 22 TBF's with 72 fighters attacked Tobera AA posits, runways, revetments. SBD's scored 5 direct hits on 9 auto guns, 14 hits near 17 other posits, 6 hits near 7 of numerous, unidentified planes central revetment area. TBF's made 16 hits on runway, 1 on revetted Betty. Runway probably unserviceable. AA slightly damaged 2 SBD's, 4 TBF's. 30-40 Zekes pressed attacks on TBF's and dropped aerial bombs without success. 72 Blue VF contacted 40 Hamps, Tonys, of which 9 Zekes, 1 Hamp, 1 Tony definitely destroyed plus 8 probables. Nil Blue losses. 28 escorting FV of previously reported B-24 strike on Vunakanau 1058L 7th sighted 15-20 Zekes with usual stunting diversion and aerial bombs. F4Us caused 1 Zeke to smoke. Total for 7th 10 Zekes, 1 MP, 1 Tony destroyed plus 15 probables and 7 on ground with nil Blue losses. During 7th 4 F4Us saw fresh coral resurfacing at Buka runway. 2 SBD Torokina patrols made direct hits on pillbox and huts on beach south Tavena River. 0330L 8th 6 Avengers struck Rabaul shipping. 2Us bombed ship west side harbor opposite Matupi with unobserved results, but ship later reported smoking. Another Avenger spotted 4 or 5 AKs close inshore Keravia and 1 AK with 2 subs nearby, made direct hit on 1 sub from 50 feet, causing much smoke and oil on water. Another plane bombed Dunapope with unobserved results. Bombers received AA from north shore harbor, many searchlights from all sides. 1 Zeke probable changed to sure for F6Fs on 25th. 0130L 8th Guadal Snooper attacked 4 barges approximately 20 miles northeast Rabaul. 1500L 7th-1500L 8th 2 patrols operating outside northeast Torokina perimeter each contacted single Jap. Piji patrol encountered strong enemy ambush 1 mile southwest Pipipaia in Numa area. 2 Japs killed and Blue patrol withdrawn without loss. Coast Watcher reports large party Japs from Buka met large party from south at Tiaraka northwest Numa and bivouaced in village 1515L 8th. Night 8th-9th Torokina PTs strafed Sale and Mik Mik Islands off northwest Bougainville. Gunboats shelled bush area near beach south Motupena. Planes operating with PTs bombed Cape Malahan south Buka, bombed,

Bougainville

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strafed Motupena Point south Empress Augusta Bay. Treasury PTs operating Tauro Bay southeast Bougainville same night were strafed without damage by 1 Rufe which dropped green flare. Boats scored many hits on 1 barge between Irdman and Taro Islands, Choiseul Bay area, and shelled Sipisai Island. Other boats also shelled Mibo River area southwest Bougainville.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
White House
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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC 9 a.m., 9 February 1944.

At 7:00 a.m., 9 February, the capture and occupation of the KWAJALEIN ATOLL was completed.

At 11:15 a.m., 6 February, 32 Mitchell bombers and 72 fighters bombed LAKUNAI airdrome, RABAUL. They made a crisscross with their bombs at both ends of the runway and the revetment and workshop areas. Only 1 enemy fighter made any attempt to attack the bombers. There were about forty enemy fighters over the field but they did not engage our fighter cover until we went after them, whereupon 13 of them were shot down with 4 probables. We incurred no losses.

Fifteen minutes later, a flight of 19 Liberators, escorted by 47 fighters, smothered the LAKUNAI airfield with bombs. Three Liberators were slightly damaged by antiaircraft fire and another one was shaken up by 4 enemy aerial bombs. Ten Zeros attempted to intercept but only 3 attacked and were probably shot down. Our fighter cover on this flight ran into 10 to 15 Zeros and it is reported that the enemy showed no inclination to fight and expended their ammunition at very long range.

At 10:58 a.m., 7 February, a preliminary report states that 17 Liberators hit VUNAKANAU airfield, RABAUL, placing bombs on the south central part of the runway and the north central dispersal area. Three of our planes were hit by antiaircraft fire and another was hit by a Jap fighter. 10 to 15 fighters and 6 unidentified enemy planes were seen and it is reported that one of the enemy fighters was destroyed, with 6 probables.

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To: WAR

No. 5910 8 Feb. 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1115L, 6 February, 32 B25's covered by 39 F4U's, 24 NZ P40's and 9 P&P's struck Lakunai with 192-quarter tonners, excellent hits were scored on runway rendering it unserviceable, fires were started in revetment and shop areas, intense accurate AA slightly damaged 8 B25's, Blue Fighter cover contacted about 40 Zekes, Hamps and Tonys near Rapopo, over target and during retirement past Duke of York Island;

10 Zekes,

2 Hamps and 1 Tojo destroyed plus 4 probables,

All our planes returned.

At 1130L, 6 February, 19 B24's covered by 18 P38's and 29 F4U's struck Lakunai with 152-half tonners, every bomb but 1 struck target which was smothered by smoke, explosions and dust, moderate accurate AA slightly damaged 3 B24's, Blue Fighter cover contacted 10-15 Zekes and 2 Tonys over target area, P38's claim 3 probables, all our planes returned.

At 1130L, 6 February, 1 B24 dropped 4 tons bombs on Tobera with unobserved results.

On 6 February, 4 P39's strafed and damaged 4 barges at Pinepil Island, Green Island group, also strafed installations Tarnaboroi Plantation and damaged new huts at Tangalan Plantation both Green Island.

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At 1050L, 7 February, Blue Search Plane sighted completely surfaced sub 50 miles south Cape Saint George. Photos taken 7 February show Vunakanau, after strike, 15 Fighters and 12 Dive Bombers, count incomplete, runway serviceable:

Lakunai, 15 Fighters,

2 Dive Bombers and 2 Light Bombers,

Concrete strip unserviceable:

Rapopo, 2 Fighters and 3 Medium Bombers,

Runway Serviceable:

Keravat no change:

Duke of York, no aircraft, additional surfacing and grading, runway serviceable 3150 feet:

Simpson Harbor, 16 float planes,

1 float bomber,

8 AK's and 200 barges:

Vunapope, 1 AK and 28 barges.

Air and ground summary for 7 February.

Bougainville covering period 1500 February 6 to 1500 February 7:

There was no change in the 37th Division sector.

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A combat patrol from the 132nd Infantry contacted a Nip outpost at 137.30-214.65 killing 5 with 1 man wounded as our casualties.

Fijian Reconnaissance Patrol encountered and unknown number of Nips while patrolling in the vicinity of hill 600 at 136.5-220.0, patrol suffered 1 Officer killed and 1 man wounded, no report received on enemy losses.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. VANDEGRIFT
ADM. KING
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DATE 9 FEB 44			
TOR CODEROOM 0900154			
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ONLY PHOTO COVERAGE PONAPE WAS STEREO OF NORTH COAST AND COLOR FILM OF EAST COAST. PRELIMINARY INTERPRETATION FOLLOWS:

AIRFIELD OF 2 INTERSECTING RUNWAYS EACH 2500 BY 300 EEET LOCATED TUTIENSARAU SOUTH OF JOKAJ ISLAND INSTEAD OF AS REPORTED VISUALLY BY 071311. NO AIRCRAFT ON FIELD. REFER HO CHART 425 . 2 LARGE AK 4 PC SOUTH LANGARS ISLAND. 75 BARGES PONAPE TOWN. NUMEROUS BUILDINGS ON LANGAR ISLAND POSSIBLE SEAPLANE BASE WEST SIDE. AA LOCATIONS: BATTERY 4 HEAVIES 3 LIGHTS XBSI AND SAME SOUTH OF FIELD, 2 BATTERIES OF 3 HEAVIES OR MEDIUMS AT PONAPE TOWN, 4 DUAL PURPOSE NANUE ISLAND AND 4 HEAVIES NAPALI ISLAND. RADAR STATION AND 7 MEDIUM AA ON TOLEN PALIKAR JOKAJ PENINSULA. NO OTHER AIRFIELDS NOTED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Nr: 5894 7th February, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC. Air and Ground Summary for 6th February.

At 1102L, 5th February, 13 B24s covered by 15 P38s and 19 P 4Us dropped 156-½ tonners on Lakunai, good hits were scored on strip and southeast dispersal area, large fires observed on north shore of Matupi, 25 Zekes attempted interception, 2 Zekes were destroyed and 1 more left smoking, heavy AA slightly damaged 8 B24s.

15th February Dumbo rescued P38 pilot who went down west Buka 28 January.

At 1100L, 6th February, blue search plane sighted Jap convoy 2 DDs and 2 unidentified vessels course not reported 96 miles west Rabaul.

At 1140L, 6th February, search plane sighted sub lat 05-00 south, long 152-40 east.

At 0005L, 7th February, blue search plane reported completing 4 attacks on 2 small boats on northwest course, 30 miles north from Rabaul in Saint George Channel.

Photos taken 6th February show Lakunai before strike, 35 fighters, 25 bombers, 2 light bombers and 1 medium bomber; concrete strip still unserviceable, bomber mat serviceable; Keravat, no change: Borpor, no aircraft, runway serviceable for 3150 feet: Kahili, no aircraft, runway serviceable: Buka, Bonis, Kara, Ballake and Kieta Airfields unserviceable: Vunapope, 2 AKs and 47 barges: Bonis, 1 barge: Ballale, 2 barges: Kieta Harbor Bridge from Riga Mission to Chinatown

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Nr: 5894 7th February, 1944

repaired since 28th January: Simpson Harbor, 13 float planes, 1 float bomber, 3 subs, 1 PC, 8 AKs and 230 barges, position of damaged Atago Maru is unchanged.

Bougainville covering period 1500 February 5th to 1500 February 6th: 37th Division once again occupied Kuraio Mission with a patrol which encountered hostile contact; scouts from patrol contacted 20 Nips moving south 1,000 yards north of Kuraio, 1 Nip killed without any casualties to our side. A reconnaissance patrol from the 164th Infantry contacted 4 Japs in the vicinity of 137.5-219.4 killing 2 and wounding 1. One of 7 Nips was killed in the vicinity of ambush set up by 182nd Infantry at 136.8-216.7. Village in the vicinity on Mom Mountain (155 degrees 16 minutes east 6 degrees 14 minutes south) subjected to 155 MM shell fire; Nip installations in the vicinity of Jabo River Mouth also shelled.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen Vandegrift
Adm King
White House
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PART 2 AND FINAL CTF 72 060944.

9TH COMPLETELY INACTIVATED TORPEDOES BY ORDER CTF 72. 10TH ASSIGNED PELEW-NEWAK TRAFFIC ROUTES. 14TH CONTACTED 3 LARGE, LOADED TANKERS, 2 DESTROYER ESCORTS ENROUTE TRUK. MADE SUBMERGED ATTACK 1451L FIRING 6 TORPEDOES. 2 POSITIVE, POSSIBLE 4 HITS. HEARD BREAKING UP NOISES NEAR 05-00 N 140-43. SINKING CONFIRMED LATER, SIGHTING BY GUARDFISH. LONG, INACCURATE DEPTH CHARGING. 16TH PROCEEDED TULAGI FOR FUEL. ARRIVED 20TH. MADE EMERGENCY REPAIRS HYDRAULIC SYSTEM AIDED BY COUCAL. DEPARTED 21ST RETURNING TO PATROL TRUK, ADMIRALTY, KAVIENG AREA. 27TH ASSIGNED AREA CLOSE IN SOUTH TRUK. ONLY CONTACTS PROPERLY MARKED SOUTHBOUND HOSPITAL SHIP. SEVERAL PATROL CRAFT. HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

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FAILING AGAIN, ORDERED RETURN TO ROSE 31ST. 2 FEBRUARY ON STATION NEAR Ø1-ØØ S 154-ØØ CONCLUDED MISSION. 2ØØØL 4TH SIGHTED PETO NORTHBOUND. ARRIVED MILNE BAY 6TH. 5Ø DAYS ON PATROL. 3Ø DAYS IN AREA. FIRED 18 TORPEDOES. 2 HITS. 3 PREMATURES. SANK 1 TANKER, [redacted] 1Ø,ØØØ TONS. NORMAL REFIT ALONGSIDE FULTON. ESTIMATE READY FOR SEA 28TH FEBRUARY.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 5872 6 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

Photos taken 5th February show Tobera, 7 fighters and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable; Lakunai, 6 fighters, 3 dive bombers and 2 light bombers, concrete runway and bomber mat unservicable; Rapopo, 2 fighters and 4 medium bombers, runway serviceable; Vunakanau, 15 dive bombers and 27 medium bombers, runway serviceable; 1 AK and 3 barges in Kabaira Bay; 1 AK and 36 barges at Vunapope; 10 float planes in Simpson Harbor.

At 1116L, 4th February, 25 B25's struck Tobera scoring ten direct hits on center of third concrete runway, intense and accurate AA damaged one B25. At 1130L, 4th February, 18 B24's covered by 12 P38's and 22 F4U's struck Vunakanau with 216-quarter tonners, some bombs seen hitting south revetment area reportedly destroying one Betty, heavy AA damaged 6 B24's, one Jap fighter shot down by B24's; Blue fighter escort contacted 20-30 Jap fighters enroute to and from target, 2 Zekes shot down, 2 F4U's lost. At 0930L, 4th February Blue search plane sighted one Betty heading southeast over Kilinailau Islands. Total score for 4th February, 4 Zekes destroyed, 2 F4U's missing, all bombers returned.

Air and ground summary for 5th February. Bougainville covering period 1500 February 5th:

No change in 37th Division sector. Americal; enemy defensive position encountered by patrol in the vicinity of 137.2-218.0 to 137.4-218.3 , 3 Nips killed in ensuing action, CM-IN-4119 (6 Feb 44)

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 5872

6 February 1944

one officer wounded accounted for our losses. Another patrol from the 182 Infantry located 2 enemy bivouac areas which were recently occupied by at least 12 Nips in each at 136.4-215.8 and 136.6-215.8. Artillery destroyed 4 houses 700 yards north east of Mavavia. 155MM guns fired harrassing fire in Doiaris and Jaba River areas and on supply dumps and emplacements in the Tekessi River area; suspected Nip observation post on Magine Island shelled again.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Gen Vandegrift
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FROM: COM 7TH FLEET

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1707

DECODED BY: GLUNT

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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87 ENEMY NAVAL PLANES, 35 ARMY NOTED ACTIVE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA 4TH. VUNAKANAU SEARCHERS OBSERVED SOUTHEAST LYRA REEF AND NORTHEAST NISSAN ISLAND EARLY EVENING 3RD. MORNING 4TH BLUE SHIPPING SIGHTED SOUTH-EAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY AND WESTERN NEW BRITAIN AREA. 6 PLANES SEARCHED EAST AND NORTHEAST NEW IRELAND DAY-TIME 4TH. TIMOR SEA SEARCHED FROM KOEPANG TO AUSTRAL-IAN COAST MORNING 4TH.

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DATE 6 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0636

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
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COMGEN GUADAL, SANTO.

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PART 2 AND FINAL.

ALL OUR PLANES RETURNED. SCORE FOR 3RD 13 ZEKES DOWNED, 6 PROBABLES IN COMBAT PLUS 1 ON GROUND. BLUE LOSSES 3 F4U'S MISSING.

EARLY MORNING 4TH 1 VENTURA STARTED FIRE AT FAISI WITH 2BOMBS.

DURING 3RD DUMBO RES CUED FROM TAUU ISLAND ABOUT 140 MILES EAST BUKA PILOT AND GUNNER OF TBF WHICH CRASHED CHRISTMAS DAY NORTH KAVIENG ON FLIGHT FROM BUNKER HILL. MEN REPORTED IN EXCELLENT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION ALTHOUGH ADRIFT 27 DAYS AND 14 DAYS ON TAUU ISLAND. PLANES RADIOMAN INJURED IN ACTION KILLED IN SUBSEQUENT CRASH.

0515L/5TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED ATTACKING 2 SHIPS JUST NORTH RABAUL CLAIMED PROBABLE HIT.

2030L/4TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED UNIDENT SHIP

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APPROXIMATELY 40 MILES SOUTHWEST BUKA PASSAGE.

Ø83ØL/4TH COASTWATCHER REPORTED JAP POST NAMATOA NORTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE WIPED OUT BY LOCAL NATIVES ARMED WITH CLUBS. 5 JAPS KILLED NIL NATIVE CASUALTIES. 1 LIGHT MG 3 RIFLES 5 GRENADES CAPTURED.

11ØØL-1144L/4TH GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED/STRAFED SEAPLANE AREA KAPINGAMARANGI SAW NO ACTIVITY OR AA. ANOTHER SEARCHER OVER NAURU 125ØL-135ØL SAW 7 FISHING BOATS IN LAGOON 18 SMALLER BOATS OFF SHORE. STRIPS BELIEVED OPERATIONAL. 2 TWIN ENGINE PLANES BELIEVED BETTYS APPARENTLY DAMAGED ON RUNWAY, 1 BIPLANE 3 HAMPS IN REVETMENTS OF WHICH 2 DAMAGED. SOME HEAVY AA RECEIVED FROM 2 POSITS CENTER 2 NORTH SIDE ISLAND.

ANOTHER SOPAC SEARCHER RESUCED 5 SURVIVORS FROM B24 ON MISSION FROM TARAWA APPROXIMATELY 135 MILES SOUTH NAURU. SURVIVORS IN WATER 6 DAYS BALANCE KILLED LANDING.

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COMSOPAC'S 050512 IN 2 PARTS:
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DURING NIGHT 3RD-4TH TREASURY BASED PT'S TURNED BACK 1 BARGE HEADING OUT OF CHOISEUL BAY FORCED IT BACK TO TARO ISLAND WHERE IT WAS WORKED OVER WITH ACCURATE SUSTAINED FIRE.

NOON 3RD 44 SBD'S 23 TBF'S WITH 39 F4U'S 15 P-40'S 8 F6F'S ATTACKED TOBERA. SBD'S MADE 5 EFFECTIVE HITS CENTER REVETMENTS WHERE 1 OF MANY PLANES SEEN TO EXPLODE. TBF'S MADE 13 HITS RUNWAY 4 ESTIMATED EFFECTIVE HITS SOUTH REVETMENT AREA. RUNWAY BELIEVED SERVICEABLE DESPITE HITS. SMOKE SEEN SOUTH EAST

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REVETMENT AREA, TRUCKS STRAFED EAST FIELD. 10-15 ZEKES MADE SEVERAL PASSES OVER TARGET SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 1 SBD 3 T8F'S. BLUE VF SHOT DOWN 7 ZEKES SURE 4 PROBABLES. 3 F4U'S MISSING INCLUDING LIEUT HANSON WHO IS CREDITED WITH 25 JAPS.

1401L SAME DAY 15 B-24'S WITH 14 P-38'S 17 F4U'S LAID GOOD PATTERN ACROSS SOUTH REVETMENTS LAKUNAI WITH HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION TO SOUTH EAST. SEVERAL FIRES STARTED, 1 EXPLOSION BETWEEN SULPHUR CREEK AND END RUNWAY. ANOTHER WITH BLACK SMOKE SEEN SOUTH WEST RUNWAY. BOMBERS REPORTED DETERMINED INTERCEPTION DURING BOMBING RUNWAY 10 ZEKES MAKING SKILLFUL OVERHEAD PASSES FROM SUN ENDING IN HEAD ON RUNS THRU FORMATION WHILE ON THEIR BACKS. 2 B-24'S DAMAGED 1 MAN WOUNDED BY THESE TACTICS. P-38'S ESTIMATE 25-30 JAPS AIRBORNE OF WHICH 4 ZEKES DESTROYED PLUS 1 PROBABLE. F4U'S DOWNED 1 MORE SURE.

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DATE: FEB 3 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 1019			
DECODED BY: KNAPP	INFORMATION		PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
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ADVISER CTF 73.

FTD FOUND TEACHER CAPE MATANALEM 0115L. ADVISER CTF 73 ABOUT PATROLS NIGHT 4/5 FEBRUARY. BOMBS MISSED. 2200 ROUNDS THIRTIES FIFTIES EXPENDED. SMALL SB BROKEN WATER WATER BAY COURSE SOUTHEAST WQIJE MISSED 0125L LIGHT MEDIUM ACCURATE AA. DIM SEARCHLIGHTS AWAR.

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NAVAL MESSAGE — NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM: COM 7TH FLT (INDEF CALL)

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0922

DECODED BY: KNAPP

PARAPHRASED BY: LYNN

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THUNDERBOLTS COVERED LIBERATORS IN STRIKE DAGUA AND BUT STRIPS BOMBS DROPPED AMONG APPROX 30 PLANES OBSERVED DAGUA. FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS AT BUT DROME. NIL INTERCEPTION REPORTED. FURTHER DETAILS STRIKE WEREWI ROME 3RD MITSBELLS CLAIM DESTROYING 30/40 OF 60/70 VF'S AND VB'S LINED UP ALONG DAGUA STRIP 5 OF 8 INTERCEPTING JAP VF'S SHOT DOWN. LIBERATORS REPORT 3 OF 13 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON WEWAK STRIP. MITCHELLS REPORT 6 PLANES BURNING BUT STRIP. 6 P-38'S FAILED TO RETURN. 16 P-39'S STRAFED BOGADJIM AREA SAME DAY. MIDDAY L 3RD LARGE STRIKE SOPAC DAUNTLESS AND AVENGERS WITH FIGHTERS COVERING FOUND SIMPSON

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HARBOR OVERCAST SQ HIT TOBERA FIRES OBSERVED AMONG INSTALLATIONS AND REVETMENTS. 7 ZEKES DESTROYED 3 CORSAIRS MISSING. 2 HOURS LATER 15 LIBERATORS WITH FIGHTER COVER HIT LAKUNAI. 1 OF 10 DETERMINED AND SKILLFUL ATTACKING ZEROS SHOT DOWN. 5 OF 25/30 ZEROS DESTROYED BY FIGHTERS. AIR SIGHTING 1230L/4TH JAP SUB POSIT 03-40 S 139-45 E COURSE 160. ALSO 0045L/5TH 1 AK UNDER 1000 TONS JUST NORTH HANSA BAY COURSE 120. 0400L/5TH 1 SMALL AK REPORTED 03-00 S 145-20 E COURSE 025. SOPAC SEARCHER 0415L/5TH REPORTS PROBABLE HITS 2 SHIPS NORTH RABAUL.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No. 5854, 5 February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1401 L, 3 February, 15 B24's escorted by 14 P38's and 17 F4U's struck Lakunai with unreported number Centuries, south and south east revetment areas received excellent hits, several fires started, and explosion observed between Sulphur Creek and end of runway, another explosion followed by black smoke southwest of runway; 10 Zekes intercepted damaging 2 B24's, Blue Fighters destroyed 5 Zekes and 1 probable of estimated 25-30 airborned, B24's shot down 1 Zeke and 1 probable; Jap DD sighted heading west from Talili (near Rabauk) Bay, all our planes returned. Total enemy planes destroyed on 3 February is 13 Zekes sure and 6 probables in combat plus 1 on ground, our losses 3 F4U's. At 1045L, 3 February, search plane observed convoy 2 AK's, 2 DD's and 1 unidentified ship south bound 50 miles east Mussau Island. 0535 L, 4 February, Blue search plane attacked unidentified ship with unreported results south entrance of Saint George channel. Photos taken 4 February show Bonis strip unserviceable, 2 barges in area, all other photo missions weathered out. Xray searches for 4 February averaged 98% track and 93% cover, all negative except sightings reported this date. Air and ground summary for 4 February. Bougainville covering period 1500 February 3 to 1500 February 4: patrol from the 129 Infantry returned to Perimeter from Cape Moltke and reported negative. Artillery concentration placed on reported Nip OP on Magine Island; 3 Nips attempting to escape in canoe were sunk by 155 MM shell. 1 Nip was seen by reconnaissance patrol from 182 Infantry at 137.0-217.2 and another at 136.3-216.95 with still another at 136.6-21675 but all 3 Nips managed to escape. Friendly natives killed

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From: New Caledonia
To: War
No. 5854, 5 February 1944

five Japs with clubs at Nomatop (05 degrees 38 minutes south 155 degrees 4 minutes east), 1 light machine gun, 3 rifles and 5 grenades captured without any casualties suffered.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Adm King
White House
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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FROM: COMSEVENTHFLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 4 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 041033

DECODED BY: MITCHELL

PARAPHRASED BY: STEVENS

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: COMINCH — PRIORITY PPPPP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COMSOPAC — PRIORITY PPPPP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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(MACARTHUR COM 7TH FLT PASSES FOR MACARTHUR TO COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

3 BLACK CATS BOMBED AND LEFT LOW IN WATER AND BURNING A 5000 TO 6000 TON AK OFF SOUTHWEST COAST OF NEW HANOVER. PT BOATS NEGATIVE. ARAWE ECHELON OF 4LCT 1 PC AND 1 YMS RETURNED CAPE CRETIN THIS MORNING. ECHELON OF 6 LST [illegible] DUE SAIDOR TOMORROW MORNING.

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FROM COM 7TH FLT (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY

DATE 4 FEBRUARY, 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1477

DECODED BY KEENER

PARAPHRASED BY FORCE

ROUTED BY

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TODAY LOVE THIRD LIBERATORS AND MITCHELLS HEAVILY BOMBED WEWAK DROMES. LARGE FIRES STARTED DUMP AREA SE SEVERAL VEHICLES DESTROYED 7 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON GROUND THUNDERBOLT COVER SHOT DOWN 4 OF 7 INTERCEPTING NIP FIGHTERS RETURNING THUNDERBOLTS STRAFED MANY TARGETS ALONG COAST WEWAK TO ALEXISHAFEN. BOSTONS AND P40'S ALSO STRUCK MADANG TARGETS AND HANSA BAY AREA. 1300L 3RD 26 BEAUFORTS 15 P40'S WITH SPITFIRE COVER STRUCK TAMGEN RIVER AREA GASMATA BOMB BURSTS OBSERVED IN CAMP AND DUMP AREA. NIGHT SECOND/THIRD 1 CATALINA DROPPED BOMBS KAVIENG

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DUMP AREA NIL SHIPS SIGHTED IN HARBOR 1 SEARCH LIGHT EAST SIDE KAVIENG RUNWAY BELIEVED RADAR CONTROLLED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

Number 5829, 4 February 1944

COMGENSOPAC to Chief of Staff USA.

On 3rd February, blue search plane sighted 2 DD's and 2 large AK's 10 miles North of New Hanover Island. At 1115L, 3rd February, search plane sighted 2 DD's and 1 freighter transport heading south, 50 miles south of New Hanover Island. At 1500L, 3rd February, 3 Zekes attacked blue search plane, north coast New Hanover Island, results 1 Zeke driven down smoking, other 2 retired, slight damage to blue searcher. Search plane reports at 1200L, 3rd February, 1 medium AK burning and sinking, abandoned by 2 escorting DD's 25 miles south of New Hanover Island. Weather cancelled strikes and photo missions on 3rd February.

Air and ground summary for 3rd February.

Bougainville covering period 1500 February 2 to 1500 February 3rd: There were no changes in either division sectors; 155 MM gun fired on Nip bivouac areas in Koiaris area and the Tekessi and Jaba River areas. Patrol from Fiji garrison at Ibu killed 40-50 Nips without suffering any casualties in area near Pipipaia.

No Sig

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INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
WHITE HOUSE
ADM. KING
GEN. VANDEGRIFT
LOG

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: CINCSOWESPAC (COM 7TH FLT)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 3 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1052

DECODED BY: STONE

PARAPHRASED BY: BLACK

ROUTED BY: WIDMAN

FOR ACTION: COMINCH

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT

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COM 7TH FLT PASSING FOR CINCSOWESPAC.
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GLOUCESTER ECHELON FOUR LST'S 3 DD'S RETURNED CRETIN.

ECHELON 4 LST 3 DD'S PROCEEDING SAIDOR ON SCHEDULE.

ARAWE ECHELON 4 LCT CYP PC 1 YMS RETURNING CRETIN TOMORROW MORNING. BAD WEATHER CONTINUES PREVENT PT AND BLACK CAT OPERATIONS.

MACARTHUR.

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DATE: 2 FEB 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 2126/2			
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PARAPHRASED BY: MORRIS			
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GLOUCESTER ECHELON 4 LST'S 3 DD'S RETURNING SUDEST DUE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. ECHELON 4 LST'S 3 DD'S ENROUTE FROM SUDEST DUE SAIDOR AGAIN SAIDIT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED PT AND BLACK CAT OPERATIONS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE — NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE

FROM: CTF 31

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 2 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0651

DECODED BY: STEEN

PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMSOPAC
ALL COMMANDS IN SOPAC AND SOWESTPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OP INTELL INFO

INFORMATION: ALL INTERESTED CURRENT OPERATIONS

PRECEDENCE: OP OP OP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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0204Ø1 NCR 6781

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INTERCEPT

CTF 31 SENDS ACTION TO COMSOPAC INFO TO ALL INTERESTED CURRENT OPERATION.

SURRMARY
SUMMARY FOR 2ND. RAIDING PARTY RETURNED FROM BELLONA ISLAND THIS MORNING WITH CONFIRMING REPORT OF SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS AND POSSIBILITIES.
COMDESRON 22 WITH 3 DD'S COMPLETED CHOISEUL BOMBARDMENT YESTERDAY MORNING. OBSERVER REPORTS "THEY GAVE NIPS HELL." 23RD KOROKINA ECHELON 8 LST'S 2 AK'S 1 AOG 5 DD'S 1 DE 1 CORVETTE DEPARTED ON SCHEDULE THIS MORNING DUE DAWN 4TH.
ALL PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS.

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FROM: COM 7TH US FLEET

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 2 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0516

DECODED BY: KNAPP

PARAPHRASED BY: KIRKBRIDE

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH US FLEET INTELL. SUMMARY

INFORMATION:

PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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OBS REPORTS 2 FUSO TYPES BB'S LEFT TRUK MIDDAY L 1ST COURSE 290. BLUE SUB REPORTS DESTROYING 1 LARGE AP OR TENDER AND 1 UNIDENT SHIP BOTH EXPLODED NIGHT 31ST/1ST OFF SAIPAN COURSE 120. HEAVY STRIKE ON ADMIRALTIES 1ST PREVENTED BY WEATHER BUT 8 THUNDERBOLTS STRAFED HANSA BAY VILLAGES. PATROLLING P39 STRAFED BOGADJIM ROAD AREA OTHER LIGHT STRAFING MISSIONS CARRIED OUT. 1242L/1ST AIR SIGHTING 3/4 DD'S 2 AK'S POSIT 01-52 S 149-23 E COURSE NORTHWEST ATTACKS UNSUCCESSFUL. PREDAWN 1ST 2 LIBERATORS ATTACKED 1 MEDIUM/LARGE CARGO SHIP PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AND SCORED HITS REPORTING SINKING 02-40 S 141-20 E. 0125L/31ST SEARCH LIBERATOR DROPPED

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BOMBS ON 1 AH BEFORE NLTIRG 2 ILLUMINATED CROSSES POSIT Ø3-27 S 151-1Ø E COURSE 9Ø. Ø235L/2ND AIR FIGHTING 1 AH Ø2-35 S 15Ø-Ø3 E COURSE 34Ø.

P39'S Ø945L/1ST STRAFED 1 AK APPROX 1ØØØ TONS MADANG. 122ØL/1ST BLUE PLANE SIGHTED SUB CRASH DIVING POSIT Ø4-57 S 152-15 E COURSE SOUTHEAST.

Ø5ØØL/1ST BLUE SURFACE FORCE ATTACKED SUB WEST BUKA EXPLOSION RESULTING. SOPAC AIR ACTIVITY OVER RABAUL MORNING 31ST LIBERATORS WITH FIGHTER COVER BOMBED TOBERA NIL INTERCEPTION PICTURES SHOW HITS STRIP AND DUMP AREA 1Ø AK'S 1 AH SIGHTED SIMPSON HARBOR. DAUNTLESS AND AVENGERS FOLLOWING LIBERATORS FOR SHIPPING ATTACK FOUND HARBOR CLOSED HIT TOBERA DESTROYING 7 AIRCRAFT ON GROUND. 46 BLUE FIGHTERS DESTROYED 8 OF 3Ø NIP INTERCEPTORS 4 BLUE PLANES LOST. PICTURES WITH INCOMPLETE

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DETAILS RABAUL AIRCRAFT SHOW 62 VF'S 14 VDB'S 34 VMB'S 1130L/31ST 2 SMALL AK'S KAVIENG. BLUE LIBERTY SHIP 0445L/31ST REPORTS SLIGHT DAMAGE FROM ENEMY BOMB LANGEMAK BAY. AIR INTENT TODAY INCLUDES SEARCHES AND SWEEPS LIBERATOR AND MITCHELL STRIKES NEW GUINEA TARGETS.

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To : War

Nr : 5776 2nd February 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC. Air and ground summary for 1st February.

At 1035L, 31 January, 24 SBD's and 18 TBF's covered by 46 Allied fighters struck Tobera with one tonners, destroying 6 grounded planes and damaging 15 more, also damaging buildings around radio tower; 20 or more Jap fighters intercepted, 6 Zekes, 1 Hamp and 1 Tony were shot down plus 4 probables, 1 SBD downed by AA and 2 F-4U's failed to return.

At 1028 L, 31 January, 17 B-24's covered by 16 P-38's and 4 F-4U's struck Tobera with 32D-Centuries, 20 hits were scored on southeast runway and 8 hits on east end of strip including 3 hits on the concrete, 14 hits in the clearing east of the strip and 7 in the area east of the operations building; 9 AK's and 1 AH were seen in the harbor, 1 AK leaving harbor. Photos taken 31 January, show strips unserviceable and no aircraft on Ballale, Kahili, Kara, Buka and Bonis; 2 barges at Ballale, 8 barges at Shortland-Faisi and 9 barges in Matchin Bay.

On 31 January, search plane report no activity on Feni Island, Mussau Island, Emirau or New Hanover Islands. 10 X searches averaged 95% track and 78% cover on 31 January, all negative.

Photos taken on 1 February, show Vunakanau, 5 fighters, 14 dive bombers and 28 medium bombers; Rapopo, 2 fighters and 5 medium bombers; Tobera, 55 fighters and 1 medium bomber; all runways serviceable; 11 barges at Rapopo;

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From: New Caledonia
To : War
Nr : 5776 2nd February 1944

all other areas clouded.

Bougainville operations covering period 1500 Jan 31 to 1500 February 1:

No change reported in 37th Division sector. Patrol from 182nd Infantry established contact with enemy in the vicinity of 136.75-214.75 on 31 January; contact was broken and the Nip positions were marked with smoke in preparation of artillery fire; our losses from this action two men. Fiji force at Ibu successfully supplied by air drop; Company C reinforced left Perimeter at 1700L to relieve Company A reinforced at Ibu.

All other sectors negative.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Vandegrift
Admiral King
White House
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 5764 1 February 1944

To AGWAR OPD for Harmon from Barnett

Commando raid successful with losses light. Estimated enemy on island 70. Report optimistic.

Green Island

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

Nr: 5761, 1 February 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1137L, 30 January, 18 B24's covered by 15 P38's and 5 F4U's struck Vunakanau with 394 frag clusters in good pattern north from center of runway through northeast revetment area where 5 Bettys were probably damaged; moderate to intense AA slightly damaged 6 B24's; pilots sighted 2 DD South Watom Island, 1 AK in Ataliklikun Bay, 4 DD and 2 AK's in Simpson Harbor, also observed 15-20 fighters and 20-25 bombers on ground at Vunakanau. At 1815L, 30 January, 18 TBF's and 16 SBD's covered by 50 Allied fighters struck Rabaul shipping, sinking 1 AK also left 1 DD and another AK burning; very heavy AA received; 30 Jap fighters intercepted, blue fighter escort shot down 18 Zekes, 2 Tojos and 1 Tony with 3 more probables, our loss 2 F4U's and 1 TBF. At 1115L, 30 January, 26 B25's covered by 47 Allied fighters dropped 156 quarter tonners on Lakunai, 1 large fire and several others were started on northwest runway spreading black smoke over entire area; 25 Zekes and 1 Tojo jumped our fighters, 2 Zekes were shot down plus 3 probables, our loss 1 F4U, intense accurate AA slightly damaged 5 B25's; a possible CV was sighted in Simpson Harbor opposite Matupi. Total enemy aircraft destroyed on 30 January is 23positives and 6 probables. On 30 January, blue searcher saw 3 gray lifeboats and 1 camouflaged barge at Ambitle Island. At 1150L, 30 January, 3 B25's bombed and strafed

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
Nr: 5761, 1 February 1944.

small AK 25 miles east southeast of New Hanover Island, no damage observed. At 0045L, 31 January, search plane sighted 1 AH heading west 30 miles off south central coast New Ireland. At 0030L, 31 January, blue search plane sighted and attacked 2 barges in south entrance Saint George Channel, results unobserved. On 31 January, blue photo plane saw 5 enemy barges, 1 of which was patrolling off shore at Green Island, barges were camouflaged completely hiding contents; 3 barges landed simultaneously with our own barges sighted in the vicinity; A message was dropped to our troops but radio contact could not be established. Twelve X searches on 30 January, averaged 87% track and cover, all negative except sightings as reported this date. Later reports indicate 68 friendly barges at Green Island who gave proper recognition signals. No AA received by Nauru search plane and no activity observed. Air and Ground summary for 31 January. Bougainville covering period 1500 January 30 to 1500 January 31: final results of Infantry-tank assult made in area east of mouth Torokina River on January 29-30 are as follows; 20 Jap pill boxes demolished, 80 Nips killed, some from 13 Infantry, our losses, 19 killed 23 wounded. New line established east of Torokina River mouth is being consolidated. No change in 37 Division Sector.

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ACTION: OPD

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CGAAF
White House
Adm King
CC/S Capt Royal USN
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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FROM CTU 31.1.5 (USS TERRY)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOPAC CTG 31.1	ROUTINE
DATE 1 FEB 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0453			
DECODED BY KIRKBRIDE		INFORMATION: COMDESRONS 23, 22, 45	OP OP OP PRIORITY
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(CTU 31.1.5 SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC CTG 31.1, INFO CTF 31.)

17TH ECHELON DEPARTS TREASURY NOON (L) 1ST.

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RELEASED BY:

DATE: FEB 1 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1159

DECODED BY: LYNN

PARAPHRASED BY: GRUNEWALD

ROUTED BY:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOPAC ALL COMMANDS IN SOPAC AND SOWESTPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION(Z5T)

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THIS IS REPORT ACTIONS 31ST ALL TIMES LOVE. BOMBING THROUGH HOLE IN OVERCAST AT 1028 17 LIBERATORS ESCORTED BY 16 LIGHTNINGS 4 CORSAIRS DROPPED 32 CENTURIES TOBERA Rabaul FROM 22,000 WITHOUT INTERCEPTION. BOMBS CHIEFLY NORTHEAST AREA TARGET WITH PILLAR BLACK SMOKE CENTRE SOUTH SIDE RUNWAY ALSO SMALL FIRE REVETMENT AREA. PHOTOS SHOW 20 HITS SOUTHEAST RUNWAY 8 HITS EAST END ST.....* CARS. 9 AK 1 AH OBSERVED IN HARBOR 1 AK LEAVING. AT 1032 4 DAUNTLESS 18 AVENGERS LOADED FOR SHIPPING FOUND HARBOR CLOSED SO ATTACKED TOBERA INSTEAD. DAUNTLESS COVERED

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AA PLACED 3 HALF TONNERS ON STRIP 1 ON BETTY. AVENGERS GOT 9 HITS RUNWAY 9 ESTIMATED DIRECT AND EFFECTIVE 2000 POUNDERS IN SOUTH REVETMENT AREA DESTROYING 6 DAMAGING 15 PLANES. BUILDINGS AROUND TOWER, RADIO TOWER NEAR STRIP DAMAGED. 1¢ TO 12 ZEKES INTERCEPTED DURING APPROACH 3 OR 4 IN PULLOUT. AA MODERATE. AERIAL BOMBS SEEN. 1 DAUNTLESS DOWN OFF KABANGA 2 DAUNTLESS 4 AVENGERS DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE RETURNED SAFELY. 46 ESCORTING FIGHTERS ENCOUNTERED 2¢ OR MORE NIPS DURING APPROACH DESTROYED 6 ZEKES 1 HAMP 1 TONY 4 PROBABLES. 2 CORSAIRS FAILED RETURN. FIGHTERS REPORT GREAT PALL SMOKE OVER TOBERA. COBRAS COVERED TOROKINA ESCORTED. DUMBO PATROLLED TG 31.6. CORSAIR PILOT DOWN 30TH RESCUED BY DD. WEATHER CANCELLED ALL FLIGHTS NIGHT 31-1. LT

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HANSON USMC KNOCKING AT FAMES DOOR NOW HAS 25 NIPS.

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FROM: COM GREEN RAIDER

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 31 JAN 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2313

DECODED BY: KEENER

PARAPHRASED BY: SAPP

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CTF 31 (Com Third Fleet) COMGEN NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE.

INFORMATION: COMAIRSOLS COMSOPACFOR CTG 31.8 COMDESRON 23

PRECEDENCE: 000000000000000 PRIORITY; ROUTINE; DEFERRED

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COM GREEN RAIDER SENDS. RDO KOLI PASS TO COMGEN NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE.

(Green island)

ALL DETAILS OF RECONNAISSANCE FULLY ACCOMPLISHED. ENTIRE PARTY SUCCESSFULLY WITHDRAWN EXCEPT FOUR KILLED ONE ~~N~~ OFFICER THREE NAVY ENLISTED. DEPARTED AREA Ø13Ø L. TWO LADEN BARGES UNDER TREES WATERS EDGE AND CAMOUFLAGED PROBABLY DAMAGED AND ABOUT TWENTY JAPS AT SUNSET LAST NIGHT LOCATED 21.Ø-419.82.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM COMDESRON 23

RELEASED BY

DATE 1 FEB 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0202

DECODED BY KEENER

PARAPHRASED BY KIRKBRIDE

ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLEET
COMDESRON 45

PRECEDENCE: OP OP — ** ROUTINE — DEFERRED

INFORMATION: COMAIRSOPAC
COMAIRSOLS
CTF 31

PRECEDENCE: OP OP — ROUTINE — DEFERRED

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(COMDESRON 23 ORIGINATOR ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRSOLS CTF 31, RADIOS PASS)

COMDESRON 23 IN AUSBURNE CLAXTON DYSON SEARCHING IN VICINITY 05-30 S 154 17 E UNTIL 0900 IN EFFORT TO REGAIN SOUND CONTACT REPORTED BY COMDESRON 45 AT ABOUT 0500.

COMDESDIV 46 IN CONVERSE THENCE STANLY RETIRING TO BLANCHE HARBOR ETA 1200. ALL TIMES (L).

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FROM: AIROP HENDERSON

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 31 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 1603

DECODED BY: SCHMICK

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

ROUTED BY:

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

INFORMATION: COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRCENPAC COMSOPAC COMCENPAC CTF 57 CINCPAC COMSOWESPAC COMADVON 5 ALL TFC SOPAC — PRIORITY OP OP OP OP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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INTERCEPT

AIROP HENDERSON SENDS TO COMAIRSOLS. INFO COMAIRSOPAC, COMSOPAC, CTF 57, COMSOWESPAC, COMADVON 5, ALL TFC SOPAC, COMAIRCENPAC, COMCENPAC, CINCPAC.

LIBERATOR SEARCHES AVERAGED 90% OF COVER 85 MILES EXCEPT 58 B-29 WHICH RETURNED EARLY DUE TO RADAR TROUBLE AND BAD WEATHER. ALL NEGATIVE EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: 50 B-29 SAW 8 FRIENDLY BARGES AT GREEN ISLAND WHO GAVE RECOGNITION SIGNALS. ALSO TOOK GOOD LOOK AT MUSSAU, EMIRAU, NEW HANOVER AND FENI ISLAND WHEN NO ACTIVITIES WERE SEEN. 10 ~~B-29~~ B-24 CIRCLED NAURU AT 8000 FEET FROM 3 TO 6 MILES, NO PLANES, SHIP OR OTHER ACTIVITIES BEING OBSERVED AND NO AA FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED, WHICH WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE. VENTURA SEARCHES AVERAGE 85% COVER, ALL NEGATIVE. CATALINA SEARCHERS COVERED AVERAGE OF 90% OF APPROXIMATE FULL DISTANCE. ALL NEGATIVE EXCEPT 35 B-29 REPORTS [redacted] 1 YANKEE ISLAND AT 03-01 ING BARGE ADRIFT

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RELEASED BY:	FOR ACTION	COM 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY PPPPPPPP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE: 31 JANUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 2108			
DECODED BY: ESPY	INFORMATION	COMAIRSOLS COMGEN 14TH CORPS COMAIRSOPAC COMDESRON 23 CTG 30.9	PRIORITY PPPPPPPP / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT			
ROUTED BY:			

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CTF 31 SENDS ACTION TO COM 3RD FLEET. INFO COMAIRSOLS, COMGEN 14TH CORPS, COMAIRSOPAC. LATTER HAS.

RECOMMENDED TARGETS YOUR 302353: – attached

(A) PILLBOXES, BIVOUACS ALONG COASTLINE INLAND 50 YARDS FROM SARIME RIVER MOUTH SOUTHEAST 1250 YARDS

(B) BIVOUACS, REPORTED GUNS ALONG COASTLINE INLAND 50 YARDS FROM 3300 TO 4500 YARDS SOUTHEAST OF THE SARIME RIVER MOUTH

(C) 2 POSSIBLE COAST GUNS NORTHWEST 50 YARDS FROM RIVER MOUTH

REFER ARMY AIR FORCE CHART NUMBER 8, BELNTRD AVAILABLE AT MUNDA AND TREASURY. COMDESRON 23 DOES NOT HOLD.

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Sarime River – Northwest coast Bougainville

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FROM COMAIRSOLS		FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 JAN 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 311632		INFORMATION: 6TH ISLAND COMMAND RNZAF COMSOPAC ALL TFC SOPAC ALL AIROPS COMGEN FWD AREA COMGEN 14 CORPS COMFAIRSOUTH COMMARINEAIRSOPAC COMAF 13 NUMBER 1 ISLAND GRP	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
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EY OP-PX M 1-44 EFFECTIVE 1800 1 FEBRUARY AT WHICH TIME MY HEADQUARTERS CLOSES MUNDA AND OPENS EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY.

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FROM: COM 7TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY:		FOR ACTION: ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH US FLEET INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
DATE: 31 JAN 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: Ø935			
DECODED BY: WOODWARD		INFORMATION	PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD			
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INTERCEPT

NIL SIGNIFICANT CHANGE INDICATED JAP NAVYS AIR ACTIVITY 30TH. ARMY AIR ACTIVITY OBSERVED CENTERED HOLLANDIA AND NAMLEA BASES. LATTER BASE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE. JAPANESE WERE STILL ATTACKING KALANDEN RIVER ARMY OUTPOST Ø655L/31ST. AT Ø91ØL ALL BLUE PERSONNEL UNINJURED 4 P 4Ø'S OVERHEAD SKIRMISH APPARENTLY OVER. 3 MITCHELLS BOMBED STRAFED 1 AK 5ØØ/1ØØØ TONS POSIT Ø2-35 SOUTH 149-35 EAST 115ØL/3ØTH NIL DAMAGE OBSERVED. 1Ø AIRCOBRAS STRAFED BARGES FUEL DUMPS NORTHEAST SHORE NEW BRITAIN SAME DAY. 14 B 25'S DESTROYED 2 AK'S 25ØØ TONS HANSA BAY Ø957L/3ØTH WITH 4 OR MORE HITS 1 LUGGER LEFT SMOKING. 1 BLUE PLANE SHOT DOWN BY AA FIRE.

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FROM COMSOPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE 31 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM 311337

DECODED BY JENKINS/FISHER

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ROUTED BY

FOR ACTION: CINCSOWESPAC; CINCPAC

INFORMATION: ~~COMGENS EFATE, GUADAL~~ COMINCH COMSOWESPAC ALL TFC SOPAC NZNB COMGENSOPAC 7TH AF COMGEN 14TH CORPS COMGEN 13TH, GUADAL COMGENS ESPIRITU, FIJI, CENTPAC

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(COMSOPAC TO CINCSOWESPAC AND CINCPAC FOR ACTION. INFO COMINCH ALL TFC SOPAC COMSOWESPAC NZNB COMGENSOPAC COMGEN 14TH CORPS COMGEN 13TH AT GUADAL AND COMGENS AT ESPIRITU EFATE FIJI AND GUADAL. COMGEN CENTPAC PASS TO 7TH AF)

2ØØØL 28TH TREASURY P38 HARASSED KIHILI AND SHORTLAND SEARCHLIGHTS WHICH EXACTLY IMITATED ALL MOVEMENTS OF TREASURY AND TOROKINA BEAMS HOMING RETURNING STRIKE. 19 B24'S 23 SBD'S 17 TBF'S HIT RABAUL FIELDS 1Ø58L/29TH. 1105L WITH 12 P38'S 16 F4U'S B24'S STRUCK LAKUNAI SCORING HITS ACROSS SOUTH EAST RUNWAY AND DISPERSAL AREA DESTROYING NUMBER FIGHTERS ON GROUND. PHOTOS SHOWED 7 PLANES BURNING. ANOTHER PATTERN ACROSS NORTHWEST STRIP AND DISPERSAL AREA CAUSED MUCH BLACK SMOKE. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 12 BOMBERS. REPORT STATES BULLET PROOF VESTS

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STOPPED 4 PIECES SHRAPNEL. 2Ø-3Ø ZEROS HAMPS TONYS MET FOLLOWED BLUE PLANES INTO INTENSE AA BUT FEW PRESSED HOME ATTACKS THRU BLUE COVER. B24'S DESTROYED 1 ZEKE SURE 1 PROBABLE. WITH 6Ø COVERING VF LIGHT BOMBERS HIT 6 TOBERA GUN POSITS 11 TIMES. 5 PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND 5 DAMAGED AND 4 BUILDINGS NEAR CONTROL TOWER WRECKED. 1 FIRE STARTED SOUTH REVETMENT AREA. AA QUICKLY REDUCED BUT DOWNED 1 DAMAGED 5 TBF'S. OF 3Ø-5Ø ZEKES ONLY 2 PRESSED ATTACKS, TBF'S DESTROYED 1. BLUE VF ENGAGED JAPS MAINLY AFTER PULLOUT DESTROYED 16 ZEKES SURE 4 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSS 1 F4U. TOTAL SCORE FOR DAY 24 ZEKES SHOT DOWN 6 PROBABLES, 12 A/C DESTROYED ON GROUND. BLUE LOSSES 2 PLANES.
Ø7ØØL 29TH 2 VENTURAS BOMBED STRAFED REPORTED JAP BIVOUAC AREA MULAMBULI RIVER AREA NEAR CHOISEUL BAY TO

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SATISFACTION OF COASTWATCHER.
NIGHT 28TH-29TH GUADAL SNOOPER BOMBED 2 ESTIMATED DE'S MANEUVERING SPEEDILY 3Ø MILES NORTHWEST RABAUL.
1116L 3ØTH BLUE PLANE REPORTED SIGHTING POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT CARRIER SIMPSON HARBOR OPPOSITE MATUPI. 3 EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION BUT NOT CONFIRMED BY LATER SEARCH. 113ØL 3 DD'S REPORTED 5-1Ø MILES OFF KERAVAT.
PHOTOS 1115L-1127L 3ØTH VUNAKANAU 1Ø VDB 26 VMB CLOUDS MADE COUNT INCOMPLETE RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. RAPOPO 4 VF 1 VDB 1 VLB 5 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. TOBERA 1 VF CLOUDY COUNT INCOMPLETE. VUNAPOPE 1 SMALL AK 45 BARGES.
ØØ3ØL 31ST GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED ATTACKING 2 POSSIBLE BARGES JUST OFF COAST NEW IRELAND OPPOSITE RABAUL.
15ØØL 29TH-15ØØL 3ØTH BLUE PATROL RETURNED TO TOROKINA

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PERIMETER FROM HOUSE KIAPE. PRECEDED BY 3Ø MINUTE ARTY PREPARATION COMBINED INFANTRY AND TANK ASSAULT TEAM JUMPED OFF Ø83ØL TO CLEAR OUT JAPS AND INSTALLATIONS FROM AREA 3ØØ YARDS EAST OF POSITS EAST TOROKINA RIVER. OBJECTIVE REACHED BY 1ØØØL AGAINST STIFF RESISTANCE AND CONSOLIDATION POSITS CONTINUING. 2 TANKS REPORTED OUT OF ACTION 1 BY ENEMY ACTION OTHER DUE TO SWAMP. NO ACCURATE COUNT JAP OR BLUE CASUALTIES AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

TOROKINA GUNBOAT OPERATING EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY NIGHT 3ØTH-31ST THWARTED 3 POSSIBLE BARGES ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE JABA RIVER.

DURING 3ØTH GUADAL SNOOPER SIGHTED 3 GRAY LIFEBOATS, BOMBED PROBABLY DAMAGED CAMOUFLAGED BARGE AMBITLE ISLAND.

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INTERCEPT

CTF 31 SENDS TO COMSOPAC WITH ZST INFO.

SUMMARY FOR 31ST. SPECIAL RAIDING PARTY TO NORTH PRESUMABLY CARRIED OUT LAST NIGHTS MISSION SUCCESSFULLY SINCE ACCOMPANYING PT'S REPORT NO INCIDENT AND ESCORT COMMANDER HAS REPORTED NO DIFFICULTY.

22ND TOROKINA ECHELON COMPLETED UNLOADING AND DEPARTED AT 1700L YESTERDAY WITHOUT INCIDENT. TO DATE HAVE DELIVERED 78000 PERSONNEL AND 134000 TONS OF CARGO PLUS 2 AK'S NOW UNLOADING TO TOROKINA. 17TH TREASURY ECHELON HELD OVER 1 DAY TO PERMIT UNLOADING OF BONNEVILLE AT TREASURY TODAY AND TO ESCORT HER TO GUADAL. TO DATE HAVE TRANSPORTED 14700 PERSONNEL AND 28000 TONS OF CARGO TO TREASURY.

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TREASURY PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS. TOROKINA REPORTS THAT GUNBOAT THWARTED 3 NIPS OR PIPS ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE JAPA RIVER, PATROLS OTHERWISE NEGATIVE.

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FROM: COMAIRSOLS

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 31 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: Ø216

DECODED BY: KEENER

PARAPHRASED BY: TUMULT

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FOR ACTION: ALL COMMANDS IN SOPAC AND SOWESTPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

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COMAIRSOLS SENDS.

PHOTO PLANE REPORTS 3 UNITENTIFIED BARGES AT LATITUDE Ø4-35-ØØ S LONGITUDE 154-Ø5-35 E. 1 IS 2ØØØ YARDS NORTHWEST, 1 PATROLLING OFFSHORE. TOTAL 5 BARGES. ALL APPROXIMATELY 35 FEET, HIGH RAMP BOW, GREEN AWNINGS OR SHUTTERS COMPLETELY HIDING CONTENTS. THESE BARGES LANDED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OWN BARGES SIGHTED AT LATITUDE Ø4-34 S LONGITUDE 154-Ø7 E. PLANE DROPPED MESSAGES TO OWN TROOPS. RADIO CONTACT COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. AM CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

P R I O R I T Y

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number: 5733 31 January, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

From 1058L to 1105L, 29th January, 40 Navy bombers covered by 60 Allied fighters struck Tobera scoring 11 effective hits on 6 gun positions and destroying 5 planes on ground and 5 more damaged, 4 building near control tower were destroyed, fire also started in south revetment area, 30-50 ZEKES intercepted, 1 ZEKE destroyed by THF's, Allied fighters destroyed 16 ZEKES with 4 others probable, our loss 1 THF and 1 F4U. Same time as above strike, 19 B24's with 12 P38's and 16 F4U's as cover, struck Lakunai with 334-Centuries, photo shows 7 grounded Jap planes on fire, 20-30 Jap fighters intercepted, our bombers got 1 ZEKE and 1 probable, our fighters shot down 6 ZEKES and 1 probable, all our planes returned. On 29th January, 20 P39's strafed Kanrai Village, south east central Bougainville, with unobserved results. On 28th January 6 B25's dropped 5 tons of bombs on Qauru Island with unobserved results.

At 1315L, 29th January, blue search plane unsuccessfully attacked enemy sub heading northwest at 120 miles due east of Buka passage.

At 0700L, 29th January, 2 B34's and 3 P39's bombed and strafed Jap bivouac area on Mulambuli River, south west tip Choiseul Island, excellent hits were scored in target area.

At 0240L, 29th January, Blue Snooper dropped 5 bombs on 2 destroyer escorts, no hits were scored, heavy fire received from ships, position was 30 miles north west from Rabaul.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Caledonia
To: War
Nr. 5733, 31 January 1944

At 1130L, 30th January, 3 Jap DD's were sighted by Blue search plane about 5 miles north from Rabaul Harbor.

At 2200L, 30th January Blue Snooper attacked Jap sub 10 miles east from Cape Saint George, target disappeared following near mess.

Photos taken 30th January show 10 dive bombers and 26 medium bombers on serviceable Vunakanau; Rapopo, 4 fighters, 1 dive bomber, 1 light bomber and 5 medium bombers, runway serviceable; 1 AK visible off Vunapope plus 45 barges; other targets overcast.

Total score for 29th January is 24 Zekes shot down with 6 probables and 12 enemy air craft destroyed on ground, Allied loss 2 planes. 11 Xray searches averaged 94 percent track and cover with signtings as reported.

Air and Ground summary for 30th January:

Ground Operations Summary for period 1500 January 29th to 1500 January 30th Bougainville 37th Division: Patrol sent to House Kiape being returned.

Americal Division: An attack was launched by 1 Rifle Company and 1 Tank Company at 0830 against enemy positions in area east of mouth of Torokina River. Attack preceded by 30 minutes artillery preparation and supported by 1 company 82nd Chemical Battalion. Heavy resistance encountered but objective reached at 1000. 2 tanks out, 1 account of swamp, 1 due enemy action. Position being consolidated. Report of casualties not received.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Vandegrift, White House, Admiral King, Log

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DECODED BY: KEENER			
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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 31. INFO COMDESRON 23, COMAIRSOLS, COMGEN 14TH CORPS, CTF 39, COMAIRSOPAC.

SEE COMAIRSOLS' 291103. — NOT IN MR

CAN YOU PROVIDE COMDESRON 23 ACCURATE TARGET DATA VICINITY SARIME PLANTATION? DESIRE EARLY BOMBARDMENT THIS AREA IF TARGETS SUITABLE. COMDESRON 23 BEING ORDERED TO HATHORN, ARRIVING LATE AFTERNOON 1ST.

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TOR CODEROOM 0525			
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COMAIRSOLS SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC INFO COMSOPAC COMGEN-SOPAC ALL TFC'S SOPAC COMAFADVON 5 ATTENTION A-2 ADVON 5.

TOROKINA JDBS NEGATIVE NIGHT 29TH/30TH. AT 1115L/30TH 26 MITCHELLS ESCORTED BY 47 FIGHTERS PLASTERED LAKUNAI FROM 1150 WITH 156 QUARTER TONNERS. 1 LARGE YUMBSOUTHWEST RUNWAY SEVERAL OTHERS SPREAD BLACK SMOKE OVER ENTIRE AREA. INTENSE ACCURATE AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 8 MITCHELLS. BOMBERS REPORT NIL INTERCEPTION BUT 25 ZEKES 1 TOJO SEEN SORA[illegible]LING LAKUNAI RAPOPO DURING APPROACH JUMPED OUR FIGHTERS LATER. 2 ZEKES DESTROYED 3 PROBABLES. WE LOST 1 CORSAIR. MITCHELLS SIGHTED POSSIBLE CV SIMPSON HARBOR OPPOSITE MATUPI. NITE 15 LIGHTINGS 5 CORSAIRS COVERING 18 LIBERATORS

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STRUCK VUNAKANAU AT 1137. 394 FRAG CLUSTERS DROPPED 22000 FEET IN GOOD PATERN WALKING NORTH OF CENSOR RUNWAY THROUGH NORTHEAST REVETMENT AREA WHERE 5 BETTYS REPORTED PROBABLY DAMAGED. 6 LIBERATORS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY MODERATE TO INTENSE AA. 1 PHOSPHOROUS BOMB, 4 AIRBORNE ZEKES OBSERVED ONLY 1 ATTACKING. FIGHTERS REPORT NIL CONTACTS. SPOTTED 2 DD'S SOUTH WATOM ISLAND 1 DD 1 AK AT LIKLIKUN BAY 4 DD'S 2 AK'S SIMPSON HARBOR. 10 TO 15 FIGHTERS 20 TO 25 BOMBERS ON GROUND VUNAKANAU. HASTILY ORGANIZED STRIKE ON REPORTED CARRIER RABAUL AT 1915 FOUND NO CARRIER BUT 16 DAUNTLESS 18 AVENGERS 50 FIGHTERS SANK 14000 AK LEFT 1 DD 1500 FOOL AND 1 MEDIUM AK BURNING. AO REPORTED HEAVIEST YET ENCOUNTERED. 30 AGGRESSIVE NIPPERS INTERCEPTED T JUR ESCORT KNOCKED DOWN 18 ZEKES 2 JVAOS 1 TONY PLUS 3 PROBABLES. 2 CORSAIRS 1 AVENGER LOST. 20

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COBRAS 6 DAUNTLESS PATROLLED TOROKINA AND PERIMETER.
TOTAL 30TH 23 SURES DESTROYED 6 PROBABLES. 5 DAMAGED ON
GROUND. OUR COMBAT LOSSES 1 TBF T* FIGHTERS. CREDIT
WARHAWKS 1 ZEKE CERTAIN INSTEAD PROBABLE MISSION 22ND.

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NIGHT MOVEMENTS 30-31ST.

TASK GROUP 31.6,6 DD'S 1 DE 6 LST'S 2 YP'S 1 AK 1 AOG 1 TUG TOROKINA TO GUADAL. ETD 1800. DE AND AK BREAK OFF SOUTH OF TREASURY TO BLANCHE HARBOR ETA DAWN. 1 DD 1 LST 1 YMS 1 AK AT TREASURY. CDS 22 WITH 3 DD'S PATROLS WEST AND NORTH OF BUKA RETIRES EASTWARD AT DAWN. CDS 23 WITH 6 DD'S DEPARTS PURVIS BEFORE * DARK VIA ROUTE SOUTH OF RENDOVA FOR OPERATIONS WEST OF BUKA. ESTIMATED SOA 20 KNOTS. 2 AK'S 1 SC 1 PC 1 APC AT TOROKINA 2 APC'S 7 LCT'S DEPARTED RENDOVA NOON FOR RUSSELLS. 1 APC 6 LCT'S DEPART RUSSELLS AT DUSK FOR RENDOVA. 1 PC RENDOVA TO TULAGI SOUTH OF GATUKAI AT DUSK. CDS 45 WITH 4 DD'S 3 APD'S WEST OF

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TOROKINA AT DUSK FOR NORTH OF BUKA AND RETIRING AFTER MIDNIGHT, EXPECTED DAWN POSITION 25 MILES WEST OF BUKA PASSAGE.

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DECODED BY: VOSBURGH		INFORMATION: ALL COMMANDS IN SOPAC AREA CONCERNED WITH AIR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION (Z5T)	OP PRIORITY
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CTF 31 TO COMSOPAC FOR ACTION.

SUMMARY*FOR 3ØTH.

22ND TOROKINA AND 17TH TREASURY ECHELONS ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE WITHOUT INCIDENT. TOROKINA PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS AS DID TREASURY THOUGH LATTER FIRED ON BY ESTIMATED 5 INCH SHORE GUN FROM MIBO RIVER. NO DAMAGE FROM 7 ROUNDS FIRED. BLACK CAT WORKING WITH PT'S FOUND 2 BARGES* 1ØØ YARDS OFF LAKURUAI BUT LOST THEM APPARENTLY BEFORE EITHER HE OR PT'S COULD ATTACK.

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OTHER INFO ADEES ARE COMSOPAC, CINCPAC, COMINCH, COMAIRSOLS, COMGEN 14TH CORPS, COM 7TH FLEET AND CINCSOWESPAC. COMFAIRWING 1 HAS INFO AND CTF 33 HAS ACTION.

COMSOPAC 290150. COMMUNICATIONS PT'S, CATS AND DOGS ON 3785 KCS VOICE AND 142.74 MEGACYCLES VOICE. CALLS FOR PT'S AND DD'S IN COMSOPAC COSPLAN 16. CALLS FOR BLACK CATS IN ORDERS FOR FLIGHTS.

* TRANSMITTED BY RADIO KOLI, GUADALCANAL.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

No. 5693; 29 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

Fifty-two F4U's and 12 P-40's escorted 19 B-25's on strike to Lakunai at 0905L on 27 January dropping 192 frag clusters from 12,000 feet, 1 large fire started in revetment area, another off east end of runway, 5 planes damaged by accurate intense AA, 30 to 40 Zekes intercepted, our fighters got 23 plus 5 probables, bombers claim 1 probable, our losses were 6 fighters with 2 pilots saved, bombers report sighting 2 cruisers 10 miles east of Rabaul heading north and 1 cruiser heading north from harbor. On 27 January 2 Squadrons B-24's dropped 27 tons on supply area on Sulphur Creek (Rabaul) at 1137L from 23000 feet, 5 planes damaged by intense accurate AA, reported even-30 enemy fighters refused combat with our escorting 56 fighters, cruisers reported by B25 not sighted. At 0400L 28 January Blue Snooper attacked 12 ship convoy south of Kavieng, leaving 2 ships burning. 1 B-24 bombed east cape on 27 January with unreported results. Rabaul photo coverage between 1040 to 1035L revealed Rapopo Air Field serviceable with 4 fighters, 5 medium bombers, 1 RON plane; 30% coverage revealed Tokera Air Field probably unserviceable with 21 fighters and 1 medium bomber; Lakunai had 11 fighters 4 dive bombers with only 25% coverage, 5 craters noted; Simpson Harbour: 11 float planes, 1 float bomber, 2-330 foot subs, 1-300 foot sub, 3-185 foot subs, 1-300 foot AK, 6-AK's 100 to 175 feet, 1-400 foot AK entering harbour, 200 barges, position of Atago Maru unchanged; Vunapope has 19 barges; 115 barges, 2-170 foot YO's, 1-315 foot AK, 1-220 foot AK, 1-380 foot AK and previously damaged 450 foot AO in Keravia Bay. Kavieng photos of 27 January show 12 fighters 2 medium bombers on field, clouds obscured 10-12 revetments; 17 barges, 1 DD, 2 small freighters, 2 luggers and 4 float

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To: War

No. 5693, 29 January 1944

planes in harbor; Panapai had 8 fighters; time of photos was 1150L. Buka Island targets and beached barge strafed by 8 P-39, 1 B24 bombed Buka, Motupena-Gazelle area strafed by 8 P-39's, 1 B25 started large fire at Malai village (Shortland Island) all on 27 January. Kahili reported serviceable 2400 feet at 1055L 28 January, no aircraft present. 2 barges at Ballale.

Air and ground summary for 28 January. Bougainville operations covering the period 1500 January 27 to 1500 January 28: 37 reconnaissance troop is now in the vicinity of Tubutubua about 8 miles south of IBU; no report received on activity. American Division; the 132 Infantry completed movement into new positions between 133.8-212.8 and 133.8-212.0; line now extends south on west bank of the Torokina River from 133.7-213.8 to the mouth of river. 132 Infantry outpost east of Torokina river remains same.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Adm. King, White House, Log

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DURING 28TH GUADAL SEARCHER SIGHTED 1 DD 1 GUNBOAT 1 SMALL AUXILIARY KAVIENG HARBOR. ANOTHER SEARCHER OVER NAURU NOTED SERVICEABLE RUNWAYS NIL PLANES SHIPS OR BARGES IN AREA, RECEIVED 1 BURST HEAVY AA. PHOTOS 26TH 1¢4¢L-1¢55L RAPOPO 4VF 5VMB 1 RP RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. 3½ PERCENT TOBERA 21 VF 1 VMB RUNWAY PROBABLY UNSERVICEABLE 5 CRATERS. 25TH LAKUNAI 11 VF 4 VDB. SIMPSON HARBOR 11 FP 1 FB 6 SUBS 9 AK'S 2¢¢ BARGES. KERAVIA BAY 1 AO PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED 3 AK'S 2 YO 115 BARGES. VUNAPOPE 19 BARGES. ¢35¢L 29TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED COMPLETING ATTACK

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2 SHIPS APPROX 25 MILES NORTH NORTHEAST CAPE LAMBERT NEW BRITAIN.

CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTED SIGNAL LIGHT FROM SIPOSAI ISLAND 2¢35L 27TH AND HEARD BARGE LEAVE MULAMBULI CHOISEUL BAY AREA.

COASTWATCHER NORTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE REPORTS ANOTHER LARGE FORCE JAPS ARRIVED TEOPASINO 23RD, LEFT LARGE QUANTITY STORES BEFORE DEPARTING SOUTH ALONG BEACH 24TH.

NIGHT 28TH-29TH TREASURY BASED LCM BOMBARDED KAKURUAI SUPPLY DUMP SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE WITHOUT VISIBLE RESULTS.

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DATE: 29 JANUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: ∅844			
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THIS COMBINES A HUNT FOR A BUKA BOUND NIP SUB AND A DIVERSIONARY COVERING SWEEP FOR TASK GROUP 31.8. PRIOR DARK 3∅TH JANUARY COMDESRON 23 IN AUSBURNE STANLY CLAXTON CONVERSE SPENCE DYSON DEPART PURVIS PROCEED WEST OF NEW GEORGIA AND FULSIDE VISUAL RANGE ALL LAND TO ARRIVE IN POSITION ∅5-25 SOUTH 154-18 EAST AT ∅915 Z 31ST. MAKE LAST HOUR OF APPROACH FROM SOUTHWEST AT BETTER THAN YOUR USUAL SPEED. CONDUCT ANTI SUB SEARCH THIS VICINITY AND WEST OF PT BOAT AREAS UNTIL 1∅15 Z. THEN CONTINUE

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SUB SEARCH PROCEEDING TOWARDS ST GEORGE CHANNEL UNTIL 113Ø Z AT WHICH TIME DETACH COMDESDIV 46 WITH 3 DESTROYERS WHO PROCEEDS THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS Ø5-13 S 153-43 E Ø4-23 S 153-47 E THEN BACK TO REJOIN COMDESRON 23 AT Ø5-2Ø SOUTH 153-58 EAST AT 17ØØ Z. DURING ABSENCE DESDIV46 COMDESRON 23 AND 3 DESTROYERS RETURN AND CONTINUE ANTI SUB PATROL WEST OF BUKA PASSAGE UNTIL TIME TO PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH DESDIV 46. AFTER RENDEZVOUS DESRON 23 RETURN TO MAKE ONE MORE ANTI SUB PATROL ALONG WESTERN EDGE OF BUKA PT AREAS UNTIL 19ØØ Z THEN RETIRE AT HIGH SPEED TO BLANCHE HARBOR FOR FUEL ARRIVING ABOUT Ø1ØØ Z FEBRUARY 1ST. DURING PERIOD WHILE 2 DIVISIONS ARE OPERATING SEPARATELY EACH BE READY TO SUPPORT THE OTHER AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE ENEMY SURFACE FORCE.

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COMAIRSOPAC ARRANGE FOR 1 TOM CAT TO SNOOP AHEAD AND TO WEST OF DESDIV 46 DURING SEPARATE PATROL ALSO ONE ANTI SUB CAT TO OPERATE IN WESTERN APPROACHES TO BUKA PASSAGE. CONDESRON 23 CONFER WITH COMTASKFOR 31 REGARDING THE MOVEMENTS OF TASKGROUP 31.8 ON THE NIGHT OF 31ST JANUARY - 1ST FEBRUARY AND PT ASSIGNMENTS. IF PRACTICABLE ESTABLISH COMMON COMMUNICATION NET PT S CATS AND DOGS AS DIRECTED BY COMTASKFORCE 31.

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PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD/SCHENKEMEYER

ROUTED BY: FALLON

FOR ACTION: CINCSOWESPAC, CINCPAC, COMGEN GUADAL, COMGEN SUVA, COMGEN EFATE

INFORMATION: COMGEN 13TH AIRFORCE GUADAL, COMINCH, COMGEN CENPAC, ALL TFC'S SOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, NZNB, 7TH AIRFORCE, COMGENSOPAC, COMGEN 14TH COMMS TOROKINA

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NIGHT 26TH-27TH BLACKCAT OPERATING WITH BLUE PT'S BOMBED STRAFED PURIATA AND MAMAGATA SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE STARTING 1 FIRE. TREASURY BASED LCM GUNBOAT BOMBARDED MAMAGATA. OTHER TREASURY PT'S OPERATING TORAU BAY REPORTED 3 MORE SUSPECTED TORPEDO WAKES NOW BELIEVED EXTRAORDINARY CURRENT STREAMS.

1220L 26TH 32 SBD'S 17 TBF'S RESUMED DESTRUCTION LAKUNAI BOMBED AA POSITS REVETMENTS SOUTHEAST RUNWAY SET FIRE EAST SHORE MATUPI HARBOR. PHOTOS SHOWED 3 MORE FIRES.

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IN REVETMENTS PROBABLY PLANES. BLUE VF REPORT SBD'S SCORED DIRECT HIT ON AK OFF LAKUNAI. 1 SBD DOWN. INTERCEPTION OF SBD'S AND TBF'S DESCRIBED AS NEGLIGIBLE. 88 BLUE VF'S SPOTTED 4Ø-8Ø ZEKES HAMPS TONYS, DESTROYED 2Ø ZEKES 1 HAMP 1 TONY 8 PROBABLES FOR 2 F4U'S LOST. ZEKES INEFFECTUALLY CHASED BOMBERS /LMOST CAPE SAINT GEORGE 4 AERIAL BOMBS NEAR MISSED FIGHTERS. 2 DD 1 AO 3 AK'S OBSERVED IN AREA. PHOTO PLANE OVER RABAUL AFTER STRIKE 1230L SIGHTED 9 POSSIBLE ZEKES.

NIGHT 25TH-26TH GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED CONVOY 1Ø SHIPS 3Ø MILES NORTH NORTHWEST KAVIENG INCLUDING 1 TROOP SHIP 25Ø FEET 2 OR3 PT TYPE VESSELS 2DD'S. 3 BOMBS MISSED TROOPSHIP 1 HIT GUNBOAT CAUSED EXPLOSION 1 HIT STERN OF DD.

19 B-25'S WITH 52 F4U'S 12 P-4Ø'S BOMBED LAKUNAI 2945L

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SCORING HITS NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES RUNWAY AND REVETMENTS. LARGE FIRE EAST END RUNWAY WITH BLACK SMOKE ANOTHER FIRE REVETMENT AREA. 3Ø-4Ø ZEKES INTERCEPTED MADE FEW PASSES DROPPED SEVERAL PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS. 1 ZEKE PROBABLY DOWNED, AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 5 B-25'S. BLUE FIGHTERS DESTROYED 23 ZEKES SURE 5 PROBABLES. 6 BLUE VF'S LOST 2 PILOTS RESCUED.

DURING 27TH SCAT PLANE LOCATED C-47 TROOP CARRIER NORTHWEST SAN CRISTOBAL MISSING SINCE NIGHT 26TH. ALL HANDS UNINJURED RESCUED BY SEARCHING DUMBO. PHOTO Ø913L-Ø928L LAKUNAI 42VF'S 15 VBB'S 4 VLB'S 4 VMB'S LARGE FIRE NORTH DISPERSAL AREA RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. VUNAKAN/U 2 VF 22 VBB 31 VMB TOBERA 54 VF 1VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. RAPOPO 2 VF 4 VMB 1 RP RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, RAPOPO 14[illegible]5L 4 VF 1 VLB 5 VMB SERVICEABLE. SIMPSON HARBOR 14[illegible] [illegible]UB [illegible] A[illegible]5 [illegible]RGES.

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RAPOPQ 2 PC'S 6 BARGES. VUNAPOPE 1 AK 2 PC'S 28 BARGES. 5Ø ⁄ KERAVIA/2 BAY DD'S 1 AO 3 AK'S 4Ø BARGES 1 AK 32Ø FEET PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED ALSO PRESENT.

Ø1ØØL 28TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED SIGHTING 6 SHIPS ABOUT 36 MILES SOUTH DYAUL ISLAND. Ø4ØØ L SAME PLANE REPORTED COMPLETING ATTACK ON 12 SHIP CONVOY 2Ø MILES SOUTH ISLAND LEPVBXG 2 SHIPS BURNING. SNOOPER DAMAGED.

15ØØL 26TH-15ØØL 27TH SPECIAL PATROL 37TH DIVISION MADE RECCE TO HOUSE KIAPE NORTHWEST TOROKINA 14 YARDS INLAND FOUND NIL JAPS OR INDICATION HOSTILE OCCUPATION. PATROL 182ND INFANTRY SMOKE CONTACT WITH JAPS EAST PERIMETER AND BLUE ARTY PLACED ON JAP POSITS. BLUE LOSSES 2 KILLED 11 WOUNDED, NUMBER JAP LOSSES UNKNOWN. BLUE FORCES EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH STRENGTHENED EXTENDED POSITS. 6 SBD'S 6 IRF'S HIT REPORTED JAP CONCENTRATION 1500 YARDS EAST

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VOVEI NUMA AREA. BOUGAINVEILLE COASTWATCHER REPORTS UNIDENT PLANE APPARENTLY LEFT BEACH AREA NEAR LAKUNAI WEST NUMA 1030L 25TH. ANOTHER UNIDENT PLANE LANDED SAME PLACE 0815L 26TH. SCOUTS REPORT UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER JAPS WENT THROUGH TEOPASINO NORTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE SOUTHBOUND ALONG BEACH. COASTWATCHER REPORTS CONTINUED JAP ACTIVITY CHOISEUL BAY/AREA ESTIMATE 700 JAPS THAT AREA WITH 300 AT TEREKUKURE.

NIGHT 27TH-28TH TREASURY PT 'S HEAVILY DAMAGED BEACHED BARGE SIPOSAI ISLAND CHOISEUL BAY. COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY TARSABY BOMB. DURING SQUALL 2 PT'S COLLIDED OFF SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE SLIGHTLY DAMAGING BOTH.

TOROKINA PT'S OFF EAST CENTRAL BUKA SAME NIGHT RECEIVED MG FIRE FROM CAPE PUTPUTUN.

2 OF 4 BOGEYS DROPPED 7 BOMBS TOROKINA 0430L 27TH INJURED 1 MAN.

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1337L 27TH 2 SQUADRONS B 24'S BOMBED SULPHUR CREEK SUPPLY CONCENTRATION RABAUL AREA. 56 ESCORTING VF SIGHTED 7-3Ø UNEAGER JAPS WHO REFUSED TO CLOSE.

AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 5 B 24'S. 1 B 24 BOMBED EAST CAPE NEW IRELAND ANOTHER BOMBED BUKA.

1146L 27TH 1 B25 STARTED LARGE FIRE MALIAI VILLAGE SHORTLANDS, 8 P 39'S STRAFED MOTUPENA GAZELLE AREA,

8 STRAFED BUKA ISLAND TARGETS INCLUDING BEACHED BARGE COTO.

LATER SEARCH FOR QUESTIONABLE CRUISERS REPORTED RABAUL AREA NEGATIVE.

CHANGE 1 ZEKE PROBABLE TO SURE FOR F4U'S 2ØTH. CREDIT 1 MORE ZEKE SURE F4U'S 26TH.

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UPON COMPLETION FUELING ABOUT Ø3ØØZ 3Ø JANUARY TU 34.2.2 DEPART BLANCHE HARBOR PROCEED TO ARRIVE VICINITY 5-22 S 154-15 AT 1ØØØZ 3ØTH. FROM THAT POSITION MAKE ANTI SUB AND BARGE SWEEP TO POSITION 5-05 S 153-17 E ARRIVING ABOUT 13ØØZ. FROM THERE PROCEED THROUGH POINTS 10 MILES SOUTH OF FENI AND TEN MILES NORTH OF GREEN ISLAND THEN SOUTHEAST TO ARRIVE POSITION 5-18 S 155-45 E BY 2230Z. DURING REMAINDER OF DAYLIGHT THIS EVENING OPERATE ABOUT 40 MILES OFF THE EASTERN COAST OF BOUGAINVILLE CONVERVING FUEL AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. AT END OF EVENING TWILIGHT APPROACH EASTERN ENTRANCE BUKA PASSAGE AND THEREAFTER CONDUCT ANTI SUB PATROL OFF THAT PASSAGE. AT DAWN FEBRUARY 1ST TAKE A FINAL GOOD LOOK USING

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COUNTER BATTERY AS NECESSARY THEN DEPART PROCEED EAST OF BOUGAINVILLE THROUGH BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT DOWN THE SLOT TO PURVIS ARRIVING DAWN 2ND. UPON ARRIVAL TU DISSOLVED.

TF 33 PROVIDE ANTI SUB CAT TO ASSIST IN SEARCH BOTH NIGHTS.

CTF 31 INFORM CTU 34.2.2 CONCERNING MOVEMENT TO 31.8 IF HE DOES NOT KNOW ALREADY.

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W. Howle

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Post

No. 5675, 28 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

From 2014L, 25 January to 0358L, 26 January, 19 B24's struck the southeast end of Lakunai runway and revetment area with half tonners and 100 gasoline incendiaries, results unobserved, moderate to intense AA received, 1 B24 dropped 5-half tonners on Rabaul Town with unobserved results, 1 B24 down result of mechanical trouble, crew rescued, another crash landed with some injury to crew and 1 man missing. X searches for 26 January report full track and coverage, all negative except 1 B snopper unsuccessfully attacked large hospital ship not completely illuminated 30 miles northwest Rabaul thinking it was a warning ship; another searcher picked up convoy of 10 ships 30 miles north northwest of Kavieng, in 3 runs beginning at 0115L, 26 January, 9 bombs missed troopship, 1 made direct hit on gunboat causing explosion, 1 hit stern of DD; another searcher sighted 3 barges north of Duke of York Island heading New Ireland; at 2330L, 26 January blue searcher sighted hospital ship with 2 escorts 60 miles northwest of Rabaul headed toward Kavieng; during 2nd hour L, 27 January, 4 convoys of 3 ships each apparently large AK's or DD in area 50 miles square 150 miles northwest Kavieng toward which they were headed. Photos taken 27 January show Lakunai, 42 fighters, 15 dive bombers and 4 medium bombers, large fire in north dispersal area, runway serviceable; Vanakanau, 2 fighters, 22 dive bombers and 31 medium bombers, runway serviceable; Tobera, 54 fighters and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable; Rapopo, 2 fighters, 4 medium bombers and 1 RCN plane, runway serviceable; Borpop, no aircraft, runway serviceable for 2700 feet; Simpson harbor 14 float planes, 1 float bomber, 1 AK, no change in Atago Maru;

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No. 5675, 28 January 1944

Rapopo, 2 PC's and 6 barges; Vunapope, 1 AK, 2 PC's and 28 barges; 50% coverage Keravia Bay, ATO DD, 1 AO and 4 AK's. Air and ground summary for 27 January. Bougainville operations covering 1500 January 26 to 1500 January 27: special patrol from 37 division to house Kiape and 1400 yards inland found no Nips or indications of occupation. American Division Artillery massed on area in vicinity of 137.5-216.8 after combat patrol broke contact with enemy, enemy losses from contact unknown ours 2 killed 11 wounded. 132 Infantry extended perimeter from 133.7-213.8 south to 133.8-212.8 and north from beach to 133.8-212.0. Jap concentration 1500 yards west of Wivei hit by air strike, target well covered.

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Gen Vandegrift
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TREASURY BASED PT'S OPERATING TORAU BAY SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE NIGHT 25TH-26TH REPORTED 2 POSSIBLE TORPEDO TRACKS OFF PIRIAS RIVER CLOSELY MISSED LEAD BOAT. SAME NIGHT TOROKINA PT'S SIGHTED 2 TYPE A BARGES SOUTH GAZELLE HARBOR ENROUTE MAWARAKA WHICH ESCAPED.

NIGHT 24TH-25TH GUADAL SNOOPER BOMBED LIGHTED BARGE NORTH SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. OTHER SNOOPERS CONTACTED LARGE BARGE 20 MILES EAST LIHIR

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ISLAND OFF EAST CENTRAL NEW IRELAND. 80 MILES NORTH WEST RABAUL PICKED UP 8 PT SIZE TARGETS COVERED BY 5 PLANES. SNOOPER RECEIVED AA FIRE AND ENEMY PLANES FOLLOWED FOR 1 HOUR.

1550L-1625L 25TH 8 F6F'S 42 F4U'S SWEPT RABAUL AREA WITHOUT RAISING SINGLE INTERCEPTOR. F4U'S REPORTED 30 JAP VF'S PARKED SOUTH END RAPOPT. 1600L SIGHTED 3 DD'S HEADED NORTH PAST PRAED POINT NORTH EAST RABAUL.

PHOTOS 1215L-1235L 26TH SHOWED 8 VMB VUNAKANAU RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. DUKE OF YORK 6500 SQUARE FEET ADDITIONAL SURFACING. LAKUNAI BEFORE STRIKE 4VF 1? VLB 1 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. LAKUNAI AFTER STRIKE 1 VF 3 VLB 1 VMB 3 FIRES STARTED. KAVIENG 8 VF 5 VMB 7 VDB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.

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PANAPAI 4 VF RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. BORPOP NOB A/C RUNWAY SERVICEABLE 315Ø FEET. KAVIENG HARBOR 1 AK 1 6Ø FOOT 2 AK'S 1 25 FOOT 31 BARGES 1 AK 35Ø FOOT SUNK. SIMPSON HARBOR 11 FP'S 1 FB 1 SUB 1 AK 32Ø FOOT 6 AK'S 1ØØ-175 FOOT 22Ø BARGES NO CHANGE POSITION OR CONDITION ATAGO MARU .

Ø235L 27 TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED CONTACTING 4 CONVOYS 3 SHIPS EACH AREA SOUTH WEST AND WEST MANUS ISLAND COURSE 14Ø.

15ØØL 25TH-15ØØL 26TH BLUE PATROL CONTACTED UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS EAST TOROKINA RIVER EAST PERIMETER.

NO REPORT ANY CASUALTIES. COMPANY 132ND INFANTRY 3ØØ YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH CONTINUED WORK ON DEFENSIVE POSIT. USUAL PATROL OTHER SECTORS .

ENEMY POSITS MOUTH TEKESSI AND JABA RIVERS. MAMARAKA AND GAZELLE HARBOR THOROUGHLY BOMBARDED BY BLUE DD'S COMMENCING

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16ØØL 25TH. BLACK SMOKE OBSERVED TEKESSI AND MAWARAKA INDICATED POSSIBLE FUEL AND AMMO DUMPS AFIRE. PHOTO INTER CONFIRMS BIVOUAC SUPPLY DISPERSAL AREA MAWARAKA. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BELIEVED CAUSED. SMALL SUPPLY CHUTES SEEN TREED GLAR JABA RIVER 24TH SUGGESTS JAP AIR DROP.

CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTS 2 SEPARATE GROUPS 2ØØ JAPS EACH ON MULAMBULI RIVER CHOISEUL BAY AREA. STATES RECENT BOMBING STRAFING CAUSED JAP EVACUATION FORMER POSITS AND ABANDONMENT MUCH MATERIAL.

MORNING 27TH DUMBO RESCUED NORTHWEST MALAITA 1Ø B 24' SURVIVORS FROM STRIKE NIGHT 25TH - 26TH.

2Ø14L 25TH-Ø35ØL 19 B 24'S BOMBED LAKUNAI RUNWAY SOUTHEAST END AND NEARBY REVETMENT AREA AFTER 3 RESCUING B-24'S ILLUMINATED AREA WITH FLARES. 3Ø SEARCHLIGHTS OBSTRUCTED BOMBING RUNS ALSO REVEALED 2 AIRBORN NIGHT FIGHTERS 1 OF WHICH CLOSED MOMENTARILY.

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1 BLUE PLANE BOMBED RABAUL TOWN WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. ANOTHER STARTED FIRES EAST CAPE. 1 B 24 DOWN CREW RESCUED. ANOTHER CRASH LANDED SOME INJURY TO CREW 1 MAN MISSING.

B 24'S REPORT SIGHTING 2 CRUISERS COURSE NORTH 1Ø MILES EAST RABAUL 3Ø KNOTS 1 CRUISER UNDERWAY SIMPSON HARBOR ØØ72L 27TH. IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONABLE.

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FROM: New Caledonia
To : War

No : 5642, 27 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

Ten X-ray searches on 25th January averaged 93% track and 90% coverage, negative except X-ray 3 reports 50 foot circle brown dye marker 40 miles West Russells Island; X-ray 10 sighted row of huts between Han and Sirot Islands, Green Island group, also sighted quonset hut on Babase Island, Ambrtle Island group; saw gray life raft 140 miles south Cape Saint George; search plane saw 2 thick oil slicks 100 yards apart between Green and Feni Islands another oil slick seen 70 miles southeast Cape Saint George; possible body in life jacket seen near half sunk raft 60 miles west of Cape Moltke. On 25th January, 1 Snooper dropped 3 bombs on lighted large barge in north Saint George channel, result unobserved; another Snooper contacted possible large barge 20 miles east of south tip Lihir Island, Kavieng area; on 26th January, Snooper attacked 5 ships between Kavieng and New Hanover Island, claimed hit on one. On 25th January Snooper picked up 8 torpedo boat size targets which were covered by 5 planes, fire received from both ships and planes, planes followed Snooper for an hour. Photos taken on 26th January show, Vunakanau 8 medium bombers, runway serviceable; Duke of York, 6500 square feet additional surfacing; Lakunai before strike, 4 fighters, 10 light bombers and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable, Lakunai after strike, 1 fighter, 3 light bombers and 1 medium bomber, 3 fires; Keravat, no aircraft, runway servicable; Kavieng, 8 fighters, 5 medium bombers and 7 dive bombers, runway serviceable; Patapai, 4 fighters, runway serviceable;Borpop, no aircraft, runway serviceable for 3150 feet;Kavieng harbor, 3 AK's and 31 barges, 1 sunken AK, Duke of York, 2 barges; Simpson Har-

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bor, 11 float planes, 1 float bomber, 1 sub, 7 AK's and 200 barges, no change in position or condition of Atago Maru. Air and ground summary for 26th January. Bougainville operations covering period 1500 January 25th to 1500 January 26th: 37th Division; reconnaissance troop patrolling area approximately 1 north of Kuraipaia, no other changes in sector. American Division; combat patrol from Company G, 182nd Infantry, reinforced by 1 platoon Company E, left perimeter to operate in vicinity of 136.95-216.8; enemy contact established in vicinity of 137.5-216.8, no report received concerning results. In the Torokina river mouth area Company G, 132nd Infantry continued improving defenses 350 yards east of Torokina River mouth. Usual local security patrol activity carried out on all fronts. No installations at mouth of Tekessi and Jaba rivers, Mavaraka and Gazelle harbors shelled by destroyer fire with 1400 rounds 5 inch shells; smoke observed at Tekessi river mouth and Mavaraka harbor indicating fuel and ammo dump set afire.

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DATE: 26 JAN 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0901

DECODED BY: BTRICKLAND

PARAPHRASED BY: BAKER

ROUTED BY: HARRINGTON

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMINCH

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COMSEVENTHFLT PASSES FOR CINCSOWESPAC ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMTHIRDFLT.

LAST NIGHT 2 OF OUR CRUISERS AND 3 DESTROYERS BOMBARDED ALEXISHAFEN WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS AND MADANG STARTING 3 SMALL AND 1 LARGE FIRE. ECHELON OF 4 LST'S AND 3 DD'S RETURNED CAPE SUDEST FROM CAPE GLOUCESTER. ECHELON OF 16 LCV'S AND 7 LCM'S LEFT CAPE CRETIN FOR SAIDOR. PT'S AND CATALINA PATROLS NEGATIVE.

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4 B24'S HIT TOBERA SINGLY BETWEEN Ø1ØØL AND Ø3ØØL 24TH. 2 LARGE FLASHES SEEN BUT RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

18 TBFS WITH 8Ø FIGHTERS SURPRISED JAP SHIPPING SIMPSON HARBOR KERAVIA BAY 123ØL 24TH WITH MASTHEAD ATTACK. 4 HITS SEEN ON 455 FOOT ATAGO MARU WHICH BROKE IN TWO. 3 HITS EACH ON 2 AK'S 45Ø FEET WHICH STARTED TO SETTLE AND ON 1 AK 25Ø FEET. RECAPITULATION INTERPRETATION PHOTOS TAKEN 15 MINUTES AFTER STRIKE SHOWS 41Ø FOOT AK SETTLING, 1 AK SAME SIZE

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PREVIOUSLY SEEN HIT MISSING FROM PHOTO BELIEVED SUNK, ATAGO MARU AFIRE AMIDSHIPS, AK 32Ø FEET SHOWN DEFINITELY SINKING. KERAVIA BAY 225 FOOT AK SUNK, 455 FOOT AO LISTING SETTLING IN LARGE OIL SLICK AND 5Ø5 FOOT AO POSSIBLY BEACHED SMOKING. 1Ø-15 ZEKES HAMPS TONYS INTERCEPTED TBFS AFTER BOMB RELEASE WHILE FIGHTER COVER CONTACTED 45 OTHERS POSSIBLY FROM TOBERA. TBFS SHOT DOWN 2 JAP VF, F4 U'S DESTROYED 22 PLUS 4 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSSES 1 F4U. 4 TBF'S HIT 4 MEN WOUNDED BUT ALL RETURNED. CATALIN RESCUED 1 TBF CREW AND 1 VF PILOT DOWNED IN PREVIOUS ACTION PLUS F4U PILOT BETWEEN NEW IRELAND AND BOUGAINVILLE.

ADD 2 MORE ZEKES DESTROYED RABAUL SWEEP AFTERNOON 23RD.

DURING 24TH 2 VENTURAS BOMBED STRAFED BEACHED

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BARGE PINIPEL ISLAND. EARLY MORNING GUADAL SNOOPER BOMBED 2 TARGETS MIDDLE SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

GUADAL SEARCHER OVER NAURU SAW SEVERAL LARGE GUTTED WAREHOUSES AND BUILDINGS IN TOWN. NIL PLANES SEEN AIRBORNE OR ON GROUND. 2 BOATS OR TUGS SEEN IN ARTIFICIAL LAGOON. RUNWAYS APPARENTLY OPERATIONAL AND AA RECEIVED FROM CENTER ISLAND.

Ø412L 25TH 8 JAP PLANES DROPPED 1Ø BOMBS BEYOND FRONT LINES TOROKINA OTHERS IN WATER. SHORE AA DOWNED 1 ATTACKING PLANE.

PRECEDED BY 3Ø MINUTE ARTY PREPARATION FROM SHORE BATTERIES AND 2 LCI GUNBOATS UNITS 132ND INFANTRY ATTACKED Ø8ØØL 25TH ADVANCED 35Ø YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH. MET CONTINUOUS OPPOSITION FROM RIFLES

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MG'S AND 9(MM MORTARS. 1 JAP PILLBOX DESTROYED 1 JAP KILLED BLUE CASUALTIES 5 WOUNDED. 1 BLUE COMPANY NOW OCCUPIES WIRED IN DEFENSE POSITION EAST RIVER MOUTH. LCI GUNBOATS RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE FROM MAVAVIA DURING BOMBARDMENT.

CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTS CONTINUED BARGE ACTIVITY VICINITY MARRIOR RIVER NORTH WEST COAST. SCOUTS MET 2 JAPS SOUTHEAST RIVER 24TH SHOT 1.

((45L 26TH GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED 5 SHIPS ABOUT 1(MILES NORTHWEST KAVIENG CLAIMED HIT 1 SHIP.

PHOTOS 1145L-12((L 25TH SHOWED 18 VF 4 VDB 4 VLB LAKUNAI STRIP SERVICEABLE. RAPOPO 3 VF 1 VLB 5 VMB SERVICEABLE. VANAKANAU 3 VF 5 VDB 1 VLB 31 VMB SERVICEABLE. KAVIENG 4 VF 1 VDB SERVICEABLE. BORPOP

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NIL A/C 315ℓ FEET SERVICEABLE. NAMATANAI NIL A/C 27ℓℓ FEET SERVICEABLE. VUNAPOPE 1 SMALL AK 42 BARGES. KAVIENG HARBOR 1 AK 34ℓ FEET 3 AK 1ℓℓ-175 FEET 8 BARGES. SIMPSON HARBOR MATUPI 8 FP MALAGUNA 4. FPN SIMPSON 1 FP 1. FB 1 SUB 6 AK'S 1ℓℓ-175 FEET 26ℓ BARGES. OF 5 SHIPS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HIT SIMPSON HARBOR 2 REMAIN AFLOAT. ATAGO MARU WITH BRIDGE AND SUPERSTRUCTURE GONE LARGE HOLE AFT ALSO 32ℓ FEET AK LISTING TO PORT LOW IN WATER. KERABIA BAY 2 AK 38ℓ FEET 1 AK 3ℓℓ FEET 3 AK 1ℓℓ-175 FEET 75 BARGES. OF 4 SHIPS REPORTED HIT IN BAY 24TH 2 REMAIN AFLOAT. 455 FEET AO LOW IN WATER BADLY DAMAGED AFT. NO DAMAGE NOTED TO 38ℓ FOOT AK. 5ℓ5 FOOT AO MISSING, 225 FOOT AK SUNK.
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45 SBD'S 18 TBF'S COVERED BY 80 VF HIT LAKUNAI 0915L 23RD. DURING GLIDE APPROACH FIGHTERS STILL SCRAMBLING MECHANICS SCATTERING TO FOXHOLES. PHOTOS SHOW RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE WITH MINIMUM 17 GUN POSITS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 1 DIRECT HIT 4.7 TWIN MOUNT. 8 PLANES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED ON GROUND. LARGE FIRE PROBABLE FUEL DUMP NORTH END MATUPI AND 1 AK SMOKING MATUPI HARBOR. 20-25 JAP VF HASTILY TAKING OFF WERE FRUSTRATED BY KITTY-

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HAWKS. LAUNCHED 12 ABRIAL BOMBS WITHOUT EFFECT. SBD'S SHOT DOWN 1 CERTAIN ZERO 2 PROBABLES. AA HIT TBF WHICH CRASHED NEAR CAPE SAINT GEORGE POUNCING HIGH AND MEDIUM BLUE VF DESTROYED 20 ZEKES 1 HAMP 1 TONY PLUS 12 PROBABLES. 1 P38 2 F4U'S LOST 1 F4U PILOT RESCUED UNINJURED.

48 BLUE VF RETURNED TO SWEEP RABAUL 1700 SAME DAY CIRCLED HARBOR 3 TIMES UNTIL 60 ZEKES AIRBORNE. 14 ZEKES 1 PROBABLE SHOT DOWN WITH NIL BLUE LOSSES. VF PILOTS REPORTED LAKUNAI PATCHED. SUMMARY FOR 23RD 46 JAP VF DESTROYED IN AIR PLUS 15 PROBABLES NOT COUNTING 8 PROBABLES ON GROUND AT LAKUNAI BLUE LOSSES 4 PLANES 1 PILOT RESCUED.

DURING 23RD GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED WEST CHINATOWN AREA KIETA NORTH EAST CENTRAL BOUGAINVILLE RECEIVED LIGHT

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AA FROM HARBOR.

NIGHT 22ND-23RD GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED LARGE FLAT BARGE 1 PROBABLE MEDIUM BARGE 1 UNSPECIFIED TARGET SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL WITHOUT POSITIVE RESULTS. SAME NIGHT ANOTHER GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED POSSIBLE DD AND LARGE MERCHANT SHIP 25 MILES NORTH EAST RABAUL.

DURING 23RD 2/ TOROKINA P39'S STRAFED SHORTLAND AREA AND LOCATED F4U PILOT DOWNED 22ND NEAR BUKA TO WHOM DUMBO GUIDED. DUMBO ALSO RESCUED ANOTHER PILOT 35 MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE SAINT GEORGE.

0257L-0447L 24TH 3 B25'S AGAIN HIT LAKUNAI.

1 ZEKE FORMERLY CALLED PROBABLE NOW CONFIRMED CERTAIN FOR KITTYHAWKS 18TH.

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15/1L 23RD-15/1L 24TH 182ND INFANTRY PATROL CONTACTED JAPS EAST TOROKINA RIVER EAST SECTOR KILLED 2 WITH NIL BLUE CASUALTIES. 2 PATROLS 132ND INFANTRY NEAR TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH RECEIVED HOSTILE MORTAR FIRE FROM POSIT ON BEACH. 8 SBD'S 2 TBF'S HIT JAP CONCENTRATION VIVET HUMA AREA.

PHOTOS TAKEN 1245L-13/1L 24TH SHOWED 8 VF 3 VMB 4 VLB 1 VMB LAKUNAI CONCRETE RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE BOMBER MAT SERVICEABLE. TOBERA 13 VF 1 VMB SERVICEABLE. 25/ BANAKUNAU 24 VMB 4 VLB 1 VF SERVICEABLE. 25/ RAOOPO 2 VMB SERVICEABLE 8/ SIMPSON HARBOR MATUPI 8 FP MALUGUNA 4 FP. NORTH SIMPSON 1 FP 1 FB.

PHOTOS 23RD SHOWED PANAPAI SERVICEABLE 4 VF NAMATANAI SERVICEABLE 27/ FEET BORROP 315/ FEET CENTRAL PAPT. KAVIENG

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SERVICEABLE 8 VF 5 VB 5 DB 2 HEAVY AA UNDER CONSTRUCTION. DUKE OF YORK 12500 SQUARE FEET ADDITIONAL SURFACE SINCE 13TH JAN. KAVIENG HARBOR 1 DD PROBABLY AGROUND 4 AK'S 19 BARGES.

NO DETAILS STRIKE SIMPSON HARBOR 24TH BUT PHOTOS SHOWED 1 ATAGI MARU 7534 TONS BURNING SINKING 1 AK 6000 TONS SINKING 1 AK 3000 TONS SINKING. 8 AK'S 100-175 FEET PLUS 25 BARGES. 30 KERAVIA BAY 1 AO 10500 TONS BADLY HIT BEACHED 1 AO 8000 TONS BURNING SINKING 1 AK 5000 TONS BADLY DAMAGED POSSIBLY BEACHED 1 AK 1000 TONS SUNK. 1 AK 5000 TONS UNDAMAGED.

NIGHT 24TH-25TH TOROKINA PT'S SHELLED AREA 2 MILES SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE POINT WITH GUNS AND MORTARS.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number 5598 25th January 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC Air and Ground summary for 24 January.

At 0915L, 23 January, 63 Navy bombers escorted by 80 Allied Fighters struck Lakunai target areas, from 20 to 25 Jap fighters with more Zekes still scrambling attempted interception but were frustrated by Allied fighter cover, Navy bombers shot down 1 Zeke with 2 probables, Allied Fighters destroyed 29 Zekes, 1 Hamp, 1 Tony with 12 additional probables, 1 P38 and 2 F4U's lost in combat , 1 F4U pilot recovered, 1 TBF hit by AA crashed near Cape Saint George, pilots reported sighting flying chunks of concrete during pullout;

At least 17 gun positions were destroyed including known 4.7 inch twin mount which was squarely hit, 8 planes destroyed or damaged on ground, large fire probably fuel at north end Matupi, sighted smoking AK in Matupi Harbor.

At 0257L, 24 January, 3 B25s bombed Lakunai while another hit Tobera with unobserved results. Summarising COMAIRSOLS reports for combat on 23 January, 46 Jap fighters destroyed in air and 15 probables not counting 8 other probables destroyed on ground at Lakunai, 2 pilots of 4 down were recovered.

Photos taken 24 January, show Lakunai 8 fighters, 3 dive bombers, 4 light bombers and medium bomber, concrete runway unserviceable, bomber mat serviceable;

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To: War
Number 5598 25th January 1944. Page 2

Tobera 13 fighters and 1 medium bomber , runway serviceable;
Vunakanau, 24 medium bombers 4 light bombers and 1 fighter, runway serviceable;

2 medium bombers on serviceable Rapopo;

No change at Duke of York;

80 percent coverage of Simpson Harbor shipping shows one Atago Maru burning and sinking, 2 AKs sinking, 1 AK sunk, 8 AKs plus 250 barges;

30 percent coverage of Keravia bay shows 1 AO badly hit and beached, 1 AO burning and sinking, AK badly damaged and possible beached, 1 AK sunk and 1 AK undamaged;

8 float planes at Matupi;

4 float planes at Malaguna;

1 float plane and 1 float bomber in North Simpson Harbor.

X searches for 23 January reported 93 percent track and 95 percent coverage, all negative except X20 dropped 4 depth charges west of Chinatown, Kieta, light AA received from Kieta Harbor.

On 23 January , 20 P39s strafed the shortlands area also located P4U pilot down on 22 January and guided rescue.

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Number 5598 25th January 1944.

Photos taken 23 January show 8 fighters, 5 medium bombers and 4 dive bombers on serviceable drome at Kavieng;

Panapai also serviceable with 4 fighters, 2 AA positions under construction;

1 DD in harbor probably aground, also 4 AKs plus 19 barges.

Bougainville covering period 1500 January 23 to 1500 January 24:

Still no change in 37 Division Sector.

Nips were contacted by patrol from 182 Infantry at 136.4-216.9, 2 Nips killed without any casualties to our patrol.

Two rounds of mortar fire coming from Nip position about 900 yards east of mouth of Tosokina River along beach were encountered by 2 patrols from 132 Infantry.

Jap concentration at Vivei hit by 8 SBDs and 2 TBF covering target area effectively. No Sig.

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DATE: 24 JANUARY 1944

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DECODED BY: GRUNEWALD

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
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INFORMATION: COMINCH ALL TFC SOPAC
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6 CRATERS IN OLD STRIP UNSERVICEABLE. 3 CRATERS NORTHEAST CEMENI STRIP PROBABLY DAMAGED 5 VF NEARBY. TOBERA 9 VF, 1 VMB, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. KERAVAT NIL A/C, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE FOR EMERGENCY. BORPOP NIL A/C, 3150 RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. NAMATANAI NIL A/C, 2700 FEET RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. SIMPSON HARBOR, MATUPI 8 FP, MALAGUNA 5 FP, NORTH SIMPSON 1 FB, 1 FP. SIMPSON HARBOR 1 SUB, 10 AK'S, 230 BARGES. SOPAC SEARCHERS OFF WATOM ISLAND AFTERNOON 22ND SIGHTED 1 DD SOUTHWEST ISLAND. ANOTHER DD SIGHTED OUTSIDE SIMPSON HARBOR. GUADAL SEARCHER MADE DIRECT HIT 40-FOOT BEACHED LAUNCH EAST COAST FENI ISLAND. STRAFED, LEFT BURNING 1 BARGE EAST COAST PINIPEL ISLAND. 0115 L 24TH GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED SHIP SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL OFF CAPE GAZELLE. 1100L 22ND 2ND BATTALION 182ND INFANTRY REPORTED

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2 MEN WOUNDED IN BRUSH WITH UNKNOWN NUMBER JAPS NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR. ANTI-TANK COMPANY 164TH INFANTRY WEST BANK TOROKINA RIVER SAME SECTOR RECEIVED RIFLE FIRE FROM EAST BANK WHILE INVESTIGATING POCKET SOUTH FORKS. GUIDED BY OFFICER FROM FIJI REGIMENT, 5 TBF'S, 8 SBD'S HIT VIVEI NUMA AREA 1240L-1310L 23RD. BETWEEN 0425L-0536L 23RD JAPS DROPPED 25-30 BOMBS, KILLED 3, WOUNDED 6 TOROKINA.

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1600L 23RD USS CACHE SAFELY ENTERED SEPUND CHANNEL, ESPIRITU. LATE REPORT DAMAGE STATES 3 TANKS BADLY HOLED, OTHERS DAMAGED. TORPEDO EXPLOSION BLEW 2 MEN OVERBOARD. SOUTHARD RESCUED 1. 92 BLUE FIGHTERS COVERING LAKUNAI B-25 STRIKE 1428 22ND REPORT 17 ZEKES, 1 TONY DESTROYED PLUS 2 PROBABLE ZEKES. BLUE LOSSES 2 F4U'S, 1 KITTYHAWK, 2 P-39'S. 1 P-39 PILOT RESCUED. B-25'S SIGHTED BURNING AK NORTHWEST SIDE SIMPSON HARBOR. DURING 22ND 2 VENTURAS BOMBED, STRAFED, REPORTED JAP RADIO LOCATION MAMAGATA SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE, SAW NIL ACTIVITY. 0950L 22ND SBD'S MADE EFFECTIVE HITS ON JUNGLE PILLBOXES 2 MILES EAST MUTUPENA SOUTH EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. COORDINATED EVENING ASSAULT RABAUL 22ND 3 B-24'S DROPPED FLARES, 6 B-25'S BOMBED, STARTED

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NUMEROUS FIRES NORTHEAST SIDE TOWN VISIBLE 75 MILES. 2 B-25'S OVERDUE. 3Ø B-24'S FOLLOWED B-25'S AT 2Ø1ØL, REPORTED 2 CITY BLOCKS ABLAZE FROM B-25'S ATTACK. B-24'S STARTED 4 LARGE, 7 SMALL FIRES NORTHEAST SECTION TOWN, PLUS MANY SMALL FIRES CAUSING LARGE EXPLOSIONS. PHOTOS SHOW 8 GUTTED, 6 DAMAGED BUILDINGS. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 1 B-24. 15-3Ø SEARCHLIGHTS SEEN, NIL INTERCEPTION BUT 2 POSSIBLE NIGHT FIGHTERS SEEN IN SEARCHLIGHTS. 1 B-24 BOMBED BORPOP 2213L WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. PHOTOS TAKEN 1445L-15ØØL 22ND SHOWED 9 VF, 11 VLB, 32 VMB, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE VUNAKANAU. LAKUNAI 8 VF, 3 VDB, 5 VLB, 1 VMB, CONCRETE RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Number: 5580 24 January, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 2010L, 22nd January, 35 B24's struck Rabaul town with 71-quarter tonners, 50-centuries, 180-gasoline incendiaries and 90 frag clusters, large explosions and several fires were observed, all planes returned, 1 B24 landing at Piva with some casualties.

At 2213L, 22nd January, 1 B24 dropped 15 incendiaries on Porpop Area with unobserved results.

At 1428L, 22nd January, 27 B25's struck Lakunai with quarter tonners, 54 hits on runway, 3 fires started south of strip and 1 fire northwest of strip with much black smoke visible for 20 miles, between 40 and 70 enemy fighter interceptors were repelled during bomb run by excellent blue cover of 92 fighters, result 17 Zekes and 1 Tony shot down with 2 Zekes probable, our loss 2 P40's, 1 NZP40 and 2 P38's, 1 P38 pilot rescued, 1 B25 downed by intense AA, a burning AK was sighted northwest side of Simpson Harbor.

At 2014L, 22nd January, 6 B25's aided by flares, dropped by 3 B24's struck Rabaul town area with ½ ton of rubber gasoline incendiaries, several fires started on north side of town, accurate light to heavy intense AA received, 1 B24 dropped string of similar bombs across northeast part of town silencing gun battery and starting large fire, all planes returned. Xray searches for 22nd January averaged 94% track and 96% coverage, 1 Buka runway appeared to be serviceable, search plane strafed overturned outrigger canoe

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in Kieta Harbor. Photos taken on 22nd January show 2400 feet of Kahili strip serviceable, Ballale and Kara unserviceable; photos of Simpson Harbor show 1 sub, 10 AK's plus 230 barges; 8 float planes at Matupi; 5 float planes at Malaguna; 1 fighter, 11 light bombers and 32 medium bombers on Vunakanau, strip serviceable; 8 fighters, 3 dive bombers, 5 light bombers and 1 medium bomber on serviceable Alkunai concrete runway; 9 fighters and 1 medium bomber 1 serviceable Tobera; 3150 feet of Porpop runway serviceable, 2700 feet of Namatanai strip serviceable, no aircraft either field.

Bougainville for period 1500 January 22 to 1500 January 23: No change in 37th Division Sector. Anti Tank Company, 164th Infantry, in the vicinity of 137.4-218.4, received enemy rifle fire from east bank Torokina River. Other units American Division carried out usual local security patrols. Two men from 2nd Battalion, 182nd Infantry reported wounded from contact made in vicinity of 136.4-217.05, Jap losses unknown. Vivei was hit in support of Fiji force by air strike, target area effectively covered. Fiji patrol enroute from Ibu to Wakaubi River area killed 2 hostile natives and two Nips without casualties.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Vandegrift
White House
Adm. King
LOG

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 5555 23 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1110L, 21 January, 6 P39's strafed Kara and Kahili, Kara strip serviceable, Kahili strip unserviceable, 4 medium guns east end of Kara damaged 1 P39, machine gun near Turiboiru Mission slightly damaged another, all planes returned.

At 1250L, 21 January, 38 B24's dropped 95 tons of bombs on Borop, 45 hits on runway and south Revetment Area, 85 hits on AA positions, nearly every bomb hit in target area which appeared deserted except for 2 trucks seen, 3 new heavy AA photographed 900 yards due west of south end of runway; 1 B24 at 1815L dropped 5 half tonners on Buka runway with unobserved results.

B25 crew rescued by Dumbo on 20 January after Vunakanau strike reports shooting down 1 Zeke positive and strafing 4 parked Bettys with result unobserved.

Searches for 21 January averaged 83% track and 78% coverage, all negative except 1 search plane dropped 6 bombs on clearing northeast end Nukiki Plantation, Choiseul Island; another Blue Searcher sighted new 2 story white building 50 by 30 feet, on east side Green Island midway between Lagoon and ocean.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
No: 5555 23 January 1944

At 0200L, 21 January, Blue Snooper sighted 4-6 unidentified planes over southern entrance Saint George Channel.

At 1200L, 21 January search plane sighted AK grounded and burning on reef off Nuslik Island, off north coast New Hanover Island.

Air and ground summary for 22 January. Bougainville period 1500 January 21 to 1500 January 22:

Operations for this period consisted of patrol activities by Fijian Troops as follows; 2 patrols after a 4 day reconnaissance reported area from 135.9-212.0 to 137.1-211.0 was swampy and difficult to pass through, area southeast of line from 139.2-213.3 to 139.7-210.5 is an impassable swamp. Patrols working out of Ibu reported 60-100 Nips still at Vivei, Aria from Ibu to Kiviri clear of Nips, some were seen at Kiviri.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
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Gen Vandegrift
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THIS IS PART 2 COMSOPAC'S 230545. PART 1 IS 230539.

NIL AA OR INTERCEPTION. 3 NEW HEAVY AA POSITS PHOTOGRAPHED 900 YARDS WEST OF SOUTH END STRIP. (10 MISSING GROUPS BEING SERVICED) BUKA RUNWAY WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 8-24 CREW RESCUED BY DUMBO AFTER VUNAKANAU STRIKE 20TH REPORT SHOOTING DOWN 1 ZEKE, STRAFING 4 PARKED BETTYS WITHOUT OBSERVED RESULTS. 1 MORE CERTAIN ZEKE ADDED TO HELLCAT SCORE RABAUL STRIKE 18TH. 0154L 23RD GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED ATTACKING 2 SHIPS JUST OFF DUKE OF YORK ISLAND. BOUGAINVILLE COASTWATCHER REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED POSSIBLE SEAPLANE LANDED NEAR NUMA NUMA 20TH AND 21ST. FIJI PATROL ENROUTE NUMA NUMA 21ST MET SOME JAPS WAKUNAI RIVER AREA WEST NUMA, KILLED 2 NATIVES ACTING AS JAP SCOUTS. AFTERNOON 22ND BLUE PLANES SPOTTED 3 BARGES CONCEALED MOUTH REINI

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RIVER NORTHEAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. NIGHT 22ND-23RD TOROKINA GUNBOAT COVERED POSIT, NO SIGHTING. BEFORE LEAVING STATION SHELLED REPORTED HIDEOUT CAUSING FIRE. GUADAL SNOOPER ATTACKED BARGE SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL 2115L 21ST. 1428L 22ND 27 B-25'S BOMBED LAKUNAI, SCORED 54 HITS RUNWAY, CAUSED 3 FIRES SOUTH STRIP, 1 FIRE NORTHWEST STRIP WITH MUCH BLACK SMOKE VISIBLE 2? MILES. 40-70 ZEKES, HAMPS, TONYS INTERCEPTING BEFORE BOMBING RUN REPELLED BY FIGHTERS. AA DOWNED 1 B-25, DAMAGED 2 OTHERS

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DATE: 23 JANUARY 1944			
TOR CODEROOM: 1238			
DECODED BY: ESPY		INFORMATION: COMINCH, ALL TFC SOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, NZNB, COMGENSOPAC	PPPPPPPP PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT			
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PART 1 OF 2 PART 230545.

1500L 22ND CACHE REPORTED PROCEEDING WEST ESPIRITU. 1 MAN LOST AFTER BEING TORPEDOED APPROXIMATELY 150 MILES SOUTHEAST SAN CRISTOBAL. BUCHANAN MADE 2 ATTACKS RESULTING IN POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SUB APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES SOUTHEAST SAN CRISTOBAL 2115L. 2330L BUCHANAN MADE 3 MORE ATTACKS CAUSING MUCH OIL LAST ATTACK. MORNING 21ST 2 VENTURAS MADE BOMBING, STRAFING ATTACK, REPORTED JAP RADIO STATION KALAKAPISI SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHOISEUL. 1110L 21ST 6 P-39'S STRAFED KARA, KAHILI, SAW NIL PLANES OR ACTIVITY ON FIELD. KARA APPEARED POSSIBLY SERVICEABLE, KAHILI UNSERVICEABLE. 4 MEDIUM GUNS EAST END KARA DAMAGED 1 P-39, MG NEAR TURIBOIRU MISSION WINGED ANOTHER, BUT ALL RETURNED. 1230L 3 TBF'S BOMBED BIVOUAC AREA AND GUN POSITS

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2 MILES SOUTH MONOITU MISSION SOUTH INTERIOR BOUGAINVILLE. AFTERNOON 21ST SOPAC LIGHT BOMBERS HIT KARA SCORING HITS RUNWAY SOUTH REVETMENTS, AA POSITS. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 2 SBD'S, 2 TFB'S, WOUNDED 1 MAN. 1250L 21ST 38 B-24'S BLANKETED BORPOP, BLASTED RUNWAY SOUTH REVETMENT AND AA POSITS. TARGET AREA APPEARED DESERTED EXCEPT FOR 2 TRUCKS.

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RELEASED BY:
DATE: 29 JAN 1944
TOR CODEROOM 2310Ø39
DECODED BY: BENNETT
PARAPHRASED BY: PARKER
ROUTED BY: ROLL

FOR ACTION: CINCSOWESPAC

INFORMATION: CNO, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT

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CAPE GLOUCESTER SUPPLY ECHELON 4 LSTS 2 DD'S RETURNING CAPE SUDEST TONIGHT. ANOTHER OF 4 LST'S 3 DD'S LEFT SUDEST FOR GLOUCESTER ETA JAN 25. CATS MADE 4 RUNS ON PROBABLE SK NO RESULTS OBSERVES. PT BOATS NO CONTACTS.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 5544 22 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

On 20 January, 10 X searches averaged 94% track and 92% coverage, search plane dropped 6 bombs on supply area at West Cape; on same day another blue searcher strafed 4 islands and dropped 6 bombs on Sipasai Island in Choiseul Bay area, results unobserved.

From 0402L to 0456L, 20 January, 5 B24's dropped 34 frag clusters and 36 gasoline incendiaries on Rabaul town, 5 large fires were started visible 42 miles 1 hour later, 30 search lights were in action but no interception occured.

At 1340L, 20 January, 18 low flying B25's dropped 168 paragrags on Vunkkanau starting larges fires northwest of runway; exploded fuel dump south of strip. Hit many gun positions; 1 B25 lost to intense accurate AA, another landed off Cape Saint George but the crew was rescued; B25's shot down 1 of 12 intercepting Zekes with another probable; 70 escorting blue fighters reported further interception, on withdrawal from strike, by 35 to 60 Zekes, 14 enemy planes shot down, 1 P38 missing from raid.

At 1045L, 20 January, 2 Squadrons of B24's dropped half ton of bombs on Southern Bougainville targets, results unobserved.

Air and ground summary for 21 January.

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Bougainville operations summary for period 1500 January 20 to 1500 January 21: No change in 37 Division Sector.

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Company G, 132 Infantry set up defense line on east side of Torokina River extending from 134.2-209.8 to 133.7-210.4.

Jap installations, including mouth of Maririci and Jaba rivers and extending from the Tekesso River to Motupena point, were shelled by our destroyers.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
~~White House~~
CC/S (Capt. Royal USN)
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
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TOR CODEROOM: 1313			
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NIGHT 20TH-21ST TREASURY BASED LCM GUNBOAT SHOT 22 ROUNDS 3-INCH INTO MANAGATA SUPPLY DUMP SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. LATER REPORT STATES 5 B-24'S HARASSING RABAUL Ø4Ø2L-Ø456L 20TH STARTED 5 FIRES NORTHEAST CORNER TOWN. 1 B-24 STARTED FIRE BONIS SUPPLY AREA Ø5Ø5L SAME MORNING. FURTHER REPORT B-25 STRIKE ON RABAUL AFTERNOON 20TH STATES B-25'S DESTROYED 1 OF 12 INTERCEPTING ZEKES, PROBABLY ANOTHER. 7Ø ESCORTING FIGHTERS REPORT 35-6Ø ZEKES, HAMPS ATTACKED DURING WITHDRAWAL. F4U'S SHOT DOWN 13 ZEKES, 1 HAMP PLUS 2 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSSES 1 P-38, 3 F4U'S. 2 F4U'S STRAFED TOBERA, SAW NIL PLANES ON FIELD. SHORTLY AFTER NOON 20TH 2 SQUADRONS B-24'S HIT TARGET SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE. 2 VENTURAS ON SPECIAL SEARCH SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL MORNING 20TH BOMBED, STRAFED LARGE BARGE 3Ø MILES SOUTHWEST CAPE SAINT GEORGE. CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTS JAP OP TOROKINA EVACUATED BY BARGE ØØ3ØL 21ST. NIGHT 21ST-22ND TOROKINA PT'S BOMBARDED JABA RIVER AREA AND SALE ISLAND OFF SOUTHWEST BUKA WITH SMALL CALIBRE AND MORTAR FIRE. 122ØL 22ND USS CACHE REPORTED TORPEDOED APPROXIMATELY 155 MILES SOUTHEAST SAN CRISTOBAL. DURING 21ST GUADAL SEARCHER

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BOMBED CLEARING NORTHEAST END NUKIKI PLANTATION NORTHWEST CHOISEUL. ANOTHER SEARCHER SPOTTED NEW TWO-STORY WHITE BUILDING WITH TIN ROOF EAST SIDE GREEN ISLAND.

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PRIOR DARK 22 JANUARY COMDESRON 12 IN FARENHOLT WOODWORTH DEPART MATCHIN PROCEED TO ARRIVE IN BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT ABOUT 11ØØZ/22ND. CONDUCT BARGE HUNT UNTIL ALL TARGETS DISPOSED OF. NOT LATER THAN 16ØØZ RETIRE NORTH OF CHOISEUL AND PROCEED TO AND OPERATE EAST OF CHOISEUL DURING DAYLIGHT 23RD REMAINING OUT OF VISUAL RANGE ALL LAND BUT WEST OF 158-ØØ E. REPEAT PERFORMANCE NIGHT 23-24 ARRIVING ON STATION AT 1ØØØZ/23RD IF NO CONTACTS RETIRE NORTHWARD AT 11ØØZ MAKING BARGE SWEEP ALONG EASTERN COAST BOUGAINVILLE THEN RETURN TO BE IN BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT AT 15ØØZ. CONCLUDE SEARCH IN TIME TO PROCEED AND ARRIVE BLANCHE HARBOR TREASURY AT 19ØØZ/23RD. MODIFICATION ABOVE SCHEDULE BY COMDESRON 12

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2100L/19TH 2 TREASURY PT'S ENROUTE STATION JUMPED BY 1 TYPE C LANDING CRAFT AND 70 FOOT BARGE GUNBOAT 5 MILES WEST REDMAN ISLAND OFF CHOISEUL BAY. ATTACK MADE ON PT'S QUARTER FROM ONE HALF MILE. ACCURATE JAP SHOOTING INJURED 1 MAN. CONTACT LOST DURING TURN REGAINED 2 HOURS LATER WITH PT'S ATTACKING SAME GROUP FROM REAR 4 MILES WEST CAPE CHOISEUL. BARGES SEEMED IMPERVIOUS TO BOMB NEAR MISSES FROM COOPERATING PBY AND PT FIRE. JAP FIRE HIT PT'S AGAIN DISABLED 1

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ENGINE, EXPLOSIVE SHELL CAUSED 4 INCH HOLE SIDE PLANKING 1 BOAT. ANOTHER MAN INJURED DURING SECOND ENCOUNTER. CONTACT LOST SECOND TIME REGAINED NEAR FAURO ISLAND LATER NEAR OEMA. JAPS APPARENTLY PATROL AREA FAURO-REDMAN ISLAND-WEST CAPE THEN REVERSE COURSE TO END AT OEMA ISLAND. LATER REPORT CLAIMS TREASURY PT'S PROBABLY SANK 2 BARGES CHOISEUL BAY SAME NIGHT.

2 BLUE DD'S SEEKING JAP BARGES AND GUNBOATS BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT NIGHT 2ØTH-21ST CONTACTED GROUP BARGES Ø1ØØL SOUTH END STRAIT LEFT 5 BURNING, HIT SEVERAL OTHERS BEFORE ESCAPING BEHIND REEFS. PRINGLE REPORTS DEFINITELY SINKING GUNBOAT. IN FINAL SWEEP 3 MILES OFF CHOISEUL BAY Ø5ØØL DD'S HIT CHASED 2 MORE BARGES

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AGROUND SUNK 1 RAFT AND SMALL BOAT. DD'S RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE MG FIRE SOME HOLES NIL CASUALTIES. COOPERATING BLUE SNOOPER ILLUMINATED BOMBED GROUP CHOISEUL BAY AND STRAFED BARGES ESCAPING BEHIND REEFS.

NIGHT 18TH-19TH P7Ø FAILED RETURN FROM PATROL OVER RABAUL.

17 SBD'S HIT MARIRIEI RIVER BRIDGE AND ADJACENT BIVOUAC AREAS AFTER NOON 19TH ALSO STRUCK OTHER TARGETS TOROKINA PERIMETER.

SHORTLY AFTER NOON SAME DAY 3 F4U'S OVER RABAUL SAW 5 AK'S OFF KERAVIA 3 OFF LAKUNAI 1 OFF VUNAPOPE 2 SIMPSON HARBOR.

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INCOMPLETE REPORT STATES 1 OF 6 HECKLING B24'S OVER RABAUL NIGHT 19TH-2ØTH STARTED 5 FIRES LAKUNAI.

PRELIM REPORT STATES 18 B25'S BOMBED STRAFED VUNAKANAU AREA 134ØL/2ØTH CAUSED 1 LARGE FIRE NORTH-WEST RUNWAY LARGE POSSIBLE DUMP EXPLOSION SOUTH RUN-WAY NUMEROUS HITS GUN POSITS. 3 GROUNDED VF GUN POSITS HUTS THOROUGHLY STRAFED. 1 B25 MADE WATER LANDING 1Ø MILES OFF CAPE GAZELLE. ANOTHER WENT DOWN IN FLAMES SOUTH TARGET. OF 1Ø-12 INTERCEPTING ZEKES 1 DESTROYED 1 PROBABLY. 3 UNIDENT PLANES SEEN BURNING OVER SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL. 14 P38'S HIGH COVER INTERCEPTED BY 5Ø-6Ø ZEKES. 1 P38 DESTROYED. ANOTHER WATER LANDED BETWEEN STIRLING AND SHORTLAND ON RETURN.

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Ø412L/2ØTH 1 JAP PLANE DROPPED 5-8 BOMBS STIRLING ISLAND DESTROYED MAIN SIGNAL LINES 2 B25'S DAMAGED 5 B25'S. 1 KILLED 3 WOUNDED NEW ZEALAND PERSONNEL.

TOROKINA ALERTED Ø437L-Ø515L 2ØTH WHEN SEVERAL BOGIES APPEARED WITH FRIENDLIES. 11 BOMBS DROPPED INLAND WEST TOROKINA STRIP KILLED 2 MEN WOUNDED 3. 1 DIRECT HIT MG EMPLACEMENT. VENTURA CHASED SINGLE BOGEY TO KIHILI RECEIVED AA. NIGHT FIGHTER CONTINUED PURSUIT NORTH. BOGEY DISAPPEARED.

15ØØL/19TH-15ØØL/2ØTH BLUE PATROL CAPE MOLTKE AREA NORTH WEST TOROKINA KILLED 4 JAPS. CONTACT WITH UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS MADE BY PATROL FROM 132ND INFANTRY JUST NORTH EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH.

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REINFORCED PLATOON JOINED PATROL CONTINUED ACTION. 2 JAPS KILLED. BLUE CASUALTIES 2 KILLED 1 WOUNDED. LATEST REPORT 45 JAPS KILLED IN ACTION VICINITY TOROKINA RIVER FORKS 19TH. TRANSLATION JAP DIARY TAKEN KURAIO MISSION 12TH INDICATES OVER 1 BATTALION 81ST INFANTRY LANDED NORTH WEST BOUGAINVILLE VICINITY KURUR 21ST NOVEMBER WITH DD YUGIRI PARTICIPATING.

PRELIM REPORT STATES BLUE DD'S COMPLETED BOMBARDMENT JAP POSITS JABA RIVER MAWAREKA AND MOTUPINA EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY AREA EVENING 20TH.

PHOTOS 1330L-1352L 20TH SHOWED 3 VF 1 VLB 3 VMB 1 RP RUNWAY SERVICEABLE RTAOPØ. LAKUNAI 15 VF 6 VDB 7VLB 1 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. VUNAKANAU 40% 1 VLB

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15 VNB. 5Ø% VUNAPOPE 1 MEDIUM AK 2 BARGES. SIMPSON HARBOR MATUPI 6 FP MALAGUNA 4 FP NORTH SIMPSON 1 FP. SHIPPING 16 AK'S 22Ø BARGES.

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No. 5523 21 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

On 19 January, 2 search planes scored near miss on barge 25 miles south of Cape Saint George. On 19 January, 1P 70 failed to return from combat operations over Rabaul. On 17 January search plane destroyed 1 barge off Green Island. At 0302L , 20 January, 6 B24's bombed Rabaul targets , 25 fires were observed at Lakunai. On 19 January, 11 X searches averaged 76% track and 70% coverage, all negative except 1 Betty seen 10 miles South of Cape Gazelle, 1 blue search plane dropped 6 depth charges on barge off Kondakan-imboko Island, results unobserved. Air and ground summary for 20 January. Photos taken 20 January show 3 fighters, 1 light bomber and 3 medium bombers at Rapopo, runway serv-iceable; 15 fighters, 6 dive bombers, 7 light bombers and 1 medium bomber at Lakunai , runway serviceable; 1 light bomber and 15 medium bombers at Vunakapau, runway service-able; Keravai runway serviceable but rough; Panapai run-way serviceable; Kahili runway serviceable, all other enemy strips on Bougainville unserviceable; Ten barges between Chabai and Toraken ; two possible barges at Tenekau; five barges in Shortland-Faisi area; one medium AX and 2 barges at Vunapope; eleven float planes in Simpson harbor; five AK's and 20 barges in Simpson harbor; Keravia Bay not covered. Bougainville. 1500 January 19 to 1500 January 20: A patrol from the 37 Division killed 4 japs in the vicinity of 11^{1}.6-234.4. Americal Division; an unknown number Nips were encountered by a patrol from company G, 132 Infantry, at 133.8-210.4; our patrol was not fired upon until it was

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From: New Caledonia
To: War
No. 5523 21 January 1944

15 yards from enemy, reinforced platoon joined patrol killing 2 Nips our casualties 2 killed 1 wounded. Latest report of Nip casualties in action in the vicinity of Torokina River forks on January 19 is 45 killed. Artillery fire placed on enemy position at 137.16-218.00 . Fijians have killed 22 Nips to date, company B relieved at Ibu by company A and returned to perimeter.

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1146L SAME DAY 1 B-24 BOMBED MALIAI VILLAGE, MORGUSIAI ISLAND, SOUTH SHORTLAND, CAUSED LARGE FIRE WITH 4 DIRECT HITS.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDICATE 5 B-24'S BOMBED LAKUNAI, VUNAKANAU NIGHT 18TH-19TH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

DURING 18TH GUADAL SEARCHER STRAFED 2 SMALL BEACHED BARGES FENI ISLAND.

0300L 20TH GUADAL SNOOPER BOMBED BARGES JUST OFF NORTHEAST CENTRAL COAST NEW IRELAND NORTH NAMATANAI, SCORED 1 DIRECT HIT WITH UNKNOWN DAMAGE.

PHOTOS 19TH SHOWED BALLALE RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE. KARA UNSERVICEABLE EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY LANDING AND KIHILI SERVICEABLE

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FOR 2400 FEET. REPAIRED SINCE JANUARY 9TH.

1500L 18TH-1500L 19TH 50-MAN PATROL OF 129TH INFANTRY LANDED NORTH BANK LARUMA RIVER MOUTH NORTHWEST TOROKINA. 1 COMPANY PLUS 1 PLATOON 132ND INFANTRY EXTENDED LINES ALONG WEST BANK NORTH MOUTH TOROKINA RIVER. 4 COMPANIES OF 164TH INFANTRY WITH HEAVY WEAPONS ATTACKED, BROKE CONTACT, WITHDREW FROM TOROKINA RIVER FORKS AREA WHERE BLUE FORCES FOUND JAP POSITS OF UNDETERMINED STRENGTH BELIEVED EXTENDING 600 YARDS EAST FORKS. NUMBER JAP CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. BLUE CASUALTIES LIGHT. JAP POSITS NOW UNDER BLUE ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE.

NIGHT 19TH-20TH TOROKINA PT FIRED ON JAP POSITS JABA RIVER MOUTH AREA EAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. DURING 19TH GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED 1 BARGE KONDAKANI/BOKO ISLAND, CHOISEUL BAY AREA. 2 OTHER SEARCHERS BOMBED, STRAFED SIPUSAI ISLAND AND SMALL BEACHED BOAT SAME AREA. 2 VENTURAS BOMBED, STRAFED DOUBLE ENDED BARGE 30 [redacted] MILES SOUTH CAPE SAINT GEORGE MORNING 19TH.

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PART 1 OF 2. 280535.

PRELIMINARY REPORT STATES BLUE DD BOMBARDMENT RAMANDATA-GOHI 1915L-1945L 19TH COMPLETED 3 SCHEDULED.

NIGHT 18TH-19TH TREASURY PT'S CONTACTED 1 BARGE EXITING CHOISEUL BAY WHICH HASTILY RETIRED WHEN PT'S CLOSED. FLARES DROPPED BY COOPERATING PLANE FAILED REVEAL BARGE BUT SHOWED DOCK WHICH WAS BOMBED. LCM GUNBOAT ON 1ST PATROL OFF SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE FIRED 48 ROUNDS 3-INCH VICINITY AITARA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. NIL RETURN FIRE.

NIGHT 17TH-18TH 3 B-24'S BOMBED LAKUNAI AREA, STARTED FIRE NORTHEAST REVETMENTS. FLASHES SEEN ALONG RUNWAY BELIEVED HITS.

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34 B-25'S HEAVILY BOMBED, [illegible]RAFED TOBERA 1240L 18TH. STARTED 45 FIRES, EXPLODED 1 PLANE [illegible] GROUND, SHOT UP 12 MORE PLUS GAS TRUCK AND WATER TANK. [illegible]RING WITHDRAWAL 15-20 ZEKES INTERCEPTED B-25'S OVER SA[illegible] GEORGE CHANNEL. 3 ZEKES DOWNED, 1 PROBABLE. 1 B-25 DOWNED. 3 OTHERS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. OF 72 BLUE FIGHTERS COVERING, [illegible]-38'S DESTROYED 6 ZEKES, F4U'S DOWNED 6 MORE PLUS 2 HAMPS [illegible]D 2 TONYS OF 30- (REMAINDER OF DISPATCH BEING SERVICED).

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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No: 5499, 20 Jan 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 1605L, 18 January, blue search plane dropped 3-quarter tonners on village of northeast coast New Ireland between Borpop and Namatania Airfield, largest buildings and native huts were destroyed.

On 18th January, search plane sighted 2 large and 4 medium AK's in Kavieng Harbor.

Photos taken 19th January show Kahili runway serviceable for 2400 feet, repaired since 9th January; All other enemy fields on Bougainville unserviceable.

On 18th January, 3 B24's dropped 75 frag clusters on Lakunai, fire started in Northwest revetment area.

Rabaul area

At 1240L, 18 January 34 B25's covered by 72 Allied fighters dropped 372 parafrags from tree top height on Tobera, 12 grounded planes were strafed, 1 enemy plane exploded, 20 Zekes intercepted over Saint Georges Channel, B25's destroyed 4 Zekes and 1 probable, blue fighters destroyed 17 Jap fighters while losing 1 P38, 1 B25 missing.

At 0445L, 19 January, 4 B24's dropped 75 frag clusters on Lakunai with unobserved results.

8 exray searches on 18 January averaged 80% track and 67% coverage, all negative except 1 search plane strafed 2 small barges beached on Feni Island.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
No: 5499, 20 Jan 1944

At 1146L, 18 January, 1 B24 scored 4 direct bomb hits on Maliai Island village.

Air and ground summary for 19th January.

Bougainville. 1500 January 18th to 1500 January 19th:

37th Division; 5th Jan patrol from 129th Infantry located now on north bank of mouth of Laruma River.

Americal Division; Companies A, B, C and F 164th Infantry with attached heavy weapons operating in vicinity of the forks of the Torokina River broke contact with the enemy and withdrew. Jap positions of unknown strength extending 600 yards west of fork of the Torokina were located, no estimate of Nip casualties while ours were light. These positions are being shelled by artillery and 4.2 mortors.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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White House
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Gen. Vandegrift
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PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Nr: 5485 19 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

At 1300 L, 17 January, 42 Navy bombers with 70 allied fighters attacked shipping in Simpson Harbor, 3 large AK's sunk, another burning, 1 medium AK sinking, 2 other AK's received 2 and 3 direct hits respectively, at least 100 enemy fighters intercepted, 17 shot down by blue fighters with 15 probables, 8 P38's missing, heavy accurate intense AA received from Rapopo and Simpson harbor perimeter.

Does many here?

At 2230 L, 16 January 1 B24 Snooper dropped 3 bombs, 1 direct hit on bridge of burning ship about 10 miles east of Mussau Island. Blue search plane sighted 2 AK's and 1 PC heading west northwest, 20 miles north of Mussau Island.

At 1235 L, 17 January, 1 B24 attacked four sea trucks and 1 unidentified vessel with single fighter plane cover heading west about 20 miles west of Mussau Island, 1 sea truck left smoking.

Photos taken 17 January, show 12 fighters and 1 medium bomber at Tobera; 3 fighters, 7 medium bomber and 1 light bomber at Rapopo; 1 medium AK and 5 barges off Vunapope.

Eight X searches for 17 January, averaged 90 per cent track and 92 per cent coverage, all negative except one Betty in good condition seen floating 35 miles northwest Russells Islands; search plane dropped 4 depth charges, 2 of which exploded near cabin boat and small drydock on east coast Yarama Island, Choiseul Bay.

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From: New Caledonia
To: War
Nr: 5485 19 January 1944

Air and ground summary for 18 January. Bougainville period 1500 January 17 to 1500 January 18, Americal Division; partols from Company G, 132 Infantry, worked out of position in vicinity of 133.80-210.50; 1 partol attacked 3 Nips in a foxhole at 134.15-210.35 with unobserved results. Three seven Division; patrol from 148 Infantry discovered an abandoned Jap bivouac estimated to have contained a reinforced platoon at 118.30-221.57. Company B, Fiji force, left Ibu village for the perimeter.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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GEN VANDEGRIFT
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ADM. KING
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24 SBD'S, 18 TBF'S WITH 70 FIGHTERS HIT RABAUL SHIPPING 1300 L 17TH. TOTAL 17 DIRECT HITS, 13 DAMAGING MISSES SCORED ON 8 AK'S SEEN ANCHORED WEST SIDE SIMPSON HARBOR. 3 LARGE AK'S BLEW APART, SANK; ANOTHER LARGE AK LEFT BURNING, LISTING, WITH HOLE AT WATER LINE; 1 SEEN SINKING; 2 DIRECT HITS SCORED 6TH; 3 ON 7TH AND 1 ON LAST RESULTING IN MUCH FIRE. COVAIR-SOLS APOLOGIZES FOR NOT TAPPING 4 SHIPS AND 3 CIRCLING DD'S SEEN KERAVIA BAY. MINIMUM 18 ZEKES AND TONYS INTERCEPTED ATTACK. BLUE FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN 17 PLUS 15 PROBABLE. 1 TBF SHOT DOWN 1 MORE JAP PLANE. BLUE LOSSES 8 P-38'S, 1 F4U, 1 F6F MISSING, 2 SBD'S DOWNED BY ACK ACK AND 1 TBF DOWN BY UN-KNOWN CAUSE. HEAVY ACK ACK FROM RAPOPO AND SIMPSON PERIMETER DURING APPROACH AND FROM SHIPS DURING RETIREMENT, PARTICULARLY FROM 150-FOOT ACK ACK BARGE AT HARBOR MOUTH. 1443 17TH TBF'S

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ATTACKED BRIDGE SOUTH MONOITU MISSION SOUTHWEST INTERIOR BOUGAINVILLE. NIGHT 17TH-18TH 6 B-24'S HIT RABAUL, 1 B-24 STARTED FIRES IN CITY. 2230L 16TH GUADAL SNOOPER SCORED 3 DIRECT HITS BRIDGE, BURNING SHIP 60 MILES NORTHWEST KAVIENG. 1407L VENTURA MATE 2 RUNS ON JAP SUB SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL WITHOUT OBSERVED RESULTS. DURING 17TH GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED SMALL BOAT AND DRYDOCK EAST COAST PARAMA ISLAND, CHOISEUL BAY AREA. 1145L ANOTHER SEARCHER SIGHTED 1 BETTY NORTHEAST AMBITLE ISLAND, SCORED MANY PROBABLE HITS. 1005L 18TH GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED LARGEST VILLAGE NORTHEAST COAST NEW IRELAND BETWEEN BORPOP AND NAMATANAI FIELD, DESTROYED LARGEST BUILDING, STRAFED SEVERAL NATIVE HUTS. SAME PLANE SIGHTED 2 LARGE, 4 MEDIUM AK'S KAVIENG HARBOR. 1500L 17TH-1500L 18TH PATROL FROM 148TH INFANTRY DISCOVERED ABANDONED JAP BIVOUAC AREA ESTIMATED TO HAVE CONTAINED REINFORCED PLATOON JUST INLAND FROM ATSINIMA BAY.

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3 ELESTEES IN TROUBLE ON TOROKINA BEACH DEPARTED 1455L 16TH. 1 ELESTEE TOWED BY MENOMINEE.

BAD WEATHER CAUSED CANCELLATION OF ALL SOPAC AIR STRIKES AGAINST RABAUL 16TH.

NIGHT 16TH/17TH 6-12 JAP PLANES DROPPED 25-35 BOMBS TOROKINA AREA, KILLED 1, WOUNDED 3, CAUSED SLIGHT DAMAGE BUT NOT TO PLANES.

EARLY MORNING 17TH SMALL FAST PLANE TRACKED TO KIHILI THERE BELIEVED LANDED.

1500L 17TH GUADAL SEARCHER STRAFED, SANK EMPTY BARGE ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH KAPINGAMARANGI ISLAND.

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PHOTOS 17TH SHOWED 12 VF'S, 1VNB, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE TORERA. NIL AIRCRAFT, KERAPAT RUNWAY ROUGH BUT SERVICEABLE. RAPOPO 3 VF, 7 VNB, 1VLB, 1RP, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. VUNAPOPE 1 MEDIUM AK, 5 BARGES. BEFORE STRIKE SIMPSON HARBOR, 1 LARGE AK, 1 SMALL AK. KERAVIA BAY, 1 DD, 2 LARGE AO, 1 SMALL AK. AFTER STRIKE PHOTOS SHOWED 1 AK, 450 FEET, SINKING. 57 JAP VF SEEN CIRCLING SIMPSON HARBOR 1220L.

1500L 16TH-1500L 17TH REENFORCED PLATOON 132D INFANTRY SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY CROSSED TOROKINA RIVER AT MOUTH AND REACHED OBJECTIVE EAST LAGOON WHERE IT TUG IN AT 1400L. BLUE PATROLS OPERATING NORTHEAST AND EAST TOROKINA PERIMETER.

CHOISEUL COAST WATCHER REPORTS CONTINUED JAP ACTIVITY ISLANDS CHOISEUL BAY AREA. MUCH MG AND RIFLE FIRE MORNING 17TH VICINITY TEREKUKURE. SCOUTS SUCCESSFULLY RAIDED JAP STORES LUTI

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SOUTHWEST CENTRAL COAST CHOISEUL NIGHT 16TH.

TOROKINA PT'S OPERATING OFF NORTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE NIGHT 17TH-18TH WERE FIRED ON BY LARGE GUN JUST NORTH KURUR RIVER WITHOUT DAMAGE.

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Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

Due to weather only 2 X searches went out, averaging 90% track and 80% coverage, results negative except X5 strafed 6 abandoned barges at Ambitle Island. On 15th January P39's strafed 11 camouflaged barges and 3 trucks in Bonis area, 2 barges sunk. On 16th January, 3 B25's bombed and strafed coastal villages between Jacquinot Bay and Wide Bay, Southeast coast New Britain, 1 B25 shot down by intense AA over Jacquinot Bay. Jap sub reported in vicinity Shortland Island on 16th January.

Air and ground summary for 17th January. Bougainville. 1500 January 16th to 1500 January 17th: No change in 37th Division area. Americal Division; a reinforced platoon from Company G, 132nd Infantry, suported by artillery crossed Torokina River at mouth and dug in at 133.9-210.0. 164th Infantry dispatched a patrol to observe results of air strike on south east slope of hill 600. Combat patrol from 182nd Infantry left perimeter to attack and capture any Nips in the vicinity of 135.6-216.5.

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BAD WEATHER HINDERED 19TH TOROKINA ECHELON UNLOADING 16TH. PATAPSCO WRAPPED WIRE CABLE AROUND PORT PROP BUT TUG HELPED FREE SHIP WHICH DEPARTED NOON WITH 6 LST'S. REMAINING 3 LST'S REPORTED IN TROUBLE ON BEACH WITH TUG AND 2 DD'S WAITING TO ASSIST AND ESCORT ON RETURN. 14TH TREASURY ECHELON COMPLETED UNLOADING DEPARTED 1830L 15TH WITHOUT INCIDENT.

NIGHT 14TH-15TH 5 OR 6 BOMBS DROPPED TOROKINA WITHOUT DAMAGE.

2240L 14TH- 0210L 15TH 3 B24'S HIT LAKUNAI 1

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TOBERA PLUS 1 NORTHEAST RABAUL TOWN AND 1 WHICH DESTROYED 2 LIGHTS NEAR RABAUL. ONLY MEAGER AA NIL INTERCEPTION.

133ØL 15TH 24 825'S WITH 62 VF'S BOMBED PLANTATION EAST CAPE NEW IRELAND.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS LATER 36 PLANE FIGHTER SWEEP INDICATE 12 F4U'S REACHED RABAUL AREA SIGHTED 1 ZEKE OVER KARAVIA WITHOUT CONTACT. PILOTS REPORTED SIGHTING 7-8 MEDIUM AK'S TALILI BAY. ON RETURN 2 DD'S SEEN 4Ø MILES SOUTHEAST CAPE SAINT GEORGE 1445L RABAUL BOUND.

Ø93ØL 15TH 8 TBF'S BOMBED BRIDGES BIVOUAC AREA AND REPORTED AA POSITS HONGORAI RIVER AREA SOUTHWEST

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BOUGAINVILLE STARTED 1 FIRE SOUTH RIVER. 173ØL TOROKINA F4U'S PATROL PICKED UP SINGLE JAP PLANE AT 3Ø MILES CHASED WITHIN SIGHT RABAUL BEFORE SHOOTING HIM DOWN 173ØL. JAP BAILED OUT BUT BELIEVED DEAD.

DURING 15TH P39'S STRAFED 11 CAMOUFLAGED BARGES 3 TRUCKS CHABAI. 2 BARGES SUNK. TOROKINA SBD'S BOMBED MARIRICI SUPPLY AREA SOUTHEAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY AND TEKESSI RIVER BRIDGES NORTHEAST BAY. BRIDGE ALONG NOMOITY MISSION-MAMAGAJA ROAD SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE ALSO BOMBED.

LATE REPORT RABAUL STRIKE 14TH INCREASED F4U SCORE BY 2 MORE JAP PLANES DEFINITELY DOWNED INSTEAD PROBABLES. KITTYHAWK COVER GOT 1 MORE

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CERTAIN 1 LESS PROBABLE SAME STRIKE.

GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED NIL BARGES GREEN AND FENI ISLANDS 16TH. ANOTHER SEARCHER OVER NAURU SAW ONLY SMALL HARBOR CRAFT BOAT BASIN. NIL SMOKE FROM PHOSPHATE PLANTS.

CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTED LOUD EXPLOSIONS TEREKUKURE AND NOGAVA CHOISEUL BAY AREA. JAP PATROLS FROM KONJAKANIMKOKO ISLAND PATROL AREA ALMOST DAILY.

1500L 15TH - 1500L 16TH TBF'S AND SBD'S STRUCK ENEMY POSITS NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR AND VICINITY TOROKINA RIVER FORKS WITH GOOD COVERAGE REPORTED.

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GUADAL SEARCHER STRAFED 6 ABANDONED BARGES AMBITLE ISLAND 16TH.

TREASURY FORCES REPORT AA DOWNED 2 JAP RAIDERS NIGHT 12TH-13TH. NIGHT FIGHTER DESTROYED ANOTHER.

824'S REPORTS CHANGE 2 PROBABLE ZEROS INTO CERTAINS FOR F6F'S IN RABAUL STRIKE 12TH.

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1720L/14TH SC 728 INVESTIGATED FLOATING WRECKAGE JAP BOMBER 15 MILES SOUTH TETIPARI ISLAND SOUTH NEW GEORGIA FOUND 8 JAPS IN RUBBER RAFT WHO FIRED WITH MG. SC STOOD BY WHILE PBY STRAFED RAFT AFTER WHICH LIFE JACKETS 2 CASUALTIES SEEN IN WATER WITH EVIDENT YFBARS.

1805L/15TH SS GULFSTAR SIGHTED PERISCOPE APPROX 150 MILES EAST ESPIRITU SANTO. ESCORTING PC 1136 DROPPED DEPTH CHARGES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. BEST INFORMATION YO 159 STILL AFLOAT AFTER SUBMARINE ATTACK 14TH.

NIGHT 13TH/14TH JAP PLANES BOMBED RUSSELLS, SEGI IOROKINA MUNDA. 0050L/0145L 2 BOGEYS BOMBED RUSSELLS WITHOUT DAMAGE. BOMBS MISSED SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY

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5 MILES SOUTH SEGI STRIP 0100L. DURING 4 ALERTS TOROKINA 10/15 BOMBS DEMOLISHED 1 S8D DAMAGED 1 T8F SLIGHTLY TORE PIVA MAT CAUSED NIL CASUALTIES. SCRAMBLING CORSAIR REPORTED DOWNED 1 BOGEY.

2232L/0330L NIGHT 13TH/14TH 6 824'S HIT LAKUNAI 5 AT VANUKUNAU 2 AT RABAUL TOWN 1 AT MALAGUNA 1 AT RAPOPO 2 AT KIHILI. 1 LARGE EXPLOSION CAUSED AT LAKUNAI. HITS SCORED ON REVETMENTS AND RUNWAY. SMALL FIRES STARTED VUNAKANAU BUT OTHER RESULTS NOT OBSERVED. 16 HELPFUL SEARCH LIGHTS SEEN INDICATING PRESENCE NIGHT FIGHTERS BUT NO INTERCEPTION.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS FROM 12 825'S INDICATE BOMBS DROPPED VUNAKUNAU CAPE GAZELLE EAST CAPE NEW IRELAND 0145L/ 0600L 14TH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 1 BLUE PLANE OVERDUE FROM THIS STRIKE.

DURING 14TH 6 T8F'S HIT LAKUNAI. 1230L 36 S8D'S

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16 TBF'S 73 VF ATTACKED SHIPPING SIMPSON HARBOR. DIRECT HITS SCORED 7 AK'S WITH 9 BOMBS PLUS 16 DAMAGING MISSES SAME SHIPS. 1 DIRECT HIT PLUS 4 DAMAGING MISSES MADE POSSIBLE DD AND 1 DIRECT HIT POSSIBLE CL. 30 ZEKES ENCOUNTERED NEW IRELAND/DUKE OF YORK AREA DURING APPROACH BUT PRINCIPAL INTERCEPTION WAS 60-70 ZEROS OSCARS TONYS DURING ATTACK. HARBOR PERIMETER AA DOWNED 1 SBD, ZEKES DOWNED 1 TBF. BLUE FIGHTER COVER DESTROYED 27 JAP FIGHTERS 13 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSSES 2 F 6 F'S, 6 F 4 U'S 2 TBF (Hellcat) & 4 FU (Corsair) WITH 4 PILOTS RESCUED. TBF'S GOT 2 MORE ZEKES 3 PROBABLES.

PRELIM FIGHTER REPORT STATES 12 SBD'S WITH 5 BOMB TOTING P39'S ATTACKED WAKUNAI WEST NUMA NUMA 1530L/14TH. 1515L 2 TBF'S BOMBED COPARI BRIDGE WITHOUT RESULTS.

TOROKINA PATROLS BOMBED STRAFED NUMA NUMA AND TENEKAU DURING 14TH DESTROYING HUTS.

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1550L 1 P38 SHOT DOWN 1 BOGEY OF UNDETERMINED TYPE 10 MILES SOUTH TOROKINA MAKING TOTAL 31 JAP PLANES DESTROYED 16 PROBABLES DURING 14TH.

PRELIMIN REPORTS STATES 1 B24 BOMBED CONCENTRATED SEARCHLIGHT AREA BETWEEN RABAUL TOWN AND RATCEAL DESTROYED 2 LIGHTS. 0100L/15TH 1 B24 BOMBED AREA NORTH EAST LAKUNAI WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

1400L/15TH 4 VF PILOTS REPORTED SIGHTING TONE CLASS CA SOUTHEAST POINT WATOM ISLAND.

1500L/14TH-1500L/15TH 37 TH DIVISION OP RETURNED FROM KURAIO MISSION TO TOROKINA PERIMETER. 1 CUB LANDED ON NEWLY MADE LANDING STRIP AT I8U CENTRAL INTERIOR BOUGAINVILLE AND RETURNED TO BASE.

SUDDEN VIOLENT WINDSTORM HIT GUADALCANAL NIGHT 14TH-15TH BEACHING MANY PONTOON BARGES DAMAGING FINGER PIERS

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AND LHIGA BULKHEAD. SOME DAMAGE CAUSED KUKUM DOCK BUT NO DAMAGE MAJOR SHIPS PRESENT.

NIGHT 15TH/16TH TOROKINA PT'S RESCUED FRIENDLY PILOT DOWN NEAR WIK MIK ISLAND OFF NORTH WEST BOUGAINVILLE.

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Kuraio Mission outpost withdrawn to perimeter.

Americal Division;

No change.

Fiji Reconnaissance Troop;

No report received on patrol reconnaissance;

Cub airplane landed on emergency landing strip at Ibu and returned to base.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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DATE: 15 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 152012

DECODED BY: E ROBERTS

PARAPHRASED BY: C STRONG

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPOA

INFORMATION: COMSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, CTG 57.2, CTG 57.3, COMAIRSOPAC, COMINCH

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12 LIBERATORS HIT ROI AND NAMUR 141600Z WITH 12 TONS 100'S SOME INCENDARIES. FINE WEATHER FROM 500 TO 11,000 FEET. GREAT DAMAGE JUDGING FROM MANY FIRES EXPLOSIONS SEEN 30 MILES. NO INTERCEPTION MODERATE AA NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES. THIS MISSION A HOLD OVER FROM 12TH AND DESIRED BY SQUADRONS. 3 B-25'S ATTACKED SHIPPING WOTJE DAYLIGHT 14TH SUNK 1 MEDIUM AK FROM 75 FEET POSSIBLE DAMAGE 2 MORE. 1 PLANE BROUGHT JAP FLAG BACK CAUGHT IN FUSELAGE. AA INTENSE. 1 PLANE DAMAGED NO CASUALTIES. ALL STRIKES 13TH--14TH EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

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2101L/14TH TANKER GULFSTAR TOWING BARGE ENROUTE ESPIRITU SANTO REPORTED BARGE TORPEDOED APPROX 270 MILES EAST ESPIRITU. 0230L PC 1136 REPORTED 14 SURVIVORS RESCUED 8 MISSING. 2211L/12TH-0335L/13TH 16 B-24'S INDIVIDUALLY ATTACKED LAKUNAI OBSERVED 1 FLASH NORTH END RUNWAY. SOME BOMBS LANDED SOUTHEAST REVETMENT AREA TOBERA. MEAGER AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 1 PLANE.

0448L-0555L/13TH 11 B-25'S BOMBED STRAFED TOBERA RAPOPO WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. ALSO BOMBED WIDE

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BAY AREA AND ALONG COAST SOUTH RAPOPO.
0530L/13TH 6 IBD'S DROPPED TORPEDOES INTENDED FOR
AK'S SIMPSON HARBOR WITHOUT OBSERVED RESULTS.
MEAGER AA HOLED 1 PLANE. 2 SEARCHLIGHTS EACH SIDE
HARBOR CAUGHT BLUE PLANES BUT ALL RETURNED.
3 SBD'S DESTROYED 1 END PURIATA RIVER BRIDGE SOUTH
INTERIOR BOUGAINVILLE. 4 P-39'S STRAFED TINRUTS
NORTH BOUGAINVILLE STARTING 1 FIRE.
1700L/13TH SINGLE JAP BOMBER DROPPED 5 DAISY CUTTERS
REPAIR AREA SOUTHWEST CORNER MUAJA STRIP. 2 P-39'S
1 B-24 BADLY DAMAGED BUT SALVAGEABLE. 2 B-24'S 3
P-38'S 1 F5A 1 J2F ALSO DAMAGED. FEW FUEL DRUMS
SET AFIRE 1 AA GUNNER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. IN ANOTHER
RUN JAP PLANE DROPPED 5 MORE DAISY CUTTERS CAMP
AREA 1/2 MILE NORTH STRIP KILLED 1 MAN WOUNDED 23 OF

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169TH INFANTRY.

0021L/13TH 4 BOMBS DROPPED ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTHWEST BANAKOMA STRIP WITHOUT DAMAGE.

0610L/14TH LONE JAP PLANE FOLLOWED 3 BLUE PLANES OF TREASURY STRIP DROPPED 3 BOMBS NEAR CONTROL TOWER KILLED 1 MAN WOUNDED 9 CAUSED NO MATERIAL DAMAGE.

18TH TOROKINA ECHELON RETURNED 14TH WITHOUT INCIDENT EXCEPT MIDNIGHT SNOOPERS.

1500L/13TH-1500L/14TH COMBAT PATROL WHICH ENGAGED UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR REPORT JAPS STILL OCCUPY POINTS SOUTHEAST SLOPE HILL THAT AREA. NUMBER JAP CASUALTIES UNDETERMINED.

90 MM SHELLS LANDED 300 YARDS BEHIND 1 COMPANY 132ND INFANTRY OPERATING ABOUT 1200 YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH. JAP KNEE MORTAR AND RIFLE

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FIRE RECEIVED FROM JAPS NEAR BEACH SAME AREA. 12 SBD'S BOMBED JAP POSITS NUMA NUMA AREA. 1330L/14TH GUADAL SEARCHER STRAFED 2 BEACHED BARGES SOUTHEAST TIP FENI ISLAND. PHOTOS 14TH SHOWED 54 VF 5 VDB 6 VLB'S 3 VMB'S LAKUNAI. VUNAKANAU 1 VF 9 VLB'S 21 VMB'S. RAPOPO 2 VF'S 3 VLB'S 8 VMB'S. TOBESA 54 VF 1 VMB. ALL RUNWAYS SERVICEABLE. DUKE OF YORK SMALL ADDITIONAL SURFACING. RABAUL HARBOR MATUPI 10 FP MALAGUNA 3 FP NORTH SIMPSON 1 FB. SIMPSON HARBOR 4 SUBS 7 MEDIUM AK 10 SMALL AK 233 BARGES. KERAXIA BAY 3 DD 5 PC 3 MEDIUM AO 6 SMALL AK 150 BARGES.

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Nr : 5413 15th January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

From 0448 to 0555 L, 13th January, 11 B25's dropped parafrags and strafed Tobera and Rapopo with unobserved results, intense accurate AA reported. At 0335 L, 13th January, 16 B24's individually attacked Lakunai airfield with 30 tons of aerial burst bombs and frag clusters, one flash observed at north end of runway. Four P39's strafed Tinputs on 13th January, one fire started. X searches for 13 January averaged 84 per cent track and 79 per cent coverage, all negative except sighting of parachutes in trees half mile south Luluai Point, Southeastern Bougainville.

Strike reported of 9th January by B24's on Lakunai airfield is corrected by late report to be 23 B24's covered by 16 P38's, results unobserved.

Photos taken 14th January show 94 fighters, 5 dive bombers, 6 light bombers and 3 medium bombers at Lakunai; 1 fighter, 9 light bombers and 21 medium bombers at Vunakanau; 2 fighters, 3 light bombers and 8 medium bombers at Rapopo; 54 fighters and 1 medium bomber at Tobera; all runways serviceable.

Air and ground summary for 14th January:

Bougainville. 1500/13th to 1500/14th: The MLR in North East Sector has been extended with the limiting point between 37th Division and Americal at 132.9-219.8. Americal Division; patrol from 164 Infantry that engaged Nips in

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vicinity of hill 600 in North East Sector returned to perimeter, enemy casualties unknown, positions still held by Nips on south east slope of hill also about 1,000 yards south east of hill; exact grid location of hill is 136.7-219.5. 4-90 MM mortar shells fell 300 yards in rear of Company F 132 Infantry. Patrol from 132 operating 1200 yards east of mouth Torokina fired on by knee mortars and rifles from 135.2-210.2. No change in 37 Division Sector.

No Sig

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0640L--0745L 13TH BLUE DD'S COMPLETED SCHEDULED BOMBARDMENT NORTH COAST BOUGAINVILLE WITHOUT INCIDENT. CHINPUTTS UMUM AREAS WELL COVERED, BUILDINGS AND CAMP AREA RURI BAY WELL PLASTERED FIRES STARTED.

PHOTOS 13TH SHOWED 52 VF 10 VLB LAKUNAI RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. TOBERA 52 VF 1 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. KERAVAT NIL AIRCRAFT RUNWAY SERVICEABLE BUT ROUGH. SIMPSON HARBOR MATUPI 10 FP 1 DD 1 SUB 5 MEDIUM AK 8 SMALL AK.

NIGHT TWELFTH--THIRTEENTH 1 ENEMY PLANE DROPPED

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SINGLE BOMB TOROKINA AREA CAUSED 1 SLIGHT CASUALTY NIL DAMAGE. VENTURA NIGHT FIGHTER DESTROYED 1 BOGEY IDA TYPE.

CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTS MORE THAN 30 JAPS NORTH POINT TARO ISLAND CHOISEUL BAY. BOMB DROPPED 0400L 13TH KNONDAKANIMBOKO ISLAND STARTED LARGE FIRE.

1500L 12TH--1400L 13TH 37TH DIVISION OF MOV d HAVE WITHDRAWN. 1 COMPANY 164TH INFANTRY CONTACTED UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR, ACTION CONTINUING. FIJI RECCO PATROL REPORTS BEACH TENEKAU--INUS POINT NUMA AREA LIGHTLY HELD BY JAPS. ENEMY NOT PATROLLING INLAND. NATIVE SITUATION FAVORABLE WITH MORE NATIVES BEING CONTACTED DAILY. DELIVERED TO 20G

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From: Nev Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 5394 14 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC. Air and Ground summary for 13 January.

Ten X searches for 12 January averaged 95% track and 89% coverage, all negative except X 11 sighted wrecked Sally on northeast shore Jacquinot Bay, southeast New Britain.

On 12 January, 1 P70 dropped 6- Centuries on Borpop strating 4 or 5 fires. At 0643L, 12 January, 13 B25's struck Vunakanau dropping parafrags from tree top height, also strafed, 20 medium bombers and 16 Fighters on airfield, 7 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground, also strafed 6 small ships in Keravia Bay, inaccurate AA from ships, 16 P38's later rendezvoused for trip back. At 1141L, 12 January, 19 B24's covered by 52 Blue fighters dropped 40 tons on Tobera, excellent hits scored on target area, Blue fighters destroyed 3 of about 34 intercepting Japs, B24's got 2 more plus 3 probables, moderate inaccurate AA recieved.

Photos taken on 13 January show 52 fighters, 10 light bombers and strip serviceable at Lakunai; Tobera serviceable with 52 fighters and 1 medium bomber; 50% coverage of Simpson Harbor revealed 1 DD, 1 sub, 5 medium and 8 small AK's; 10 float planes in Matupi Harbor, 6 float planes off Malaguna; 6 barges at Duke of York 3 others at Mioko Island.

Empress Augusta Bay. 1512 to 1513: 37 Division; Outpost located at Hoosa Kiapa was withdrawn. American Division; Company A, 164 Infantry, contacted Nips southeast of hill 600, action still in progress at end of period.

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Fijian Troops; reconnaissance of east coast indicated beach lightly held by Nips from Tenekau to Inus, no Nip patrol encountered inland.

Treasury Island; Nips made 3 air attacks during night between 2128L-2213L, 0022L-0135L, 0300L-0307L using approximately 6 planes each trip. 12-15 bombs dropped killing 5 and wounding 52, 1 serious also 31 slightly injured; no material damage reported, AA reported destroying 4 planes plus several probables.

Summary

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White House
CC/S Capt Royal USN
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15$$L 11TH--15$$L 12TH RECCO PATROL 182ND INFANTRY ENGAGED UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS APPROX 17$$ YARDS EAST MOPARA EAST TOROKINA PERIMETER. ENEMY WITHDREW TAKING 2 DEAD JAPS LEAVING 1 LIGHT MACHINE GUN LONG RIFLE. LOCAL SECURITY PATROL 132ND INFANTRY WAS ATTACKED BY UNDETERMINED NUMBER JAPS BETWEEN PIVA RIVER AND TOROKINA. 1 OFFICER MISSING 2 MEN WOUNDED IN ACTION. 4 P-39'S BOMBED INUS POINT NORTH NORTH WEST NUMA NUMA, STRAFED AREA AND VILLAGES INUS POINT TO NUMA NUMA AND NUMA TO IIHRAKA.

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PHOTOS TAKEN 12TH SHOWED 3 VLB 22 VMB ACCURATE COUNT IMPOSSIBLE RUNWAY SERVICEABLE VUNAKANAU.

NIGHT 11TH--12TH 1 P-7Ø BOMBED SCAMPERING JAPS BONIS BIVOUAC AREA STARTED 4-5 FIRES.

Ø643L 12TH 13 B-25'S BOMBED VUNAKANAU REVETMENTS FROM TREETOP HEIGHT HEAVILY STRAFED 2Ø VMB 16 VF. 7 DEFINITELY DESTROYED. 6 SMALL SHIPS BARGES STRAFED KERAVIA BAY. SLIGHT AUTO AA NIL INTERCEPTION.

BLUE FORCES TREASURY ISLAND UNDERWENT 3 JAP AIR RAIDS 2128L 12TH--Ø3Ø7L 13TH. APPROX 6 PLANES EACH RAID DROPPED 12-15 BOMBS IN EAST STIRLING ISLAND KILLED 5 MEN WOUNDED 52. NO MATERIAL DAMAGE REPORTED.

1141L 12TH 19 B-24'S BOMBED TOBERA. HITS REPORTED FROM ROAD JUNCTION NORTH EAST RUNWAY ACROSS STRIP

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INTO SOUTH REVETMENTS. EXPLOSION NEAR SOUTH EAST CORNER. 52 ESCORTING VF DROVE OFF ESTIMATED 34 ZEKES HAMPS TONYS 1 OSCAR, DESTROYED 3. BOMBERS GOT 2 MORE CERTAIN 3 PROBABLES. AERIAL BOMBS BURSTING AHEAD IN FORMATION SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 2 B-24. 1 OTHER BLUE PLANE DAMAGED BY ZEKE CANNON.

1 B-24 BOMBED BUKA SUPPLY AREA 1132L, ANOTHER HIT KIHILI SUPPLIES 1218L. ALL BLUE PLANES RETURNED. TOTAL 1Ø SBD'S PACIFIED PISTOL PETE TOROKINA AREA DURING 18TH ECHELON UNLOADING, BOMBED HUTS MOSIGETTA MAMARAKA.

2 TBF'S 15ØØL ATTACKED BRIDGES MONOITU AREA DESTROYED LOC FORD MOBINA.

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P-39'S BOMBED IEOP INUS POINT NUMA NUMA NORTH EAST BOUGAINVILLE SET 6 HUTS AFIRE PIETO MISSION.

4 KITTYHAWKS STRAFED RAVA HARBOR NORTH BOUGAINVILLE. WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

Ø15ØL 13TH SINGLE PROBABLE BETTY AT LOW ALTITUDE DROPPED 6 CENTURIES ACROSS MUNDA STRIP 3-4 OTHERS IN WATER. 2 MEN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED 1 B-24 1 TBF SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY UNSPOTTED RAIDER.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 5377 13 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

At 0030L, 10 January, 1 P70 dropped 4-Centuries on northeast corner Simpson Harbor, strafed and extinguished a searchlight near the hospital.

At 2105L, 9 January, 6 B25's bombed Lakunai with unobserved results. Final reports on Tobera strike on 9 January by Allied fighters boosts the score from 16 to 21 Jap aircraft shot down.

On January 11th, 2 flights of P39's strafed the north coast of Bougainville from Numa Buma to Koromera with results unobserved.

At 1340L, 10 January, 5 B24's bombed Kahili supply area with results unobserved. Photos taken 12 January show 22 medium bombers and 3 light bombers on serviceable runway at Vunakanau. All X searches for 11 January were negative averaging 94% trace and 89% coverage.

According to delayed reports for the week from 30 December to 7 January Allied fighters and B24's are credited with 105 enemy planes instead of 69 as previously reported; B24's shot down 11 additional to previously reported 14 on 1st January over Kavieng.

28 P38's on 11 January over Cape Saint George as cover for Navy bombers claim 10 shot down with 4 more probables.

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Air and ground summary for 12 January. Bougainville: 1500 January 11 to 1500 January 12: Patrol from 37 Reconnaissance Troop is operating in vicinity of Retsiapaia. American Division; security patrol from 132 Infantry attacked by undetermined number of Nips in vicinity of 134.5-214.6, 1 Officer missing in action and 2 men wounded. Mine field at mouth of Torokina River cleared by 131 Engineers. Company A, Fijian Troops relieved Company B at Ibu Village.

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CC/S Capt Royal USN
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COM 3D FLEET SENDS. RADIO TOROKINA PASS INFO COMGEN 14TH CORPS.

DAWN 14TH COMDESDIV 24 IN LANSDOWNE, BUCHANAN DEPART HATHORN. PROCEED TO TAKE UP COVERING POSITION 30 MILES NORTHWEST OF 19TH TOROKINA ECHELON AT 0000Z 14TH. CTF 31 DESPATCH 102020. MAINTAIN COVERING POSITION UNTIL 0600Z 14TH; THEN PROCEED TO ARRIVE POSITION 05-20 S 154-00 E AT 1200Z SAME DATE. SEARCH ALONG RUKA-RABAUL LINE DESTROYING ANY ENEMY SURFACE TRAFFIC ENCOUNTERED. AT 1530Z IF NO ENEMY CONTACTS RETIRE TO ARRIVE 30 MILES NORTHEAST POINT U AT 1930Z 14TH. OPERATE THAT VICINITY DURING UNLOADING OF 19TH TOROKINA ECHELON. INTERCEPT AND DESTROY ANY ENEMY FORCE ATTEMPTING ATTACK BLUE POSITIONS OR SHIPS AT TOROKINA. COVER ECHELON RETIREMENT UNTIL DAWN 16TH, THEN PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY TO ARRIVE PURVIS PRIOR

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DARK 16TH. CTF 33 PROVIDE NIGHT SEARCH PLANE TO GIVE EARLY INFORMATION ON ENEMY SHIPPING PROCEEDING TO OR FROM BUKA.

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RELEASED BY:

DATE: 13 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0506

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FROM CINCPOA. ACTION COMINCH. INFO COMCENPACFOR, COMSOPAC.

PART 1 OF 2 PARTS 122147. DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.

16 ELLICE B-24'S VIA TARAWA NIGHT 11TH DROPPED 31 TONS OF 100 POUND BOMBS, INSTANTANEOUS FUSED, FROM 7 TO 10,000 FEET. 93% IN TARGET. MANY FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. FIRES VISIBLE 40 MILES. 2 TWIN ENGINE PLANES DESTROYED. AA WEAK. 9 B-24'S TOOK OFF FROM B FOR TAROA BUT 3 TURNED BACK BY WEATHER. 1 JETTISONED. 5 BOMBED ALTERNATE TARGET MILLE NIGHT 11TH WITH 5 TONS. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES EITHER STRIKE. 10 PB4Y'S INCLUDING 2 PHOTO PLANES MADE SPECIAL LOW LEVEL STRIKE KWAJALEIN ISLAND AGAINST SHIPPING AND TO GET OBLIQUES HIT AT 1300 LOCAL. NO INTERCEPTION. WEAK AA. SUNK 2 AND DAMAGED 4 SMALL AK'S. BOMB HITS ON GUN POSITIONS EACH END ISLAND. 2 PLANES ON FIELD STRAFED DOCKS, HEADQUARTERS RADIO STATION ENUBIJ, SHORE HOUSES BURNED.

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OBLIQUE PHOTOS GOOD. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. ENEMY BOMBER NIGHT OF 1ØTH DROPPED 4 BOMBS INTO TARAWA LAGOON, NO DAMAGE. THIS BOMBER MAY HAVE BASED NAURU OR KUSAIE. NIGHT OF 11TH 1 ENEMY PLANE DROPPED 8 BOMBS ON MAKIN, ALL IN WATER, NO DAMAGE, AND ENEMY PLANES OVER APAMAMA DROPPED BOMBS SOUTHWEST OF STRIP WITH NO DAMAGE. AIR RAID ALARMS LAST NIGHT AT TARAWA AND MAKIN, NO DETAILS. STURGEON ATTACKED 7-SHIP ESCORTED CONVOY 11 JANUARY, POSIT 32-42 N 132-Ø2 E, SPEED 11. FIRED 4, GOT 1 HIT 7ØØØ-TON TANKER. SEAWOLF REPORTS SINKING CRIPPLE AND TOWING SHIP FOR 16,ØØØ TONS. HAS 3 TORPEDOES FORWARD, MADE 11 HITS, NO DUDS, NO ERRATIC RUNS. POSIT 27-39 N 127-Ø8 E.

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(COMAIR APAMAMA SENDS ACTION CTF 57. RADIO TARAWA PASS TO CTG 57.3 57.2. CINCPAC HAS INFO.)

4 PLANES BOMRON 108, 4 BOMRON 109 COMPLETED LOW ALTITUDE STRIKE SHIPPING KWAJALEIN. PHOTRON 3 GOT LOW OBLIQUE COVERAGE BLUE WHITE BEACHES. ALL RETURNED. 4 MEDIUM CARGO VESSELS, 2 150 FOOT VESSELS HIT AND LEFT BURNING. 1 500 POUND BOMB ON BOAT DOCK, 1 ON SMALL STUFF NEAR DOCK, 2 ON HEADQUARTERS AREA, 2 ON RUNWAY NEAR 4 ZEKES, 1 NEAR GUN EMPLACEMENT WEST OF RUNWAY, ALL KWAJALEIN. 1 ON RADIO INSTALLATION ENUBUZO, PHOTRON 3 DROPPED 1 500, 1 300, 4 100 ON BUILDINGS AND PIER ENNYDA BEGAN AND 4 100 IOYER GEA. MINOR DAMAGE 2 109 PLANES AA SPORADIC. NO ENEMY PLANES IN AIR. 8 ZEKES ON FIELD NEUTRALIZED BY STRAFING.

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COMSOPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPAC, CINCSOWESPAC. INFO COMINCH, ALL TFC'S SOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, NZNB, COMGEN SOPAC.

1 P-7Ø BOMBED RABAUL ØØ3ØL 1ØTH. STARTED BIG FIRES, EXPLODED HOUSES NORTHEAST CORNER SIMPSON HARBOR. STRAFED, EXTINGUISHED SEARCHLIGHT NEAR HOSPITAL, MADE 3 STRAFING RUNS CAPE SAINT GEORGE PURSUED BY 2 BOGIES. 21ØSL 9TH 6 B-25'S BOMBED LAKUNAI DROME WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

1220L 1ØTH 17 B-25'S, 22 SBD'S WITH 68 VF STRUCK INSTALLATIONS CAPE SAINT GEORGE. 1 HIT SCORED ON GUN POSIT NORTHWEST LIGHT-HOUSE. 3-5 ZEKES SEEN BUT NIL INTERCEPTION. MEAGER AA RE-CEIVED FROM KNOWN POSITS AND 1 NEW POSIT BEHIND LIGHTHOUSE, BUT ALL PLANES RETURNED.

14ØØL 1ØTH 5 TBF'S BOMBED ENEMY SUPPLY AREAS NEAR MARIRIEI RIVER SOUTHEAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, DESTROYED 5 HUTS. SAME

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DAY TOROKINA PATROLS BOMBED, STRAFED CHABAI AREA. TUMBO RESCUED SBD PILOT MISSING FROM CAPE SAINT GEORGE STRIKE 7TH.

FINAL REPORT TOBERA STRIKE OF 9TH INCREASES NUMBER JAP PLANES DESTROYED TO 21.

1325L 10TH 10 B-24'S BOMBED VUNAKANAU WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 5 B-24'S HIT KIHILI SUPPLIES 1340L AND 4 B-24'S BOMBED BUKA, CHINATOWN, SAW 2 FIRES.

20 B-24'S MADE INDIVIDUAL ATTACKS ON RABAUL TARGETS BETWEEN 2208L 10TH AND 0326L 11TH. BOMBS DROPPED ON LAKUNAI, VUNAKANAU AND TOBERA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. SOME LOW FLYING BOMBERS RECEIVED AA WHICH DAMAGED 1 SLIGHTLY. ESTIMATED 50 SEARCHLIGHTS PICKED UP PLANES OCCASIONALLY, BUT NONE HELD IN BEAM OVER 2 MINUTES. 2 ENEMY PLANES SEEN NEAR FORMATION, BUT NO INTERCEPTION. ALL BLUE PLANES RETURNED.

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AFTERNOON 11TH GUADAL SEARCHER ATTACKED 5 BARGES OR SAMPANS IN SMALL BAY WEST COAST NEW IRELAND ABOUT 5Ø MILES SOUTH KAVIENG, CAUSED ONLY SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE.

Ø3ØØL 12TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED ATTACKING ENEMY BARGE APPROXIMATELY 2Ø MILES SOUTH DYAUL ISLAND.

18 TBF'S, 48 SBD'S WITH 22 VF'S HIT CAPE SAINT GEORGE 1343L 11TH, SCORED 3 HITS AA POSITS NEAR RADAR, STARTED FIRE, DEMOLISHED 1 BUILDING. MEAGER AA, NIL INTERCEPTION, BUT 28 HIGH ROVING P-38'S REPORT 1 ZEKE DESTROYED, 4 PROBABLES. ALL PLANES RETURNED.

6 SBD'S BOMBED MAMAREKA BIVOUAC AREA 1Ø15L 11TH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

143ØL 4 SBD'S AND 17ØØL 2 TBF'S BOMBED, STRAFED MOSIGETTA BIVOUAC AREA.

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2 FLIGHTS TOROKINA P-39'S STRAFED EAST COAST NUMA NUMA-KOROMIRA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

GUADAL SNOOPER TO KAVIENG NIGHT 10TH-11TH BOMBED CAPE SAINT GEORGE RADAR. REPORTS FIELD LANDING LIGHT TURNED ON WHEN HE APPROACHED KAVIENG.

COMAIRSOLS REPORTS CORRECTED SCORE JAP PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR BY FIGHTERS AND B-24'S 30TH DECEMBER-7TH JANUARY IS 105. ACCORDING DELAYED REPORTS B-24'S GOT 14 VF 30TH, 11 IN ADDITION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 14 NEW YEAR'S DAY, 3 ZEKES 3D OVER KAVIENG. LATE REPORTING TOROKINA F4U'S GOT 1 MORE ZEKE. 3 MORE 2D. 1 MORE 3D. 1 MORE 6TH. 2 MORE 7TH.

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COMAIRSOLS REPORTS 9 JAN FORTY-FOUR VENTURA UNSUCCESSFULLY PURSUED BOGEY X THIS IS ONE OF MANY SIMILAR REPORTS X VENTURA AND SINGLE ENGINE AIRPLANES ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY FOR MARINE NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON X STRONGLY URGENTLY RECOMMEND ALL MARINE NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRONS BE EQUIPPED WITH MOSQUITO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ARMED WITH EIGHT CMA FIFTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS X PROMPT COMPLIANCE WILL DO MUCH TO REMOVE GROWING JAP NIGHT AIR MENACE TO OUR SURFACE FLEET X

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AMPLIFYING REPORT CTF 38 BOMBARDMENT SHORTLAND-POPORANG-FAISI AREA NIGHT 8TH STATES POPORANG EFFECTIVELY COVERED BY 1316 6-INCH, 2000 5-INCH SHELLS STARTED 3 FIRES, PROBABLY SILENCING SHORE BATTERIES. KOROVO SOUTHEAST SHORTLAND WELL-COVERED BY 1000 6-INCH, 825 5-INCH SHELLS FIRED FUEL DUMP, REPORTED BURNING SEVERAL HOURS. FAISI ONLY FAIRLY COVERED WITH 1200 5-INCH SHELLS. PREVIOUSLY LOCATED SHORE BATTERIES RETURNED FIRE SPORADICALLY. NEAREST SPLASHES MISSED BLUE SHIPS 500 YARDS. JAPS OPENED WITH 8 SUCCESSIVE WELL-PLACED STAR SHELLS EVIDENTLY PROMPTLY SQUELCHED. SMOKE SCREEN LAID BY BLUE DD'S IN VAN EFFECTIVELY OBSCURED OUR SHIPS. AS RESULT REPORT POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTIVITY NORTH SANTA ISABEL. BLUE AERIAL RECCO CONDUCTED THAT AREA 10TH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BLUE PLANES OVER SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE AFTERNOON 10TH REPORTED

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POSSIBLE DE AMONG BEACHED VESSELS TONOLEI HARBOR. 150[illegible]L 9TH-150[illegible]L 10TH REPORT FROM BLUE PATROL KURAIO MISSION WEST CENTRAL BOUGAINVILLE STATES SOME DUGOUTS BARBED WIRE FOUND MISSION AREA. NIL EVIDENCE JAP OCCUPATION. OPERATING NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG BEACH PATROL FOUND 20 DUGOUTS (2 MEN), 5 DUGOUTS (10 MEN). HASTILY ABANDONED MEAL FOUND THIS AREA. DOCUMENTS, PAPERS, RADIO, OTHER EQUIPMENT CAPTURED. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION DOCUMENTS INDICATES JAP PERSONNEL WERE NAVAL FORCES. COMPANY 1, 82D INFANTRY, LAUNCHED ATTACK AGAINST JAPS SOUTH SIDE EAST-WEST TRAIL NEAR EAST TOROKINA PERIMETER. KILLED 25 JAPS. BLUE CASUALTY, 1 OFFICER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. NIGHT 10TH-11TH TOROKINA SNOOPER BOMBED INTERISLET BARGE TRAFFIC CHOISEUL BAY AREA; 1 SUNK, 1 DAMAGED. 1310L 11TH GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN 1 BETTY OFF SOUTH MUSSAU ISLAND.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMDESRON 12

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COM 3D FLEET SENDS. TOROKINA GIVE INFO COMGEN 14TH CORPS.

IN TIME TO TAKE USUAL COVERING POSITION TO NORTHWEST OF 18TH TOROKINA ECHELON PRIOR DARK 11TH. CTF 31 DESPATCH 080150. COMDESRON 12 IN FARENHOLT, WOODWORTH, LANSDOWNE, BUCHANAN DEPART BLANCHE HARBOR. INTERCEPT AND DESTROY ANY ENEMY FORCE THREATENING ECHELON OR BLUE POSITIONS TOROKINA. DURING DAYLIGHT 12TH WHILE ECHELON UNLOADS, OPERATE VICINITY 30 MILES NORTHWEST OF U. CONSERVE FUEL IF OPPORTUNITY PERMITS TO BE READY FOR JOB NIGHT 12-13 NOW COOKING.

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FROM CINCSOWESPAC (COM 7TH FLEET)

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DECODED BY ALTENHOF

PARAPHRASED BY HAMILTON

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FOR ACTION: COMINCH

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COM SEVENTH FLEET SENDS FOR CINCSOWESPAC ACTION
COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC

CORRECT FIRST TWO SENTENCES MY 10641 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

" CAPE GLOUCESTER. SUPPLY 4 LST 4 DD REACHED BEACHES THIS MORNING. 5 LST 4 DD WHICH SUPPLIED SAIDOR ARE RETURNING TO SUDEST ARRIVING 11TH."

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PART 2 100505 (NCR 2316)

COMSOPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC INFO COMINCH ALL TASKFORCOMS SOPAC COMSOWESPAC NZNB COMGENSOPAC.

NIGHT 8TH-9TH PATROLLING VENTURAS BOMBED POPORANG ISLAND WITNESSED FIRES SOUTHEAST SHORTLAND EVIDENTLY RESULTING FROM COMTASKFOR 38 BOMBARDMENT. 2 F4U'S NIGHT FIGHTERS OBSERVED POSSIBLE FUEL FIRE FAIAI 2 FIRES POPORANG FOLLOWING BOMBARDMENT.

1330L/9TH 2 SQUADRONS B-24 HIT VUNAKANAU (10 miles southeast Vunakanau)
23 SBD'S, 16 TBF'S HIT TOBERA (Lakunai (8 miles South)) PRELIM REPORTS INDICATE VUNAKANAU BOMBED THROUGH CLOUD COVER CINATOWN AREA BOMBED WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. B-24'S RECEIVED ONLY MEAGER AA NIL INTERCEPTION. TBF'S HIT TOBERA DAMAGED CORAL RUNWAY WITH 4 PHOTOGRAPHED CRATERS. SBD'S REPORT NUMEROUS HITS ON HEAVY AND AUTO AA POSITS

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NEAR RUNWAY. PHOTOS 1335/L SHOWED 1 PLANE DESTROYED IN REVETMENT. BOMBERS REPORT 12-15 ZEKES DROPPED AERIAL BOMBS WITHOUT RESULTS. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 2 SBD'S 4 TBF'S. 7 SQUADRONS FIGHTERS COVERING TOBERA STRIKE DESTROYED 16 PLANES 1 PROBABLY OF ESTIMATED 40 INTERCEPTING ZEKES HANKS TONYS. BLUE LOSSES 1 F6F 2 KITTYHAWKS. BOMBERS OBSERVED 1 LARGE UNIDENT SHIP SEVERAL SMALLER SIMPSON HARBOUR COLMA 45 IN KEUAVIA BAY. FIGHTERS REPORT 6 POSSIBLE DD'S IN LINE ASTERN BETWEEN TAWUI AND POINT.

2 SEARCHING VENTURAS OVER CAPE SAINT GEORGE AFTER STRIKE ESCORTED LAGGING TBF TO BOUGAINVILLE COAST, REPORTED 2 DOWNED PILOTS ABOUT 8 MILES OFF CAPE GAZELLE AND CIRCLED 1 PILOT 30 MILES WEST/NORTHWEST TOROKINA UNTIL RESCUED BY LAUNCH 1510L.

PHOTOS TOGLAA SHOWED 17 VF 1 VMB RUNWAY PARTIALLY

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SERVICEABLE. 12 VLB 26 VMB SERVICEABLE RUNWAY VUNAKANAU

1520L/9TH 2 TBF'S BOMBED STARTED FIRES EXPLODED HUTS KIA REA AREA SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE. PURIATA BRIDGE REPORTED DEFINITELY DESTROYED.

0944L 8 B-25'S BOMBED BUKA SEAPLANE BASE RESULTS UNREPORTED. 1 B-25 HIT KIHILA SUPPLY AREA. 8 P-39'S STRAFED RAVINE ALONG RAMUSIAN RIVER TINPUTS AREA NORTH BOUGAINVILLE WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. BLUE FIGHTERS STRAFED LOOKOUT TOWER CAPE DUNGANON WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

1400L/8TH REINFORCED COMPANY 148TH INFANTRY REACHED KURAIO MISSION MADE NIL ENEMY CONTACTS ESTABLISHED PERIMETER FROM WHICH PATROLS WILL OPERATE TO 2 MILES RADIUS. 1500L/8TH - 1500L/9TH 182ND INFANTRY PATROL HAD 2 MEN WOUNDED MISSING RESULT BRUSH WITH JAPS EAST TOROKINA PERIMETER. 11 MEN PREVIOUSLY

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REPORTED MISSING HAVE RETURNED. FIJI PATROL OPERATING NUMA NUMA AREA CAPTURED NATIVE WHO LOCATED JAP RADIOS GUNS AND BIVOUAC AREA. JAPS REPORTED NUMEROUS SHORT OF RATIONS NUMA AREA. PATROL DESTROYED 1 PORTABLE RADIO TIOKONA WEST NUMA NUMA.

MORNING 9TH CHOISEUL SCOUTS REPORTED JAP PATROL PROCEEDED KUKU TO VOZA NORTHWEST CHOISEUL COAST SEARCHING UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR FOOD LEFT BY BLUE MARINES RETURNED TOWARD NUKIKI.

2 BLUE DD'S BOMBARDED CHOISEUL BAY AREA APPROX 0300L/10TH CAUSED SEVERAL FIRES.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: New Caledonia
To: War

Nr: 5286 9th January, 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC. Air and ground summary for 8th January.

Photos taken 8th January show all Bougainville enemy runways unserviceable, 4 barges in Shortland-Faisi Area, 2 barges in Buka -Bonis Area, 1 barge at Ballale, 4 barges at Chabai. Six X searches on 8th January averaged 85% coverage and track, all negative except sav one unidentified plane southbound off Cape Hanpan, northeast coast Buka.

Empress Augusta Bay Area. 1500 January 7th to 1500 January 8th:

37th Division; Patrols from reinforced company which landed 2400 yards east of Tauri River were negative.

Americal Division; Strong combat patrols from 164 Infantry in northeast sector killed 8 nips in vicinity of Grids 137.3-218.4.

Patrol from 182nd Infantry silenced 2 machine guns in vicinity of Grids 138.3-216.7, 11 men missing from action.

Patrol from the 3rd Raider Regiment operating 500 yards east of Torokina River and 3 to 600 yards inland found Jap secondary positions unoccupied.

Fiji patrols operating in Numa Numa area reported many Nips in bush between beach and the

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trail from Kiviri Village to Numa Warf; several heavy Nip guns seen at Kiviri.

Patrols operating in Saua River Valley reported Nip activity at Forks of Torokina River, area between Saua and Torokina River free of Nips; Nip movements noted on the coast west of trail from Torokina River to east of Saua River. Reinforced Fiji Company left perimeter to relieve company that has been stationed at Ibu Village.

No Sig.

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ADM KING
GEN VANDERGRIFT
WHITE HOUSE
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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
SUPREME COMMANDER
SOWESPAC AREA

INFORMATION: COMINCH
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COMGENSOPAC AT KOLI
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COMSOPAC SENDS. INFO COMGENSOPAC AT KOLI AND NZNB.

* COMSOPAC SENDS AS 090544 PART 1 OF 2 PARTS. PART 2 IS 090546.

PRELIM REPORT STATES BLUE CL'S AND DD'S COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENT SHORTLAND FAISI POPORANG AREA 2219L 8TH. PLANES REPORT SEVERAL NICE FIRES STARTED. SMALL AMOUNT OPPOSING FIRE FROM SHORE BATTERIES.

8 7TH-8TH TOROKINA PT'S HAD NEGATIVE PATROL BUT WERE BOMBED OFF WESTERN ENTRANCE BUKA. 0100L-0300L 8TH TREASURY BASED PT'S ENGAGED 5 SOUTHBOUND LIGHTLY LOADED BARGES TORAU BAY SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. PT'S RECEIVED INTENSE AUTO FIRE FROM BEACH ALONG BARGE ROUTE WHICH KILLED 1 MAN AND CAUSED INCIDENTAL HULL DAMAGE TO BOATS.

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LIGHT RETURN FIRE ALSO RECEIVED FROM BARGES.

0930L 8TH 10 B-25'S BOMBED STRAFED ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS SIPOSAI KONDAKANIMBOKO ISLAND CHOISEUL BAY AREA. 1340L UNREPORTED NUMBER B-24'S BOMBED KIHILI. 6 TBF'S BOMBED DESTROYED HALF PURIATA RIVER BRIDGE NEAR KIA BAY SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE ALSO HIT NEARBY BIVOUAC AREA.

TBF'S VENTURAS 4F4U'S FAILED LOCATE 3 AK'S REPORTED NEAR BUKA PASSAGE STRAFED DESTROYER 3 FP'S AND FIRED 1 LARGE 1 MEDIUM BARGES THAT AREA. 1F4U MISSING.

FINAL REPORT CAPE SAINT GEORGE STRIKE 7TH STATES 2 SBD'S MISSING, 1 CREW RESCUED. KITTYHAWKS CREDITED WITH 2 MORE ZEKES.

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DATE: 9 JANUARY 1944			
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PART 1 090544
PART 2 090546 NCR 2082

(COMSOPAC SENDS PART 2 OF 2 PARTS. PART 1 IS 090544. INFO COMGENSOPAC KOLI AND NZNB.)

MORNING 8TH GUADAL SEARCHER STRAFED 4 BARGES, 1 DAMAGED BEACHED EAST COAST AMBITLE ISLAND, BOMBED BIVOUAC BARGE STAGING AREA SAME ISLAND WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. ANOTHER SEARCHER SIGHTED SUB 10 MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE SAINT GEORGE. PROBABLY SAME SUB LATER SIGHTED 1330L BY 2 VENTURAS 1/2 MILE OFF SAINT GEORGE HEADING TOWARD CHANNEL.

1500L 7TH - 1500L 8TH STRING COMBAT PATROL 164TH INFANTRY KILLED 8 JAPS NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR. 182ND INFANTRY PATROL OPERATING IN INTERIOR WEST KIETA SILENCED 2 MGS. 11 MEN MISSING FROM LATTER ACTION.

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3RD RAIDER REGIMENT PATROL 500 YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER 300-600 YARDS FROM BEACH FOUND JAP SECONDARY POSITS UNOCCUPIED THAT AREA. BLUE PATROLS OPERATING NUMA NUMA AREA REPORT NUMEROUS JAPS IN BUSH, SEVERAL HEAVY GUNS KIVIRIU VILLAGE. JAP AMBUSH NIGHT 7TH-8TH KILLED 3 FIJI SOLDIERS 1 NATIVE SCOUT. 1 WOUNDED OFFICER MISSING. ESTIMATE 15 JAPS KILLED. THIS PATROL REPORTS JACU NUMA AREA SELF SUFFICIENT AND EAST COAST NATIVES STILL HOSTILE. FIJI PATROL RETURNING FROM 4 DAY RECCO SAUA RIVER VALLEY . REPORT JAP ACTIVITY TOROKINA RIVER FORKS, CMA NO OCCUPATION AREA BETWEEN TOROKINA AND SAUA RIVER.
8TH 1 REINFORCED COMPANY LANDED KURAIO MISSION 20 MILES NORTHWEST TOROKINA.

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TREASURY BASED PT'S OPERATING SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE NIGHT 6TH/7TH ENGAGED 2 TYPE A, 1 TYPE C JAP LANDING CRAFT HEADING NORTH IN TORAU BAY BETWEEN 22ØØL AND 23ØØL. CONSIDERABLE EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH MANY SMALL CALIBRE HITS BOTH SIDES. NIL BARGES SUNK, BUT PT'S ESTIMATE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED BARGES AND PERSONNEL FROM ENGAGEMENT. COASTAL GUNS RAUTAN ISLAND AND MAINLAND TO WEST BOMBARDED BOATS AT RANGES 2-5 MILES WITHOUT DAMAGE. OTHER TREASURY PT'S PATROLLED OFF CHOISEUL BAY SAME NIGHT. LCI GUNBOAT SHELLED AREA. THESE PT'S REPORT JAP BARGES OPERATE THIS AREA OUTSIDE HOURS PT PATROLS. DURING NIGHT 6TH-7TH 1 VENTURA BOMBED MORGUSAIA ISLAND SOUTHEAST SHORTLAND. MORNING 7TH 24 SBD'S, 18 TBF'S WITH 8 SQUADRONS FIGHTERS BOMBED CAPE SAINT GEORGE RADAR AND

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AA POSITS, CAUSED FIRES, POSSIBLY DESTROYED AA POSIT. 2 SBD'S MISSING, 1 CRASHED ON RETURN, BUT CREW RESCUED. INCOMPLETE REPORT STATES 4Ø-7Ø ZEKES, TONYS, HAMPS INTERCEPTED BOMBERS OVER SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL, RELEASED AERIAL BOMBS, MADE PASSES. INCOMPLETE FIGHTER REPORTS TOTAL 1Ø ZEKES DESTROYED, 2 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSSES 3 F6F'S, 2 OF WHICH COLLIDED. 1Ø OF 2Ø B-24'S BOMBED VUNAKANAU 1132L WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. LATTER RECEIVED SLIGHT AA, NIL INTERCEPTION. 1 B-24 LANDED OFF CHOISEUL 1405L. BOMBERS REPORTED 6-8 AK'S KERAVIA BAY, 1 DD OFF CAPE LAMBERT. 1 B-24 BOMBED KIETA. 2 OTHERS BOMBED KAHILI. NOON 7TH BLUE SEARCHER REPORTED 3 SMALL AK'S, 1 SMALL AO, 2 DD'S ABOUT 175 MILES NORTH MANUS ISLAND. 1515L GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED 2 DD'S, 2 AO'S, 2 AUXILIARIES APPROXIMATELY 16Ø MILES NORTHEAST MANUS, COURSE 145. 19ØØL LATTER SEARCHER REPORTED AA OPPOSITION BORPOP,

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HAD 1 ENGINE DAMAGED. 15ØØL 6TH-15ØØL 7TH 245 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION FIRED ON AREAS UPPER TOROKINA RIVER AREA IN PREPARATION FOR A PATROL. PATROLS ACTIVE OTHER SECTORS TOROKINA PERIMETER. 17Ø5L 7TH BOUGAINVILLE COAST WATCHER REPORTED 2 1Ø,ØØØ TON SHIPS OFF SOHANO ISLAND, 1 AT WEST END BUKA. NOT VERIFIED BY MORNING OR AFTERNOON SEARCH. OTHER COAST WATCHERS REPORT 3ØØ JAPS HUNTING FOR FIJI PATROL OPERATING FROM IBU IN NUMA NUMA AREA. NIGHT 7TH-8TH 1 JAKE DROPPED 2 MISSES ON YP'S TOROKINA. NIL DAMAGE.

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To: War

No. 5249, 7th January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC air and ground summary for 6th January.

All X searches for 6th January averaged 95% track and coverage, negative except 1 X sighted white smoke on hill 2 miles south of Kieta. Photos taken 6th January show 27 foot structure formerly unidentified on Cape Saint George point is radar station, 4 auto AA between building and point; Kahili and Kara runways unserviceable; 3 barges in Shortland-FAISI area; no change in Kieta Airfield or Harbor; 3 barges, only 1 operational, in area Kahiti to Moisuru Bay; no installations visable at Cape Friendship; 5 barges in Cove in Tonolei Harbor Bougainville. 1500 January 5th to 1500 January 6th: 37th Division Smoke Reconnaissance Troop now in area 6000 yards inland from House Kiape on West Coast. Native scouts reported 40 Nips killed in vicinity of Kurio mission by recent strafing mission by our planes, balance of Nips moved up coast to Amuno; 37th Division to conduct reconnaissance of Kuraio mission with a reinforced company. American division; 2 patrols from 182nd infantry are operationg in vicinity of grids 136.2-217.5, 1 Nip killed. A patrol from the 2nd Marine Raiders was sent on 4 day mission covering Saua River area between grids 211 and 213. No report received from Fijian Patrols in area north of grid 214 in Saua River area.

No sig.

Bougainville ground situation

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Still on Bougainville ?

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LATER REPORT STATES BLUE CARRIER BASED PLANES WHICH ATTACKED 2 MUTSUKI CLASS DD SOUTH STEFFEN STRAIT WERE INTERCEPTED BY 1Ø-2Ø ZEKES. VT SHOT DOWN 1 ZEKE. 1 JAKE DESTROYED BY VF RETURNING FROM STRIKE. 1 BLUE VF LOST. 11ØØ L CAP SHOT DOWN 1 BETTY SNOOPER 1445 L CAP SHOT DOWN ENTIRE FORMATION 1 NELL 6 ZEKES ON COURSE TRUK TO KAVIENG WHICH APPARENTLY MADE ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH OUR FORCE. CARRIER GROUP BELATEDLY REPORTS 2 BETTYS DESTROYED BY GUNFIRE DURING DUSK ATTACK 25TH.

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3 F4U'S SEARCHED SAINT GEORGE CHANNEL AREA MORNING 5TH FOR MAJOR BOYINGTON. SAW 4 AK'S 3 OR 4 SMALL SHIPS MIOKO HARBOR DUKE OF YORK ISLAND. ALSO STRAFED POSITIONS GAZELLE COAST 4 OTHER F4U'S STRAFED SMALL DOCK STACKED WITH 2Ø-3Ø REPORTED TORPEDOES WEST SIDE RALUANA POINT KERAVIA BAY. 2 BARGES LOADED WITH 8Ø-1ØØ IN BLANCHE BAY ALSO STRAFED. 1 SUNK OTHER SET AFIRE ALL TROOPS KILLED. AA POSITIONS RALUANA POINT ALSO STRAFED. OTHER BLUE FIGHTERS STRAFED 6 HUTS PIANO MISSION SOUTHWEST INTERIOR BOUGAINVILLE WHILE SBD PATROLS PINNED DOWN PISTOL PETE DURING 16TH ECHELON UNLOADING AT TOROKINA AND BOMBED TARGETS AROUND PERIMETER.

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KIA RAE EAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY SCORED DIRECT HIT 1 BRIDGE STARTED SMALL FIRE MEIVO.

Ø73ØL 5TH 6 B25'S BOMBED STRAFED ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS CHOISEUL BAY. 2 BARGES SIPOSWI ANOTHER GUPPY ISLAND STRAFED WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. CHOISEUL COASTWATCHER REPORTS FURTHER BARGE ACTIVITY CHOISEUL BAY AREA.

SOME INDICATIONS SUPPLIES LANDED FROM SHIP BY BARGE EARLY MORNING 5TH.

9 B25'S STRUCK TAHELA MISSION SOUTH INTERIOR BUKA 1135L 5TH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 6 B24'S HIT POPORANG ISLAND BUILDING AREA. 2 BOMBED TONOLEI AA POSITIONS AND 3 HIT KIHILI SUPPLY AREAS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 1 B24 BOMBED FAURU ISLAND. ALL B24 STRIKES BEFORE NOON 5TH.

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Ø815L 5TH DUMBO PICKED UP TWO MEN STRANDED ANTARLFA ISLAND SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE. ANOTHER DUMBO SAME MISSION LATER CRASHED IN HEAVY SEAS ON TAKEOFF BUT PT RESCUED ENTIRE CREW.

1ØØ5L GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED STRAFED INTER ISLAND TUG IN HARBOR EMIRAU ISLAND SOUTHEAST MUSSAU. AT LEAST 2 MEN KILLED SHIP SEVERLY DAMAGED.

15ØØL 4TH - 15ØØL 5TH BLUE PATROL OPERATING JUST OUTSIDE SOUTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER SAW SOME JAPS BUT NO ACTION. SAME PATROL FOUND 88P FIELD GUN PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED BY BLUE ARMY. LOCAL SECURITY PATROL NEAR PERIMETER HAD 1 MAN WOUNDED IN ACTION WITH JAPS WHO WITHDREW. PATROLS FROM FIJI INFANTRY OUTPOST AT IBU REPORT WAKUNAI RIVER AREA WEST NUMA

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NUMA CLEAR OF JAPS. IN ASITAVI AREA PATROL CONTACTED KILLED 3 JAPS BEFORE ALARM COULD BE GIVEN. PATROL NOW MAKING RECCO OF GUN POSITIONS AND RADIO STATION NUMA NUMA AREA.

2132L 4TH BLUE AA TREASURY ISLNAD POSSIBLY SHOT DOWN 1 ATTACKING PLANE.

1000L 6TH CUMDAL SEARCHER REPORTED 1 CL 1 AK APPROXIMATELY 180 MILES WESTSOUTHWEST TRUK COURSE 060.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

NR: 5227, 6th January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC, Air and Ground summary for 5th January.

Further reports on B-24 strike Kavieng shipping on 3rd January indicate 15 Zekes and 4 Nates intercepted, 3 Zekes were shot down. At 1300L, 4th January, 42 Blue Fighters in sweep on Rabaul were intercepted by 30 Zekes from Lakunai, 10 Zekes shot down, 5 more probables, our loss 1 P-4U. Search plane sighted 1 Nell 50 miles South Cape Saint George headed toward Rabaul on 5th January.

On 4th January, 1 P-70 dropped 5 bombs on Buka with unobserved results. On 4th January, 4 P-39's bombed and strafed reported enemy on road from Papas to Bonis, results unobserved. On 4th January, 4 P-39's dropped 5-centuries on Baniu, Bonis Area. At 1115L, 4th January, 4 B-25's raided gun positions at Tonolei with unreported results. At 0930L, unreported number B24's dropped 90-half tonners on supply area on Sohana Island. At 1130L, 12 B25's struck Chabai, excellent hits were scored on target area, 1 fire started. At 1645L, 5 January, search plane sighted 2 enemy planes over Chabai X-Ray searches on 5th January averaged 95% track and 82% coverage, results negative. All photo missions turned back by bad weather. At 0730L, 36 B25's dropped 72 centuries on enemy concentrations, Choiseul Bay Area results unreported. At 1135L, 9 B-25's bombed Hahela Mission, Buka, results unobserved. Six B-24's over South Bougainville struck buildings in Poporang Island Area and hit AA positions on Tonolei Area and also struck Kahili Supply Area with results unobserved.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR
NR: 5227, 6th January 1944

Bougainville-37th Division:

No change. Patrol from 164th Infantry found Jap Field piece destroyed by our Artillery at 136.0-219.0; same patrol observed enemy at 137.0-218.2. No action. One man of a security patrol from 182nd Infantry wounded in action with Nips at 135.7-216.7. Japs withdrew. Fiji Infantry patrol report Wakunai River Area, West of Numa Numa, clear of enemy.

Ground Set

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
WHITE HOUSE
ADM. KING
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SECURITY CONTROL

SECURITY CONTROL

From: Fort Shafter
To: War W8694
SOS SWPA M202
COMGENSOPAC M202

5 January 1944

Richardson calls CINCSWPA CO USAFISPA and WDCSA from HDGCS Security Message.

Wotje was primary target for 16 Kllice and 6 Canton based Liberators January 2. All planes from Canton turned back by weather; 2 from Kllice formation turned back due mechanical trouble. Of remaining planes 5 dropped 15 tons on Wotje from 15000 feet noon January 2 west longitude. AA moderate and clouds obscured results our bombing. We accounted for 8 definite plus 5 probables of 30 intercepting Zeke's. Other 9 Liberators hit Taroa (Maloelap) with 27 tons from 17,000 feet. Hits were observed in northwest area and we got 2 sure plus 2 probables of 30 intercepting Zeke's Our losses were 3 B24's. 9 B25's received intense AA over Jaluit while strafing and firing 75 millimeter guns on 9 grounded Tony's noontime, 2nd west long. We lost 1 plane and had another damaged. 2 men were wounded. No shipping observed at Jaluit.

10 Jap planes raided Abemama at 0900Z January 3rd destroying 1 PB4Y, damaging 2 others, and killing 2 men.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: ~~GEN STRONG~~ GEN ARNOLD ADM KING
WHITE HOUSE LOG

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P R I O R I T Y

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No: 5213 5 January 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

Photos taken 4th January show 6 fighters and 1 medium bomber at Tobera, Rabaul; 2 fighters and 9 medium bombers at Rapopo; both runways serviceable. 8 barges at Rapopo. Search plane scored hit on 1 of 2 CL's at 0240L about 10 miles north of Kaviang, another search plane sighted 5 ship convoy in same area. Searches on 4th January averaged 94% track and coverage all negative except X2 saw possible sub heading east southeast 65 miles south Motupena Point at 0755L; X4 sighted possible Jap plane 15 miles southeast Cape Saint George headed toward channel at 1125L. Air and Ground summary of 4th January. Bougainville period 1500 January 3rd to 1500 January 4th, no change in the 37th Division sector. A reinforced patrol from the Americal Division patrolling east of the Toyekina killed 2 Nips in vicinity of grids 134.9-210.4. Same patrol fired on by unknown number of snipers and at least 3 light machine guns; contact was broken and patrol withdrew. Base Camp at Ibu established by company B, Fiji Infantry. A Fiji reconnaisance patrol is working in the Sasa River Valley north of grid 214.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF WHITE HOUSE

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INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDICATE 6 B24'S REACHED KAVIENG 0730L/3RD. AREA CLOUD COVERED NIL WARSHIPS SEEN IN HARBOR BUT BOMBING RUN MADE ON AP WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 15 ZEKES 4 NATS INTERCEPTED BLUE BOMBERS AND CARRIED OUT ATTACKS FOR ONE HOUR. 3 ZEKES SHOT DOWN, 1 SHOT UP B24 LANDED TOROKINA. 1 MAN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

0815L/3RD 3 B24'S BOMBED KIHILI WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 6 B25'S BOMBED RIVOUAC AREA NEAR KIHILI 1110L.

BETWEEN 0817L AND 0827L 3 PLANES BOMBED SOHANA ISLAND SOUTH BUKA PASSAGE STARTED 1 FIRE.

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18 B25'S HIT SUPPLY AREAS SOUTHEAST TIP BUKA SAW SOME HITS ON TARGETS THROUGH CLOUDS.

1225L 45 SBD'S 24 TBF'S PLASTERED AA RIDGE POPORANG AND OTHER POSITS SHORTLAND FAISI AREA. MANY DIRECT HITS SEEN ON HEAVY BATTERIES AND AUTO POSITS. 1 GOOD FIRE STARTED IN WAREHOUSE SOUTHEAST FAISI 2 SMALLER FIRES ADJACENT SHORTLAND FAISI BATTERIES. AA DAMAGED 6 SBD'S 1 TBF BUT ALL PLANES RETURNED.

38 BLUE FIGHTERS OVER RABAUL BETWEEN Ø74ØL AND Ø815L 3RD MEI 2Ø ZEKES OVER RAPOPO SHOT DOWN 6 SURE 5 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSSES 2 F4U'S INCLUDING MAJOR BOYINGTON AFTER OTHER PILOTS SAW HIM NAIL HIS 26TH PLANE.

GUADAL SEARCHER OVER LAURU 3RD RECEIVED INTENSE AA FROM 9 OR MORE LARGE CALIBRE GUNS BEHIND PIER AND BUILDINGS

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SOUTH SIDE ISLAND. PLANE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED WITHOUT PERSONNEL INJURIES. NIL ENEMY PLANES SEEN ON GROUND OR AIRBORNE.

2 VENTURAS PATROLLING AFTER KAVIENG STRIKE SIGHTED SUB OFF CAPE MIMIAS SOUTHEAST NEW IRELAND Ø83Ø L. 3 PHOTO B24'S OVER GREEN ISLAND SPOTTED 3 POSSIBLE CAMOUFLAGED BARGES INSIDE LAGOON WEST SIDE ISLAND.

PHOTOS 3RD LAKUNAI 94 VF 1Ø VDB 6 VMB. TOBERT 36 VF 1 VMB. RAPOPO 2 VF 8 VMB 1 RP. ALL RUNWAYS SERVICEABLE. VUNAKANAU 1 VF 13 VLB 19 VMB PANAPAI NIL PLANES RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE. KAVIENG 1Ø VF 2 VDB. RABAUL MATUPI 12 FP. SIMPSON 6 FP 1 FB 3 DD'S 4 SS 5 MEDIUM AK 13 SMALL AK 3ØØ BARGES. KERAVIA 3 DD 3 MEDIUM AK 3 SMALL AK 2ØØ BARGES. VUNAPOPE 1 AP OR AK 1 YO 55 BARGES. RALUM 1Ø BARGES. KAVIENG 1 SMALL NAVAL CRAFT 2 MEDIUM AK 8 SMALL AK 17 BARGES.

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Ø24ØL/4TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED ATTACKING SCORING 1 HIT ON CL APPROXIMATELY 15 MIL.....* ORTH KAVIENG, Ø445L SNOOPER REPORTED POSSIBLY SAME 5-SHIP CONVOY JUST NORTH NEW HANOVER.

15ØØL/3RD GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN 2-PASSENGER FP 57 MILES NORTHWEST MUSSAU ISLAND.

15ØØL/2ND-15ØØL/3RD 164TH INFANTRY PATROL FOUND VACATED JAP BIVOUAC AREA NORTHEAST TOROKINA SECTOR. MARINE PATROL MET 4 JAPS 6ØØ YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH. 2 JAPS KILLED, BLUE CASUALTIES 1 DEAD 1 WOUNDED. INTENSIVE PATROLS ALL FRONTS.

TREASURY FORCES REPORT STIRLING ISLAND STRIP COMPLETE 6,ØØØ FEET BY 2ØØ FEET.

BOUGAINVILLE COASTWATCHER REPORTS RECENT STRAFING KILLED 5 JAPS TENEKAU NORTHEAST COAST. CHOISEUL CONTINUED

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WATCHER STATES MUCH JAP ACTIVITY CHOISEUL BAY AREA KONDOR-ANIMBOKO ISLAND ALSO NEAR MDEUBBULI RIVER AND TEREKUKURE. ESTIMATE MINIMUM 2,ØØØ JAPS THESE AREAS.

ØSØØL/4TH GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED 2 CL'S (1 SUFFERING FROM BOMB HIT) 8 MILES NORTHWEST KAVIENG. 1 CL 4 AK'S SAME POSIT Ø655L.

GUADAL SEARCHER OVER NOMOI ISLANDS 3RD SAW NIL PLANES SATAWAN AIRPORT NIL SHIPS OR AA BUT NOTED LARGE PERMANENT BUILDINGS BARRACKS GENERAL GUN POSITS NORTH OF EAST END FIELD.

* 3Ø GROUPS OMITTED. BEING SERVICED.

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From: New Caledonia.
To: WAR

No. 5169 3 January 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

Photos taken 1 January show 2300 foot runway serviceable at Mantanai, [redacted]

Rabaul;

4 medium bombers at Borpop (Samo town);

9 fighters and 8 medium bombers at Kavieng;

2 fighters and 7 medium bombers at Rapopo;

14 fighters and 1 medium bomber at Tobera;

12 light bombers and 18 medium bombers at Vanakanau;

64 fighters, 11 light bombers and 4 medium bombers at Lakunai;

6 float planes, 1 Emily, 7 AK'S and 185 barges in Simpson harbor. On eve January, 8 P39's strafed Rororana, Kieta Bay area, with unobserved results.

Four P39's attacked 2 barges in Tonolei Harbor with results unobserved. Fragmentary details January 1st Lakunai/6 B24's dropped frag clusters from 20000 feet at noon starting 3 fires in revetment area and burning one Betty on ground, 35 fighters escorted shooting down 3 Zekes 2 prcoables, B24's got 14 of the enemy 1 probable, 1 B24 down at Cape Gazelle, 1 crash landed Torokina, 80 enemy fighter intercepted with guns and

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To: WAR
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bombs. 24 B25's northeast Buka at 1137L starting 3 large fires, many small fires near dump areas, AA was heavy from Bohana Island, details will follow. No search reports. Air and Ground Summary for 2 January.

Treasury Island:

Air strip on Sterling now 99 per cent complete with 6,000 of runway complete;

Lighting installed.

Empress Augusta Bay area.

1500 January 1st to 1500 January 2nd:

37th Division;

Reinforced company from 145th Infantry left perimeter to establish an OP in vicinity of 112.2-234.2.

Americal Division;

Patrol sent ot investigate area along coast East of Torokina River after air strike, no report received from patrol at end of period. Organized Nip position located by reconnaissance patrol 200 to 300 yards east of mouth Torokina River and also in vicinity of 137.3-218.8 near forks of Torokina River. Fiji Company at Ibu supplied successfully by air drop.

ACTION: OPD No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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6 LST'S DELIVERED 900 ADDITIONAL TROOPS AND 3000 TONS EQUIP AT SAIDOR 0700 TODAY. NO AIR ATTACK DEVELOPED ON RETURNING CRAFT YESTERDAY NO OPPOSITION BEACHES.

HUTCHINS MAKING TEMPORARY REPAIRS BUNA FOR RETURN TO MILNE BAY SMITH CONTINUING ESCORT DUTIES BUNA SAIDOR.

PT PATROLS SANK 2 SOUTH BOUND BARGES NEAR VINCKE POINT NEW GUINEA 2035L/2ND. CATALINA NIL NIGHT CONTACTS EXCEPT 2 SUBMARINES NEAR DYAUL ISLAND SUBMERGED TO AVAFIK ATTACK.

SIG MACARTHUR

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FOR ACTION: CINCPAC, CINCSOWESPAC

INFORMATION: COMINCH, COMSOWESPAC, NZNB, COMGENSOPAC, A TFC'S SOPAC

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BLACKCAT COOPERATING WITH TREASURY PT'S OFF SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE MORNING 2ND DROPPED FLARES DISCLOSED NUMEROUS JAP BARGES TRAVERSING ENEMY MINED WATERS. BARGES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BOMBED 3 MILES SOUTH OEMA ISLAND BY BLACKCAT NOW STATED TO BE PATROL VESSELS. SAME PLANE ALSO CONTACTED 2 BARGES 10 MILES PONTOSOTUA ISLAND WHICH EXCHANGED FIRE WITH PT'S. UNOBSERVED RESULTS. PLANE STRAFED 3 BARGES 1/2 MILE NORTH RANTAN ISLAND AND PICKED UP GROUP 5 OR MORE BARGES NORTH OEMA ISLAND. BARGES TURNED SEARCHLIGHTS ON BLACKCAT, FIRED WITH 40 MM AND MG'S. HEAVY AA RECEIVED FROM NORTH SIDE

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RIVER DRAINING LAKE LAHALA.

NOON 1ST 5 FLIGHTS BLUE DIGHAURS SIGHTED APPROX 2Ø ZEKES OVER RABAUL CAUSED 1 SMOKER. 1 DD 1 CL REPORTED 1Ø MILES EAST SIMPSON HARBOR. REPORT JAP FIGHTERS RELUCTANT TO MIX. DESPITE HEAVY AA NIL BLUE LOSSES.

INCOMPLETE REPORT BLUE FIGHTER SWEEP ON RABAUL NOON 2ND STATES 11 OF 3Ø INTERCEPTING JAP PLANES DOWNED 3 PROBABLES. BLUE LOSS SINGLE F4U.

215GL 1ST F4U NIGHT FIGHTER WITH SEARCHLIGHT AID DESTROYED 1 VAL OFF TOROKINA.

1[illegible]L 2ND 17 SBD'S 12 TBF'S AGAIN BOMBED STRAFED JAP POSITS 5ØØ YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH STARTED FIRES DEMOLISHED 6 HUTS.

11[illegible]L 24 B-25'S HIT SUPPLY CONCENTRATION NORTHEAST BUKA DROME STARTED 3 LARGE. MANY SMALL FIRES. LIGHT AA

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RECEIVED FROM 3 POSITS SOHANA ISLAND. 2 CENTURAS BOMBED NUMA PENINSULA NORTHEAST CENTRAL COAST BOUGAINVILLE NOON 2ND WITHOUT REPORTED RESULTS.

GUADAL SEARCHER BOMBED STRAFED 2 BARGES UNDER OVERHANGING TREES PINIPEL ISLAND GREEN ISLAND GROUP 2ND WITH UNDETERMINED DAMAGE. ANOTHER SEARCHER ENGAGED 1 BETTY NEAR NEW IRELAND SUSTAINED DAMAGE DUE ENGINE BEFORE FIGHT BROKEN OFF NEAR BORPOP.

PHOTOS 2ND SHOWED LAKUNAI 79 VF 13 VLB 1 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. RAPOPO 2 VFB VMB 1 RP RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. VUNAKANAU 14 VLB 18 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE RABAUL 14 FP SIMPSON 6 FP 16 B 6 DD'S 5 SUBS 2Ø AK'S 2 6Ø BARGES. KEDAVIA BAY 1 AO 7 AK'S 14Ø BARGES. RAPOPO KOKOPO 12 BARGES VUNAPOPE 5Ø BARGES.

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15ØØL 1ST-15ØØL 2ND REINFORCED COMPANY OF 145 INFANTRY LEFT TOROKINA PERIMETER FOR HOUSE KIAPE TO NORTHWEST WHERE OP WILL BE ESTABLISHED. PATROL ACTIVE AREA EAST TOROKINA RIVER FOLLOWING AIR BOMBING STRAFING ATTACKS MORNING 2ND. RECENT RECCE RECVD LOCATED JAPS IN ORGANIZED POSITS 2ØØ-3ØØ YARDS EAST TOROKINA RIVER MOUTH AND TO NORTH NEAR RIVER FORK. NIGHT 1ST-2ND 4 ALERTS SAME NUMBER BOMBS NIL DAMAGE.

TREASURY FORCES REPORT 6ØØØ FOOT AIRSTRIP 99% COMPLETE. FIELD LIGHTING INSTALLED AND ARTY EQUIPMENT NOW LOCATED HIGH COUNTRY WEST SAVEKE RIVER.

1117L 3RD SAME PLANE REPORTED JAP DD APPROX 1Ø MILES SOUTHEAST CAPE NEW IRELAND.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 5145, 2 January, 1944.

Chief of Staff USM from COMGEN3OPAC.

One five B24's hit Lakunai airdrome at 1217L with 345 clusters from 23,000 feet, revetment area and South East side of runway well covered, Rabaul town received some of bombs, 1 fire in Rabaul 2 fires in revetment area, 1 plane noted on runway, 80 to 90 enemy fighters in air but only 30 to 40 pressed home attacks aggressively, 19 Zekes 1 Tony destroyed 6 Zekes probable and 1 Zeke damaged, AA accurate and intense with minor damage to 4 planes. One plane shot down in Saint George Channel, 6 open parachutes were strafed by enemy fighters, 2 other damaged planes landed at our Torokina strip, American flags painted on fuselage of 5 enemy fighters, aerial bombs or fighter streamer type shells observed. Four B24's dropped 120 frag clusters on Manob village from 18,000 feet at noon, weather obscured results, heavy meager inaccurate AA received. Two B24's hit Kahili at 1041L from 15,000 feet, 1 plane hit by heavy moderate AA, results unobserved. B24 snooper attacks sub off Cape Cormoran (Wide Bay Area) New Britain, observed large oil slick in morning. 6 B25's at 1102L struck target area Northeast Kahili dropping 48-250 pounders from 10,200 feet, AA intense accurate. At 1700L search plane out of Guadalcanal December 31 sighted 2 CA 2 DD about 140 miles North New Hanover speed 18 knots course 060, 40 minutes later convoy changed course to 350, speed to 25 knots. Munda Cape Sena Trobriand triangle searched, others unreported except out Kilinailau way.

Air and ground summary for 1 January.

Empress Augusta Bay Area.

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From: New Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 5145, 2 January, 1943.

31 December to 1 January: Patrol from 164 Infantry encountered Nip force in vicinity of 137.0-218.4 killing 3. Following air strike east of Torokina River, Nip positions were shelled for 30 minutes; Companies B and C, First Parachute Battalion, advanced along coast finding Nip positions neutralized and equipment scattered around the area; 1 platoon continuing approximately 300 yards inland, parallel to coast 1200 East of Torokina River, encountered strong Nip position, 14 Japs killed our loss 3 killed, 5 wounded. A patrol from the 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry killed 7 Nips in the vicinity of fork of Torokina River. One Fiji Company established position in the Ibu village vicinity in preparation for reconnaissance of trails along coast in the Numa Numa area. No change in 37th Division area.

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(ACTION TO COMINCH INFO TO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

PRECEEDED BY NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT ABOUT 7500 TROOPS LANDED SAIDOR NEW GUINEA FROM 9 APD'S 19 LCI'S

BEGINNING AT Ø710L ALSO FOLLOWED ABOUT Ø900 BY 6 LST'S WITH 2400 ADDITIONAL TROOPS AND 3,000 TONS EQUIPAGE.

NO OPPOSITION AT DEATH HEAD NOR ENEMY AIR ATTACK SO FAR REPORTED. HUTCHINS AND SMITH IN EARLY MORNING COLLISION.

HUTCHINS FLOODED FORWARD TO FRAME 18 NOW RETURNING AT MAXIMUM SPEED 12 KNOTS. SMITH AFTER VOID FLOODED HOLE

IN SHIPFITTERS SHOP. DEPTH CHARGE RACKS AND SMOKE GENERATOR CARRIED AWAY. NO STEERING DAMAGE NOR SPEED

REDUCTION. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES REPORTED. PT PATROLS LAST NIGHT NEGATIVE. AK REPORTED HIT NEW YEARS EVE

BY BLACK CAT WAS 9,000 TON SHIP WHICH SANK IN 2Ø MINUTES ANOTHER BLACK CAT DAMAGED ORANGE DD WITH HIT ON

STARBOARD QUARTER. RESUPPLY ECHELON 4 LST'S 4 DD'S RETURNED FROM GLOUCESTER WITHOUT INCIDENT. SIGNED

MACARTHUR.

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NIGHT 31ST/1ST 2 GROUND TREASURY BASED PT'S OPERATING TORAU BAY SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED 1-2 ENEMY BARGES WITH TYPE C LANDING CRAFT ESCORT AT RANGES 100 TO 600 YARDS. MIDNIGHT ENEMY CRAFT CONTACTED HEADING SOUTH PAST LULUAI POINT AT 15 KNOTS. LANDING CRAFT AGRESSIVELY SCREENING BARGES INITIALLY SHOWED EAGERNESS TO FIGHT PT'S UNTIL HIT ON STARBOARD BOW WITH 37 MM SHELL. JAP RETURN FIRE INTENSE FROM 37 MM OR LARGER GUN FORWARD, .50 CAL OR 20 MM AMIDSHIPS ON HIGH TURRET 30 OR 50 CALIBER AFT. SECOND ENGAGEMENT CAUGHT

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LANDING CRAFT UNAWARE OF PT 100 YARDS, SMALL CALIBER FIRE APPARENTLY BOUNCED OFF LANDING CRAFT INDICATING GOOD ARMOR. ENEMY BROKE OFF ENGAGEMENT AND ESCAPED UP PIRIAS RIVER AT HIGH SPEED. BLUE CASUALTIES WERE HIT IN 1 GAS TANK 1 MAN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED NUMEROUS .50 CAL SLUGS IN NON VITAL PT PARTS.

BETWEEN 0800L AND 0830L/1ST 18 SBD'S 16 TBF'S GROUND SUPPORT MISSION REPORT EXCELLENT COVERAGE ALONG TOROKINA RIVER. PROBABLE FUEL DUMP FIRED 300 FEET IN-SHORE.

6 B 25'S HIT TARGET AREA NORTHEAST KIHILI 1102L, 4 VENTURAS BOMBED STRAFED BARGE HIDEOUT ZEPEROI WEST NUMANUMA NOTING BIVOUAC AREAS 1 POSSIBLY UNSERVICEABLE LAUNCH.

1140L 33 SBD'S BOMBED STRAFED MOSIGETTA AREA SOUTHEAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY DAMAGED 15-20 BUILDINGS STARTED 3

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FIRES KNOCKED OUT 2 BRIDGES PURIATA - MAIGI AREA TO SOUTHEAST. 1 SBD PLANE LANDED TREASURY WITHOUT INJURING CREW.

DURING FIRST 6 SBD'S PINNED DOWN PISTOL PETE WHILE 15TH TOROKINA ECHELON LANDED.

4 P-39'S DIVE BOMBED 2 DAMAGED BARGES TONOLEI HARBOR, STRAFED HUTS CAPE DUNGANON CHABAI TAPSADAWATA WITHOUT REPORTED RESULTS. 8 MORE P-39'S STRAFED TOROKINA RIVER POSITS RORONANA KIETA AND CHIROVANTE SOUTH KIETA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

DURING FIRST GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED SEARCHER STRAFED DAMAGED 1 BARGE WEST BEACH FENI HARBOR, ANOTHER SEARCHER REPORTED SIGHTING BARGE HIDDEN UNDER LEAVES NORTH SIDE GREEN ISLAND. PHOTOS 31ST SHOWED 2 BARGES EAST SHORE PINIPEL ISLAND GREEN ISLANDS.

INCOMPLETE REPORTS LUKUNAI STRIKE NOON 1ST STATE 15

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B-24'S 60 FIGHTERS HIT TARGET. 2 FIRES STARTED REVETMENT AREA INCLUDED 1 BETTY BURNED AND 1 FIRE STARTED IN TOWN. 80-90 JAP FIGHTERS IN AIR. 30-40 AGGRESSIVELY PRESSED HOME ATTACKED. 14-19 ZEKES 1 TONY DESTROYED, 1 DAPA 6 ZEKES PROBABLES, 1 DAMAGED BY BOMBERS. FIGHTERS GOT 4 ZEKES 2 PROBABLES. 1 B-24 WENT DOWN OFF CAPE GAZELLE 1 CRASH LANDED TOROKINA. 1 OF LDO COLLIDING F6F'S CRASHED SOUTHEAST CAPE SAINT GEORGE. HEAVY INTENSE AA HIT 4 PLANES CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE. EITHER STREAMER TYPE SHELLS OR AERIAL BOMBS OBSERVED. OTHER B-24'S BOMBED MANOR VILLAGE NOON KIHILI 1041L WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

AIR SIGHTINGS 1ST 4-5 MEDIUM 1 LARGE VESSELS PROBABLY MERCHANTS IN AND 1 POSSIBLE DD OUTSIDE KAVIENG HARBOR. 4 SHIPS UNDERWAY 50 MILES FROM KAVIENG NORTH NEW HANOVER. PHOTOS 1ST SHOWED PANAPAI NO CHANGE. NAMATANAI NIL AIRCRAFT 2300 FOOT RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. BORPOP 4 VMB

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RUNWAY SERVICEABLE X KAVIENG 9 VF 8 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. KERANOT NIL PLANES RUNWAY ROUGH BUT SERVICEABLE. VUNAKANAU 12 VLB 18 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. LAKUAI 64 VF 11 VLB 4 VMB RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, FIRE FROM PROBABLE UNDERGROUND FUEL BURNING HOUR AFTER STRIKE. SHIPPING KAVIENG 1-3 75 FOOT AK SUNK EAST NAGO ISLAND. 1 AK 330 FEET 1 AK 185 FEET 2 NAVAL CRAFT 245 FEET POSSIBLE GUNBOATS 3 CRAFT 105 FEET 11 BARGES. RABAUL MATAPUI ANCHORAGE 13 FP SIMPSON ANCHORAGE 6 FP 1 EMILY 2 SUBS 320 FEET 1 AK 450 FEET 3 AK 380 FEET 12 AK'S 100 TO 175 FEET 185 BARGES.

0037L/2ND GUADAL SNOOPER BOMBED 3 BARGES 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OEMA ISLAND SOUTHEAST BOUGAINVILLE AT REQUEST OF PT'S. ONE DIRECT HIT SCORED, REMAINING BARGES STRAFED. TREASURY FORCES REPORT PATROL KILLED 1 OF 2 JAPS SEEN

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NORTHWEST MALSI MORNING FIRST.

BOUGAINVILLE COASTWATCHER REPORTS CONCENTRATION 300 JAPS KUKURINO VILLAGE INTERIOR SOUTH TINPUTS NORTH BOUGAINVILLE.

0830L/1ST BLUE CARRIER SEARCH LOCATED 2 CA'S 2 DD'S OUTSIDE KAVIENG APPARENTLY ENTERING HARBOR. 1100L CARRIER STRIKE ATTACKED SCORED 4 HEAVY BOMB HITS PLUS AT LEAST 1 TORPEDO HIT 1 CA, 2 HEAVY BOMB HITS AT LEAST 2 TORPEDO HITS SECOND CA. BOTH LEFT BURNING ON DEPARTURE 1 HEAVILY. BELIEVE BOTH SUNK OR BEACHED. 1 BOMB HIT 1 DD BOTH HEAVILY STRAFED. 1 LEFT BURNING BELIEVED SUNK OTHER BADLY DAMAGED. 20-30 ZEKES INTERCEPTED BLUE STRIKE, 11 SHOT DOWN PLUS 4 PROBABLY AND 1 BETTY. BLUE LOSSES 2 VF 1 VB. SEVERAL PLANES DAMAGED. SEARCH SECTION OF 2 TONYS SNOOPED TO 154ØL, 1 TONY DESTROYED.

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OTHER BOGIES WERE SUCCESSFULLY OUTMANEUVERED. DURING STRIKE ZEKES APPARENTLY DROPPED MANY PHOSPHOROUS AERIAL BOMBS WITHOUT EFFECT. GUADAL SEARCHER REPORTED 4 EMPTY WHITE LIFE RAFTS AND RECENT TRACKS MANY SHIPS NORTHWEST KAVIENG.

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FROM: USS HUTCHINS

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 3 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: Ø946

DECODED BY: STONE

PARAPHRASED BY: STONE/SCHMICK

ROUTED BY:

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
CTF 76
COMINCH*
COM 7TH FLEET

INFORMATION: COMSERV 7TH FLEET
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(ACTION ADEE COMTASKFOR 76 PARAPHRASES HUTCHINS Ø2Ø315 TO COMINCH FOR ACTION. TO COM 7TH FLEET FOR ACTION VIA RADIO MORESBY, INFO COMSERV 7TH FLEET VIA RADIO BRISBANE)

HUTCHINS DAMAGED BY COLLISION WITH SMITH LATITUDE Ø5-35 SOUTH LONGITUDE 146-34 EAST DURING APPROACH FOR LANDING AT SAIDOR 2 JANUARY AT Ø61ØL. NO DAMAGE TO PERSONNEL OR MACHINERY. DOCKING REQUIRED. ESTIMATE 1Ø DAYS. BOW CUT 3 FEET ABOVE 2ND PLATFORM AND TURNED TO STARBOARD TO FRAME 7. FOLLOWING FLOODED: PEAK TANK A1W AND A5Ø1W COMPARTMENT A 4Ø1 A AND A 3Ø12 A. FORECASTLE DECK BUCKLED AT FRAME 3Ø.

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RELEASED BY: JAN 2 1943

DATE: 0147/02

TOR CODEROOM: LAFLAMME

DECODED BY: LAFLAMME

PARAPHRASED BY:

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COMAIRSOPAC — URGENT

INFORMATION: ALL TFC'S SOPAC
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(COM 3RD FLEET ORIGINATES. ACTION COMAIRSOPAC INFO COMINCH, CINCPAC, CINCSOWESPAC, COM 7TH FLEET, COMAIRSOLS, CTF 72, ALL TFC'S SOPAC)

STRIKE KAVIENG WITH HEAVY BOMBERS DAYLIGHT 3RD.

PRIMARY TARGETS CRIPPLED WARSHIPS AND OTHER LARGE VESSELS

SECONDARY BIVOUAC AND UNLOADING AREAS.

Adm Halsey has ordered the Bunker Hill and Monterey to return to strike Kavieng again on the 4th if fuel permits.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION: COM 3RD FLEET — OPOPOPOPOP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

INFORMATION: CTU 37.1.6, COMINCH ******* — OPOPOPOPOP — PRIORITY / ROUTINE / DEFERRED

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(FROM CTG 37.2 ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO CTU 37.1.6)

BLACKBIRDS ARE BLUEBIRDS NOW SEARCH LOCATED 2 CA'S 2 DD'S AT 0830L JUST OUTSIDE KAVIENG APPARENTLY ABOUT TO ENTER. STRIKE HIT THEM AT 1100L AND OBTAINED 2 1600 AP HITS 1/1000 SAP AND 1/1000 GP ON ONE CRUISER PLUS AT LEAST ONE TORPEDO HIT AND ONE 1600 AP AND ONE 1000 SAP HITS ON THE OTHER PLUS AT LEAST 2 TORPEDO HITS. BOTH BURNING ON DEPARTURE ONE HEAVILY. BELIEVE BOTH SUNK OR BEACHED. ONE DD HIT BY 1/1000 SAP AND BOTH HEAVILY STRAFFED. ONE LEFT BURNING BELIEVED SUNK OTHER BADLY DAMAGED. STRIKE INTERCEPTED BY 20 TO 30 ZEKES OF WHICH 11 SHOT DOWN PLUS 4 PROBABLE AND PLUS ONE BETTY. OUR LOSSES 2 VF AND ONE VB. SEVERAL PLANES DAMAGED. TASK GROUP SNOOPED BY A SEARCH SECTION OF 2 TONYS ABOUT

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1545L OF WHICH ONE SHOT DOWN. MANY BOGIES FROM DUSK TILL 2130 BUT AGAIN THEY WERE OUTMANEUVERED AND NONE CLOSED. DURING KAVIENG STRIKE MANY PHOSPHOROUS AERIAL BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON OUR PLANES APPARENTLY FROM ZEKES BUT NONE EFFECTIVE. AA HEAVY FROM SHIPS. WE WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG. DUE TO BREAK-DOWN OF ONE ENGINE JUST PRIOR TO HIGH SPEED RUN IN CHARRETTE WAS DIRECTED REPORT TO CTU 37.1.6.

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PARAPHRASED BY: THOMAS

ROUTED BY: HUTCHINSON

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(COM7THFLT PASSES FOR CINCSWPAC WHO ORIGINATES; COMINCH ACTION AND CNO, CINCPAC AND COMSOPAC INFO)

NO REPORT FROM PT'S PATROLLING LAST NIGHT.

BLACK CAT REPORTED 1 HIT 10,000 TON AK PLUS POSSIBLE HIT ON 6,000 TON AK VICINITY ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. 5 LST'S ESCORTED BY 4 DD'S ARRIVED CAPE GLOUCESTER DAWN TODAY. SGD MACARTHUR.

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1700L 31ST GUADAL SEARCHER SIGHTED 2 CA'S 2 DD'S APPROX 140 MILES NORTH L PLANE REPORTED SHIPS CHANGED COURSE TO 350 AND INCREASED SPEED TO 25 KNOTS.

BEFORE DAWN 31ST 1 VENTURA BOMBED KIETA AREA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

17 B25'S 16 B24'S BOMBED KAHILI SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL AREAS 1033L--1253L 31ST. WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. INTENSE AA LIGHTLY DAMAGED 5 B25'S 1 B24 BUT ALL PLANES RETURNED.

NOON 31ST 4 TBF'S WITH 3 TOROKINA SBD'S OBLITERATED AT EEAST 2 BRIDGES NEAR MONOITU MISSION AND SCARRED

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GUADAL SEARCHER DEMOLISHED LARGE BARN NEAR BARGE HIDEOUT ON LAGOON NMACH NISSAN ISLAND 31ST REPORTED NIL BARGES, ONLY WRECKS FENI ISLAND. ANOTHER SEARCHER SPOTTED 4 CIRCLING PLANES NEAR KILINAILAU GROUP, 2 POSSIBLE BETTYS AND 2 VF WHICH PURSUED SEARCHER SHORT WAY.

0345L 1ST GUADAL SNOOPER REPORTED COMPLETING ATTACK ON SUB APPROX 10 MILES SOUTHEAST WIDE BAY NEW BRITAIN. REPORTED COMPLETING SECOND ATTACK 0500L SAME AREA.

1500L 30TH--1500L 31ST BLUE PATROL ENGAGED JAP PATROL NORTHEAST COAST BOUGAINVILLE. RECCO PATROL SOUTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER SAW ESTIMATED PLATOON

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JAPS 400 YARDS EAST TOROKINA 500 YARDS INLAND.

TREASURY FORCES REPORT 1 JAP SUICIDE FOUND IN LAKE AREA NORTH WEST MALSI. 3 BLUE PATROLS OPERATING MALSI--LOANA ALU AREA.

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To: War

No: 5132, 1 January 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

16 B24's and 17 B25's hit Kahili with 699 Frag clusters from 1033 to 1253L, clouds obscured results, AA accurate intense, 5 B25's and 1 B24 damaged Laya Corr all returned. Unnumbered P39's flew 4 routine patrols over Empress Augusta Bay. 8 men spotted by special B24 searcher near Cape Saint George at 1050L, thought to be crew of B24 missing on Rabaul strike as reported in yesterdays summary, PBY out to pick them up, will report results.

Air and Ground Summary for 31st December.

Bougainville operations for period 30-31:

No change in 37 Division sector. Patrol from 164 Infantry engaged small Nip patrols in vicinity of 137.2-218.6; no report received as to result of action. Reconnaissance patrol from 145th infantry located approximately 1 platoon of Nips 400 yards east of mouth Torokina river and 600 yards inland.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Adm. King, Gen. Vandergrift, Log

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