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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 57		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 23 AUG 1944			ROUTINE
FOR CODER ROOM 2156/22			DEFERRED
DECODED BY PLAIN		CTF 59 COM INCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY WOODYARD/SOWERS			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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AIR MAILGRAM

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 6 TO 11 AUGUST INCLUSIVE:

BOMB TONNAGE ON ENEMY BASES: HILLE 124, TRUK 81, NAURU 42, PONAPE 33, IWO JIMA 26, JALUIT 18, TAROA 18, TAKE 2 1/4. AA MOSTLY MEAGER TO MODERATE EXCEPT MODERATE TO INTENSE 1 STRIKE EACH AT IWO JIMA AND NAURU. INTERCEPTION AT TRUK BY 8-12 VF ON EACH OF 2 DAYLIGHT STRIKES OF WHICH ARMY LIBERATORS GOT 1 SURE 2 DAMAGED AND NAVY LIBERATORS GOT 2 PROBABLES. INTERCEPTION AT IWO JIMA BY 5-7 UNAGGRESSIVE VF 1 DAYLIGHT STRIKE. OUR CASUALTIES: 1 CORSAIR AND PILOT LOST JALUIT. 12 PLANES DAMAGED. 1 PB4Y OF VB-116 LOST ENGINE ON TAKEOFF ENROUTE 9TH AND CRASHED INTO PARKED CARRIER POOL PLANES, SEVERAL KILLED, ABOUT 50 PLANES DESTROYED. 1 CORSAIR AND PILOT LOST OPERATIONALLY ROI.

SEARCHES: NEGATIVE CONTACTS. NAVY LIBERATOR STRAFED 3 SMALL

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CRAFT WAKE LEFT 1 AFIRE. SAY AND NIGHT RECCO AND HARASSMENT
MARSHALLS, WAKE, PONAPE AND WNAUPU PLUS NIGHT SHIP RECCO TRUK
CONTINUED, BOMBS INCLUDED IN TOTALS ABOVE.

PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

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FROM CTF 59		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CINCPA	PRIORITY
DATE 31 JULY 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0114			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SOWERS		COMINCH	OP OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY SOWERS/KNAPP		COMAAF	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		CINCSOWESPAC	ROUTINE
		COMAF 5	DEFERRED
		COMAF 13	
		ALL IEC 5TH FLT	
		COMSUBPAC	
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(CTF 59 ORIGINATES. RADIO WAHIANA PASS ACTION TO CINCPA AND INFO TO COMAAF CINCSOWESPAC COMAF 5 COMAF 13 ALL IEC 5TH FLT AND COMSUBPAC)

3 SQUADRONS LIBERATORS TO STRIKE TRUK 1ST, 4TH, 6TH, 10TH, 12TH, AND 15TH AUGUST (E LONG DATES) ALL DAYLIGHT.

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 302100.

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FROM CTF 59		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRIORITY 3
DATE JULY 31 1944			ROUTINE 4
TOR CODEROOM 3404			DEFERRED 6
DECODED BY KOTEEN		CINCSOMESPAC	PRIORITY 9
PARAPHRASED BY KOTEEN/ROWLAND		COMAFAF COMINCH	ROUTINE 11
		COMAF 5	DEFERRED 13
		COMAF 13	
		ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET	
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CTF 59 ORIGINATES AND GIVES ACTION TO CINCPAC WITH INFO
TO CINCSOMESPAC COMAFAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET

ON SPECIAL ANTI-SHIPING STRIKE 2 NAVY LIBERATORS
FOUND ONLY 4 SMALL COASTAL CRAFT IN TRUK LAGOON, WHICH
WERE STRAFED. 2 OF 5 INTERCEPTING FIGHTERS WERE
DAMAGED. PROCEEDING TO PONAPE, HQS BUILDING AND A GUN
POSITION WERE TARGETS FOR 7 HALF TONNERS AT 282250.
HYDRAULICS OF 1 LIBERATOR KNOCKED OUT BY ACCURATE MEDIUM
AND HEAVY FLAK. PLANE CRASH LANDED AT BASE.

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 310011.
DELIVERED TO 206.

ACTION	
F-0	22
F-01	23
F-02	24
F-05	25
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FROM	ALUSNA QUITO	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY	8 JUNE 1944	COMPASEAFRON	PRIORITY
DATE	081154	CNC	RRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM	KURTZ	COM 15	ROUTINE
DECODED BY	CHASE/ Thompson		DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	GIBSON		
ROUTED BY			
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(ACTION COMPASEAFRON. INFO CNO. NAAP EALINAS ADVISED)

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 PART 2 072146 NCR 1406

PREOCCUPATION AUTHORITIES WITH OTHER PROBLEMS HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON ATTITUDE NEW GOVERNMENT TOWARD THEIR NAVY ITS MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TO JUSTIFY RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME THAT ANYTHING BE TRANSFERRED TO ECUADOR OVER AND ABOVE EXACT TERMS AGREEMENT. UR SERIAL 00106538 MAY 30. WILL ADVISE FURTHER SOON AS POSSIBLE

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FROM	COMSOPAC	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPDA CINCSOPAC	PPPPPPP
DATE	3 JUNE 1944		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	1254		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	3APP	COMINCH COMSOPACSEAFRON NZNS	PPPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY	DUMMIT/WALP		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
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COMSOPAC SENDS. ACTION CINCPDA, CINCSOPAC, INFO COMINCH, COMSOPACSEAFRON, NZNS, ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OPERATIONS.

DURING 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDED MID-AFTERNOON 2ND ANOTHER FIJI INFANTRY BN FURTHER EXPANDED TOROKINA PERIMETER BY LANDING ON SOUTH BANK JABA RIVER. NO JAPS ENCOUNTERED, ONLY EXTENSIVE ABANDONED FORTIFICATIONS. OTHER BOUCAINVILLE GROUND PATROLLING NEGATIVE. RECON PARTY TO DYAUL ISLAND FOUND NIL NIPS, LOOKED OVER RADAR STATION WRECKED BY BLUE AIR. EMIRAU MTB'S OFF NORTH CENTRAL NEW IRELAND NIGHT OF 1ST SHOT UP BIVOUAC AREA, KILLED 30 JAPS ACCORDING NATIVES. GREEN GUNBOATS SHELLS TEOP SAME NIGHT WHILE TREASURY PT'S WORKED OVER SOUTHEAST BOUCAINVILLE COASTAL TARGETS. IN THE AIR 1ST, SOPAC FIGHTERS DAMAGED BARGE OFF WATOM ISLAND, OBSERVED CONSIDERABLE BARGE TRAFFIC INTO RABAU. WEATHER HAMPERED OTHER OPERATIONS, BUT

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MITCHELLS HIT TODERA, SDD'S SMACKED VUNAPOPE AND AVENGERS
 BOMBED DUKE OF YORK AND CAPE SAINT GEORGE. ADDITIONAL
 FIGHTERS FOUND SUPPLIES AT TALILI AND SILENCED MEDIUM AA
 ON SOUTHEASTERN NEW IRELAND. 1 WARHAWK CRASHED IN SEA.
 NZ VENTURAS ATTACKED CAPE SAINT GEORGE-DUKE OF YORK AREA.
 ALSO ON 1ST, COBRAS FIRED LARGE BARGE IN DUKA PASSAGE AND
 FIGHTER PATROLS CONTINUED COVERAGE OF VARIOUS COASTAL TAR-
 GETS.

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC	PPPP
DATE 1 JUNE 44			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 1510/1			DEFERRED
DECODED BY S. THOMSON		FOR INFORMATION COMINCH COMSOWESPACSEAFRON NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD	PPPP
PARAPHRASED BY ME. THOMSON/HOCHSTEIN			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED

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(COMSOPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC INFO COMINCH
COMSOWESPACSEAFRON NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD ALL CONCERNED
CURRENT OPERATIONS.)

DURING EARLY MORNING OF 30TH BLUE DD'S AND DE'S DEVELOPED
SUB CONTACT 200 MILES NORTH KAVIENG ATTACKED WITH DEPTH
CHARGES HEDGEHOGS SCORING DEFINITE HITS. OIL SLICK APPEARED
AND TARGET REMAINED MOTIONLESS DURING MOST OF DAY. EVENING
30TH 7-8 VIOLENT UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED. SUB CONSIDERED
PROBABLY DESTROYED ALTHOUGH COMPLETE REPORT NOT YET RECEIVED.
NIGHT 30TH 2 GREEN PT'S ENGAGED DAMAGED TRIO OF HEAVILY ARMED
ARMORED BARGES OFF WESTERN NEW IRELAND. SHORE BATTERY SUPPORT
PLUS BOMBS FROM PROBABLE JAKE FORCED OUR BOATS WITHDRAW.
TOROKINA PATROLLING CONTINUED ACTIVELY 30TH AND FIJI BN LANDED
500 YARDS EAST TEKESSI RIVER MOUTH ADVANCE INLAND WITH NIL
OPPOSITION.
MITCHELLS CONTINUED RABAU HECKLING NIGHT 29TH - 30TH.

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MIDMORNING 30TH DAUNTLESSES AVENGERS SMACKED KAVIENG, AGAIN
DECOMMISSIONED NIPS STRIP. 3 SBDS DOWNED BUT 2 PILOTS 1 GUNNER SAVED.
SAME DAY 23 MITCHELLS 43 FIGHTER BOMBERS CONTINUED RABAU ASSAULT
ADDING NEW DESTRUCTION. TOTAL 41 COBRA WARHAWK FIGHTERS PATROLLED
OFFENSIVELY OVER BUKA BOUGAINVILLE KAYOED AT LEAST 3 MORE BRIDGES.
OTHER FIGHTERS STRAFED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.
MORNING 31ST SOPAC SEARCHER SHOT DOWN BETTY 150 MILES SOUTH TRUK.
PHOTOS 31ST SHOWED LAKUNAI VUNAKANAU SERVICEABLE.

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FROM	COM 3RD FLEET	ASTERSK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		USS HOGGATT BAY COMAIRSOPAC	PRIORITY OP OP OP OP
DATE	24 MAY 1944		ROUTINE
TON CODE ROOM	6501		
DECODED BY	SAPP	COM 5TH AFADVON COMINCH COM 13TH ATF CINCPAC COMAIRMUNDA	PRIORITY OP CP CP CP
PARAPHRASED BY	DUNNIT/WALP	COM 7TH FLEET CINCSOPESPAC	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		COM 5TH FLEET CTF 57 AIROPS EMIRAU COMAIRSOLS COMDESRON 47	DEFERRED

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Sub Limit North of Okinawa

HERE COMES MY CP-PLAN 11-44. INFORMATION AS IN CINCPAC 182201 AND MY 190057 AND 200105, NONE TO ALL ADDRESSEES, AND AS CHANGED OR ADDED TO MY DISPATCH. COMAIRMUNDA IN HIS 191457 HAS ESTABLISHED A CONTINUOUS AIR PATROL WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 1000L 26 MAY. AT THIS TIME, DAY SEARCHES WILL BE DISCONTINUED BUT DUSK TO DAWN ORDER CONTINUED. 3 DE'S SEARCHING AREA OF LINE FROM DAWN 21 MAY WILL BE RETIRED UPON ARRIVAL THIS TASK GROUP. FORM TASK GROUP 30.4 UPON RECEIPT THIS MESSAGE. TASK GROUP COMDR CAPTAIN H V SAUNDERS IN HOGGATT BAY WITH COMDESRON 47 WITH HOGGARD, HAZELWOOD, HERMAN, HOEL. NIGHT AIR SEARCH PLANES AS ASSIGNED BY COMAIRSOPAC GENERAL TASK.

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TASK GROUP 3.4 CONDUCT EXTENSIVE ANTI-SUB SEARCH IN AREA BOUNDED BY LATITUDES 02-00 N AND 01-00 S AND LONGITUDES 147-00 AND 152-00 E. DESTROY ALL ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED. AREA WEST OF LINE JOINING 02-30 S 149-00 E, EQUATOR 149-00 E, 05-00 N 145-00 E IS SOWSPAC AREA. IF NECESSARY TO PROCEED INTO SOWSPAC AREA TO SOUTH OR WEST OF ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA WHILE IN HOT PURSUIT IMMEDIATELY BREAK RADIO SILENCE TO NOTIFY COM 5TH AF ADVON OF YOUR MOVEMENTS. LIMITED LOGISTIC REPLENISHMENT AVAILABLE SEE ADLER HARBOR, MANUS ISLAND. MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY. DAILY REPORTS MAY BE TRANSMITTED VIA NIGHT SEARCHERS OR AIRCRAFT LANDING EMBAU. TASK GROUP GUARD HKZ (RADIO NOUMEA) LOTE. TASK GROUP COMMANDER IN ADDITION GUARD NPM (RADIO HONOLULU) BUT DESIGNATING IF NECESSARY HIS SHIP TO MAINTAIN THIS GUARD. SHIP TO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AS DIRECTED BY COMAIRSOPAC. TASK GROUP COMMANDER WILL DECIPHER ALL MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO ZST (ALL COMDS SOPAC AND SUPAC CONCERNED AIR OP INT). COM 3RD FLEET AT NOUMEA.

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TOR CODEROOM 231933			DEFERRED
DECODED BY WINBORN/MCPHERSON			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY JOHNSON/LIRIE		COM7THFLT COMINCH	PRIORITY
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(FROM CINCPAC INFO COM7THFLT COMINCH.)

WITH THE ISOLATION OF LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS IN THE BISMARCK SOLOMONS NEW GUINEA MARSHALLS AND EASTERN CAROLINES THE ENEMY HAS BEEN FORCED TO RESORT TO SUBMARINES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD STUFFS AND SUPPLIES TO HIS BELEAGUERED FORCES. DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HE WILL BE COMPELLED TO SEND FOOD VIA SUBMARINES TO MANY OF ABOVE GARRISONS OR HIS FORCES THERE WILL SUFFER STARVATION. THIS PROVIDES US WITH AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY MANY OF HIS SUBMARINES THAT OTHERWISE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST OUR OWN SUPPLY LINES AS THEY GROW LONGER. SINCE LATE LAST YEAR RESULTS OF ANTI SUBMARINE

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OPERATIONS OF SURFACE AND AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC
HAVE BEEN CRATIFYING. IT IS HOPED THAT ALL HANDS
ENGAGED IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK WILL MAINTAIN THIS
STANDARD AND CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY HUNT OUT AND
DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINES.

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TOR CODEROOM	1801/02			
DECODED BY	LAWRENCE		COMINCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	KURTZ/WOODWARD			RRRRRR DEFERRED
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(CTF 58 REQUESTS RDO HONOLULU - NPM - PASS ACTION TO CINCPA)

TRUK HAD 2 DAY AIR ALERT. JAPS MET FIRST DAYS STRIKE WITH ENTHUSIASTIC PLANES, INTENSE ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE AND WEAK DETERMINED BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST TASK FORCE BY JUDYS AND KATYS. AT LEAST 60 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN BY OUR PLANES AND AT LEAST 5 BY SHIPS AND GUNFIRE. ABOUT 60 GROUNDED PLANES DESTROYED. 2ND DAY, 1 ENEMY PLANE ENCOUNTERED IN AIR AND LIQUIDATED. ANTI AIRCRAFT INTENSE. MANY FIRES ALL ISLANDS. CONSIDERABLE DESTRUCTION SHORE INSTALLATIONS. APPROXIMATELY 800 TONS BOMBS DROPPED IN 2 DAYS. UNHAPPY JAPS STILL LIVING TRUK WILL REQUIRE MUCH SHIPPING TO REESTABLISH BASE. NO IMPORTANT SHIPS ENCOUNTERED. DESTROYER MACDONOUGH SANK JAP SUB PROBABLY PROVED

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FROM	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM			
DECODED BY	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
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35 men
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KILL BY RECOVERED ARTICLES. OLENDORFS CRUISERS BOMBARDED
^{NOMOI} ENRICH FOR 2 HOURS CAUSING HAVOC. LEES BATTLESHIPS AND
 DATTLE LINE CARRIERS WORKED OVER ^{PINAPPE} ARTIST RESULTS UNKNOWN
 BUT CERTAIN. NO DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS. ABOUT 20 PILOTS
 AND 15 MEN MISSING SOME OF WHOM RECOVERED BY COURAGEOUS AND
 EFFICIENT ^{SS} TANG TO WHOM WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. PLANE LOSSES
 LIGHT. FEW BOMBS LEFT. LOW CEILING AND HEAVY ANTI
AIRCRAFT FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR MAJORITY PLANES SHOT DOWN.
 LAST DAY OFF ^{HOLLANDIA} BEWITCH AT CONVERGENCE OF JAP SEARCH AREAS
 FROM 3 BASES SHOT DOWN 5 ENEMY SEARCH PLANES. JAP AVIATION
 PERSONNEL RECOVERED WITH SOME IMPORTANT PAPERS.

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONOLULU'S 020935
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CTF 58	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DATE	28 APR 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM	0704			
DECODED BY	KIRKBRIDE	INFORMATION	CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 COMINCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	KIRKBRIDE /VER		ROUTINE	
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED	
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(RADIO STATIONS REQUESTED PASS ACTION CINCPAC INFO CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 FROM CTF 58)

COMPLETED DIRECT SUPPORT MISSIONS ON D PLUS 2 DAY. WAKDE
NEUTRALIZED EACH DAY BY DAILY BOMBING AND MAINTAINING
FIGHTER PATROL OVER AREA. 1 PLANE BOMBED LETTEAPRESS*
NIGHT 23/24 APRIL FROM BASIS YOUR INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SUPPLIES ON BEACH. ALL BOMBING BY
PLANES THIS FORCE AUTHORIZED BY CONTROL ASHORE. TASK
FORCE AIELED T* STANDING BY IN GENERAL AREA EQUATOR 140
EAST. UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED WILL ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION
OF ENEMY FLIGHTS TOWARD FRIENDLY OBJECTIVES CA ** COVER
AGAINST ENEMY SURFACE FORCES. NO DAMAGE OUR SHIPS SO FAR.

* AS RECEIVED

** CODE GROUP MISSING

RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 280030

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FROM COM 7TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		ALL COMMANDS RECEIVING COM 7TH FLEET INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 24 APRIL 1944		ACNB COM 7TH FLT ADMIN	
TOR CODEROM 0706			
DECODED BY ELY			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT/WALP			
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24/202 NCR 5799 OPERA			
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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

FROM COM 7TH FLEET. COM 7TH ADMIN PASS TO ACNB.

AITAPE FORCE CAPTURED RADIO STATION, 13 TRUCKS, MANY OTHER STORES TADJI 22ND. 25 DESTROYED ENEMY PLANES ON STRIPS. UP TO 1630K 23RD TUMLED PATROL STILL MEETING OPPOSITION FROM 1 HILL. HOLLANDIA TOWN CAPTURED 23RD. AT 1400K 23RD OUR TROOPS 3 MILES ALONG PAQ-CYCLOPS DROME ROAD. SEVERAL AMMUNITION AND SUPPLY DUMPS CAPTURED. TANAHMERAH TROOPS (100 GROUPS MISSING FROM CODE) MADANG HARBOR. NIL ENEMY ACTIVITY NOTED. PHOTOS MADANG 22ND SHOW ALL SERVICEABLE GUNS REMOVED FROM GUMPITS. NO SIGNS HABITATION OR ACTIVITY. MORNING 22ND 48 SOPAC BOMBERS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED KAVIENG RUNWAY. SAME DAY RABAU SUBJEC-

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FROM	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
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TED TO USUAL HEAVY AIR ATTACKS. PB4Y OVER MANOKWARI
 23RD OBSERVED NO SHIPS OR PLANES. 0800K 23RD 5 USUAL
 FREIGHTERS, 1 ESCORT SOUTHBOUND IN DAVAO GULF. 6
 SMALL AK'S, 3 ESCORTS OBSERVED NORTHBOUND SAME PLACE
 1035K.

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FROM **CTF 58**

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

CINCPAC**RRRRRRPP**

DATE

24 APRIL 1944

FOR ACTION

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

TOR CODEROM

1841

INFORMATION

**CINCSOWESPAC
COM 7TH FLEET
COMINCH****RRRRRRPP**

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DECODED BY

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PARAPHRASED

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CTF 58 ORIGINATES AND SENDS. ACTION TO CINCPAC INFO TO
CINCSOWESPAC AND COM 7TH FLEET SHORE RADIO STATION
PLEASE PASS TO ALL ADEES.

SUMMARY D AND D PLUS 1. CONTINUED AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS
WET BUT NEGLIGIBLE RESISTANCE AND NO TARGETS MISSIONS
PLANES IN STANDBY STATUS ON D PLUS 1. CONTINUED
INTERMITTANT STRIKES WAKDE SAWAR. CLOSE RECONNAISSANCE
INDICATES HOLLANDIA FIELDS ABANDONED. MANY BROCKED
PLANES ALL FIELDS. TG 58.1 FUELED D PLUS 1 TG 58.2
FUELS D PLUS 2. DENT 3 DD'S IN SEADLER FOR GENERAL
UPKEEP ON 24*NOTICE EXCESSIVE FUEL CONSUMPTION.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COM 7TH FLEET(INDF. CALL)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 23 APRIL 1944		ALL SYMBOLS CURRENTLY RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (24X)	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2021			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HUGHES			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY REA/DIEBEL			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			
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MONO INTERCEPT

COM 7TH FLEET SENDS.

AITAPE FORCE MADE UNOPPOSED LANDINGS ON TUMLEO AND SELED ISLANDS FOLLOWING NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT MORNING 23RD. ESTIMATE TADJI NORTH STRIP PTURCB EARLIER WILL BE COMPLETED SAME DAY. ATTACK GROUP LST'S LEFT HUMBOLT AND TANAHMERAH COMPLETELY UNLOADED 0600K 23. REINFORCEMENT ECHELONS ARRIVED ALL BEACHES ON SCHEDULE 23RD. TANAHMERAH FORCE ADVANCING SOUTH FROM DEMPREL SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY. NIL ENEMY AIR REACTION. BLUE COVERING FORCE HAS DESTROYED 6 BARGES 1 SMALL SHIP TANAHMERAH BAY 1 BARGE AITAPE. MIDDAY 22ND PB4Y SHOT DOWN BETTY 04-00 NORTH 141-31 EAST SAME PLANE DAMAGED SMALL FREIGHTER OFF MAPIA STRAFED

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ANOTHER SHIP SAME VICINITY 4 SMALL AK'S PREVIOUSLY
 ATTACKED SIGHTED ON REEFS. AFTERNOON 22ND 13
 LIBERATORS ATTACKED NAMBER FIELD NOEMFOOR ISLAND 1
 PLANE UNSUCCESSFULLY BOMBED 1 AK 1000/1500 TONS.
 SAME TIME 9 B24 STRUCK KAN'IRI 5 VF'S INTERCEPTED
 HARMLESSLY 10 AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ONGROUN. 2 SMALL
 VESSELS 15 BARGES SIGHTED SOUTH ROEMBOI BAY 0(.....
 ...)* EAST EARLY AFTERNOON 22ND.

*10 CODE GROUPS MISSING.
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FROM COMAIRSOLS		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		ALL COMDRS. SOPAC & SWPAC CONCERNED AIR	PRIORITY
DATE 23 APRIL 1944		TOP INT	ROUTINE
TON CODEROM 1535		COMAIRSOPAC	DEFERRED
DECODED BY JENKINS		COMBOPAC COMGENSOPAC	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY IMRIE/FISHER		ALL TFC SOPAC	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		COMAFADVON 5 (ATTENTION A-2 ADVON 5)	DEFERRED
		COMCENPAC COMAIRCENPAC	
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COMAIRSOLS SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC INFO COMSOPAC
COMGENSOPAC ALL TFC 30PAC COMAFADVON 5 ATTENTION
A-2 ADVON 5 COMCENPAC COMAIR CENPAC.

PART 1 OF 2. FINAL IS 230025.

TRUK: 21 BOXCARS LEFT SQUAREPEG BETWEEN 2227 AND
2352L 22ND FOR ETEN DUBLON. RESULTS STRIKE NOT YET
KNOWN.

KAVIENG: 0935. 38 SQUAREPEG DAUNTLESSES WITH HALF
TONNERS 2 AVENGERS EACH WITH 4 QUARTER TONNERS
REPORTED GOOD COVERAGE RUNWAY. FAIR ON GUN POSITIONS.
AA MEAGRE INACCURATE.

RABAU: 0940 TO 1140, 43 FIGHTER BOMBERS DROPPED
39 QUARTER TONNERS 22 EIGHTH TONNERS RAPOPO WHERE AA
GENERALLY. MEAGRE HEAVY INACCURATE. 1135. 53
DAUNTLESSES 24 AVENGERS FINDING VUNAKANAU OBSCURED

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TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
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UNLOADED 51 TONS QUARTER AND 8TH TONNERS CENTURIES
RAPOPO EXCEPT 4 PLANES WHICH HIT VUNAPOPE.
RAPOPO RUNWAY REVETMENTS REPORTED WELL COVERED WITH 2
POSSIBLE OIL FIRES KINDLED AND SEVERAL BUILDINGS HIT
AT VUNAPOPE. AA ALL TYPES MOSTLY MEAGRE INACCURATE
HOLED 2 AVENGERS. PHOTOS AT 1152 SHOWED RAPOPO
UNSERVICEABLE WITH 34 NEW CRATERS. SINGLE UNIDEN-
TIFIED PLANE CROSSED RUNWAY AT 1000 FEET DURING
ATTACK. 5 OR 6 UNIDENTIFIED PLANES SEEN AT 9000
FEET OVER EAHKI* POINT 0935.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 58		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DATE 25 APRIL 1944	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0954			
DECODED BY DIEBEL		CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLT COMINCH	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY REA/Julian	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
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THIS COMES FROM COMTASKFOR 58 FOR ACTION TO CINCPAC
INFO CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLEET. SHORE RADIO STATION
REQUESTED TO PASS TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

CONDUCTED D MINUS 1 STRIKES AS SCHEDULED AGAINST
HOLLANDIA WAKDE AND SAWAR. THESE FIELDS CONSIDERED
NEUTRALIZED. LITTLE AIR OPPOSITION. SHOT DOWN
9 TWIN ENGINE 4 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES OVER TARGET
AREAS. 7 OF THESE PLANES TWIN ENGINE ARMY TYPE LATE
AFTERNOON HOLLANDIA AREA INDICATING THEY WERE NOT
AWARE OF OUR PRESENCE THIS AREA. DESTROYED 67 PLANES
ON GROUND HOLLANDIA FIELDS, MANY WRECKED PLANES ON
GROUND RESULT PREVIOUS RAIDS. DESTROYED 21 DAMAGED
17 ON GROUND WAKDE - SAWAR. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FUEL
AMMUNITION DUMPS BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES HOLLANDIA
AREA. SANK 2 SMALL AK'S BARGES AND SMALL CRAFT SAME

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AREA. CONDUCTED SUCCESSFUL NIGHT SURFACE BOMB-
BARDMENT BY CL'S AND DD'S AT WAKDE - SAWAR FIELDS
NIGHT D MINUS 1, NIL ATTACKS ON TASK FORCE. HIGH
OPERATING SPEEDS REQUIRE EARLY FUELING IN OPERATING
AREA. D DAY NIL AIR OPPOSITION AIR SUPPORT LANDING
OPERATIONS ON SCHEDULE.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCSWPA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 22 APRIL 1944			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 220846			
DECODED BY VAN GROOS			
PARAPHRASED BY WILLIAMS, E.			
ROUTED BY BALDWIN			

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(CINCSWPA SENDS ACTION COMINCH CNO INFO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.)

WITH NEGLIGIBLE OPPOSITION AT BEACH HEADS LANDINGS
 MADE ON SCHEDULE TANAHMERAH BAY ^{Hollandia} HUMBOLT BAY AND AITAPE.
 MUCH FRIENDLY NIL ENEMY AIR REPORTED. MACARTHUR

Midway between Hollandia
 and Newak. 150 East of
 Hollandia

COMINCH...ACT

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FROM	COMFORWARD AREA GENPAC	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	RRRRRR
DATE	22 APRIL 1944		DEFERRED
TOR CODERDOM	221036		
DECODED BY	LENIHAN	ATCOM JWAJALEIN	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	FRUIN/WCK		RRRRRR
ROUTED BY	MORRIS		ROUTINE
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(PASSED BY RADIO HONOLULU TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS
 (ACTION CINCPAC. COMFORWARD AREA GENPAC SENDS.
 INFO ATCOM JWAJALEIN.)

Eastern Marshall
 ATOLLS ERIKUB AND AUR CLEANED UP NO JAPS.

Western Marshall UJELANG IN PROGRESS. FIRST FOLLOW UP VISITS
 TO OTHER ATOLLS NOW GOING ON.

COMINCH....COG

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Doyle
From: CG U. S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Number H-7417, 20 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC H-7417.

One four B-24's dropped 135 - 500 pounders on Satavan at 1246L scoring 16 hits on runway and many other hits on taxiways, no AA or interception.

Twelve B-25's hit Tobera at 0952L with 66 quarter tonners adding 13 craters to runway, one plane damaged by flak.

Same time 12 B-25's dumped 66-500 pounders on Keravat with 8 hits runway and the rest in dispersal areas. At 0840L 9 P-39's hit Keravat with 13 - 250 pounders starting one fire.

Three nine fighter bombers at 0945L dropped 44 quarter tonners on Vunapope causing 3 large explosions and starting 2 large fires, intense barrage type AA encountered.

Three P-38's scored direct hit on coastal gun at Bahela Mission (Buka), also caused land slide which destroyed other guns.

One large fire started by 3 P-38's bombing, strafing Katsinkoveri, northeast Bougainville.

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From: CG U. S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
Number H-7417, 20 April 1944

Twelve P-39's bombed, strafed targets southwest Bougainville with unobserved results.

Action 18th April, no photos 19th April.

Air and ground summary.

Bougainville April 18th to 19th.

Three seven Division: Patrol saw 2 Nip groups upper Laruma River.

Americal Division: Nip company located 1200 yards north hill 65.

One platoon tanks landed on east bank of Mavavia River to support operations being carried out by 24 Infantry.

Numa Numa Plantation bivouac and supply area bombed and strafed.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
Nr: H 7362, 17th April 1944.
Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC H7362.

Blue Swooper hit Truk at 0355L with 6 quarter tonners, results unobserved. At 0940L 24 B-25s hit Talili Bay with 465 Centuries starting several fires in ammunition dump area, 3 planes damaged by flak. 3 P38s struck Vunapope at 0915L with 6 quarter tonners starting 1 large and several small fires. Talili Bay struck by 22-500 pounders from 11 P39s at 1010L, unobserved results.

Action 15 April photos 16 April. 1 Fighter on unserviceable Lakunai, Vunakanau serviceable with 1 fighter and 1 light bomber, Tobera serviceable with 3 fighters, Nips repairing Kavieng, 13 barges and 1 boat Kavieng Area, 60% coverage Simpson Harbor showed 103 barges and 1 FP, 80 barges Keravia Bay.

Air and Ground summary: Bougainville April 15 to 16: 37th Division:

Patrol Atsinima Bay negative. Trail block established junction Lescapa-Kerifka Trails.

CM-IN-12213 (17 Apr 44)

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From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
Nr: H 7362, 17th April 1944. Page 2.

American Division:

Hill 500 occupied. 50 Nips contacted between
hills 500 and 501, 43 killed. We had 6 KIA, 8 WIA. Third
Battalion FIR, light contact west hill 65. 10-75 MM shells
on Magine Island. Destroyer shelled mouth Tekessi River.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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FROM	COM 7TH FLEET	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		GO. INCH & GNC;	PRIORITY
DATE	15 APRIL 1944	BUREAU NAVY DEPT.	ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM	21/8	CINCPAC; COMSETPAC;	DEFERRED
DECODED BY		COMSERVCONSPAC; AGNS;	
PARAPHRASED BY	SAMUEL	NAVBASE MANUS;	
ROUTED BY	HARRINGTON	DIRPACDOCK SANFRAN;	
		DIRPACDOCK PEARL;	
		TASK FORCE COMDRS 7TH FL	
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AIRMAILGRAM

U.S. NAVAL BASE MANUS ESTABLISHED APRIL 4 SEADLER
HARBOR ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. APPROXIMATE POSITION
LAT 12 DEGREES SOUTH. LONG 147-24 EAST. COMMODORE
J E BOAK USN COMMANDING. REQUEST PERTINENT AGENS
NOTIFY OFFICES CONCERNED.

30.....AOT.
GO.....CNO.....210P.....NAVAIDE.....
COMINCH.....19.....19C.....21E.....21M.....21R.....21F.....
OCR.....BUPERS.....30CRD.....BUMED.....BUSHIPS.....BUSANDA.....
BUDOCKS.....SUAER.....0P.....15.....21B.....12.....0P.....15G.....

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FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMSOPAC	PPPPPP
DATE 15 APRIL 44			ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM 157656			DEFERRED
DECODED BY ROBERTS		CINCSOWESPAC COMINCH	PPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY JOHNSON/FISHER			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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WARX-2294-14TH REQUESTS ESTIMATES SOPAC ARMY STRENGTH WHICH WILL DEPEND ON RATE AT WHICH ARMY FORCES ARE TRANSFERRED TO SOWESPAC. REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH INFO ADEE AND THEN SUBMIT ESTIMATES TO ME. CONSIDER ALL BASES WEST OF RUSSELL AS SOWESPAC AND EXCLUDE THEIR ARMY PERSONNEL FROM YOUR ESTIMATES.

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From: O3, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia.

To: War Department.

Re: H7268 14 April 1944

COMMOENSO PAC H7268 to AGWAR replying to your
War 20530 April 8.

Before opening of March offensive enemy contacted on all fronts appeared clean, well fed, well clothed and healthy enemy supplementing his ration with fresh and locally grown fruit and vegetables. Prisoners and documents indicate discontent occasioned by inadequacy and unequal distribution of rations. Clothing supplies adequate but limited. Attack order segregated 1 months rations for use in attack and held out as incentive the plentiful supplies of food and equipment to be captured. Attacking enemy troops were healthy, well clothed and well equipped and individuals carried food and medical supplies. Front line troops at times unfed because cooking rice and barley rations impossible. Repulse of attacks and artillery concentrations scattered units and disorganized supply and evacuation resulting in inadequate rations and medical attention for forward elements.

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From: OK, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area.
Noumea, New Caledonia.

No: H7268 14 April 1944

Prisoners reported field hospitals adequate before attacks but loss of personnel, equipment and supplies in approach marches aggravated existing difficulties and resulted in partial breakdown of evacuation system especially in west and north sectors. Few seriously wounded believed successfully evacuated except from east sector. No evidence of mass starvation but combat efficiency no doubt reduced in later phases by food shortages. Malaria incidence reported highest 3 months after Japs arrived Bougainville declining thereafter. Quinine regularly used, atabrine also. A few malaria deaths reported, principal other ailments were ringworm, dysentery and beri beri. Although future enemy operations on Bougainville will undoubtedly be seriously restricted by limited supplies and rations there is no indication of overall breakdown such as existed later stages Guadalcanal operation.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
LOG

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FROM CTF 57		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 15 APRIL 1944			ROUTINE
FOR CODER 157			RRRRRRRR
DECODED BY VAN GROOS		COMSOPAC	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT/WALP		COMAIRPAC	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		ATCOM KWAJALEIN	RRRRRRRR
		COMINCH	
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*142357 NCR 9116 OPERA			☐
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CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC. INFO COMSOPAC,
COMAIRPAC. ATCOM KWAJALEIN HAS INFO.

ENIWEK ATTACKED BY 8 TO 10 BOMBERS 1210 TO 1500Z
14TH ABOVE 20,000 FEET. CAME FROM AND RETIRED SOUTH-
WEST. 4 NIGHT FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED; CLAIM DESTROYED
2, PROBABLE 1. WE LOST 2 FIGHTERS. NO BOMB HITS
BUANDA.

*RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 150946 FOR INFO

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FROM CTF 57		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC COMCENPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 15 APRIL 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM 0056			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SCHMICK		COMSOPAC CTG 57.4	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY/FISHER		COMAIRSOPAC	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		COMAIRPAC	DEFERRED
		7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM	
		CTG 57.2	
		CTG 57.3	
		COMINCH	
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(CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC COMCENPAC. THIS INFO TO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRPAC 7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM CTG 57.2 57.3 57.4)

21 ARMY LIBERATORS TRUK 62 TONS FROM 6000 TO 16000 FEET IN 2 WAVES FROM 131028 TO 1128Z AND 131414 TO 1550Z ON MOEN, FEFAN, DUBLON, UMAN, PARAM. EXPLOSION SMALL FIRE MOEN. LARGE EXPLOSION PARAM. FIRST WAVE NO INTERCEPTION 2ND WAVE SAW 3 SINGLE ENGINES AND WAS FOLLOWED FOR 45 MINUTES. SEARCHLIGHTS INACCURATE. AA MEAGER INACCURATE. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. 1 LIBERATOR 3 TONS (LD AIRFIELD PONAPE FROM 8000 AT 131227Z FIRE STARTED). NO AA. 1 LIBERATOR 2 TONS UJE LANG AT 131150Z NO AA.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Nr. H7277

14 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC nr H7277. Air
and Ground Summary. Bougainville April 12 to 13.

23 B25's dumped 437 centuries on Rabaul at 1018L causing several fires, 2 damaged by meager flak. 23 fighter bombers hit Vunakana with 23-1,000 pounders and 10-500 pounders at 1032L, 5 craters south end of strip, runway serviceable 2,200 feet, report AA generally accurate. At 1035L 11 P-39's hit Rabaul with undisclosed bomb load, several fires started. Tonolei Harbor hit by 10 P-39's at 1045L dropping 7 quarter tonners and 3 half tonners with unobserved results. Numa Numa bombed and strafed by 2 P-38's with results unobserved. Blue Snooper over Truk night 11-12 is missing. Action 12 April photos 13 April. One fighter on serviceable Lakunai, concrete runway serviceable Vunakana with 1 light bomber, Rapopo serviceable, 4 fighters on unserviceable Tobera, 12 barges and 2 boats in Kavieng area, Simpson Harbor has 180 barges, Rabaul and Matupi harbor each have 1 float plane, 60% coverage Keravia Bay showed 46 barges.

→ 37th Division: no change.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

Re: H7277

14 April 1944

Americal Division: Patrols contacted dug in
Nips 5,500 yards north east hill 600. Patrol, hill
150 and 165 negative.

Third Battalion: Fiji contacted Nips 4,000
yards east hill 260. Nip shells on Piva, gasoline
dump, CP132 Infantry (130.5-213.2) some plane dama-
ge, 600 barrels gasoline destroyed. Heavy counter-
battery fire on suspected Nip guns. LCI shelled
Mosiga. PT strafed Puriate, 4 heavy explosions.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
G-2
Admiral King
General Vandegrift
Colonel Park
LOC

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, Territory of Hawaii.

To: War Department
CG Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea,
New Caledonia

No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

This is daily operations from Richardson HDGCS to
Marshall MacArthur and Harmon, Srl Nbr RJ 13282 14th.

Highlights of searches 10 Apr west longitude time
follow. Small vessel and escort anchored west of Ulul
Island (Mamonuito) unsuccessfully attacked. Searchplane
over Orluk Island strafed and dropped 5 incendiaries and 2
incendiary clusters. At Wake 2 small vessels observed
in Lagoon. Snooper over Truk reported Jap radar tracking
him at range of 80 miles.

Now come daylight strikes for 10 Apr west longit-
ude time. Heavy ack ack positions southeast shore Wotje
took 4.5 tons from 10 Marine Dauntless following straf-
ing of same area by 16 Marine Corsairs. 1 Corsair damaged
by moderate flak. 2.5 tons dropped Mille through overcast
by 5 Marine Corsairs; no AA received. 6 tons from 6 Mit-
chells were concentrated on old airfield and runway areas
Ponape. Moderate flak caused slight damage 1 Mitchell.
12 Mitchells and 12 Hellcats dropped 14 tons at Taroa. Mea-
ger AA was received. Destroyer rescued pilot of Hellcat
down off Majuro. The 12 Mitchells engaged in Taroa strike
rearmed for Jaluit to hit Jabor town with 3 tons and Emidj

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area Ft
Shafter, Territory of Hawaii.

No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

with 9 tons. Meager AA caused minor damage 1 Mitchell.

Here are highlights of searches 11 Apr west longitude time. 6 centuries and 2 incendiaries dropped Ponape; fire observed. 2500 pounders dumped on beached ship Oroluk. Radio area Uluk received 2 tons; no shipping observed there. Enemy submarine sighted west of Tarawa. 2-500 pounders dropped scoring 1 near miss and 1 direct hit. As SS went down under water, explosion followed by oil slick and debris observed.

Now for daylight strikes 11 Apr west longitude time. Wotje hit by 3 waves.

1st wave: 19 Corsairs and 2 Venturas strafed gun positions and runway and dropped 10.5 tons. Moderate AA damaged 2 Corsairs; no personnel casualties suffered.

2nd wave: 10 Dauntless hit gun positions with 4.5 tons. Meager AA caused slight damage 1 plane but no personnel casualties.

3rd wave: 12 Hellcats and 10 Dauntless dumped 10.5 tons on runway and gun positions; AA was meager.

Emidj and Jabor targets for 12 tons from 12 Mitchells; radio station Emidj damaged but no AA received. These same Mitchells then dropped 12 tons on gun positions Taroa receiving meager AA. 6 Mitchells and 8 Corsairs strafed Ponape airfields and small boats and dropped 5.5 tons incendiaries on storage buildings and radio station. AA was intense Mara at 0010Z

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Ft
Shafter, T.H.

No. RJ 13282, 14 April 1944

12 Apr possible enemy submarine sound contacted 450 miles
northeast of Hilo Hawaii. Reliability C4. 12 depth charges
dropped with no results apparent

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Adm King
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Post
From: CG, US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department

No: H 7225 11 April, 1944

Chief Staff from COMGENSOPAC H 7225.

23 B25's hit Lakunai at 1106L scoring 65 hits on runway, AA damaged 2 planes. 22 P-39's and 9-38's dropped 37 quarter ton incendiaries on Ralum at 1130L, 5 large fires and smoke column 7000 feet high. Mosigetta bombed by 2 P-38's. Vunakana only Bismarck Field serviceable with 1 light bomber, 3 fighters on Tobera, 1 fighter on Lakunas, 60% coverage Simpson Harbor showed 102 barges, 52 barges Keravia Bay with 80% coverage, 4 barges Kaviang with count incomplete, Shortland Faisi area has 4 barges, 2 barges Ballale.

Photos 10 April action 9 April. Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville April 9 to 10. 37 Division: Negative patrols to 13000 yards North hill 700 and Kurao mission.

Americal Division: 25 Infantry patrols found 75 MM gun, much equipment 1200 yards East hill 1111. 24 Infantry established defense Mayavia to Torokina mouth. FIVA U received 1215 centimeter shells from Saua river area with some planes damaged before gun was silenced by counter-battery.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig

INFO : CGAAF

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Col. Park

Gen. Vandegrift

Log

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CM-IN-7479 (11 Apr 44) 1220Z JB

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NIGHT 8TH-9TH EMIRAU PT'S LANDED RECCO PARTY MUSSAU ISLAND RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. NIL JAP ACTIVITY REPORTED ON ISLAND. SAME NIGHT SOPAC BLACKCATS BOMBED PORTLAND ISLAND WEST NEW HANOVER, BORPOP EAST CENTRAL NEW IRELAND, STRAFED POSSIBLE BARGE SIPOSAI ISLAND CHOISEUL BAY SAW KAHILI LANDING LIGHTS BURNING BOMBED STRAFED AITARA MISSION SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE. EARLY MORNING 8TH B-25'S STARTED FIRES NORTHWEST KAVIENG RUNWAY AND REVETMENTS. VF SWEEP STRAFED 2 PLANES KAVIENG CAUSED SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS SUPPLY AREA NORTHEAST FIELD. 1 PLANE WENT DOWN PILOT RESCUED.

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F4U'S COUNTED 3 OR 4 SERVICEABLE BETTYS KAVIENG DURING AFTERNOON. SIGHTING 15 SERVICEABLE BETTYS KAVIENG MORNING 7TH NOW BELIEVED ERROR. PILOTS PROBABLY SAW 7 PLANES VARIOUS STAGES SERVICEABILITY UNMOVED FOR 2 MONTHS.

MORNING 8TH TBF'S CAUSED LARGE EXPLOSION FIRES RATAVAL SUPPLY AREA NEAR RABAU. SBD'S BOMBED GUN POSITS ALONG RIDGE WEST MALAGUNA ROAD WHERE PHOTOS SHOW 3 OF 24 HEAVY POSITS KNOCKED OUT. AA DAMAGED 6 SBD'S.

B-25'S SCORED MANY HITS LAKUNAI RUNWAY REVETMENTS. FIGHTER BOMBERS HIT NORTHEAST CORNER RABAU TOWN WHERE LARGE EXPLOSION FIRE RESULTED. ANOTHER EXPLOSION FIRES CAUSED NEAR OIL COAL WHARVES. P-39'S, SBD'S BOMBED STRAFED GUN POSITS MAMAGATA SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE DESTROYED PILLBOX AND BRIDGE. SBD'S TBF'S CAUSED FIRE

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BIVOAC AREA NORTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER, ATTACKED
KIETA GUN POSIT. 4 B-24'S STARTED FIRE MONOITU MISSION.
CRASH INTELLIGENCE PARTY LANDED NUCURIA ISLAND ABOUT
60 MILES NORTH NORTHEAST GREEN ISLAND 8TH FOUND FRIENDLY
NATIVES STATE NIL JAPS THERE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.
1500L/8TH-1500L/9TH BLUE TROOPS OCCUPIED AREA EAST
TOROKINA RIVER TO MAVAVIA. 46 JAPS KILLED IN ENGAGE-
MENT HILL 160 EAST TOROKINA FORKS. BLUE CASUALTIES
11 KIA 7 WIA 3 MIA. TOTAL COUNTED ENEMY DEAD 8 MARCH-
8 APRIL 5, 370.

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From: CG U S Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: H7084

5 April 1944

H7084 Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC.

23 B-25's hit Rabaul at 1040L with 435-100 pounders, no close observation due to clouds but smoke rose 1,500 feet from 3 large fires, encountered heavy inaccurate flak.

9 P-38's carrying 2-500 pounders and 44 P-39 and P-40's carrying 1 tonners hit Keravia Bay underground fuel stores at 1200L causing 3 fires at entrances with many more in general area, inaccurate AA. Final count of air planes destroyed 2 April over Truk not completed but at least 25 destroyed for sure. All searches weathered out. Air and ground summary.

Bougainville covering period 1500 April 3 to 1500 April 4. American Division:

Patrol killed 4 Nips 1000 yards Southeast of hill 111 and a further 10 enemy dead were found 1000 yards West of Mavavia. Patrols to Peko village and from hills 500 to 501 to Sava River were negative.

37th Division:

Pursuit of Nip continued and Numa trail has been cut. Many dead Nips, graves and considerable 90 MM mortar ammunition found between our perimeter and Laruma River; count of Nip

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Noumea New Caledonia

No: H7084

5 April 1944

dead during the period exceeds 300. Fighter bombers and destroyers started fires and large explosion in vicinity Gazelle Lagoon, Mamagata River Road and Mouth of Jaba River.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF
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Adm. King

Col. Park

Gen. Vandegrift

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(TO ADIC AND COMMI AND COM 7TH FLT PASS TO COM 5TH FLT AND CINCPAC FROM COMAFADVON 5 CITE P7308D)

CARRIER STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF HOLLANDIA OPERATIONS

SUPPORTING DESECRATE, 296 BOMBERS (INCLUDING 67 HEAVIES) DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 400 TONS OF BOMBS ON HOLLANDIA DROMES, SPECIFIC TARGET BEING ENEMY AIR PLANES. THE ATTACK BOMBERS STRAFED INTOER* WITH OVER 250,000 CALIBRE 50 AND 25,000 CALIBRE 30. OUR FIGHTERS' SCORE ESTIMATED 24 ENEMY PLANES IN COMBAT AND BOMBERS ADDED 2. ACK ACK MODERATE TO MEAGER. OUR LOSS 1 FIGHTER. BELIEVED, SUBJECT TO PHOTO CONFIRMATION, THAT OF 288 ENEMY PLANES PRESENT MORNING OF MARCH 30TH, PRACTICALLY ALL HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR PERMANENTLY DAMAGED. ENEMY

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REPORTS ALL 3 DROMES TEMPORARILY UNSERVICEABLE.

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PRIORITY

From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea
New Caledonia

To: War Department

NR: H 7038, 3rd April 1944

H 7038 Chief of Staff from COMUSARPAC.

Snooper dropped 6-500 pounders on Dublon from 14,000 feet at 0530L, fire started visible 50 miles, 3 or 4 searchlights ineffectively encountered. Twenty four B-25's hit Vunapope supply area with 144-500 pound incendiaries at 1030L, much smoke many fires, AA damaged 7 planes. Twelve P-38's unable to reach Rabaul dropped 2 quarter ton incendiaries each on Nonoitu mission starting many small fires. Twelve P-39's hit Toboi area (Northwest Bougainville) at 1050L with quarter ton incendiaries each, inaccurate feeble flak received, pillars of smoke rose around oil and coal wharves.

Action 1st April, photo 2nd April. Truk has 2 AK's and 50 barges at Dublon, nil aircraft on unserviceable Eten, many small buildings destroyed or damaged, one hangar damaged; all Cusmarok fields unserviceable, one fighter Lakunai, 1 fighter Tobora; 1 barge Duke of York; Kavieng has 7 barges; 1 barge Ballale; Kahili has 1 barge, 1 small boat; 3 barges Shortland Faisi area, 3 barges Matchin Bay.

Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 April 1st to 1500 April 2nd. Americal Division: Active patrolling in progress near upper forks of Torokina river and N'ps retreating across river near hill 250 subjected to

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New Caledonia

NR: H 7038, 3rd April 1944

artillery and machine gun fire. Hill 1111 now being cleared of Nip Force located there. Patrol from 182 Infantry encountered number of Nips approximately 2500 yards East of Hill 260; no Nips reported near hills 500 and 501.

Thirty Seventh Division: Estimated Nip company contacted 3500 yards northwest of Lake Kathleen. Scattered minor contacts reported on west of division front. Air hit hostile installations and supply areas while our destroyers bombarded supply area East of Tekessi River. Our casualties for April 1st killed in action 9, wounded in action 26.

Green Island: Bomber Field cleared for 8,000 feet of which 85% is rough graded.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
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Post
From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific
Area, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: H 7019 2 April, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC H 7019.

Russ
Mo Rataval supply area hit by 23 B-25's from 11700 feet, armed with quarter ton incendiaries, many M's started, 31 buildings destroyed, 1 plane damaged by heavy meager AA. 14 P-38's and 12 P-39's dumped 40-500 pound incendiaries on Rabaul starting numerous fires. 2 P-38's and 23 P-39's dropped 500 pounders each on Numa Numa plantation results unobserved. 2 B-24's hit Monoitu mission with 24-300 pounders, results unobserved. All action 31 March.

Photos 1 April: Enemy fields on New Ireland, New Britain all unserviceable; Lakumai has 21 light bombers; Tobera has 3 fighters; Kavieng has 1 fighter and 1 light bomber; 135 barges Simpson Harbor; 6 barges Vunapope; Kacavia Bay has 83 barges.

Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 31 to 1500 April 1. American Division: an unestimated number of Nips fired on by a patrol from 132 Infantry on hill 501 causing Nips to withdraw. Several hostile groups moving east across upper Torokina River were shelled by our artillery. 37 Division: intensive patrolling and reconnaissance in force reports area between our perimeter and Laruma river cleared of Nip concentrations. Our patrols pushing north along Numa Numa trail. On 129 Infantry front Nip foxholes for at least 2 regiments found. Miss burials indicated, impossible to estimate number of Nips killed here. Air and Naval support continues against enemy supply and bivouac areas. Indications point to complete defeat of enemy with remnants withdrawing to North and East. Our casualties for March 31 KIA 10 WIA 21.

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SINGLE SB 24 AT 0535L 1ST FROM 14,000 FEET STARTED
LARGE FIRE VISIBLE 50 MILES. 3-4 INEFFECTIVE SEARCH-
LIGHTS NO AA. SPECTACULAR EXPLOSION SENDING SMOKE
3,000 FEET FLAMES 300 FEET MAIN RESULT ATTACK BY 28
DAUNTLESSES 25 AVENGERS ON RATAVAL SUPPLY AREA AT
1015. ALL PILOTS HEARD EXPLOSION WHICH ALSO REPORTED
BY OTHER STRIKES OVER RABAU. 37 TONS BOMBS STARTED
OTHER FIRES LEFT WHOLE AREA REPORTED SOLID MASS
FLAMES. 4 QUARTER TONNERS DROPPED CAPE SAINT GEORGE
RAISED 3 300-500 FOOT COLUMNS WHITE SMOKE. MODERATE
HEAVY INTENSE LIGHT AA RATAVAL DAMAGED 1 AVENGER.

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FURTHER INFORMATION 5TH AIR FORCE STRIKES 30TH AND 31ST: PICTURES INDICATE 138 JAP PLANES DESTROYED HOLLANDIA DROMES, BUT ESTIMATE 165 DESTROYED OR DAMAGED; ALSO 25 SHOT DOWN IN COMBAT. OUR LOSSES 1 LIGHTNING; ALSO LARGE FUEL FIRES SEEN. 99 MITCHELLS AND BOSTONS BOMBED MELAK AND TADJI AREAS 31ST. SOPAC AIRCRAFT 30TH CONTINUED POUNDING RABAU. RECENT BLUE NAVAL ACTIVITY INDICATED TO HAVE INCREASED JAP NAVAL AIR SEARCHES 30/31 FROM PHILIPPINES, PALAU, MOLEAI AND TRUK. EXTENSIVE ARMY AIR PATROLS OBSERVED FROM TAGALA, NOEMFOOR AND TADKE BAYS.

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Cont
From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia

To : War Department

No : H6997

1 April 1944

Chief of Staff from COMUSMACV H6997 Air and Ground Summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 30 to 1500 March 31.

Eleven B-24's reached Moen Island Truk at 1233L, revetments and runway hit causing 1 fire south of strip, inaccurate meager AA, running fight with 30-40 Zekes Toms and 1 Tojo for 45 minutes resulted loss 1 B-24, 11 enemy fighters destroyed 2 probable, 8 crew members of missing plane rescued 176 miles northwest Green Island, 1 plane landed Green with 1 dead 1 wounded, 5 other planes damaged, 18 fighters, 4 dive bombers, 20 medium bombers photographed on Moen Field. 2 Snoopers dropped 15 frag clusters each on Aublon and Moen at 0515L, 1 plane sought after by 2-3 searchlights, unidentified plane trailed other B-24 from Truk to Namoluk.

24 B-25's dumped 138-500 pound incendiaries on Vunapope at 1208L from 11,000 feet, 5 large numerous small fires, probable ammo dump seen exploding, 2 planes damaged by heavy meager flak.

10 P-38's at 1210L hit Rabaul with 20 quarter ton incendiaries starting 3 large many small fires, ack ack was light moderate.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
No : H6997 1 April 1944

Supply area at Mupeka River (Express Augusta Bay)
hit by 4 P-39's with unobserved results.

1 B-24 hit Mosaitu mission with unobserved results.

Purata Mamaregu rivers (south of Express Augusta
Bay) strafed by 2 P-38's with unobserved results.

2 B-25's strafed with 75MM and 50 caliber targets
at Tarapa and Taki, north central Bougainville. Above
action on 30 March.

Photos 31 March:

Usual 2 AK's, 1 PB, no barge count in Simpson Harbor;

30 buildings and supply piles burned out in strikes
of 30 March at Vunapope;

Lakumai unserviceable with 2 fighters, field being
repaired;

3 fighters on unserviceable Tobera.

Late count on Truk strike of 29 March showed 31
fighters destroyed, 12 probables, 10 damaged, 15 of our
planes hit by Jap fighters with casualty total 20 killed,
10 wounded.

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No : H5997 1 April 1944

American Division :

Hill 250 and 600 now occupied by our forces. Distant patrolling active with negative reports from Peko village, hill 600, hill 500. Patrol reported enemy wounded being moved south of trail from Torokina River fork.

37th Division:

1st Battalion Fiji Infantry still working on Jap pocket in front of 129 sector approximately 250 yards from perimeter.

The 3rd Battalion Fiji Infantry encountered enemy approximately 2000 yards from perimeter along Fuma Fuma trail.

Other units report no contacts.

Air support was effective against Hip bivouac areas and road nets while destroyers bombarded installations at Napirioi River mouth with good effects.

Our casualties for March 30 were 7 killed in action and 5 wounded in action.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
LOG

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia.

To : War Dept.

Fr. : H 6983 31 March, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMUSMACV H 6983.

Truk details
24 B-25's at 1210L hit Vunapope with 138 quarter ton incendiaries, causing numerous fires, 1 plane damaged by ack ack. 5 P-38's weathered out from Ratavol, strike hit targets Mibo River area with unknown results. 4 P-38's strafed targets Ruma Ruma Trail, unobserved results. 20 B-24's hit Eten Island Truk with undisclosed number of 500 and 100 pound bombs at 1259L, 200 hits scored on runway, parking aprons and hangar area, 49 aircraft on runway believed destroyed, photos-16 planes exploding, many large fires on runway and surrounding hills, 1 crane destroyed, flak from ships and shore installation was heavy moderate, 90 Tojos, Tonys and Zekes intercepted, battled our returning planes 90 miles, Japs lost 5-20 planes in running fight, 1 B-24 downed possibly. Aerial bombs with 5 open chutes strafed by Nips, another B-24 crashlanded Green Island, with 4 dead, 5 wounded, 8 planes landed Torokina on return with 3 planes having 7 wounded each, photos showed 3 large 2 small AK's, 2 DD's, 1 YO, 214 barges, 37 FP's, 3 FB's, and 1 cruiser underway. 2 subs, 6 DD's and 6 AK's visually reported.

Rabaul bombed by 1 B-24 failing to reach Truk. 2 B-24's at 0515 and 0520L hit Dubwon Island Truk with 15 - 120 pound frag clusters each, 2 large fires visible 50 miles, with smoke column 8,000 feet started in oil storage area, second plane received meager AA.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia.

Nr. : H 6983 31 March

Photos 30 March: 2 fighters on unserviceable Lakumai; Vunakanau concrete strip serviceable, coral strip unserviceable, 1 light bomber; unserviceable Tobera has 3 fighters; 2 medium bombers and 1 fighter on unserviceable Kavieng; 168 barges, 1 FP, 1 PB in Sim Harbor.

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 29 to 1500 March 30. 37th Division: 1 Battalion 148th Infantry now located at Laruma River mouth and has patrols working towards Atsinima Lagoon; no contacts made. First Fiji Battalion making sweep in front of 129th Infantry located a pocket of Nips; these are being liquidated. The 3rd Fiji Battalion encountered resistance along Wuma Wuma Trail 2200 yards in front of our NLN.

Americal Division: Reinforced company from the 132nd Infantry engaged Nips estimated at Battelion on hill 501; contact was broken and artillery fire placed on hill after which our force found 30 dead and balance gone. In north-east sector an estimated enemy company was encountered by patrols from 164th Infantry, approximately 2,000 yards north-east of hill 260, which is now occupied by 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment.

Air support hit barge hideouts while the Naval support hit enemy installations in the Reini and Mamaregu River areas.

No sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
G-2
Admiral King
Colonel Park
General Vandegrift
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Post
From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia.

To : War Dept.

Nr. : H 6960 30 March, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC H 6960.

24 B-25's dumped 142 - 500 pounders on Tobera at 1016L, 50 hits on runway, inaccurate heavy flak encountered. At 1015L, 11 P-38's dropped quarter ton incendiaries each on Rabaul, several small, 1 large fire, moderate AA. 9 B-39's and 12 P-40's at same time hit Rataval supply area with 500 pound incendiaries each, starting 3 large fires.

1 B-25 with 75 MM cannon strafed and bombed 5 barges and warehouses Ataviklikun Bay, result - unobserved. 2 P-38's strafed possible barge hideouts mouths Tokessg, Reini, and Mariopa rivers. 1 B-24 hit Monoitu with 12 - 300 pounders, one fire started with smoke column 1,000 feet.

Action 28 March. Night 27-28 March Namatansai hit by snoopers with 5 - 1,000 pounders, same time another snoopers dropped 4 - 1,000 pounders on Kavieng.

Photos of 29 March: 5 barges Shortland Faisi area; 1 barge Ballale; 1 small boat at Kahili. All other searches weathered out.

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 28 to 1500 March 29. American Division: positions on hill 260 consolidated with 202 dead Nips not previously reported, considerable Ordnance equipment captured. Our aggressive patrols made minor contacts vicinity of hill 600

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From: US Army Forces in New Caledonia
Nr. : H 6960 30 March, 1944

and east of hill 260.

37th Division: Estimated 100 Nips encountered 1500 yards in front of 2nd Battalion, 129th Infantry. First Fiji Battalion patrolling 150 yards west of Numa Numa trail contacted Nips 200 yards from Perimeter, while 3rd Fiji Battalion advanced 500 yards along trail and bivouaced, preparatory to continuing advance in morning.

Air and Naval support carried on with good effects.

Known enemy dead since March 8 now totals 4389.
Our casualties for March 28 were 1 killed in action and 23 wounded in action.

No sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
G-2
Admiral King
Colonel Park
General Vandegrift
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From: CG, U.S. Forces, in South Pacific
Area Noumea, New Caledonia

To : War Department

No : H6930 29th March 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMSOPAC H6930.

At 1114L 27th March 23 B25's hit Vunapope supply area with 132 quarter ton incendiaries, target area left in smoke visible 75 miles, 8 planes damaged by heavy AA.

34 bombers (P38's, P39's and P40's) followed above strike with 5 100 pound incendiaries each, smoke columns 2000 feet high, pilots report area a flaming mass, photos at 1445L showed 23 buildings destroyed with 12 still burning, AA was intense.

Five B25's dropped 66 100 pounders on Rabaul between 2000 L 26th March until 0455 L 27th March, numerous fires north Rabaul and Talili Bay, 25 fires in Vunapope area. Unidentified planes followed our aircraft, flak damaged 1 plane.

Two B25's strafed and bombed targets Cape Lambert to Atalikilikum Bay.

Night 26/27 March Kavieng and Namatana received 2 each from 2 Snoopers.

28th March photos:

Lakunei unserv *
* unserviceable Tobera has 3 fighters;
concrete strip Vanakanau serviceable, Coral strip unserviceable,
1 dive bomber present; Kavieng has 1 fighter and 2 medium

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From: CG, U.S. Forces, in South Pacific
Area Noumea, New Caledonia
No : H9630 29th March 1944.

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bombers on unserviceable runway; other fields unserviceable
nil aircraft Incomplete count Keravia Bay showed 80 barges;
158 barges, usual 2 Ak's and 1 FB Simpson Harbor; Vanapope
fires still burning, 13 barges in area

Air and ground summary:

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 27th to 1500
March 28th. Hill 260 now cleared of Nips; intensive patrolling
carried on throughout entire east sector. First Battalion
Fiji Infantry resisted area in front of 129 Infantry covered
with large numbers of uncounted enemy dead. Indications are
that the Nips have broken close contact in the west sector
and may be withdrawing, also that Nip losses are far greater
than counted dead indicate. No Nip artillery has been fired
into perimeter since 0500L March 24th

Air and Naval support were effective against enemy
supply areas and barge hideouts. Our casualties for March
27th killed in action 8 wounded in action 44.
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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAAF
G-2
General Vandegrift
Admiral King
Colonel Park
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From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea
New Caledonia

To: War Department

Nr: 6879 27 March 1944

Chief of Staff from COMSOPAC Air and Ground
Summary.

23 B25's hit Rataval supply area with 405 casualties
at 1111 L, while area in smoke with largest column 7500
feet, 14 buildings destroyed, 3 planes damaged by barrage
type AA, twin engined fighter noted over Simpson Harbor.

B25 on barge hunt destroyed radar shack at Adler
Bay, Cape Saint George radar also strafed.

14 P39's and 10 P40's bombed Mibo Friber Bridge
and Bivouac Area, 4 hits in clearing causing black smoke.

34 fighter bombers dropped 33-500 pounders Keravia
Bay fuel stores, 1 large fire heavy black smoke reported.

Action above, all 25 March.

Photos 26 March:

Vunakani coral strip unserviceable, concrete strip
serviceable, plane count incomplete;
3 fighters on unserviceable Tobera;
Lakunai serviceable with 2 fighters;
Kavieng unserviceable with 1 fighter 2 medium bombers;
Panajai, Rapopo, Keravat, Borpop and Duke of York
unserviceable nil aircraft;

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Nr: 6879 27 March 1944

80 percent coverage Simpson Harbor showed 1 float bomb-
er and 177 barges;
Same percent coverage Kenavia Bay showed 77 barges;
3 barges Kavieng Harbor, only 70 percent coverage.

Night 24-25 March
Snooper dropped 4-1000 pounders Kaviengs Southeast
Revet Area.
Bougainville covering period 1500 March 25 to 1500
March 26.

Americal Division:
Increased activity in vicinity of Mavavia.
No change on West Division front.

37th Division:
New concentrations continue to build up in front of
129th Infantry small slight increase of patrol activity on
148 front, other fronts quiet.
Air and Naval supporting missiles caused many fires.
Counted enemy dead now numbers 2384.
Our casualties for 25 March were 11 killed in action
and 55 wounded in action.

ACTION: OPD No Sig

INFO: CG AAF. General Vandegrift, G-2, Admiral King,
Colonel Mathewson, LOG

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea, New Caledonia.

To: War Department.

Nc. 6858

26 March 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMGFWNSOPAC Air and Ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 24 to 1500 March 25.

Two one B-25's hit Tobera with 100-500 pounders at 1216L, scored 20 hits runway, others in revet area, 500 foot smoke column in revet area, heavy FLAK damaged 1 plane. 3 B-25's unable locate Tobera dropped 18 quarter tonners north of Vunakanau with unobserved results. 37 P-40's, P-39's and P-38's dumped 9 tons incendiary clusters on Vunapope at 1230L, 50 fires and heavy black smoke over whole area, 1 P-38 hit by medium ack ack. 2 B-25's on barge hunt New Ireland, Feni Island, Kilinailau (north east of Buka Island) Island and Bougainville received intense AA from positions at East Cape New Ireland. Above action 24 March.

Night 23-24 March blue snooper dropped 4-1000 pounders on Kavieng, hits on south west side of runway. Same time another snooper dropped same load on Namatanai with unobserved results. Snooper dropped 4 quarter tonners targets northwest Uhoiseul island causing black smoke column 1200 feet high. Photos of 25 March: Namatanai, Borpop and Keravat unserviceable nil aircraft; weather prevented coverage of Vunakanau and Lakunai; incomplete coverage of Tobera showed 2 fighters; serviceable Kavieng has 1 fighter 2 medium bombers; work continues on Duke of York Field; 9 barges Kavieng; 2 barges Balgoi Bay. 37th Division: count of Nip dead in area of

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No. 6858 26 March 1944.

Company F 129 Infantry totals 376; considerable number of Nips still in this area close to perimeter. No change remaining front of west sector.

Americal Division: Clean up operations continue on hill 266. No change in other sectors. First Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment: Close in reconnaissance in front of 2nd Battalion 129 Infantry resulted in 15 Nips killed, 30 dead Nips found, capture of 177MM field piece and destruction at least 1 heavy machine gun. Air and naval support continued throughout. Show total count of Nips killed since 9 March 2186. Our casualties for 24 March 24 killed in action 92 wounded in action.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Admiral King
Colonel Mathewson
General Vandegrift
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SHORE GUNS LARGER THAN 40 MM SOUTH BANK REINI RIVER AND
KOLARIS DROVE TORCKINA PT'S OUT AFTER RETURN FIRE NIGHT 24TH-
25TH.

DELAYED REPORT KAVIENG BOMBARDMENT 24TH STATES BLUE COVERING
PLANES SHOT DOWN 1 TONY CHASED ANOTHER ATTEMPTING SHADOW
RETIRING SURFACE FORCE.

NIGHT 23RD-24TH SOPAC SMOOPERS BOMBED KAVIENG RUNWAY NAMATANAI.
BLACKKIDS HIT CHOISEG BAY.

AFTERNOON 24TH 74 SBD'S TBF'S ATTACKED VUNAKANAU RUNWAY GUN
POSITS. AA SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 3 SBD'S 2 TBF'S. AT 500 FEET
BETWEEN VUNAKANAU AND TOBERA ABOUT 15-20 SMALL WHITE PARA-
CHUTES SEEN DANGLING WIRE WHICH NICKED PROP 1 PLANE.

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B25'S STRUCK TOBERA RUNWAY LEFT SMOKE RISING FROM REVETMENTS.
 OTHER
 3 B25'S BOMBED NORTH VUNAKANAU RUNWAY. AA HIT 1 B25.
 2 PLANES REPORTED INTENSE AA FROM MANY POSITS CAMOUFLAGED AS
 WAYSTACKS BETWEEN EAST CAPE AND DANFU POINT SOUTHEAST NEW
 IRELAND.
 SAME DAY RABAU SWEEP SAW JAP PARACHUTE DROPS NEAR PRIED POINT
 AND RAPOPO 1214L.
 37 BLUE V F BOMBED VUNAPOPE AFTERNOON 24TH CAUSED FIRES HEAVY
 BLACK SMOKE. AA DAMAGED 1 P38. OTHER VF STRAFED GROUND IN-
 STALLATIONS RABAU-SOUTH NEW IRELAND, LEFT 1 BARGE SINKING
 OFF E COAST NEW IRELAND. ALSO STRAFED RAPOPO TOBERA FROM
 TREETOP HEIGHT.
 AROUND TOROKINA PERIMETER SBD'S TBF'S STRUCK SUPPLY AREA TAVENA
 RIVER MOUTH EAST EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, HIT SUPPLY AREA SOUTH
 LARUMA RIVER DAMAGED GUN REVETMENT EAST PERIMETER.

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P-39'S STRAFED BUILDINGS WATCHIN BAY AREA.

AFTERNOON 24TH SINGLE JAP SHELL LANDED NEAR PIVA Y,
12 MORE NORTHEAST TOROKINA STRIP NIL DAMAGE CASUALTIES.

COASTWATCHER ESTIMATED 200 JAPS REMAIN ON ISEUL BAY AREA.

NIGHT 25/26TH TREASURY LCI GUNBOAT SHELLED AND BLACKCAT
BOMBED POSIGA SOUTHWEST BOUDAINVILLE.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No. 6839, 25 March 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMSOPAC.

B24's hit Ratavol supply area, northwest Rabaul, with 380 incendiaries at 1200L, 177 hits in area causing 3 small, 1 large fires, 10 buildings hit, heavy flak damaged 4 planes.

7 B24's turned back by weather from Ratavol strike dropped their load on Kahili with results unobserved, another same type plane bombed Buka.

24 B25's scheduled for Ratavol hit Buka with unreported number incendiaries, good coverage Chinatown, revetments and runway, 2 columns smoke observed in revet area. Possible radar sighted by 1 barge hunting B25 at Banui Harbor, northeast Bougainville.

14 P38's dumped 12 bombs Komaliai Point, Shortland Island, AA received from Ballale. 5 barges and 1 motor launch heading west from Fauro Island at 1650L. Above action 23 March.

Night 22/23, 2 Snoopers dropped 4 1000 pounders respectively on Kavieng and Namatanai.

Photos 24 March:

Lakunai unserviceable with 2 fighters, 1 dive

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Number 6839, 25 March 1944

bomber;

50% coverage showed concrete and west coral strips unserviceable at Vunakanaï with 1 light bomber and 1 dive bomber;

Rapopo, Keravat, Mamatanai, Bocpop and Ponapai all unserviceable nil aircraft;

Kavieng serviceable with 1 fighter 2 medium bombers;

169 Barges, 1 float bomber Simpson Harbor;

71 barges Keravia Bay;

Vunapore has 18 barges; 4 buildings destroyed
Ratavol.

Air and Ground Summary:

Bougainville covering period from 1500 March 23 to 1500 March 24:

No change in the American Division Sector; Units carrying on long range patrolling. Determined attack launched against Company F, 129th Infantry repulsed after slight break through; estimated 300 Nip dead inside our lines. Attacking Unit identified as 2nd Battalion 45th Infantry. All our lines completely restored. Nips still in force in front of 2nd Battalion 129th Infantry indicating further major attacks. Minor contacts reported in fronts of 145th and 148th Infantry. Air and Naval support continued throughout the period. Our casualties for 23 March killed in action 4, wounded in action 47, missing in action 1.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

INFO: CG AAF, G-2, Gen. Vandegrift, Adm. King, Log
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From: CG., U.S. Army Forces in New Caledonia

To : War Dept.

Nr. : 6818 24 March, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC

Lakunai hit at 1145L with 34 tons from 23 B-25's, scoring 30 hits strip, and 102 hits dispersal area, heavy black smoke followed 2 explosions from probable burning planes in revetment area, 4 planes damaged by heavy ack ack. 10 B-24's hit Tobera at 1157L, weather prevented observation, AA was meager, inaccurate. Same time, single B-24 bombed Rabaul with unknown results. 1 B-24 hit Buka with results unknown.

3 B-24's bombed Poneitu, causing 400 foot smoke column. 3 same type planes hit south end Kara runway. Kahlili hit by 6 B-24's, bombs dropped on runway, Revetment area, and possible AA positions. 34 P-39's, P-38's, and P-40's bombed and strafed Laruma River area, with unobserved results, P-39's carried 500 pounders, P-38's carried 2 - 500 pounders, while P-40's carried 1000 pounders.

50 small barges reported along coast Pauro Island, afternoon 22 March. 8 medium bombers at Vunakanau, 4 same type in Rapopo Revets, no other fields covered. All above action and photos 22 March.

Night 21-22, Blue Snooper dumped 4 - 1000 pounders on Kavieng, results unobserved. On 23 March search plane destroyed Jetty 210 miles northeast Kavieng.

Air and Ground Summary.

Bougainville covering.

1500 March 22 to 1500 March 23. Considerable enemy force encountered by patrols from American division in vicinity.

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From: CG., US Forces in New Caledonia Nr. 6818

March 24, 1944

ity of southeast slope of hill 250. Aggressive patrolling continues on all fronts in the east sector. Patrol contacts in the west sector indicate large Nip force near our perimeter in front of 3rd Battalion, 129 Infantry, and junction between 129 and 145 Infantry Regiments. Fiji Battalion encountered many Nips while making a reconnaissance in force in front of 129 Infantry. A major Nip attack expected on 24 March on fronts of 129 or 145 Infantry, or both. Air and Naval support continued throughout.

Our casualties for 22 March: Killed in action - 1, wounded in action - 21.

Green Islands:

Bomber strip cleared for 7000 feet with 70% rough graded, 3100 feet corralled for 150 feet wide.

No sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF
G-2
ADM. KING
COL. MATHEWSON
GEN. VANDEGRIFT
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From: CG US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area Fort Shafter TH

To: War Department

No: 6794, 23 March 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC.

24 B-25's at 1128L dumped 352-100 pounders on Lakunai, 100 hits on runway remainder in revetment area, 4 planes damaged by heavy moderate flak.

8 P-38's, 11 P-39's and 12 B-24's hit Lakunai at 1130L with quarter tonners each, 5 hits on runway, 6 on taxiway and 14 in revetment area, medium AA knocked 1 P-39 down, report 2 Bettys in Revet Area, 22 B-24's dropped 575 centuries Vunakanau at 1138L, intense accurate ack ack damaged 10 planes, good coverage of runway and revetment area, 3500 feet of paved strip still serviceable. 14 P-39's bombed targets Numa Numa, results unobserved. 4 P-39's bombed bridge south of Meivo, unobserved results. 3 B-24's bombed Monoitu with 33-300 pounders, 1 fire started. Blue Snooper dumped 5-1000 pounders on Kavieng. All action 21st March. Weather prevented searches. Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period from 1500 March 21st to 1500 March 22nd. Minor patrol contacts in front of 129 Infantry. Results of patrolling indicated no large enemy force within 1500 yards of our perimeter. Patrol from 164 Infantry contacted estimated Nip company in vicinity hill 250 killing 13. Patrol from 182 Infantry encountered 20 Nips north hill 260 and killed all. Air support continued throughout period. Our casualties for 21st March killed in action 7 wounded in action 46. Kairau Island completely occupied by 21st March; no enemy activity.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF, G-2, Adm. King, Col Mathewson, Gen Vandegrift
Log

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P R I O R I T Y

From: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: 6768

22 March, 1944

Chief of Staff from COMGENSOPAC.

24 B-25's dropped 144-100 pounders and 666-500 pounders on Lakunai at 1125L, 1AA position silenced by direct hit north east of Sulphur Creek Mouth, 2 planes seriously damaged, 4 slightly damaged.

At 1153L 23 B-24's struck Vanakana with 276 quarter tonners, 5 ack ack positions bracketed by bombs, coral strip out of commission, concrete strip serviceable for 5400 feet, 7 planes damaged by heavy accurate AA.

12 P-38's at 0950L followed by 12 P-39's at 1135L hit Rabaul supply area with 500 pounders each, causing 1 large fire, inaccurate flak was medium right. 4-P39's bombed strafed targets Bougainville coast. All action 20th March.

Night 20th-21st March Blue Snooper dropped 5-1000 pounders Kavling, another Snooper dumped same load Nasutanai, unobserved results. Photos of 21st March. 1 fighter, 1 dive bomber, 1 light bomber on Vanakana, concrete strip unserviceable but craters being filled, west coral strip serviceable; serviceable Lakunai has 2 fighters and 1 dive bomber; Tobera unserviceable with 3 fighters, Nips repairing runway; Rapopo, Borpop, Namatani and Keravak unserviceable all aircraft; Simpson Harbor has 1 FP, 1 FB, 172 barges plus 2 AK's; 60% coverage of Kwavia Bay showed 56 barges. Returning planes from B-24 strike report sighting Sub Tukevapi Harbor.

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Noumea, New Caledonia

No: 6768

22 March, 1944

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 20 to 1500 March 21st. American Division patrols report no major contacts except on hill 260. In 37 Division Sector enemy in force in front of 129 Infantry. Patrols report indications that major Hip strength concentrating on 37 Division front. 51 more dead Hips found. No hostile artillery fire in perimeter during period. Air and Naval support continued. Our casualties 20 March killed in action 8 wounded in action 45 missing in action 2.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col Mathewson
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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From: CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

Number 6751, 21 March 1944

COMGENSOPAC to Chief of HDAPP

22 B-24's hit Panapai with 222 quarter tonners at 1127L, photos showed 39 hits on runway, 28 hits and 2 fires in south dispersal area, probably burning fuel dump produced large column black smoke, 1 building damaged, 1 plane damaged by heavy flak.

Early morning single B-24 harassed Rabaul dropping 15-100 pounders, 15 searchlights caught plane.

24 B-25's at 1139L dumped 288-100 pounders on Vunapope Area, 3 large fires started with smoke columns 500 feet high, numerous smaller fires started, 9 planes damaged by heavy accurate AA, enemy Val Trailer formation possibly giving correct altitude to ack ack.

10 P-38's at 1117L dropped 1 quarter tonner on Tawui Point, 9 other bombs same size dumped in vicinity Gunan (southeast Tawui Point) 2 planes damaged by heavy moderate ack ack.

12 P-39 dropped quarter tonners each 1 Tawui Point ammo dump at 1135L, no AA received 2 P-39's strafed house Skotolan Mission (South West Buka Island) also strafed barge

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Noumea, New Caledonia
To: War Department
Number 6751, 21 March 1944

1 mile off Tsimba Mission on Bougainville.

1 P-38 dropped quarter tonner on Shortlands with unobserved results. All action 19 March.

Night 18-19 Blue Snooper bomber Kaviang with unobserved results.

Another Snooper bombed Namatnai with results unknown.

Photos of 20 March. 50% coverage of Vunakanau showed 1 medium bomber and 4 light bombers, runways serviceable

Lakunai has 3 fighters and 1 dive bomber, runways serviceable

Nil aircraft on unserviceable Rapopo or Keravat ** percent coverage Tobera showed 3 fighters, runway serviceable

work continues on Duke of York Airfield

Rapopo to Raluana show 22 barges with 15 other inoperative

5 barges Ambiuve, 1 barge Feni.

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To: War Department
Number 6751, 21 March 1944

Air and Ground Summary.

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 19 to 1500 March 20.

Patrol from American Division located Nip bivouac area approximately 800 yards south west of hill 250 containing 11 dead Nips, 1 light machine gun, 5 rifles and 2 carbines. Clean up operations on hill 260 accounted for 98 dead Nips; Nips still present in vicinity of hill. Patrolling continued in area forward of 145th and 148th Infantry Regiments with an estimated Nip platoon contacted in the 145th Sector. Nips in considerable force contacted in front of the 129th Sector. No hostile artillery received within perimeter during period.

Air and Naval support continued. Our casualties for 19 March killed in action 17 wounded in action 95 missing in action 2.

Green Island:

Bomber strip 6000 feet cleared, 85 percent rough graded and 2000 feet coralled 150 feet wide.

Emirau Island:

Part → Marines made successful unopposed landing at 0830L

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March 20; no Nips contacted as of 1202 March 20.

Light opposition met in landing on Elomus-o Island,
off south east coast; no casualties sustained.

Reconnaissance of all roads completed. All areas
to be occupied 21st with defenses being established.

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INFO: G-2
CG AAF
SGS
Colonel Mathewson
Admiral King
General Vandegrift
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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: 6632

16 March, 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMUSMARPAC.

On 14th March 22 B25's covered by 12 P40's struck Rabaul town with 33 tons bombs, results unobserved, heavy intense AA damaged 4 B25's: same date 23 B24's covered by 12 P6F's struck north Gate front area Simpson Harbor with 69 tons bombs, photos show 11 fires started, heavy AA damaged 1 B24, 1AK seen inshore north of Praed Point: south of Praed Point: same date 8 P38's, 6 P6F's and 10 P40's on shipping provl in Rabaul and New Ireland areas fired 1 burge and damaged 3 more, left 1 coaster in sinking condition, medium AA from Rabaul harbor area: same date 1 B24 bombed Borpop starting a large fire in supply area: same date B24 Snooper missed with 5 bombs on Namatanai: same date B24 Snooper dropped 5 bombs near Panapai, result unobserved same date 10 P39's bombed Vunapope, result unobserved: B24 Snooper sighted undetermined number burning barges in Kabaira Bay, Rabaul area: same date 1 B25 bombed Buks, result unobserved: same date 7 P39's and 7 NZ P40's strafed 2 barges in Kieta area also bombed and destroyed bridge over Mibo River, southeast Bougainville.

Photos 15th March: Borpop and Keravat, no aircraft, runways unserviceable:

Rapapa, unserviceable:

Duke of York, work continues on runway:

Tobera, 3 fighters, runway unserviceable, 2 auto AA south of northeast and strip destroyed:

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To: War Department

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Lakunai, 2 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway unserviceable:

Namatamai, runway serviceable 2700 feet:

Namakama, 2 dive bombers and 2 medium bombers, runway serviceable, 5 new auto AA 7700 feet south and slightly east of south and runway:

Simpson Harbor, 3 float planes, 1 float type bomber, 2 AK's and 170 barges:
Keravia Bay, 40 barges.

Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 14th to 1500 March 15th. Nips reported to have begun to entrench in area 200 yards in front Company C, 145 Infantry. Nips once again hit 129 Infantry effecting slight penetration; Infantry-tank counter attack restored our line killing many Nips. 13 Nips killed by patrol from 164 Infantry approximately 1000 yards southwest of hill 250. Our casualties for March 14 killed in action 14 wounded 83.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: New Caledonia.
To: War

No. 6611, 15 March, 1944.

Chief of Staff from COMUSMACV. Air and ground summary. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 13 to 1500 March 14.

On 13 March 22 B25's struck north shore Rabaul harbor with 31 tons bombs, 1 large fire started, 2 large fires started at Vunapope, 3 Mikes seen over east coast New Ireland:

Same date 22 B24's covered by 11 P4U's struck Rabaul with 88 tons bombs, 1 large fire in fuel dump, photos show 1 large and 10 small fires burning, heavy AA damaged 4 B24's:

Same date 12 P39's, 4 P38's and 11 NZ P40's bombed Vunapope with unreported number of tonners, 3 buildings destroyed and 4 fires started in supply area:

Same date B24 Snoopers dropped 5 - 1/2 tonners on Kavieng, results unobserved:

Same date B24 Snoopers struck Namatavi with 5 - 1/2 tonners, results unobserved:

Same date 2 B24's bombed buildings area at Monoitu Mission, southeast Bougainville, 1 fire started:

Same date 1 B24 struck Kahili with 4 tons bombs, result unobserved:

Same date 4 P39's bombed Mangata area, southeast coast Bougainville, result unobserved:

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Same date 4 P38's bombed Shortlands area, results unobserved.

Photos 14 March:

Lakunai, 4 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway serviceable:

Rapopo, no change:

Borpop, no aircraft, runway unserviceable:

Simpson Harbor, 3 float planes, 1 float bomber, 2 AK's and 216 barges:

Keravia Bay, 72 barges:

1 flak ship in cove north Praed Point, northeast coast Rabaul:

Vunapope to Raluanan Point, 36 barges:

Other photo missions weathered out.

New Britain
An ambush by the 132nd Infantry in the vicinity of Mavavia encountered Nip patrol killing 3. Our perimeter on hill 260 fully established; considerable number of the enemy observed in the nearby vicinity. Count of enemy dead in the 145th Infantry front in close proximity to our lines on hill 700 now reported as 615, Nip in some force still in area. 10 Nips captured from the 23rd Infantry revealed

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that the 2nd and 3rd Battalions 23rd Infantry were wiped out.

Our lines in the 129th Sector have been completely reestablished and wired in; over 300 enemy dead have been counted on wire and inside our perimeter. Our counter battery fire continued with good effect; 90 MM AA guns have been emplaced on our front lines for direct fire with excellent results. Air support against hostile gun positions was constant and effective while destroyers shelled beach defenses in the vicinity of Mavaraka.

Total count of enemy dead in front of our MLR now number 1173; this figure does not include estimates of enemy dead outside of visual sight. Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 13: killed in action 27, wounded in action 146.

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From: Noumea, New Caledonia
To: WAR

No. 6598 14 March 1944

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

On 12 March 1 B24 struck Rabaul with 12-Centuries and 13 frags, results unobserved: same date 22 B25's struck shore installations North Simpson Harbor with 31 tons bombs, customs wharf damaged, smoke observed rising 1500 feet along Malaguna road, intense heavy AA damaged 5 B25's, 2 B25's bombed Buka, result unobserved, 11 escorting P4 U's saw 1 Betty and 1 fighter on Lakunai, no interception: same date 18 B24's covered by 11 P4 U's struck Rabaul town with 72 tons bombs, large explosions, fires heavy black smoke observed Northwest customs wharf, other fires same area, intense accurate AA damaged 6B24's, no interception but 10 fighters seen scrambling Tobera, possible sighted East Matupi Island (Rabaul area), 1 B24 reports direct hit on AA position West Boropop runway: same date 16 P38's, 24 P39's and 24 NZ P40's dropped 16 tons bombs into Rabaul town causing 1 large column black smoke from probable oil dump, 5 explosions north Lakunai, sighted minimum 6 fires already burning, moderate accurate AA damaged 1 P38 and probably shot down missing P39: same date 4 P39's bombed and strafed gun positions on Shortland Island.

Photos 13th March:

Lakunai, 2 fighters and 1 dive bomber, runway serviceable:

Vunakanau, runway serviceable:

Tobera, 7 fighters, runway serviceable:

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Rapopo, no aircraft, no change runways:

Keravat, Borpop, Panapai, Ballale and Buka-Bonis all runways unserviceable, no aircraft:

Kahili runway under repair:

Kara, emergency landing possible west side of strip:

Kavieng, 1 fighter and 2 medium bombers, runway unserviceable:

Namatani, no aircraft, runway serviceable 2700 feet:

Rabaul Harbor 1 float plane, count incomplete:

Simpson Harbor, 2 AK's, no barge count:

Keravia Bay, 112 barges:

Gunsopoe area, 24 barges, fire reported yesterday still burning:

Rabaul town area, 20 buildings destroyed customs wharf area, customs warehouses fired and nearby warehouses razed, 50 buildings and many loose stores destroyed north of customs house, several buildings destroyed extreme North Rabaul, 15 buildings destroyed Malaguna section, radio station possible hit.

Bougainville covering. 1500 March 12 to 1500 March 13. Nips once again attacked our lines on the right flank of 37 Division and were repulsed with 109 left dead on wire; searchlights and 50 MM illumination shells were used with excellent results reflecting light against low clouds on our front lines.

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Three counter attacks by 129 Infantry with tanks supporting restored our original lines and liquidated at least 100 Nips.

In the East Sector there was no change on the 132 and 164 fronts. Many Nips were killed in mopping up operations on 182 Infantry front in area of hill 260. Our air strikes continued effective work against Nip Artillery while DD's again bombarded enemy installations with good effect. Nip artillery fire has decreased within perimeter.

Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 12:

Killed in action	35
Wounded in action	213
Missing in action	20

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INFO : G-2
CG AAF
Col Mathewson
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
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To: WAR
No: 6569, 13th March 1944

Chief of Staff USA from COMGENSOPAC.

On 11 March 24 B25's dropped 27 tons on Rabaul town at 1037L, 96 hits along Mango Avenue, damaged old pier destroyed 2 barges, 5 bombers hit by intense accurate AA, 6 unidentified planes at 13000 feet noted north of Rabaul no interception, sighted Betty heading west over Cape Gazelle.

At 1047L 20 B24's dumped 79 tons on Rabaul from 16,500 feet, 81 hits along Mango Avenue, 5 buildings motor park and supply dump damaged with large fires blazing, 31 bursts in east Chinatown area damaged 9 supply and personnel bldgs, these two strikes razed 50 bldgs along Mango Avenue, 2 B24's damaged by fairly accurate and moderate AA. Twelve P38's furnished cover for both strikes. Blue Snoopers dropped 5 bombs on Kavieng receiving heavy and medium inaccurate AA. Namatanai bombed by Snoopers early morning of 11th and again in evening, unreported results. One B24 hit Kieta supply area starting brief fires. One B24 dropped 4 tons on Kahili receiving meager accurate AA. Photos 12 March show Lakunai serviceable with 4 fighters 2 dive bombers; Tobera has 14 fighters serviceable runway; Rapopo has 31 inoperative aircraft (will be excluded from future reports); No change Duke of York; Namatanai serviceable 2700 feet no aircraft; 3 barges Ballale; Kavieng 9 barges; Vunapope 21 barges; Rabaul harbor 4 float planes 1 float bomber; Simpson 2 AK's 175 foot, 220 barges; 110 barges Keravia Bay; 50% coverage of Rabaul town indicates 100 buildings destroyed or damaged in strikes on 11 March, few buildings remain that part of town; 8 barges Shortland Faisi area.

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Air and ground summary for 12 March.

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 11 to 1500 March 12. Action in the right sector of the 37 Division in the area held by the 145 Infantry resulted in 349 dead nips, many more killed but not yet counted. 3 major attacks developed in front of Company G 129 Infantry causing a slight penetration, many nips were killed. Result of action on hill 260 disclosed a count of 152 dead nips; hill is now occupied by 2 companies of the 182 Infantry. Captured documents indicated a probable attack on eastern nose of hill 608 (134.0-217.8) by elements of the 13 Jap Infantry in conjunction with major attack on front of 129 Infantry. Conservative estimate of enemy dead for last 3 days more than 1000. Our casualties for period 0001 to 2400 March 11, 22 killed and 187 wounded. Naval and air support continued throughout period.

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CG AAF
General Vandegrift
Admiral King
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From: New Caledonia
To: War

No: 6535

11th March 1944.

Chief of Staff USA from COMUSMACV.

Search planes strafed and fired enemy 90 foot boat being unloaded by natives at Greenwich Island, another search plane scored near misses same boat with 4 quarter tonners, ship left burning and considered a loss. 24 B-25's hit dock area north shore Simpson Harbor with 6 quarter tonners each starting fires north of oil and coal wharf and Malaguna roads, 2 B-25's started 1 fire in Rabaul-Talili Bay area, AA moderate and inaccurate damaged 1 plane over Rabaul. 19 B-24's dropped 36 tons on Rabaul North wharf area starting 1 large fire and many small fires along Malaguna road, 45 buildings hit in north Rabaul personnel and warehouse areas, 10 vehicles and fuel storages fired, 8 tons dropped on Rabaopo strip, 4 tons on buildings south west of Keravat, 4 tons on Cape St George, 4 tons on Vanak-anau, no blue escort, no damage to our planes. Blue snooper at 0045L scored 3 hits Kavieng runway, 11 taxi strip. Snooper sank small auxiliary vessel south Greenwich Island at 1430L. 1 B-25 hit Namatanai results unreported. 1 B-25 hit Buika area. B-24 dropped 3 tons on Kahili destroying 1 heavy AA position. Above action on 9th March.

Night 8-9 March 1 B-24 heckled Rabaul dropping 15-100 pounders, 20 searchlights active, medium AA moderate inaccurate. Same night 3 or 4 unidentified planes contacted by snooper off Duke of York Island.

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From: New Caledonia
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No 16535 11 March 1944.

On 10th March 2 squadrons B-25's bombed Wip installations vicinity hill 500 and 501 in Bougainville in support of ground operations. Air and ground summary for 10 March. Bougainville covering period 1500 March 9th to 1500 March 10th. Indications are that enemy is concentrating for an attack in the northern sector in front of the 145 Infantry (2nd Battalion). Patrol contacts continue in areas to front of the 164th and 132nd Infantry. Wips attacked Hill number 260 affecting a slight penetration which was pushed back and our positions were reinforced. DD shelled Wip concentrations east of Torokita river mouth. Our casualties for the 9th were 20 killed and 136 wounded; Wips losses unknown but considered considerable.

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Gen Vandegrift
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Chief of Staff USA from COMDENSOPAC.

On 6th March 24 B-24's with 12 P-38's struck Kavieng-Panapai Area, 21 of these dropped 62 tons bombs on Kavieng and remaining 3 bombed Panapai, 4 direct hits on dispersal area and 12 on runway at Kavieng, runway left unserviceable, 2 buildings destroyed Kavieng Town, moderate accurate AA received. Same date 24 B-25's covered by 22 Allied fighters struck Tobera with 257 frag clutters, 6 fires started, excellent hits scored on revetment area, 7 enemy fighters seen on Rapopo, 10-15 barges between Rapopo and Cape Gaselle. Same date B-24 Snoopers struck Rabaul Bay Area with 11 bombs on 8 warehouses, result unobserved. Same date 1 B-24 hit Rabaul with 15-centuries, result unobserved. Same date 4 P-39's strafed Alliang, Shortland Island, result unobserved. Same date 16 P-39's bombed and strafed Nomoitu Mission Area, result unobserved. Same date 3 P-38's bombed and strafed Soraken Plantation, northwest tip Bougainville, result unobserved.

Photos 7th March:

Tobera, 19 fighters, runway serviceable

Vunakanau, 2 dive bombers and 1 medium bomber, runway serviceable

Lakunai, 6 fighters and 2 dive bombers, runway serviceable

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Air and Ground Summary for 7th March.

Green Island. Fighter strip now in use; 35 aircraft landed on field on 6th March.

Bougainville covering period 1500 March 3rd to 1500 March 4th. Nips were observed setting up defenses 500 yards north of perimeter in the Laruma River Valley. Prisoner captured by patrol from 182nd Infantry believed to be from 2nd Company, 23rd Infantry. Nip column about 800 yards in length observed moving west about 400 yards east of Torokina River between grids 218.5-219.5. An unknown number of enemy bivouacked at 140.2-216.8 were fired upon by a patrol from 182nd Infantry killing 1. Artillery continued pounding Nip Supply and Bivouac Areas.

7th March, light and medium artillery opened fire on perimeter approximately 080600L impact areas general on and around Piva strips. Counter battery fire reported silenced some enemy guns. No contact with ground troops on perimeter as yet. Light machine gun and artillery fire falling along right of 37th Division Sector. Indications are that a general ground attack is developing. Strips not yet hit but hits on shoulders burned 1 F-69, 1 other holed with shrapnel.

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INFORMATION: G-2

CG AAF
Col Mathewson
Adm King
Gen Vandegrift
LOG

No Sig.

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PRECEDENCE

FROM COMSOPAC

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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COMGEN GUADAL	COMINCH	PPPP
COMGEN EFATE	7TH A F	
COMGEN ESPIRITU	NZNB	PRIORITY
COMGEN FIJI	80CINCSOPAC	
COMGEN 13TH A F	COMSOWESPAC	
COMGEN CENTPAC	ALL TFC	80PAC
COMGEN 14TH CORPS		

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COMINCH, ALL TFC SOPAC, COMSOWESPAC, NZNB, COMGEN-
PAC, COMGENS 14TH CORPS, 13TH AIR FORCE, GUADAL, ES-
PIRITU, EFATE, FIJI. COMGEN CENTPAC, INFO, PASS IN-
FO 7TH AIR FORCE.

SINGLE JAP PLANE ATTACKED TREASURY PT'S ENROUTE STATION
NIGHT 1ST-2ND, DROPPED 1 LARGE BOMB, 1 FLOAT FLARE NEAR
1 BOAT WITHOUT DAMAGE. PT'S ATTACKED 3 BARCES NEAR PUR-
IATA RIVER SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE. 1 TARGET FLED SOUTH,
OTHER 2 RETURNED HEAVY FIRE. GUNBOAT DISINTEGRATED 1
BARGE WITH 3-INCH. OTHER HIT MANY TIMES, LEFT SMOKING,
SINKING. ANOTHER BARGE LATER DAMAGED SAME AREA. SAME
NIGHT TOROKINA PT'S AND GUNBOATS SHELLS ENEMY ACTIVITY
UP REINI RIVER EAST TOROKINA; ALSO STRAFED LIGHTS ON
BEACH NEAR PREVIOUSLY WRECKED BARGES. BOATS RECEIVED
HEAVY GUNFIRE FROM SHORE. DELAYED REPORT FROM PT'S OP-

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ERATING OFF RABAU NICTH 29TH-1ST STATES TOTAL 3 BARGES
BADLY DAMAGED, BELIEVE SUNK. 2 BARGES SEEN FULL OF MEN
WERE PART OF 6-BARGE COLUMN, APPARENTLY UNARMED, WHICH
PASSED THROUGH PT COLUMN. DURING 2ND 2 BLUE DD'S BOM-
BARDED JAP POSITS MOSICA, SABE AREA. NIGHT 29TH-1ST
SOPAC BLACKCATS DROPPED FLARES FOR PT'S OFF SOUTHWEST
BOUGAINVILLE, BOMBED CAPE SAINT GEORGE RADAR, GAZELLE
HARBOR AND CUN POSITS SOUTH MOTUPENA POINT. MORNING
1ST B-24'S BOMBED KIHILI, MADE HITS RUNWAY, AA POSITS,
STARTED 1 LARGE FIRE. AA DAMAGED 1 B-24. P-38'S BOMB-
ED SOUTHWEST BALLALE AND BUKA RUNWAY. DURING AFTERNOON
110 SBD'S, 71 TBF'S HIT JAP TROOP SUPPLY CONCENTRATING
OUTSIDE NORTHEAST TOROKINA PERIMETER AND NORTH TOROKINA
RIVER FORKS, CAUSING SMALL FIRES. P-39'S PATROLLING
SOUTHWEST BOUGAINVILLE EVENING 1ST BOMBED STRAFED MONO-

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ITU MISSION, SILENCED AA, CAUSED EXPLOSIONS, FIRES
 AMONG BUILDINGS. F4U'S BOMBED PORTON EAST MACHIN
 BAY, SIGHTED POSSIBLE GUNBOAT CAROLA HARBOR. GREEN
 ISLAND FORCES REPORT AIRSTRIP TAXIWAYS, HARDSTANDS
 COMPLETED.

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TOR CODEBOOK 1245				4
DECODED BY PURDY				5
PARAPHRASED BY BAKER		CNO CINCPAC COMTHIRDFLT		6
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INFO CNO CINCPAC COMTHIRDFLT.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS AT 1815L/29 9 DD 3 APD LANDED UNITS
OF FIRST U.S. CAVALRY DIVISION AT HYANE HARBOR LOC
NEGROO ISLAND. 6 DD BOMBARDED LANDING BEACH PRIOR TO
LANDING. SAME TIME 2 CL'S 4 DD'S BOMBARDED ENEMY IN-
STALLATIONS TANUS ISLAND. ATTACK GROUP REPORTED ORIG
INAL LANDING MADE WITHOUT OPPOSITION. BOMATE STRIP AND
DISPERSAL AREAS CAPTURED WITH LIGHT OPPOSITION. OUR
CASUALTIES 1 DEAD 4 WOUNDED. THESE NAVAL FORCES HAVE
NOW RETURNED TO CRETA. A SECOND ECHELON OF 6 LST'S
3 ID 2 DMS NOW ENROUTE FROM CRETA DUE HYANE TOMORROW
MACARTHUR.

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DATE OF ATTACK	Jan Damage Reported By		U.S. Losses Reported By	
	JAPANESE	UNITED STATES	JAPS	U.S.
7 Jan	6/0	10/2 Running battle over St. George Channel on return from attack of New Ire- land.	28/1	5
17 Jan	3/0 Hakkai Maru(8000 tons), Tenshin Maru(2000 tons) Kosei Maru (2000 tons) 14 landing barges sunk. Number 15 Chiyoda Maru Ran aground.	18/15 Of 8 cargo vessels in Simp- son, 3 blew up and sank, 2 were set on fire, 1 left sinking, and direct hits scored on remainder	93/17	13
22 Jan	? 4 Warehouses Destroyed.	? ? 54 hits on runway at Lak- unai airdrome; started 3 large fires	36/0	1
26 Jan	25/0	43/13 Attacked Lakunai airfield Hits scored on runway and revetment area. A number of fires were started. Direct hit on freighter off Lakunai.	47/13	8
31 Jan	7/0 Transport of 2000 tons beached.	14/4 Attacked Tobera airfield. Hits on runway and revet- ment area. Lakunai also attacked. A number of fires were started.	39/8	5
5 Feb	? Navy not reported. Army nil.	7/4 Lakunai attacked; runway left unserviceable. Large fires; excellent average. Little fighter opposition.	26/22	4
6 Feb	7/6 Total 8 hits on and near runway	13/10 Lakunai attacked; runway revetment and workshop area will covered. Large fires. Little fighter opposition.	36/20	0
7 Feb	1/7 Damage to 1 airfield	12/14 Vunakanau field attacked runway and dispersal areas covered	?	?
11 Feb	0/0 15 buildings complete- ly destroyed. 5 partial.	3/5 Tobera, Vunakanau raided. Hits on runways and re- vetments.	11/0	2
12 Feb	3/4 East and West fields temporarily unservice- able.	7/2 Lununai, Tobera and Vun- akanau all raided. Hits on runways, revetments and dispersal areas.	24/5	3
13 Feb	18/1	7/4 Lakunai and Tobera raided. Hits on runways and among revetments.	36/7	3
14 Feb	1/5 Number 3 field tempor- arily unserviceable.	1/4 Tobera, Vunakanau and Rapapo raided. Hits on runways and installations.	16/2	0

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and planes probably destroyed or damaged.

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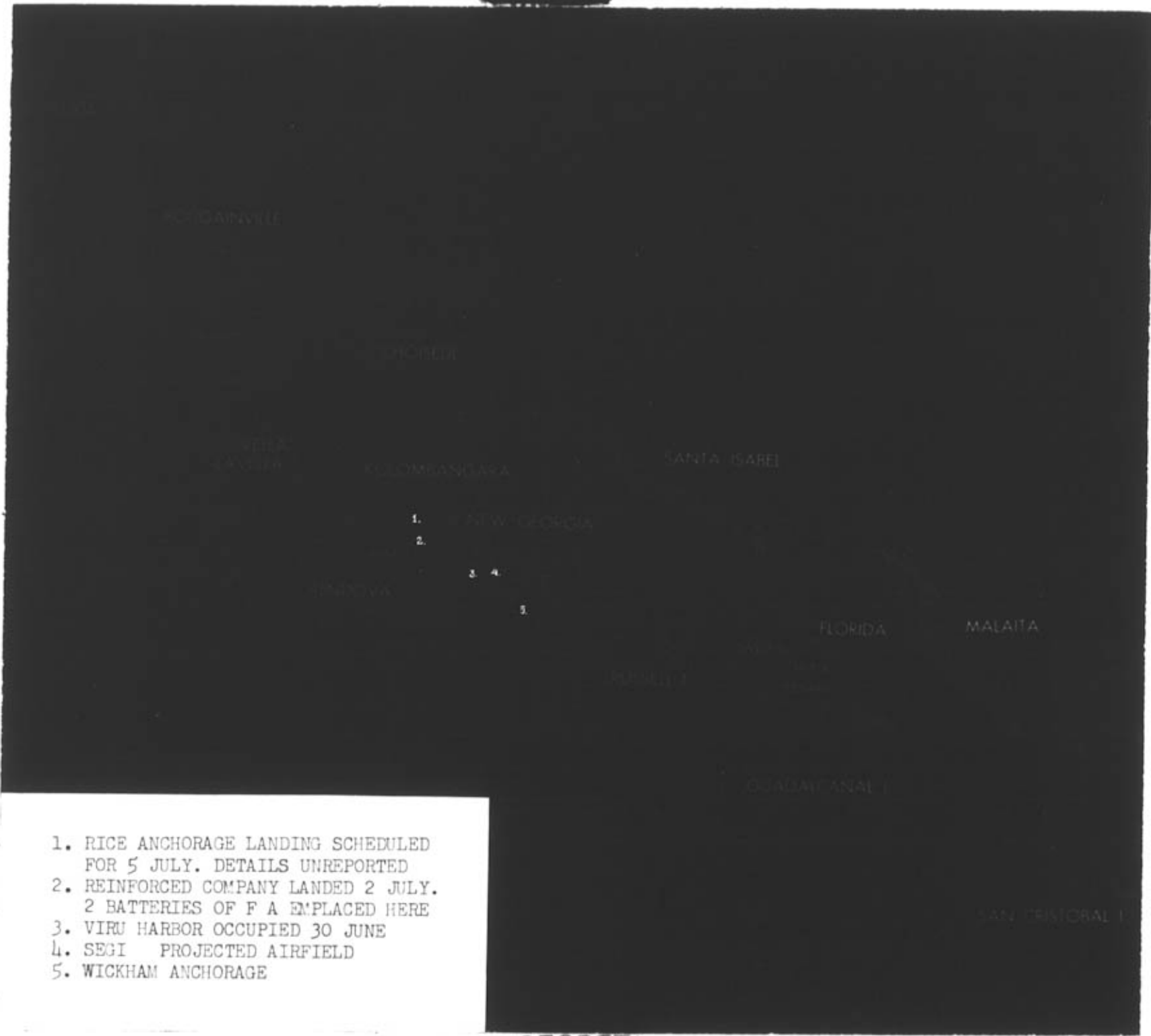
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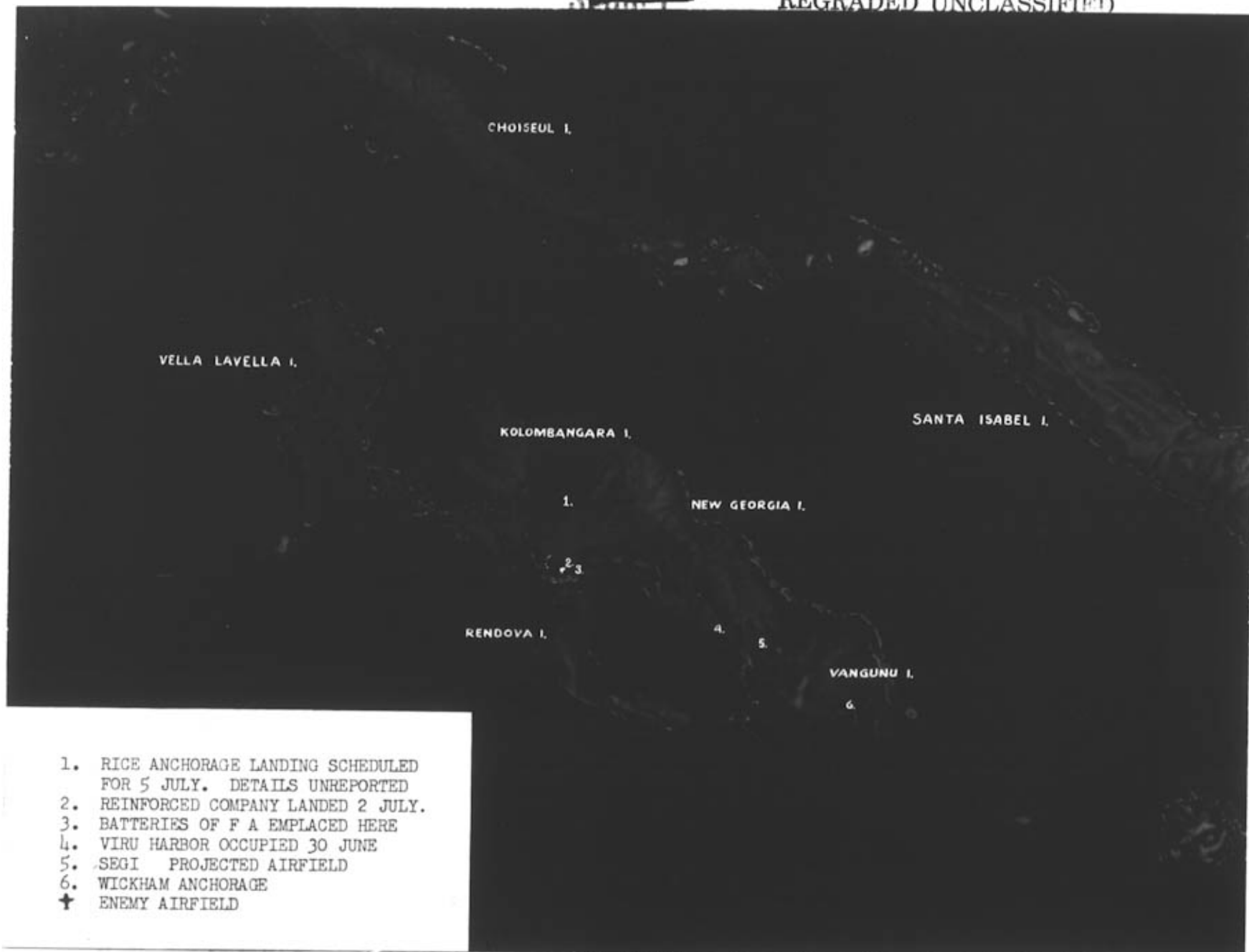
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