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1 Lt. Gen. Richardson becomes Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas; Lt. Gen. Harmon assumes command of U.S. Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas.

Marianas Is.: GUAM: Attacking abreast at 0700, 3d Marine Div on L (W) and 77th Inf Div on R (E) continue to NE, meeting only minor resistance; by nightfall, U.S. line stretches SE across the island from point on W coast approximately 2,000 yds. NE of Agana town to point about 2,600 yds. NE of Taogam Pt. on E coast. Early in the day, RCT 306 reverts to 77th Inf Div, leaving its positions on S of FBL to 22d Marines (less 3d Bn) which reverts to 1st Provisional Marine Brig; 3d Bn of 22d Marines completes mopping up of Orote Peninsula. First Provisional Marine Brig continues extensive patrolling of S Guam.

Demoralized Japanese appear to be concentrating in Mt. Santa Rosa area; troop concentrations here hit by 50 U.S. planes and naval gunfire.

TINIAN: Organized enemy resistance ceases at 1855 and mopping up is begun. Final assault launched at 0800 and, against light to moderate resistance, U.S. Marines proceed to S end of island. Total Japanese casualties estimated at 4,858 as of 1800, by which time 1,980 enemy have been buried and 2,272 civilians interned. U.S. casualties to 1600: 172 killed, 904 wounded, and 31 missing.

Saipan-based P-47s furnish air support.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-four B-24s attack Truk, concentrating 59.5 tons of bombs on airfield at Eten and AA positions at Dublon; 3 of 6-8 interceptors shot down. At night, single B-24 bombs Dublon town. Eleven B-24s strike at Woleai, starting fires in supply area at Utagal I. Fais, Ngulu, Ngesebus airfield, and Angaur each raided by 1-2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: Eight Venturas release 10½ tons of bombs on AA and coastal defense batteries at Mili, while 2 Mariners drop 2 tons on Wotje airfield and personnel areas.

Nauru I.: Twenty-one B-25s concentrate 12.6 tons of bombs on airfield and dual purpose guns.

2 Marianas Is.: GUAM: Continuing northeastward advance at 0630, 3d Marine Div captures Tiyan airfield with little difficulty and continues to vicinity of Tumon Bay; 77th Inf Div meets increasingly strong resistance as day progresses, but succeeds in overrunning part of Barrigada village. At 0800, Garrison Force assumes responsibility for defense of Orote Peninsula and Cabras I.

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Aerial and naval bombardment of enemy positions on Guam continues.

TINIAN: Japanese remaining in caves and ravines on S Tinian are being eliminated. Garrison forces start unloading operations.

SAIPAN: Mopping up of enemy remnants is intensified. Since capture of Saipan, Japanese killed each day have averaged about 50.

PAGAN: U.S. planes from Saipan raid enemy positions.

Caroline Is.: Yap attacked by 19 B-24s which concentrate about 27 tons of bombs on airfield, wrecking 4 planes on ground and starting fires. Twelve B-25s hit Ponape airfields and installations with 42 tons of bombs. Tobi I. and targets in Palau and Woleai groups harassed by single B-24s.

Marshall Is.: Fifty U.S. planes continue neutralization of enemy guns: 16 SBDs and 11 F4Us drop 13 tons of bombs on Jaluit, 6 SBDs and 5 fighters hit Taroa with 3.5 tons, and 12 F4Us release 5.5 tons on Wotje.

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Marianas Is.: GUAM: Attacking at 0700, 3d Marines and 77th Inf Divs continue northward against increasing resistance, scoring gains of almost 2 mi. along entire front; by night-fall, U.S. line runs SE across the island from area about 2,400 yds. S of Amantes Pt. on W coast to point about 1,000 yds. N of Taguan Pt. on E; road junction in Finegayan area captured. Orote airfield now operational for all types of aircraft.

In 47 sorties, U.S. carrier planes support ground forces, hitting selected N Guam targets with over 19 tons of bombs and 77 rockets.

TINIAN: Formal flag-raising ceremony takes place at 1500. Mopping up operations continue. Enemy dead now estimated as 5,334. Japanese buried number 2,683, 53 prisoners taken, and 3,973 civilians interned. U.S. casualties to date: 235 killed, 1,310 wounded, 27 missing. Prisoners report that Vice Admiral Kakuta, Commander of 1st Air Fleet, and Colonel Ogata, Commanding Officer of 50th Inf Regt, were killed by U.S. arty fire on 24 July.

Caroline Is.: Yap and Woleai each receive 12 tons of bombs from 11 and 10 B-24s, respectively; at latter, supplies at Utagal I. hit. Utagal raided again by 2 B-24s. Single B-24s harass Sorol and Ifalik.

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4 First Carrier Task Force Pacific and Second Carrier Task Force Pacific established; these units are under command of Vice Adm. M.A. Mitscher and Vice Adm. J.S. McCain, respectively. Title, Commander Fast Carrier Task Forces Pacific, is discontinued.

Bonin-Volcano Is.: U.S. planes and warships of Task Groups 58.1 and 58.3 attack and virtually destroy enemy convoy intercepted about 25 mi. NW of Muka Jima. Carrier planes strike first, sinking 3 DDs or DEs, 4 AKs (4,000-5,000 tons), and 4 barges and damaging other vessels. At night, warships continue attack on convoy remnants, sinking 1 large DD, 1 AK, 1 large sampan, and several barges. Of entire convoy, only 1 damaged DD or DE is believed to have escaped. Surface vessels also sink small AO.

Iwo Jima, Haha Jima, and Chichi Jima harassed during night by total of 4 PB4Ys; 1 attacking plane fails to return.

Marianas Is.: GUAM: U.S. troops continue advance against light opposition; only slight progress made on L, but road junctions in Finegayan area are further secured; gains of about 1,000 yds. made on R and center and all of Mt. Barrigada occupied with little difficulty. First Provisional Marine Brig, relieved of defense of S flank by special task force, passes to ST&LF Reserve. Planes of Marine Air Group 21 land on Orote airfield.

Supporting ground forces, U.S. carrier planes attack enemy troops and supplies.

TINIAN: All waters around Tinian have been swept and mines found only in Asiga Bay.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-seven B-24s attack Moen and Dublon, Truk Atoll, concentrating 68 tons of bombs on airfield at former and on naval base, guns, and barracks at latter; explosions and fires caused among shore installations; medium AK off Dublon left burning. Yap airfield hit by 24 B-24s with over 39 tons of bombs; large explosion and fires result. Single B-24 raids warehouses on Angaur, Palau Is., while another fires 2 sea trucks in convoy W of the Palaus.

Marshall Is.: Fifty-seven F4Us strike at Wotje, releasing 26 tons of bombs on coastal defenses, AA positions, and magazines.

5 Bonin-Volcano Is.: U.S. carrier planes and surface vessels resume attacks during morning: planes destroy 1 DD or AM and 2 small vessels, probably destroy 2 small AKs and 3 luggers, possibly wreck 1 CL, and damage 1 DE, 3 landing craft, at least 5 barges, and 13 other small craft.

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Surface vessels and aircraft bombard shipping and shore installations at Chichi Jima, completely wrecking Omura town. In aerial attacks on Iwo Jima, Ani Jima, Haha Jima, and Muko Jima, ground installations are damaged. Six planes destroyed and 5 damaged on ground at Iwo Jima; another grounded plane wrecked at Chichi Jima. Six airborne enemy planes shot down. Sixteen U.S. planes lost to AA fire.

Marianas Is.: GUAM: U.S. troops accelerate pursuit of retreating enemy to prevent them from organizing for stand in Mt. Santa Rosa area. Against slight resistance, 77th Inf Div advances rapidly up coast on extreme R to point about 1,600 yds. N of Pagat Pt., a gain of nearly 3 mi.; on L, 3d Marine Div encounters enemy strongpoints along roads, but overruns Finégayan airfield in advance of about 2,700 yds. to area 600 yds. beyond Amante Pt. U.S. line by end of day is irregular, curving southward in center to depth of about 3,000 yds. Civilians within Allied line now number 22,000.

U.S. naval and arty fire is directed against Japanese troops and supplies on extreme N of Guam.

TINIAN: Mopping up of enemy remnants continues. U.S. assault troops are being reloaded for evacuation to Hawaii; unloading of garrison shipping is in progress.

SAIPAN: Since 15 July, 1,748 Japanese have been killed and 158 captured; 850 civilians killed or interned.

Caroline Is.: Ponape airfield is target for 12 tons of bombs dropped by 12 B-25s. Two PB4Ys, operating singly, later harass Ponape. At Yap, 23 B-24s damage pier and cause fires and explosions in bivouac and supply areas with 34 tons of bombs. Three B-24s drop 6 tons on Utagal I., Woleai. Two others raid Palau Is., while 1 harasses Sorol. PB4Y lightly bombs Param, Truk Atoll.

Marshall Is.: Twenty SBDS and 12 F4Us release 13 tons of bombs on gun positions at Jaluit, while 12 F4Us hit similar targets at Wotje with 3 tons.

6 Marianas Is.: GUAM: Pursuit of Japanese resumed at 0630 against continued light resistance but over more difficult terrain; 3d Marine Div on L gains 4,500 yds., advancing U.S. line on W coast to area about 2,400 yds. N of Hilaan Pt.; smaller gains made by 27th Inf Div on R.

Japanese concentrated in Yigo-Santa Rosa area heavily bombarded by aircraft, naval units, and arty. Marine Air Group 21 on Orote airfield takes over many functions of carrier planes.

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Caroline Is.: Army and Navy Liberators, totalling 21, participate in photographic and attack mission over Truk; 29.5 tons of bombs dropped; of 8-12 intercepting enemy aircraft, 2 probably destroyed. Twenty-three B-24s cause explosions and fires among supply dumps at Yap with 30 tons of bombs. Supplies at Utagal, Woleai Is., receive 7.5 tons from 4 B-24s. Single PB4Y raids phosphate plant on Fais I.

7 Marianas Is.: GUAM: Coordinated attack launched at 0730, with 1st Provisional Marine Brig now in line on L of 3d Marine Div, 3d Marine Div in center of line, and 77th Inf Div on R; Japanese, after moderate resistance, abandon Yigo village to 77th Inf Div; by nightfall, Allied line stretches from vicinity of Haputo Pt. on W to Lumuna Pt. on E. Evidence of mass enemy burials is found.

U.S. troops closely supported by carrier planes and naval gunfire; 46 aircraft strike at assigned targets, chiefly in Mt. Santa Rosa area; 18 tons of bombs dropped and areas W and N of Mt. Santa Rosa thoroughly strafed.

TINIAN: RCT 8 assumes tactical responsibility for Tinian at 1500.

Caroline Is.: With 31 tons of bombs, 24 B-24s successfully attack Yap town and gun positions; power house receives direct hit. Eleven B-25s raid Ponape, hitting new airfield with 11 tons of bombs; both airfields raided later in day by 2 heavy bombers with 3 tons and harassed during night by 2 patrol planes. Woleai targets hit by 2 B-24s. During night, recon plane bombs possible radar station on Mor I., Truk Atoll.

Marshall Is.: At Mili, command post, gun emplacements, and coastal defenses receive 30.5 tons of bombs from 46 SBDs, 26 F4Us, and 2 F6Fs. Two B-24s bomb Wotje radio station and dispersal area.

Nauru I.: Twenty-one B-25s aim 25 tons of bombs at phosphate plant, airstrips, and AA positions. Venturas, in 11 sorties, harass Nauru with about 10 tons of bombs.

Wake I.: Single B-24 bombs airfield and strafes shipping in harbor, sinking 1 small craft.

8 Marianas Is.: GUAM: Relentless pursuit of badly disorganized Japanese continues. In rapid northward advance, 1st Provisional Marine Brig reaches Ritidian Pt. on N tip of island while 77th Inf Div captures Mt. Santa Rosa and continues to Anao Pt. on E coast; wedge in center of line virtually splits enemy remnants on NE tip of Guam. Although

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few Japanese are found at Mt. Santa Rosa, enemy's chief source of water is located here and prepared positions indicate that this area had been chosen by Japanese as site of final stand.

Arty, carrier planes, and naval vessels support U.S. troops, firing on slopes of Mt. Santa Rosa prior to its capture and hitting selected targets on N Guam.

SAIPAN-TINIAN: Capture and occupation phase at Saipan and Tinian now complete, Commander of Fifth Fleet declares. CTF 57 assumes responsibility for air defense of the islands.

ROTA: Airfield strafed by 2 night fighters, attacked by 42 VFs, and bombarded by 1 cruiser and 2 DDs.

Caroline Is.: Yap town and airfield attacked by 21 B-24s with 32 1/2 tons of bombs. Three U.S. planes, operating singly, bomb Woleai, Fais, and Ponape.

Marshall Is.: Eighty-three U.S. planes raid gun positions at Jaluit, Taroa, and Wotje: 12 SBDs and 8 F4Us hit Jaluit with 10 tons; 41 SBDs, 12 F4Us, and 2 F6Fs strike at Taroa with 9.7 tons; 8 F4Us drop 4 tons on Wotje.

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Marianas Is.: GUAM: Continuing pursuit of Japanese at 0730, U.S. troops cover remainder of N Guam except for small section in Taeope area; only small groups of Japanese met.

TINIAN-Saipan: At 0830, 2d Marine Div CP closes at Tinian and opens on Saipan; the Div, except for RCT 8, is assigned to operational control of Commanding General, Saipan Garrison Forces. Fourth Marine Div CP closes on Tinian at 1200 and opens in the USS Cambria.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-six B-24s concentrate almost 65 tons of bombs on Truk targets, including Eten airfield, Dublon town area, and AA positions; 1 of 8-12 interceptors shot down. Yap again heavily hit: 23 B-24s start fires with 25.5 tons of bombs; 1 B-24 missing. Two B-24s drop 2 tons on Malakal I., Palau Is. Ponape airfields and installations receive 12 tons of bombs from 12 B-25s.

Marshall Is.: Taroa and Mili harassed by 2 PB4Ys.

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Japan: Twenty-four China-based B-29s of 20th Bomber Command attack industrial targets at Nagasaki, Kyushu I., during night, dropping 96 tons of bombs with results reported as good to excellent; bombing is partly visual and partly by radar; weak to moderate AA fire and weak fighter opposition met; 1 B-29 missing; another makes emergency landing in China.

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where it is strafed by 4 enemy fighters, 2 of which are destroyed by Allied fighters. Single B-29 bombs Sasebo with good results. Yingshan, China, is target of opportunity for another B-29.

Volcano Is.: Eighteen Saipan-based B-24s strike at Iwo Jima, concentrating over 47 tons of bombs on airfields and installations; 1 parked plane destroyed and several fires started on airfield; attack opposed by moderate to intense AA fire and 5-7 enemy fighters.

Marianas Is.: GUAM: Organized enemy resistance ceases at 1131; mopping up is initiated immediately. Escape of Japanese from the island has been largely cut off by naval patrolling. By 1800, 10,971 enemy dead counted, 86 prisoners taken, and 7 Japanese civilians interned. U.S. casualties by same time total 7,247, of which 1,214 have been killed, 5,704 wounded, and 329 are missing. Rear Admiral L.F. Reifsnider assumes duties of SOPA, Guam, and relieves Rear Admiral R.L. Conolly as CTF 53.

Principal enemy units participating in battle for Guam were main strength of 29th Div (including 18th, 38th, and 50th Inf Regts), 48th Independent Mixed Brig, and 10th Independent Mixed Regt. In addition, 54th Keibitai defended the island, particularly in the Agana-Orote-Agat area, with coastal and dual purpose guns. Command of Southern Marianas Area Group held by Lt. Gen. Takashina.

SAIPAN-TINIAN: Command of Saipan and Tinian passes from CTF 56.1 to the respective Island Commanders. Mopping up of enemy stragglers continues. Three P-47s assist in this on Tinian.

Chief Japanese combat units on Saipan have been identified as follows: Army--43d Div, reinf, and 47th Independent Mixed Brig; Navy--55th Maizuru Keibitai (Naval Guard Force) and 1st Yokosuka Special Naval Landing Force. Total enemy strength believed to have been 29,662, of which army units constitute 22,702. Command of enemy naval forces held by Vice Admiral Nagumo; Lt. General Saito in command of army forces.

On Tinian, elements of Japanese 50th Inf Regt, 29th Div, 1st Bn of 135th Inf Regt of 43d Div, and 58th Keibitai have been identified. Both Tinian and Saipan units are designated as Japanese Northern Marianas Area Group.

PAGAN: Twenty P-47s hit Pagan airfield with 10 tons of bombs.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-one B-24s continue destruction of Yap targets, hitting town and gun positions with 38 tons

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of bombs. Malakal I. and Woleai each raided by 2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: Mili gun positions attacked in force by 57 SBDs and 68 F4Us which unload 44.5 tons of bombs.

11 Caroline Is.: Koror I., Palau Is., harassed by 2 B-24s and Fais I. and Ponape by single Allied planes. B-24 damages 100-ft. vessel W of Palau Is.

Marshall Is.: Sixty-five SBDs and 91 F4Us concentrate on Mili coastal defense guns with over 48 tons of bombs. Six B-24s hit Wotje installations with 18 tons.

12 Bonin Is.: Sixteen B-24s attack Chichi Jima, dropping 39 tons of bombs on airfield and shipping; opposition limited to meager AA fire.

Marianas Is.: TG 56.1 (Northern Troops and Landing Force) is dissolved; command of all assault troops remaining in the Marianas assumed by Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps. Major General Turnage, USMC, relieves Major General Geiger, Commanding General, Third Amphibious Corps, as Commanding General, Southern Troops and Landing Force.

GUAM: Mopping up of enemy remnants continues. Caves are sealed when Japanese refuse to leave them. To date, counted Japanese dead number 11,502, 102 prisoners taken, 8 Japanese civilians interned, and 14,532 civilians in camps. U.S. casualties total 7,306, of which 1,227 are killed, 5,752 wounded, and 327 missing.

SAIPAN-TINIAN: Responsibility for defense and development of Saipan and Tinian passes from CTF 51 to CTF 57. Commanding Officer, USS Sagittarius, assumes duties of SOPA, Tinian, relieving CTF 52. Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific, takes over duties of SOPA at Saipan. Hq of CTF 59 closes at Kwajalein and opens at Saipan. Naval fire is directed against Japanese lodged in caves on Tinian.

PAGAN: Airfield and gun installations attacked by 10 B-25s and 1 B-24; 11.5 tons of bombs dropped.

ROTA: Thirty-one P-47s aim 11.5 tons of bombs at gun positions; targets also strafed.

Caroline Is.: Twelve B-25s hit Ponape airfield with 12 tons of bombs. Koror I., Palau Is., raided by single B-24.

Marshall Is.: Mili again heavily hit: 36 SBDs and 32 F4Us concentrate 33 tons of bombs on N tip.

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13 Mari Marianas Is.: Command Post of Southern Landing Force on Guam closes. Rota bombed and strafed by 12 P-47s.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-three B-24s unload 57.5 tons of bombs on Truk, 75% of load hitting targets, airfields and installations at Eten and Dublon; 1 of 7-9 interceptors shot down. Palau Is. harassed by 2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us bomb gun positions at Mili.

Nauru I.: Enemy installations receive about 12 tons of bombs from 17 B-25s.

14 Volcano Is.: Twenty-two B-24s strike at Iwo Jima, concentrating 55 tons of bombs on airfields and neighboring installations; meager AA fire and 4-9 enemy planes encountered; 2 B-24s lost.

Marianas Is.: Commander, Fifth Fleet, declares capture and occupation phase at Guam now complete. Overall responsibility for defense of Forward Area, Central Pacific, will be retained by Commander, Fifth Fleet, until he is relieved by Commander, Third Fleet. Lt. General Holland M. Smith, USMC, is released from command of TG 56 (Expeditionary Troops) and this task group is dissolved.

Twelve B-25s release 12 tons of bombs on runways and gun positions at Pagan. Rota AA positions bombed and strafed by 8 P-47s. Small islands N of Saipan harassed by single PB4Y.

Caroline Is.: Koror I., Palau Is., raided by 2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us strike again at Mili gun positions.

15 Marianas Is.: Island Commander, Guam, assumes command of the island. Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific (CTF 57), becomes responsible for defense and development of Guam, relieving CTF 51 (Commander Joint Expeditionary Force), and CTF 51 is dissolved. Air defense passes from CTF 53 (Commander Group Third Amphibious Force) to Commander Air, Guam. CTF 53 is temporarily assigned to command of Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific. All assault troops remaining in Marianas under command of Commander, Fifth Amphibious Corps.

Caroline Is.: Ponape airfield and gun installations at Jokaj are targets for 12 B-25s with 12 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us attack coastal defenses at Mili.

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- 16 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Seventeen B-24s attack Chichi Jima, bombing airfield and seaplane base. Iwo Jima harassed at night by single B-24; no opposition met.
- Marianas Is.: Two PB4Ys raid Maug I., destroying radio station and probably weather station with 4.5 tons of bombs. Airfields and gun positions at Pagan and Rota hit by U.S. planes: 1 B-24 and 20 P-47s bomb and strafe Pagan; 24 F4Us strafe Rota.
- Caroline Is.: Harassing of Koror I., Palau Is., continued by 2 B-24s.
- Marshall Is.: F4Us bomb shelter area at Taroa.
- 17 Volcano Is.: Iwo Jima is target for 19 B-24s which release over 29 tons of bombs plus 310 fragmentation clusters on airfield, stores, and buildings; meager AA fire and several intercepting fighters fail to damage attackers. Twenty P-47s concentrate about 14 tons of bombs on Pagan AA positions, despite intense ground fire.
- Caroline Is.: Twenty-five B-24s strike at Truk, concentrating 62½ tons of bombs in warehouse and storage area at Dublon; 1 of 6 intercepting enemy planes shot down. Allied patrol planes bomb Fonape town area.
- Marshall Is.: Mili coastal defenses attacked by SBDs and F4Us.
- 18 Marianas Is.: To date, 14,067 Japanese have been killed and 119 prisoners taken on Guam; of these, 593 Japanese have been killed during mopping up operations since 12 August. From 12 August to date, 187 Japanese have been killed and 15 prisoners taken on Saipan; during same period, 201 enemy killed and 15 captured on Tinian.
- P-47s hit AA positions at Pagan with 8 tons of bombs. Rota strafed by F4Us from Guam.
- Caroline Is.: Three B-24s harass Palau targets, causing fires and explosions at Koror and Malakal islands.
- Marshall Is.: Gun positions and installations at Mili heavily raided by SBDs and F4Us.
- Nauru I.: Runways and gun positions attacked by 19 B-25s.
- 19 Marianas Is.: To assist in mopping up operations, P-47s drop fire bombs on Tinian. Installations on Anatahan I.

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bombed by other P-47s. F4Us from Guam again strafe Rota.
Caroline Is.: Two B-24s raid Koror I., Palau Is.
Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us continue neutralization
of enemy guns on Mili and Wotje.

20 Japan: In heavy daylight attack on Yawata, Kyushu, 61 B-29s of 20th Bomber Command drop 90 tons of bombs on industrial targets; 10 more strike at night with 15.5 tons. Bombing is chiefly visual and good results are achieved, particularly in 1st attack. Daylight mission meets moderate to strong air opposition and moderate to intense, accurate AA fire. Little opposition met by night attackers. Of the remaining 17 planes airborne in forward area, 5, operating singly, raid targets of opportunity, 3 of them in China, and 12 fail to attack. During entire operation, claims against Japanese aircraft are: 14 shot down, 13 probably, and 11 damaged. U.S. plane losses total 15, of which 1 is lost to AA fire, 3 are shot down, and 11 fail to return for reasons unknown.

Marianas Is.: Rear Admiral L.F. Reifsnider is relieved as SOPA, Guam, by the Deputy Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific.

P-47s meet intense AA fire at Pagan where 8 tons of bombs are dropped on dock and automatic weapons. Rota gun positions bombed and strafed by F4Us. Single B-24 raids Alamagan I.

Caroline Is.: In 1st attack on Yap by land-based planes from Central Pacific, 20 B-24s of 7th AAF concentrate 40 tons of bombs on installations near airfield. Koror I., Palau Is., again harassed by 2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: Gun positions at Wotje and Mili again hit: SBDs and F4Us strike at latter and F4Us at Wotje.

21 Marcus I.: Two PB4Ys of TF 59 intercept 2 enemy vessels (750 and 2,000 tons) apparently en route to Marcus I. and damage both of them.

Marianas Is.: Nineteen P-47s strike at Pagan, bombing AA positions. Rota airfield bombed and strafed by F4Us.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-seven B-24s attack Moen and Dublon, Truk Atoll, dropping 56 tons of bombs on AA installations, radio station, and warehouses; 3 explosions result. Yap again hit by aircraft from Central Pacific. 20 B-24s cause

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explosions and large fires among airfield installations and barracks with 38.5 tons of bombs. Ponape airfields receive 12 tons of bombs from B-25s. Single B-24 raids Koror I., Palau Is.

Marshall Is.: Mili again raided by SBDs and F4Us; radio station and gun positions are chief targets; powder stores fired.

22 Marianas Is.: Task Force 53 is dissolved. In 2 attacks on Pagan, 20 P-47s and 3 B-24s bomb runways and AA positions; intense, accurate AA fire met by P-47s, 1 of which is lost. Runway at Rota raided by F4Us.

Caroline Is.: Central Pacific B-24s again strike at Yap, concentrating 34 tons of bombs on barracks and installations W of airfield. Ponape airfields cratered by B-25s. Single B-24 harasses Ulithi; 2 others start fires at Koror I., Palau Is. While on patrol, B-24 attacks and damages 160-ft. DP tender off Palau.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and F4Us attack Mili gun positions; similar targets at Wotje bombed by F4Us.

Nauru Is.: Airfields and installations receive 21 tons of bombs from B-25s.

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BONIN IS.: Sinking a large and a small AK and damaging another small AK; 1 B-24 lost. In night raid on Iwo Jima, 2 B-24s release 5 tons of bombs, meeting no opposition.

Marianas Is.: Systematic neutralization of Agiguan by air and small surface vessels starts; P-47s wreck command post and damage guns here. P-47s bomb gun positions and buildings at Pagan, while F4Us raid Rota guns.

Caroline Is.: Nineteen B-24s of 7th AAF attack Yap, hitting personnel areas and air installations with 40.5 tons of bombs. Koror I., Palau Is., again bombed by 2 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: At Mili, gun positions, radio station, and bivouac area bombed by SBDs, F4Us, and 5 B-24s. F4Us hit Wotje gun positions.

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Marianas Is.: Continuing neutralization of enemy installations on Agiguan, 18 P-47s damage gun positions with near misses, start fires among stores, and wreck a number of buildings. Similar force bombs gun positions at Pagan.

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Rota installations raided by F4Us.

Caroline Is.: At Ponape, 12 B-25s drop about 10 tons of bombs on new airfield and AA positions; fire started among warehouses. Koror I., Palau Is., hit by 1 B-24.

Marshall Is.: Mili gun positions raided by F4Us.

25 Volcano Is.: Nineteen B-24s unload 47 tons of bombs on airfields at Iwo Jima and shoot down 3 of 7-12 intercepting enemy planes.

Marianas Is.: Pagan raided by 20 P-47s and Agiguan by 11.

Caroline Is.: Twenty-nine B-24s attack Truk, unloading 64 tons of bombs on Param and Moen; B-24s opposed by meager but accurate AA fire and 7-9 fighters. Palau targets heavily hit by 36 B-24s; 84 tons of bombs dropped on Koror town and Malakal Harbor; large explosion and fires result at 1st target; at Malakal, 1 barge destroyed and a beached vessel hit; slight to moderate AA fire and 8 enemy fighters oppose attack; 1 B-24 shot down. In an earlier raid on Koror I., 2 B-24s start 7 fires and cause large explosion. Barracks area at Yap raided by single B-24.

Marshall Is.: Forty SBDs and 46 F4Us strike at Mili, dropping over 32 tons of bombs among buildings. At Wotje, 20 F4Us release 9.5 tons on gun positions and strafe seaplane base.

Nauru I.: Thirty B-25s bomb Nauru, concentrating on town area, runway, and gun positions.

26 Volcano Is.: Iwo Jima airfield and installations attacked by 19 B-24s with 42.5 tons of bombs; intense, accurate AA fire and 8-10 interceptors oppose B-24s; 2 enemy fighters shot down and others damaged; 12 B-24s damaged.

Marianas Is.: P-47s bomb and strafe gun positions and village on Agiguan I., starting a number of fires.

Caroline Is.: Palau targets hit before dawn and at noon: in pre-dawn strike, 2 B-24s start fires in Koror town; 33 B-24s attack at noon, dropping 57 tons of bombs on Peleliu and Koror; 3 parked planes demolished and large fires and explosions caused. Eleven B-25s hit Ponape airfields and gun positions with 11 tons of bombs. Single B-24 harasses Yap and Woleai.

Marshall Is.: Mili bombed and strafed by SBDs and F4Us which concentrate on personnel areas, gun positions, and other station. F4Us raid Maloelap.

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- 27 Volcano Is.: Iwo Jima receives about 2.5 tons of fragmentation clusters during night from 1 B-24.
- Marianas Is.: Responsibility for Forward Area, Central Pacific, assumed by Commander, Third Fleet. Sixteen P-47s release 8 tons of bombs on AA positions at Pagan and strafe Alamagan.
- Caroline Is.: Woleai and Yap harassed by total of 6 PB4Ys and 1 B-24. Two B-24s raid Koror town area before dawn.
- Marshall Is.: Gun positions at Mili successfully raided by SBDs and F4Us.
- 28 Volcano Is.: Iwo Jima twice attacked by B-24s: 13 planes strike during daylight, dropping about 20 tons of bombs near S airfield; at night, 7 B-24s release over 11 tons of fragmentation clusters on airfield.
- Marianas Is.: Pagan raided several times by total of 7 B-24s and 16 P-47s; radio station, air installations, and AA positions are among targets bombed and strafed. Three P-47s hit Alamagan with fire bombs.
- Caroline Is.: Koror town raided before dawn by 2 B-24s. At noon, 28 B-24s strike at targets in Palau Is., including Koror, Malakal, Peleliu airfield, and Arakabesan seaplane base; 48.5 tons of bombs start a number of fires; 1 B-24 lost to AA fire. Yap again bombed by 1 B-24.
- Marshall Is.: Mili gun positions heavily hit by SBDs and F4Us. F4Us bomb AA positions at Wotje.
- 29 Volcano Is.: Iwo Jima again raided at night: 2 B-24s bomb installations with unobserved results.
- Marianas Is.: Sixteen P-47s strafe AA positions at Pagan during day; at night, 7 B-24s, diverted from Iwo Jima, bomb Pagan airfield.
- Caroline Is.: At Truk Atoll, 21 B-24s unload 52.5 tons of bombs on Moen airfields, wrecking enemy plane on runway. Airfields at Ponape receive 12 tons of bombs from 12 B-24s. Single B-24 raids dispersal area at Yap.
- Marshall Is.: Mili and Taroa gun emplacements hit by SBDs and F4Us.
- 30 Marianas Is.: Fourteen P-47s start fires at Pagan while strafing storage areas and automatic weapons. Yap harassed by single B-24.

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Caroline Is.: Koror town and Malakal are Palau targets for 27 and 6 B-24s, respectively; at former, 58.5 tons of bombs destroy warehouse and many buildings and cause a number of fires and explosions; huge explosion and fire results at Malakal.

Marshall Is.: Mili gun positions pounded by 43 SBDs and 65 F4Us; load includes half-ton bombs.

Nauru I.: Thirty-six B-25s strike at airfields and gun positions, starting fires with $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton bombs.

31 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Three-day assault on enemy installations and shipping by TG 38.4 is initiated.

Marianas Is.: Pagan targets hit by several missions of B-24s and P-47s; B-24s drop 8.5 tons of bombs on radio station and AA positions; 8 P-47s destroy about 5 enemy guns near runway with 48 rockets; other P-47s strafe Pagan. Yap harassed by 1 B-24.

Caroline Is.: Thirty-four B-24s hit Palau Is. with 60 tons of bombs: 22 of the planes start large fires at Peleliu airdrome; 2 raid Babelthaup airdrome; 9 cause large explosion and a number of fires in Koror town; 1 bombs Angaur. Yap installations raided by 1 B-24.

Marshall Is.: Two B-24s and unreported number of SBDs and F4Us concentrate 69 tons of bombs on buildings and gun positions at Mili. Personnel areas at various islands harassed during month by small groups of PBVs.

Nauru I.: Venturas have made frequent small-scale attacks on Nauru throughout the month.

Wake I.: Wake installations hit on several occasions during month by U.S. patrol planes.

Kurile Is.: U.S. Army and Navy planes continue attacks on enemy installations and shipping, striking on several occasions during month; Paramushiru airfields are chief targets; several enemy aircraft and small vessels destroyed.

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- 1 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Enemy installations in Choiseul Bay area bombed by 24 SBDs; scattered targets hit by 12 Venturas, 4 F4Us, and 2 TBFs.
- New Britain-New Ireland: Sixteen SBDs and 61 F4Us attack Rabaul area; targets include Tobera and Rapopo airfields and defense installations at Toboi wharf. Twelve F4Us sweep over E New Ireland coast, destroying buildings. Kavieng airfield raided by 12 SBDs.
- New Guinea: Aitape: North Force (consisting of 124th Inf, 28 Bn of 169th Inf, and Co A, 632d Td Bn), commanded by Brig. Gen. Stark, consolidates positions on a 2 mi. front extending from coast along Niumen Creek, E of the Drinumor. South Force (112th Cav Regt, 3d Bn of 127th Inf, and 120th FA) repulses suicidal attack of 400-500 enemy troops in vicinity of Afua, then counterattacks to S.
- Twenty-three Beauforts and P-39s bomb and strafe enemy positions E of the Drinumor; 26 tons of bombs dropped and excellent coverage reported. Boiken plantation near Wewak raided by 11 A-20s and a B-25.
- Dutch New Guinea: Patrolling in all U.S. occupied areas continues. Enemy casualties to date number 9 killed and 7 captured in Sansapor area; 970 killed, 68 Japanese and 402 Formosans captured on Noemfoor I.: 3,450 killed and 656 captured in Hollandia area.
- Fifty P-40s and 28 P-38s patrol Sansapor area. Three B-25s sink a lugger S of Sorong and raid Bira village N of McCluer Gulf. Wardo village and trail 2 mi. to SE, Biak I., strafed by 5 B-25s with unobserved results.
- N.E.I.: Single PBV sinks an enemy AK/AP near Soela Is. and probably sinks another off NE coast of Celebes I.; intense AA fire encountered from escorting vessels.

- 2 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Two TBFs and 48 F4Us attack S Bougainville targets, hitting bridges and huts.
- New Britain-New Ireland: Supply base at Talili Bay effectively raided by 18 SBDs and 17 F4Us. Kavieng airfield bombed during night by 2 B-25s; 16 F4Us hit same target in daylight raid. Buildings SE of Fangalawa Bay bombed by 12 F4Us and 7 Venturas, respectively.
- New Guinea: Aitape: Patrolling S and E of Niumen Creek continues. First Bn of 169th Inf moves along Afua-Palarau Track to join South Force in Afua area.
- Communication routes, enemy villages, and troops E of the Drinumor attacked by 25 Beauforts with 12 phosphorus

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bombs and 26 tons of demolitions. Total of 18 A-20s, 8 P-47s, 12 P-39s, and 1 B-25 raids bridges and bivouacs in But and Boram areas.

Dutch New Guinea: Patrols of 1st Inf Regt (6th Div) are active along the Wesan R. and S of main beachhead at C. Opmarai (Sansapor); 1 Japanese medical officer with 92 men surrenders in a body.

Nabire airfield on S coast of Geelvink Bay attacked by 20 A-20s; large fuel fires result. Korim Bay area, Biak I., strafed by an unstated number of P-39s while 4 P-39s raid Pegun village on Mapia I. (NW of Biak).

N.E.I.: Enemy bivouacs at Mina, about 31 mi. NE of Koepang, attacked by 27 B-25s with 36 tons of bombs; smoke and fire obscure results. Of 18 B-24s dispatched to bomb Laha airfield, Ambon I., 2 hit target through overcast, 1 bombs Liang airfield, and 12 attack gun positions at C. Chater and Lautem airfields, Timor I., causing explosions. Liang dispersal areas and runway, Ambon I., attacked by 21 B-24s; 37.8 tons of bombs dropped and 10 of 20 grounded enemy planes destroyed. Off N coast of Ceram I., 2 B-25s destroy a seatruck and sink several supply vessels.

3. Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In upper Laruma valley, a patrol of 164th Inf (Americal Div) enroute to Ibu engages in a fire fight with enemy troops N of Sisivie; 26 enemy killed. Co B, 164th Inf, contacts enemy positions near Igiaru; arty fire is concentrated on area with good results. Japanese troops along Jaba R. (Empress Augusta Bay area) shelled by DE with aid of a spotter plane. Six B-25s and 24 SBDs attack targets along Choiseul Bay and start fires on Taro I. Thirty F4Us sweep over S Bougainville, destroying a MG position and 3 barges in Tonolei Harbor. Buka I. raided by 30 F4Us; islands W of Buka Passage hit during night by PBVs.

New Britain-New Ireland: Fourteen F4Us hit sawmill at Keravat and buildings near Tobera; 1 F4U lost. Six Venturas and 24 F4Us attack New Ireland targets, hitting Kavieng airfield and destroying many bridges and buildings in Namatanai area; PBVs at night bomb Hunter Pt.

New Guinea: Aitape: The 124th RCT, with 2d Bn of 169th Inf attached, attacks S, with mission of cutting the Afua Trail and forcing enemy troops into the Drinumor R. defense line. At 0800, attacking force crosses Niumen Creek with 3d Bn on L and 2d Bn, 169th Inf, on R. 1st Bn follows attack-

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ing Bns and 2d Bn remains in force reserve. About 300 yds. W of Niumen Creek enemy troops estimated at 4 companies oppose attacking bns. After bitter fighting, Japanese troops are forced back about 800 yds. along entire front. During night Allied planes drop rations and medical supplies to all units. Enemy force of 200-300 troops attacks positions of Cos B and C, 127th Inf, in Afua area; 2 suicide rushes are made but Allied arty and inf fire repulses both attacks.

Twenty-two Beauforts cooperating with ground troops drop 21½ tons of bombs on enemy concentrations near Afua. Coastal bridges, MT, and bivouacs near Brandi Plantation (Wewak) raided by 12 A-20s, 8 P-39s, 4 P-47s, and a B-25.

Dutch New Guinea: Second Bn, 163d Inf, (41st Div) in an amphibious shore-to-shore operation lands on beach at Korim Bay (NE coast of Biak I.), which remnants of Japanese garrison have attempted to use as a supply base and route of escape; 20 enemy killed and 13 prisoners taken; considerable equipment captured or destroyed. Prior to landing 2 B-25s bomb and strafe Korim Bay area.

Enemy huts along Kor R. strafed by 18 P-40s, covering Sansapor area. Keawka village on SW coast raided by 6 Beauforts.

N.E.I.: Six B-24s drop 15 tons of bombs on Faan airfield, Kei Is.

44 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Platoons I and R (132d Inf) leave Torokina to reconnoiter the Jaba area.

Japanese gardens in Choiseul Bay area hit by 6 B-25s and 24 SBDs which start fires. During night single B-25, 2 TBFs, and 22 F4Us sweep over Bougainville I., destroying buildings and causing fires. Buka plantation raided by 16 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul targets harassed during night by 2 B-25s and in daylight hours by 54 F4Us and 51 SBDs which hit gun positions and fire fuel dumps. In day and night attacks, defense installations at Kavieng, bridges and huts near Namatanai, and buildings and MT in Keravat area are bombed by 2 B-25s, 25 F4Us, and 6 Venturas.

New Guinea: Aitape: Over rough terrain North Force continues its attack S; leading units overcome resistance; 6 MG, a mountain gun, and a quantity of ammunition destroyed and 49 Japanese (identified as 239th Inf and 26th FA) killed in the advance. Third Bn cuts the Afua Trail (enemy evacuation route) at 1430. Fighting in Afua area continues.

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resistance reported weakening. Japanese killed in Aitape operations to date number 5,413; 66 prisoners taken.

Thirty-five Beauforts unload 34 tons of bombs on troop concentrations near Afua while 26 P-39s strafe enemy Hq and storage areas. Villages near Dagua and stores at Boram hit by 24 A-20s and 4 P-47s, respectively.

Dutch New Guinea: Patrols of 2d Bn, 163d Inf, move inland to N, S, and E to block trails leading to beachhead at Korim Bay; 40 Japanese killed and 35 captured during day. U.S. patrols are active from Bn CPs located at Manoekwari and Namber on Noemfoor I.; total enemy killed to date reaches 1,017 with 78 Japanese, 410 Formosans, and 355 Javanese captured.

Nine B-25s operating with ground troops drop 5 tons of bombs on Korim Bay targets while 5 more hit enemy positions SE of Korim Bay. Pegun village, Mapia I., raided by 3 P-39s. Twelve A-20s destroy several buildings in Nabire airfield. Four B-25s set a fuel tank and several derricks on fire at Klamona oilfield, SE of Sorong. Three enemy planes make ineffective night raid on Kornasoren airfield, Noemfoor I., 1 bomber shot down by Allied fighter; also, during night single enemy plane hits Mokmer airfield, Biak I.; no damage reported.

N.E.I.: Two missions of B-24s escorted by P-38s unable to reach primary target, Laha airfield, strike Japanese oil center at Boela, Ceram I., causing fires and explosions; lone interceptor shot down by P-38. Enemy shipping near Ambon I. hit by a B-25 which damages 11 small vessels and shoots down 1 of 6 interceptors. Pier at Fanana, Soela Is., bombed and possibly destroyed by single B-24.

5. Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In support of ground troops, single DD and tanks aboard LCTs bombard enemy installations at mouth of the Jaba R. (Empress Augusta Bay area) with rocket fire. Six Venturas bomb troop concentrations S of the Jaba with good results. Buka I. raided by 24 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul raided before dawn by 5 B-25s and bombed during day by 15 SBDs and 25 F4Us; gun positions hit and large explosion results. Eighteen F4Us bomb Kavieng airfield; S New Ireland targets and Gazelle area raided by 11 F4Us.

New Guinea: Aitape: Moving as separate bns, North Force overcomes all opposition in drive to S and W; 1st Bn advances S for 1½ hours, then turns W and cuts the Afua Trail at a point about 1,500 yds. E of Afua; 3d Bn, advancing S, wipes out enemy troops on high ground commanding the Afua

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Trail; 2d Bn pushes 800 yds. S along Niumen Creek; estimated 200 enemy killed and many documents captured (identifying 78th, 237th, and 239th Inf, 18th Eng, and 18th Army Signal Unit, and verifying W movement of 18th Imperial Army).

Ten Beauforts cooperating with PTs hit coastal targets E of Yakumul; heavy shore fire encountered. Ten P-39s and 7 Beauforts attack barges and gun positions and explode an ammunition dump in Suain-Wewak area.

Dutch New Guinea: Japanese Second Army reported to be retreating from Geelvink Bay area and the upper Vogelkop to S and W in attempt to evacuate survivors from ports on McCluer Gulf. According to Hq communique, "the practical effectiveness of the Second Army commanded by Gen. Fustaro Teshima is rapidly approaching an end." In Maffin Bay-Sarmi area, Allied patrols locate new minefields in vicinity of Sawar airdrome.

Sansapor area covered by 63 P-40s, some of which strafe enemy-held sectors in Sansapor-Sorong area. Nabire airfield (Geelvink Bay) raided by 36 A-20s which cause fuel fires with 12 tons of bombs. Docks and installations at Kokas (McCluer Gulf) bombed by 6 B-24s.

N.E.I.: Boela storage installations attacked by 32 B-24s which cause large fuel fires with 62 tons of bombs; 7 enemy planes are airborne but fail to intercept; 1 B-24 lost to AA fire. In sweep over Besar I. and N coast of Ceram I., 21 B-25s hit enemy villages, sink a seatruck, and set an ammunition dump on fire. Before dawn Allied patrol planes attack an AK/AP in the Banda Sea, sink an AK and damage 2 others W of Talaud Is., hit shipping in Lembah Strait, Celebes I., and sink a seatruck and damage 2 more off Ambon I.

Philippine Is.: Sasa airfield, NE of Davao on Mindanao I., bombed at night by a B-24 and during early morning hours, by 2 B-24s with unobserved results.

6 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Widespread targets on Bougainville strafed by 20 F4Us; 4 F4Us hit gun installations on Sohana I.

New Guinea: Aitape: At 0300 Japanese troops, in attempt to reestablish withdrawal route, launch an attack against 3d Bn's perimeter, using heavy knee mortars and MGs. Co F of 2d Bn passes through 3d Bn lines on R of Niumen Creek but is pinned down by enemy fire while Co E on L bank pushes slowly ahead to outflank the enemy. At 1100, 2d Bn, 124th RCT, is ordered to withdraw to the Afua Trail while

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3d Bn withdraws under fire to high ground commanding the trail. During day a new enemy supply trail running parallel to the Afua Trail about 800 yds. to the S is located by a 1st Bn patrol; heavy arty fire is concentrated on this trail.

Seven Beauforts and 9 P-39s bomb and strafe barges, MT, and supplies in Wewak-Yakumul area.

Dutch New Guinea: Recent patrol activity to E and S of Maffin Bay adds 120 enemy killed and 22 captured, bringing total casualties, to date, to 3,397 enemy killed and 64 prisoners taken.

Twenty-four A-20s operate with ground troops, attacking enemy positions in the Sarimi area. Twelve P-40s hit Sansapor area, strafing huts and damaging barges. Supply area at Manokwari raided by 4 P-39s.

N.E.I.: Four B-25s destroy a 1,500-ton AK/AP and damage a 150-ton lugger in the Banda Sea area.

7 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Third Bn, 164th Inf, relieves 1st Bn, 164th Inf, upper Laruma valley; Btry C of 245th FA Bn is relieved by Btry A, 221st FA Bn. An attack on U.S. trail block near Kakavaropala by enemy troops estimated at 1 co. is repulsed after a 5½ hour fire fight. During night the enemy attacks again but is driven back; 31 Japanese killed in day and night attacks for Allied casualties of 2 killed and 8 wounded. Four B-25s, 22 SBDs, and 26 F4Us drop 22 tons of bombs in Kahili area, destroying 2 guns and damaging 4.

New Britain-New Ireland: Sixteen F4Us and 6 Venturas bomb Gazelle Peninsula and W New Ireland targets, destroying buildings. Kavieng airfield raided at night by 2 B-25s and during day by 18 F4Us and 4 Venturas.

New Guinea: Aitape: With heavy arty support, North Force overcomes stubborn resistance in advance W toward Afua. Enemy attacks against 2d Bn's perimeter end at dawn; at 0800, 2d Bn starts push W, moving 800 yds. to contact 1st Bn at 1400. Meanwhile, elements of 1st Bn move S and cut alternate enemy supply route. By nightfall, 2d Bn, 169th Inf, has pushed SW to establish perimeter astride the Afua Trail while 3d Bn has moved to stream which crosses the Afua Trail and Niumen Creek. South Force attacks S of Afua to clear out enemy groups from Afua to foothills of the Torricelli Mts.

Enemy troops along Drindaria R. attacked by 64 Beauforts; 61 tons of bombs dropped and good results obtained. Total of 18 A-20s, 2 B-25s, 35 P-40s, and 8 P-39s attacks Aitape-Wewak area; communication lines, coastal villages, Boram

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bivouac areas, and an ammunition dump near Dagua are chief targets hit.

Dutch New Guinea: Co E of 163d Inf moves S along Korim-Sorido Track, Biak I.; meanwhile Co F of 162d Inf advances N from Sorido along same track; isolated enemy groups eliminated by both companies.

Wardo area, W coast of Biak I., bombarded by U.S. frigate. Sawija village about 30 mi. inland from Hollandia attacked by 31 A-20s which bomb a wireless station and heavily strafe enemy personnel. Forty-seven P-40s, furnishing air cover for Sansapor-Sorong area, strafe targets along coast; 8 others hit MT and small craft in McCluer Gulf area.

N.E.I.: Nineteen B-24s strike Galela and Lolobata airfields, Halmahera I., with approximately 50 tons of bombs; 14 enemy planes destroyed on ground and others damaged; 7 enemy fighters are airborne but do not intercept; weather prevents 5 more B-24s and fighter cover from reaching target.

Philippine Is.: Prior to dawn single B-24 attacks 2,000-ton enemy AK in Saragani Bay, SW of Mindanao; results not reported.

8 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Gun positions and barracks in Buin area attacked by 50 F4Us, 24 SBDs, and 5 B-25s.

New Guinea: Aitape: Fire from 120th FA Bn is halted after concentration falls in 1st Bn's perimeter. Second Bn, 124th Inf, followed by 1st Bn, pushes W and crosses the Drinumor at a point near Selep; 3d Bn, after furnishing protection for an evacuation train, moves 500-yds. W to establish bivouac area 600 yds. E of the Drinumor while 2d Bn, 169th Inf, in advance of 400 yds. W, kills 120 Japanese and sets up perimeter for night about 110 yds. E of Niumen Creek. South Force wipes out enemy pockets along Drindaria R. Japanese casualties for last 3 days of fighting by North Force estimated at 1,800; U.S. casualties, 61 killed and 180 wounded.

Enemy positions in Yakumul area shelled by U.S. DDs and PTs under cover of 4 Beauforts. Bridges, buildings, and fuel stores in Wewak area attacked by 16 P-47s, 12 P-39s, and 6 A-20s.

Dutch New Guinea: Sixty-one P-40s patrol Sansapor-Sorong area; many camp fires observed along river about 30 mi. W of Manokwari; PTs using rockets attack area with good results. Four B-24s demolish buildings at Manokwari; barges, MT, and a sawmill between Manokwari and Waren airfield strafed by 4 Beaufighters. Twelve B-25s raid enemy villages on N coast of Waigeo I. Babo airfield bombed by an unreported

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number of B-24s; other B-24s hit Utarom runway. Villages in McCluer Gulf area strafed by 4 P-40s; 1 P-40 missing. Before dawn lone enemy bomber unsuccessfully drops a few bombs on Namber airfield, Noemfoor I.; no damage caused.

N.E.I.: Villages on W coast of Waigeo I. bombed by 12 B-25s while single B-25 raids Morotai I. Enemy installations on Babar I. strafed by 4 Beaufighters. During night patrolling B-24s damages 2 2,000-ton AKs in Kaoe Bay, Halmahera I.

Philippine Is.: Lasang airfield about 12 mi. N of Davao raided at night by a B-24.

9 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Enemy attack on Allied outpost in upper Laruma valley is repulsed; 31 Japanese killed. Two TBFs raid SW coast of Bougainville, wrecking 2 bridges. Monoitu Mission strafed by 14 Venturas.

New Britain-New Ireland: During night 5 B-25s raid Wunakanau area, starting widespread fires. Tawui Pt. attacked by 59 F4Us and 15 SBDs which destroy buildings and gun positions; sawmills at Keravat set on fire by 36 F4Us. Four B-25s bomb Kavieng before dawn; attack on same target and enemy shore positions to SE continued during day by 18 F4Us.

New Guinea: Aitape: All organized Japanese resistance in Drinumor-Afua area is broken; survivors of Gen. Hatazo Adachi's 18th Army are reported fleeing S into the Torricelli Mts. and E of Yakumul toward Wewak. Troops of 112th Cav establish effective road block S of Afua. Third Bn, 124th Inf, reaches the Drinumor without encountering the enemy; meanwhile, 2d Bn, 169th Inf, with 13 litter cases makes slow progress and bivouacs for night at a point 600 yds. W of Niunen Creek. From 2-9 Aug, 2,669 enemy reported killed and 34 captured.

Enemy groups retreating along coast E of Parakovic bombed by 9 Beauforts. Gun positions at C. Mom in Wewak area raided by 6 A-20s and P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: Native patrols on W coast of Biak I. report continuous evacuation by enemy from Wardo N to Korido and Napido. Six guns are moved by LCTs (675th AAA MG Btry) to C. Opmarai, Sansapor area, and are set up along beach to provide AA protection for radar unit.

Twenty-five P-40s patrol Sansapor area; no ammunition expended but 2 planes collide and crash. In Geelvink Bay area, Nabire installations receive 11.5 tons of bombs by 18 A-20s while 15 P-40s drop 28 100-kilogram Japanese bombs on huts and MT in vicinity of Kansiki airfield. Enemy bivouacs

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near Babo (McCluer Gulf area) bombed by 24 A-20s.

N.E.I.: Force of 24 B-25s attacks shipping in Wasile and Kaoe Bays, Halmahera I., with following results: 2 2,000-ton AKs, 2 seatrucks, 1 lugger, and several small craft sunk; 1 large AK and 1 2,000-ton vessel damaged. Single B-24 strafes and heavily damages a 1,500-ton vessel in Beo Bay, Talaud Is.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: First Bn, 132d Inf, reinf by a platoon of 82d Cml Bn, and supported by Btry C, 247th FA Bn, in position near the Tekessi R. mouth, lands N of Jaha R. mouth; 1 platoon crosses the Jaha R. and reduces pillboxes in area, and drives the enemy inland; of an estimated 20 Japanese encountered, 6 are killed. Targets in SW Bougainville bombed and strafed by 5 B-25s, 5 TBFs, and 8 Venturas.

Guadalcanal: Guadalcanal CP of 13th AF rear echelon closed, joining AF Hq at Los Negros.

New Britain-New Ireland: Four B-25s make night raid on Vunakanau and Kavieng airfields, causing fires. Rabaul area bombed by 94 F4Us, 38 SBDs, and 12 B-25s; Kavieng hit by 16 SBDs; many fires started at both targets.

New Guinea: Aitape: Relief of troops in Persecution Covering Force (32d Inf Div, 112th Cav Regt, and 124th RCT) by elements of 43d Div is begun. Second Bn, 169th Inf reaches the Drinumor R., without encountering the enemy. The 124th RCT marches rapidly along the Drinumor R. Trail to the beach.

Sixteen Beauforts bomb and strafe enemy troops at Babiang, Chemiau, and on Kairiru I. Enemy targets along the Anumbe R. in Suain-But area raided by 16 P-39s. Two U.S. DDs destroy bridge at end of Salaminera Creek between Aitape and Wewak.

Dutch New Guinea: Ground action in all areas limited to patrolling. Villages along N coast of Vogelkop Peninsula strafed by 46 P-40s; 1 P-40 lost. Four Beaufighters strafe oilfield near Sorong; same planes kill a large number of estimated 500 Japanese on parade group at Samate airfield, Salawati I.

N.E.I.: Pladjoe refinery at Palembang on S coast of Sumatra I. attacked by 32 B-29s operating from bases of the SE Asia Command; 31 tons of bombs dropped including M-17 incendiary clusters; results of bombing reported good with explosions and fires observed at refinery and in storage areas; weak fighter opposition and meager to moderate AA fire encountered; 1 enemy plane shot down and 1 Allied plane

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crashes in water; other targets including Palembang airfield, Motsi R. Channel, and AA positions at Siberoet I. hit by an additional 11 B-29s. This is the longest bombing mission to date of the war (round trip covered 3,600 mi. and required 17 hours in the air).

Halmahera airfields bombed by force of B-24s; 16 hit Galela runway with 25 tons of bombs, destroying 5 parked planes and damaging 25 more, 16 of which are believed to have been destroyed; 12 more B-24s attack Lolobata airfield. Eighteen B-24s release 40 tons of bombs on Laha airdrome, Ambon I., with unobserved results. Installations at Dobo, Arce Is., bombed by 6 Venturas.

Philippine Is.: Single B-24 makes night raid on wharves at Davao; no interception met.

11 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Monoitu and Mugai Missions raided by 7 Venturas and 22 F4Us, respectively. Single TBF sets huts on fire at Kieta.

New Britain-New Ireland: Prior to dawn 2 B-25s harass Wunakanau and Rapopo airfields. Thirty F4Us and 33 SBDs destroy supplies at Tobera with 30 tons of bombs; buildings and huts near Rabaul hit by 36 F4Us; 1 F4U lost. Eighteen F4Us raid targets in N New Ireland.

New Guinea: Aitape: Troops of 127th and 128th Inf hold the Drinumor defense line. The 124th RCT moves by trucks to Tadjji Plantation at Aitape. An Allied amphibious patrol lands at Marubian village during night; small enemy groups observed moving along coastal track toward Wewak. A platoon of 43d Rcn Tr moves to Yapunda to patrol area beyond the Torricelli Mts.

Total of 17 A-20s, 2 B25s, 22 P-39s, and 8 Beauforts attacks targets in Wewak area, hitting Haure and Harigena villages, enemy camps and fuel dumps at But, and barges off Kairiru I.

Dutch New Guinea: Elements of 503d Para Inf contact enemy force (approximately 350 troops which are believed to be remnants of 219th Inf, 35th Div, under Col. Shimizu) about 5,000 yds. SW of Inasi on slopes of Hill 380, Noemfoor I. During night, arty fire is placed on the ridge by Btry A, 147th FA Bn. Co F of 162d Inf contacts Co E of 163d Inf on Korim Bay-Sorido Track in Wafoerdori R. area (Biak I.). In Sansapor area, 2d Bn, 63d Inf advances toward Kor R., meeting negligible resistance.

Enemy camps in Sarwi area bombed and strafed by 20 A-20s

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and 17 P-47s. Twenty-three P-47s attack enemy targets S of Manokwari, setting stores on fire and strafing MT on coastal road. PTs destroy 3 barges and set fuel dumps ablaze in Manokwari area. Villages SE of Sorong hit by 8 B-25s and 12 P-47s. Two Beaufighters hit 4 barges and a radar station in Kaimana area on S coast. Twenty-three A-20s sink 2 seatrucks and damage 4 luggers off Utarom, then continue N, sinking several barges and a seatruck in Wandamen Bay. Owi I. airfield raided twice during night by 2-4 enemy planes which destroy a P-38 and damage 12 other grounded planes; 1 enemy bomber shot down.

N.E.I.: Shipping in Wasile and Kaeo Bays (Halmahera I.) attacked by 3 squadrons of B-25s which destroy 10 seaplanes, a seatruck, 2 luggers, and 4 barges; single B-25 severely damages a 3,000-ton AK in same area. Three B-25s sink a lugger off Morotai I. while 6 others strafe Batjan I. Langgoer airfield, Kei Is., is target for 9 B-25s and 11 B-24s with 41 tons of bombs; results obscured by clouds.

Philippine Is.: Enemy AK (3,000-tons) sunk by single PB4Y in Davao Gulf.

12 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Total of 8 Venturas, 24 F4Us, 23 SBDs, and 4 B-25s bombs and strafes S Bougainville area and hits gun installations on Poporang I.

New Britain-New Ireland: Two B-25s and 54 F4Us bomb Vunakanau, causing fires and destroying buildings. Milim village and bivouacs in Wide Bay area accurately shelled by an Australian sloop and hit by 12 Beauforts with 9 tons of bombs. New Ireland targets attacked by 54 F4Us and 20 SBDs, hitting buildings and bridges.

New Guinea: Matapau and Ulban villages, W of Wewak, raided by 14 P-39s; other targets in Wewak area bombed by 6 A-20s, 2 Beauforts, and 4 P-39s; U.S. DD destroys a bridge near Wewak.

Dutch New Guinea: Following an all night arty bombardment, troops of 503d Para Inf advance on Hill 380 in vicinity of Inasi (Noemfoor I.); 12 Japanese killed and 37 found dead; main body of enemy not contacted; arty fire is again placed on ridge area throughout the night.

Coastal targets in Sarimi area bombed by 2 squadrons of A-20s and P-47s. Two Beaufighters, 6 B-25s, and 10 P39s raid Geelvink Bay area, hitting Nabire airfield, Windeshi village, and Mansiman I. Two Beaufighters hit a troop filled barge in Sele Strait. Babo airfield attacked by 27 B-24s

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with 27 tons of bombs; good results achieved. Two enemy planes raid Owi I. airfield during night, causing minor damages and a few casualties.

N.E.I.: Eleven B-24s drop 25 tons of bombs on Langgoer airfield and town area with unobserved results.

13 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Choiseul Bay and Kalili area harassed during night by a B-25. Targets of opportunity at Mogisetta, Lemmananu mission, and along Bobo R., Buka I., hit by 7 Venturas and 64 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul harassed during night by 5 B-25s. Supplies at Rataval set on fire by 23 F4Us while Duke of York I. is objective for 16 F4Us. New Ireland targets bombed by 19 SBDs which set fire to buildings and destroy 2 MT.

New Guinea: Aitape: First Bn, 169th Inf, occupies Yakumul; patrols move S and W to Nyaparake; only small enemy groups contacted. Supplies in Wewak area raided by 6 A-20s, 11 B-25s, 4 P-47s, and 4 P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. patrols encounter stubborn resistance near Sawar Creek in Maffin Bay area. Elements of 503d Para Inf attack enemy troops on Hill 380, Noemfoor I.; enemy employs small arms in delaying action; heavy enemy casualties inflicted.

Thirty-eight B-24s unload 60 tons of bombs on personnel and supplies at Manokwari. Unserviceable aircraft on Nabire airfield strafed by 4 P-40s while 4 others hit MT near Andai village. PTs destroy 4 enemy barges SW of Geelvink Bay and sink another in Tawi Bay. In strafing raid by 2 Beaufighters and 4 P-40s, 5 barges are sunk, 6 MT destroyed and 10 more damaged S of Babo.

N.E.I.: Enemy barracks and supplies in Wasile Bay area (Halmahera I.) bombed by 6 B-25s. Nine B-24s unable to reach Namlea airdrome because of weather hit secondary target at C. Chater airfield, Timor I., with 19.7 tons of bombs. Langgoer airfield, Kei Is., is target for 12 B-25s, dropping 10.5 tons of bombs.

Philippine Is.: Wharves at Davao raided during night by a B-24.

14 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Single B-25 raids Kalili and Choiseul Bay areas. Widespread targets on Bougainville bombed and strafed by 17 SBDs and 22 F4Us.

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New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul and Ataliklikum Bay areas bombed by 31 F4Us; 28 others hit Henri Reid Bay area while 8 F4Us and Venturas raid villages in Wide Bay area. Twelve B-25s bomb Namatanai; plantations along N and W coasts of New Ireland bombed and strafed by 52 F4Us.

New Guinea: Enemy stores at C. Terabu and bivouacs in vicinity of Wewak attacked by 41 Beauforts with 48.5 tons of bombs; in same area, 18 A-20s, 2 B-25s, and 8 P-39s bomb C. Wom and strafe coastal targets.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. troops on Hill 380 move W to block enemy withdrawal route in Inasi area; units of main enemy force are contacted at 1730; numerous clashes occur and heavy losses are inflicted on the enemy. The 41st Rcn Tr enters Sawabas village, Biak I.; no enemy troops met. In Sansapor area, patrols of 1st Inf Regt push through jungle and over treacherous terrain from Wesan R. on W to Kor R. on E., setting up trail ambushes and covering escape routes; 77 enemy killed and 33 captured in 14 days' patrolling; regt Hq moves CP by LCMs from vicinity of Mar village, 500 yds. E of mouth of Wewe R. to 2½ mi. W of mouth of the Wewe.

Babo airfield attacked by 12 B-24s; no AA fire encountered. Four P-39s strafe trails from Waren to Babo. Kaimana raided by 4 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Six B-24s destroy 3 gun positions in Wasile Bay area; in second raid on same area 10 more B-24s cause many fires and explosions; warehouses and radio station at Ternate village, Halmahera I., bombed and strafed by 12 B-25s with good effect.

Philippine Is.: Enemy AK in Davao Gulf unsuccessfully bombed by a B-24.

15 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Co G of 132d Inf, reinf, moves to Jaba (Empress Augusta Bay area) and sets up defensive positions. Scattered targets along 3 Bougainville coast bombed and strafed by 26 F4Us and a Ventura.

New Britain-New Ireland: Total of 2 B-25s, 18 SBDs, and 100 F4Us drops 50 tons of bombs in Rabaul area; Vunakanau airfield and Seeberg region (W Rabaul) are chief targets hit. Kalili Plantation and N coast of New Ireland raided by 17 SBDs and 8 F4Us.

New Guinea: Enemy bivouacs between But and Dagua (Wewak area) shelled by 2 DDs; gun positions attacked by 19 P-39s; enemy stragglers W of Wewak strafed by PTs.

Dutch New Guinea: Patrols of 1st Bn, 9th Para Inf,

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clash with enemy troops SW of Inasi. U.S. patrols find 226 dead Japanese E of Maffin Bay. Enemy troops reported occupying Marui on the Sepik R.

Enemy positions at mouth of the Wardo R., on W coast of Biak I., shelled by light naval units. Gun installations at Nabire strafed by 4 P-40s. Windeshi village raided by 12 P-39s. Seventeen P-40s hit Ransiki area, destroying 2 MT and silencing several gun positions. Three A-20s raid enemy camps SE of Babo while 8 others bomb villages on N coast of Waigeo I. and sink 2 loaded canoes in Sele Strait.

N.E.I.: Lolobata airdrome, Halmahera I., bombed by 32 B-24s which destroy 5 enemy planes and damage 6 others; no interception met but intense AA fire is encountered. Twelve B-25s bomb waterfront at Ternate village on W coast of Halmahera I., destroying a jetty and 3 large warehouses; 8 others raid shipping offshore, sinking a small AK and 7 luggers. B-24 heavily damages a 3,000-ton AK/AP SW of Boerpe I.

Philippine Is.: An unreported number of B-24s sinks a seatruck in Davao Gulf.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Second Bn, 164th Inf, (less Co G) relieves 3d Bn, 164th Inf, in upper Laruma valley. Eight F4Us strafe S Bougainville targets.

New Britain-New Ireland: Air operations in Bismarcks curtailed by weather. In sweep over N coast of New Ireland, 14 F4Us destroy a bridge and set huts on fire.

New Guinea: Aitape: Relief of all elements of 32d Inf, 112th Cav Regt, and 124th RCT in Drinumor-Afua area by 43d Div (103d Inf occupies Drinumor R. covering force positions) is completed. Command of Persecution Covering Force passes to Commanding General of Tadji Defense Perimeter, Major General L.F. Wing; Major General W.H. Gill, relieved, takes command of Persecution Task Force Reserve at Tadji.

Villages and camps in Wewak area hit by 18 P-39s and 6 A-20s.

Dutch New Guinea: Bitter fighting continues in vicinity of Inasi, Noemfoor I.

Sixty-three A-20s release 50 tons of bombs on Japanese bivouacs near Orai R. in Sarmi area. Four Beaufighters strafe enemy personnel on N coast of the Vogelkop and 3 boats near Sorong. Enemy positions at Wardo and Siawes villages, Biak I., bombed by 16 P-40s and 2 P-39s.

N.E.I.: Continuing the neutralization of Halmahera

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airfields, 12 B-25s and 34 B-24s concentrate 75 tons of bombs on Miti airfield, causing large spreading fires and destroying 13 planes on ground and damaging 10 others; no air interception and only moderate AA fire met; 4 B-24s bomb secondary target Ajoe I. (N of Waigeo I.). Four B-24s set a 300-ton vessel on fire off Alor I. in the Flores Sea; other B-24s destroy 4 barges off Fais I. Enemy Hq on Faonek I. near Waigeo I. bombed by 4 A-20s.

Philippine Is.: Single B-24 attacks 2 small enemy vessels in Davao Gulf, scoring hits on 1.

17 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Two TBFs and 72 F4Us bomb and strafe targets of opportunity along S coast of Bougainville.

New Britain-New Ireland: Vunakanau airfield raided at night by 5 B-25s; same target bombed during day by 32 F4Us which damage buildings and set MT on fire. Kavieng harassed by B-25s; other New Ireland targets hit by 18 SBDs. Marine planes destroy 7 buildings at Talili plantation (W Central New Ireland) and damage large buildings at Rabaul.

New Guinea: Eighteen A-20s and a B-25 bomb Wewak Pt.; Babiang and Suain villages strafed by 12 P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: Supported by light naval craft, 1st Bn, 186th Inf, (less Co B) with Co E attached, lands on W coast of Biak I. in vicinity of Wardo; 15 Japanese killed and 1 captured. Main force of enemy in ridge area near Inasi (Noemfoor I.) is routed by 503d Para Inf troops which drive Japanese in pocket in vicinity of Pakriki; heavy MG captured; estimated 20 enemy escaped. Two small landings are made in Cape de Goede Hoop area on N point of the Vogelkop to intercept enemy groups reported passing through this area toward Sorong. Fighter strip on Middleburg I. is reported operational.

Prior to landing 17 P-40s bomb Wardo area while 16 others attack Siawes village, Biak I. Eight P-40s attack MT on coastal road near Ransiki. Four A-20s destroy several buildings and start fires at Klamona oilfield near Sorong. Villages along S coast of McCluer Gulf strafed by 4 P-39s. PTs sink 2 barges S of Manokwari and destroy or damage 12 of 18 barges off Mansimah I.

N.E.I.: Harokoe airfield, Ceram I., attacked by 26 B-24s, 17 of which drop 22.7 tons of bombs; causing fires and explosions and destroying a number of grounded planes. Twenty one B-24s unload 63 tons of bombs on Liana airfield, Amboin I.; escort of 21 P-38s attacks 15 enemy fighters and shoots down 7; 1 enemy bomber destroyed and flying boat strafed; 2

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P-38s missing. Namlea airdromes and town area, Boeroe I., bombed by 24 B-25s from Biak I. and by 18 Darwin-based B-24s; 58 tons of bombs dropped, causing large fires and probably destroying 4 grounded planes. Enemy targets on Timor I. bombed and strafed by 12 Dutch B-25s.

18 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Targets at Embry's Lease and Choiseul Bay raided at night by a B-25. Eight F4Us patrol S Bougainville coast.

New Britain-New Ireland: Total of 14 B-25s, 15 SBDs, and 93 F4Us releases 66 tons of bombs on Rabaul area, starting fires on Matupi I., and hitting gun installations at Vunakanau, and buildings at Wanawatung plantation. Kavieng airfield bombed by 16 F4Us; several buildings in S New Ireland wrecked by 17 SBDs; 1 SBD and 1 F4U lost.

New Guinea: Twelve A-20s, 10 P-47s, and 2 B-25s hit C. Wom near Wewak. Four P-39s cooperating with PTs strafe enemy positions on Unei I. near Yakamul.

Dutch New Guinea: Reinf platoon, 1st Inf Regt, lands near Mega on Mega R. 17 mi. SW of Sansapor; PTs support landing and sink lugger 4 mi. W of Mega.; patrolling continues in Wesan, Kor, and Bolo R. areas. U.S. arty is concentrated on enemy strongpoint at Mt. Hakko in Sarmi-Maffin Bay area.

Fifty-four A-20s attack enemy positions at Mt. Hakko, achieving good results with 30 tons of bombs and by strafing. Napido village on Soepiori I., W of Biak, raided by 16 P-40s. Four P-40s strafe Moroeni village near Manokwari. Gun positions on Mansiman I. shelled by PTs and 2 Beaufighters.

N.E.I.: Heavy and medium bomber strikes cancelled because of weather. Four B-25s wreck a large lugger and damage a barge off NW coast of Timor I.

19 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Co G, 132d Inf, relieves 1st Bn, 132d Inf, in the Jaba area. Kahili bombed by 17 SBDs.

New Britain-New Ireland: Two B-25s and 16 F4Us destroy several warehouses at Vunakambi plantation. Total of 46 F4Us and 32 SBDs bombs Kalili, Lakurufange and Fangalawa Bay areas, destroying 4 bridges and many huts. PTs and an LCI shell a village on Duke of York I. and destroy a large barge offshore.

New Guinea: Ten A-20s, 10 P-39s, 36 Beauforts and a B-25 attack fuel and supply dumps at Wewak and new huts near Boram, causing huge explosion and many fires with 34.5 tons

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of bombs.

Dutch New Guinea: Sixteen P-40s and 4 P-39s bomb Napido village and Korido Bay targets on Soepiori I. Seven P-40s and 4 P-39s destroy a fuel dump and several MT in Nabire area. Enemy installations at Manokwari bombed by 8 P-40s; 4 more P-40s strafe MT, S of Babo.

N.E.I.: Namlea airdromes and town area, Boeroe I., attacked by 54 B-24s which cause large fuel fires and wreck 7 grounded planes with approximately 95 tons of bombs; no enemy interceptors and only moderate and inaccurate AA fire encountered. Twelve Dutch B-24s with 21 tons of bombs raid Langgoer airfield, Kei Is.; 1 B-24 lost to AA fire. Six Beaufighters strafe a small AK and score hits on 6 barges and 3 luggers in Boela-Wahai area on Ceram I.

Philippine Is.: Large enemy AO in Davao Gulf unsuccessfully bombed during daylight hours by a B-24.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Enemy shells Allied positions in Jaba area but causes no casualties; Allied arty and mortar fire is placed on the enemy with good results. Kahili and Choiseul Bay targets bombed by B-25s; supplies at Tonolei Harbor hit by 42 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Two B-25s and 12 F4Us attack Rabaul and Vunakanau, demolishing buildings, setting MT on fire, and sinking 2 barges. New Ireland targets bombed by total of 51 F4Us and 33 SBDs which cause fires at Kalili plantation, Lemusmus village, and Tambakar Pt.

New Guinea: Wewak coastal targets strafed by an unstated number of P-39s. PTs strafe MT in Dagua area.

Dutch New Guinea: Operations on Biak I. are officially closed; patrolling continues.

Twenty-four P-40s patrol Sansapor area and silence several gun positions at Manokwari. Twenty-one P-47s raid Manokwari targets, causing fires. Shipping near Kaimana attacked by 8 Beaufighters which hit 6 barges and sink a 150-ton AK and 2 other small vessels. Four P-39s set several buildings on fire near Sagan airfield. Buildings and small craft in McCluer Gulf area strafed by 5 A-20s.

N.E.I.: Forty-one B-24s release 112 tons of bombs on enemy barracks, warehouses, and supply dumps at Tobelo near Miti airfield, Halmahera I., causing explosions and large fires; again no enemy interceptors met. Warehouses in Bet area and along E coast of Talaud I. bombed and strafed by 23 B-25s with good results; small enemy targets in area set

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on fire by same planes. Single B-24 sinks a 65-ft. vessel and beaches another near Sangihe I.; another B-24 scores near misses on a 3,000-ton AK/AP about 70 mi. S of Boeroe I.

Philippine Is.: Davao town area hit in night raid by a B-24; P-38s, on photo mission, report 31 bombers and 104 fighters on Davao airfields; 3 enemy fighters are airborne but do not intercept.

21 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In upper Reini-Tekessi area, patrols from 182d Inf trail block destroy an enemy ammunition dump, containing approximately 12,000 rounds of small arms and mortars. Sixteen F4Us attack S Bougainville area, strafing bivouacs, setting fuel dumps ablaze, and sinking a barge. Faisi and other targets on Shortland Is. bombed by 24 SBDs and 5 B-25s.

New Britain-New Ireland: Young and Medina plantations bombed by 6 F4Us and 6 SBDs, respectively.

New Guinea: Commanding General, Cyclone Task Force, (Biak I.) directs 503d Para Inf, less 3 companies, to move to new camp site near Kamiri airfield; the 3 companies, Co D at Namber, Co I at Inasi, and Co C at Manokwari patrol S part of island. Native patrols operating on Soepiori I. report 76 Japanese killed. U.S. troops operating on inland trails in Maffin Bay area find 100 dead Japanese.

Supply dumps in Sarimi area set on fire by 21 A-20s with 14 tons of bombs and by strafing. Manokwari area harassed throughout day by 60 P-47s. Eight P-40s score hits on 4 small craft in Sorong area. Eleven P-40s and 2 Beauforts sink 7 barges and damage 13 other small craft off Kaimana.

N.E.I.: Bivouacs, gun installations, and stores in Wasile Bay area, Halmahera I., attacked by 52 B-24s while 29 B-25s hit Kaeo airdrome and town; approximately 135 tons of bombs dropped; fires and explosions result and 8 grounded planes are destroyed or damaged. Three B-25s wreck a 5,000-ton vessel, destroy a launch, and set a barge on fire near Alor I.

Philippine Is.: B-24 drops 1 ton of bombs on Davao town, starting fires. Patrolling PB4Y attacks a large AK/AP about 3 mi. S of Davao; results unobserved.

22 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In sweep over S Bougainville to W coast of Buka, 36 F4Us and 2 TBFs destroy a bridge W of Kahili, raid huts near Kieta and villages on W coast of Buka.

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Fifteen SBDs and a TBF cooperate with ground forces, dropping 4 tons of bombs on Sisivie in Empress Augusta Bay area.

New Britain-New Ireland: Fourteen F4Us raid buildings in N New Ireland.

Dutch New Guinea: Twelve P-47s attack enemy positions at Manokwari through overcast. Two P-40s silence an enemy gun position at Ransiki airfield. Wandamen Bay villages raided by 3 P-39s. Six P-40s sink a barge and strafe villages in Kaimana area.

N.E.I.: Weather prevents long distance strikes. Nineteen B-24s drop 39½ tons of bombs on Amahai airfield, Ceram I., with unobserved results. Kaoe town, Halmahera I., raided by a single B-24.

Philippine Is.: PB4Y sinks a 100-ft. vessel in Dinagat Sound, NE of Mindanao.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Second platoon, Co C of 82d Cml Bn, is released from operational control of Americal Div and returns to Torokina. Enemy bivouacs in Moni area, Treasury Is., and Bougainville targets attacked by 15 SBDs, 12 F4Us, and a TBF. Gun positions at Poporang, Shortland Is., hit by 6 B-25s.

New Britain -New Ireland: Eighteen F4Us destroy buildings in Rabaul area and sink or damage 7 barges off Watom I. Supplies at Rataval are set on fire by 33 F4Us while 12 others start fires at Keravat. Buildings and bridges in N New Ireland hit by 35 SBDs and 18 F4Us with 35 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Total of 13 Beauforts, 20 A-20s, 3 B-25s, and 10 P-39s bombs and strafes MT, supply dumps, and villages in vicinity of Wewak and on Kairiru I.

Dutch New Guinea: The 20th RCT (less 3d Bn) arrives at Sansapor and moves to positions W of Wewe R.

Thirty-four A-20s unload 33 tons of bombs on enemy defenses in Sarimi area. Nabire airfield attacked by 29 P-40s and 93 P-38s which cause huge fuel fires with more than 50 tons of bombs. Targets at Manokwari hit by 6 P-39s. Babo, Sagan, Mongosah, and Otawiri airdromes (McCluer Gulf) attacked by 104 P-40s, 23 A-20s, and 23 Beauforts; 41.5 tons of bombs dropped and all runways heavily damaged.

N.E.I.: Force of 53 B-24s releases 156 tons of bombs on bivouacs and supply dumps at Galela airfield, Halmahera I., destroying buildings and causing fires, moderate to heavy but inaccurate AA fire met. Langgoen airfield, Kem Is., cratered by 18 B-24s with 33 tons of bombs. Destroyed at Nebo, Halmahera I.,

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strafed by 4 Dutch B-25s.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Enemy troops with automatic weapons open fire on Allied outpost S of the Jaba R.; Allied mortar fire is placed on enemy personnel; about 14 rounds of enemy ammunition land in sea about 800 yds. from Co G, 132d Inf CP; U.S. arty fire is concentrated on enemy gun positions which are located by an Allied plane. The 93d Rcn Tr moves to upper Laruma valley; 2d Bn, 132d Inf, sets up perimeter near Tekessi R. mouth; Btry C of 247th FA Bn returns to Torokina. Coastal guns at Teanin, C. Kori, and Moila Pt. damaged in strafing attack by 23 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Tawui Pt. and Nordup plantation in Rabaul area raided at night by 2 B-25s. Twenty F4Us destroy a village on Watom I. and wreck huts and a barge in Talili Bay area. Eight F4Us, patrolling over Gazelle Peninsula, set MT on fire. Enemy huts and camp areas along N New Ireland coast strafed by 3 SBDs and 20 F4Us.

New Guinea: Wewak coastal targets strafed by 6 P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: Enemy bivouacs on Mapia I., about 120 mi. N of Manokwari shelled by PTs and a frigate. Warsa village, N coast of Biak I., raided by 4 P-39s. Twelve Beaufighters, 12 A-20s, and 69 P-40s drop 267 tons of bombs on Babo, Sagan, and Otawiri airfields, cratering runways. Utarom runway is target for 30 P-40s, dropping 15 tons of bombs. Kokas village strafed by 4 P-39s.

N.E.I.: Allied carrier-based aircraft, supported by units of the Eastern Fleet, make surprise attack during early morning hours on enemy installations near Padang, Sumatra I.; Indarung cement works left in flames; port facilities and airfield at Emmahaven hit; 2 large AKs left burning in harbor; warehouses, jetty, and RR yard heavily damaged; weak attempt at interception made by enemy fighters; 1 Allied plane lost to AA fire.

Fifty-three B-24s unload 59½ tons of bombs on Lolobata airfield, Halmahera I., destroying an ammunition dump and many buildings and causing large fuel fires; intense and some accurate AA fire encountered. Eleven Beaufighters strafe N coast of Timor I., destroying 4 MT and hitting 2 small vessels offshore. Japanese shipping in Lembah Strait, Celebes I., attacked from mast height by 18 B-25s; 5 AK/APs sunk, a CL left burning, and 2 AK/APs and approximately 40

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luggers and barges, caught at their moorings, severely damaged; escort of 13 P-38s strafes Kaoe-Wasile Bay areas and sets a 300-ton vessel on fire; no enemy interceptors met; in same area a 4,000-ton ship, believed to be a barge tender, is set on fire by a B-24.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Five B-25s and 24 SBDs bomb jetties and gun installations at Tonolei Harbor and hit huts at Moila Pt. Eight F4Us raid S Bougainville targets; 4 others sink a barge W of Buka I.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul AA defenses and buildings at Tobera bombed by 54 F4Us and 17 SBDs with 25 tons of bombs; same targets raided at night by 2 B-25s. Twenty F4Us destroy 2 MT and hit a bridge in Keravat area. Kavieng airfield and Kalili plantation bombed by 46 F4Us and 36 SBDs with 39 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Commanding General, Alamo Force, officially closes Aitape operation. Enemy troops, MT, and supplies at Dagua and along Wewak coast hit by 14 Beauforts and 18 P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: The 41st Rcn Tr lands at Warsa Bay on N coast of Biak I. against slight opposition; aggressive patrolling is initiated to clear out enemy remnants on inland trails and in native gardens. Native patrols operate in the Sorendidori R. area, Soepiori I., while U.S. patrols comb Wardo, Samberi, and Barocki Lake areas with good results. U.S. outposts in Sansapor area contact estimated 108 Japanese moving toward Sorong, 69 of which are reported killed.

Warsa area dive-bombed and strafed by 16 P-40s. Enemy bivouacs on upper Woske R. in Sarmi area raided by 12 A-20s. Airfields on Vogelkop Peninsula (Waren, Ransiki, Manokwari, Jefman, and Samate) raided by 38 P-47s; Ransiki and Waren also hit by 24 P-40s. Ten P-39s bomb buildings along W coast of the Vogelkop, causing large explosion. Four airfields along shores of McCluer Gulf (Babo, Sagan, Mongosah, and Otawiri) attacked by 35 P-40s and 12 A-20s; Babo hit in second raid by 12 P-40s. PTs sink a loaded barge in Sele Strait. Lone enemy plane raids Middleburg I. airfield, damaging a P-38.

N.E.I.: Total of 46 B-24s releases 112 tons of bombs on Haroekoe, Liang, and Laha airfields, three of the satellite fields guarding enemy naval base at Ambon; huge fires started in dispersal areas among grounded planes and in storage dumps; no interception met. Langgoer runway, Kei-Is. is target for 12 B-25s which drop 11 tons of bombs through intense barrage-

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type AA fire. Also, in the Kei Is., a 400-ton vessel is sunk by 6 Dutch B-25s. Three Beaufighters strafe Dili area, Timor I., setting 2 MT on fire. Single B-24 scores 2 direct hits on a 6,000-ton vessel about 80 mi. SW of Boeroe I.

26 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In upper Laruma area patrols of 93d Rcn Tr ambush Japanese group, killing 7. Bridges, gun positions, and villages in S Bougainville area attacked by 26 F4Us and a TBF.

New Britain-New Ireland: Total of 2 B-25s, 34 SBDs, and 65 F4Us attacks Rabaul area, destroying a sawmill and adjacent buildings, starting fires at Vanakanau, and setting barges on fire. Kavieng airfield bombed at night by 2 B-25s; bridges and buildings in N New Ireland hit during day by 10 B-25s, 18 SBDs, and 49 F4Us with 35 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Nineteen Beauforts unload 19 tons of bombs on enemy installations at Wewak and a bridge across the Brandi R. Thirty-nine P-39s attack coastal targets at Wewak and on Kairiru I., hitting personnel, loaded barges, and setting a fuel dump on fire.

Dutch New Guinea: Manokwari and Ransiki airfields raided by 12 P-47s. Twenty-three P-38s destroy several buildings and a gun position at Babo. Kokas village hit by 12 P-40s; 4 additional P-40s strafe MT in same area and destroy a beached lugger offshore. PTs are active along N Vogelkop coast; fuel dumps set on fire, 1 large barge sunk, and supplies strafed near C. Saeokris.

N.E.I.: Sixteen P-38s raid Miti airfield, Halmahera I., setting fuel dumps ablaze and probably destroying 1 grounded enemy plane; no interception met. Liang airfield, Ambon I., bombed by 2 B-24s which crater runway and silence a gun battery; 4 enemy planes destroyed. Two Dutch B-25s drop 2 tons of bombs on Saumlakki waterfront area in the Tanimbar Is. while another B-25 strafes MT on Trangan I.

Philippine Is.: Prior to dawn 3 B-24s bomb waterfront at Davao through slight AA fire. PB4Y hits 2 luggers at entrance to Davao Gulf and shore positions at Lamigan Pt.

27 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Second Bn, 132d Inf, less Co E, returns to Torokina; Co E patrols in vicinity of Tekessi R. mouth. Fifteen SBDs bomb Japanese positions in upper Laruma valley.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul area bombed by 46 F4Us which start fires in supply dumps at Rataval; 23 other F4Us

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destroy a bridge and start fires in motor park in this area. Two B-25s raid Kavieng airfield while 37 SBDs and 49 F4Us concentrate on other New Ireland targets, destroying 6 bridges and setting buildings on fire.

New Guinea: Three B-25s, 18 A-20s, and 8 P-39s raid bridges and huts along Wewak coast while 16 Beauforts hit fuel dumps at Boram and island targets.

Dutch New Guinea: Enemy casualties in Hollandia area reported as 3,790 killed or found dead and 666 captured. Units of 158th Inf relieve elements of 503d Para Inf at Namber, Inasi, and Menoekwari, Noemfoor I.

Manokwari, Ransiki, Moemi, and Waren airfields glide-bombed by 22 P-47s which wreck buildings in area and cause large explosion; 4 more P-47s hit Nabire. Villages along coast of McCluer Gulf raided by 22 P-40s. During night 3 enemy bombers attack Middleburg I. airfield, destroying 3 P-38s and a M-51 on ground and causing several casualties; AA fire downs 1 bomber.

N.E.I.: Two Beaufighters and 4 A-20s strafe small craft and damage a large barge along E coast of Ceram I. PBV on patrol damages an enemy AK and a 1,000-ton vessel in Manado Bay, Celebes I., while, SW of Manado, in Amoeŕang Bay a B-24 strafes and sets on fire a 1,000-ton AK and damages an AK/AP.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: The 93d Rcn Tr returns to Torokina. Minor contacts continue with enemy groups in upper Laruma valley. Fifteen SBDs and a TBF bomb enemy troops near Sisivie. Tonolei supplies hit by 6 B-25s; gun emplacements at Moila Pt. attacked by 18 SBDs, 2 TBFs, and 12 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: During night 2 B-25s start fires at Tawui Pt. while 2 other B-25s hit Kavieng. In sweep of Gazelle Peninsula 10 F4Us destroy 2 MT; 51 additional F4Us bomb concentration of trucks in Rabaul with good results. Plantation buildings set on fire and 6 bridges destroyed or damaged in vicinity of Kavieng by 35 SBDs and 46 F4Us.

New Guinea: Nineteen Beauforts set fuel dumps at Wewak on fire with 19 tons of bombs while 19 P-39s strafe coastal installations. Sumup village, E coast of Nightingale Bay, and Kairiru I. are targets for 18 A-20s, 2 B-25s, and 8 P-47s.

Dutch New Guinea: Babo airfield raided by 11 P-40s; 11 more P-40s hit stores and sawmill at Kokas. Shipping in McCluer Gulf hit by 11 P-40s; 2 A-20s, and 2 Beaufighters which sink 2 barges and damage 7 luggers. Sixteen P-47s

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and 32 P-40s drop 16 tons of bombs on Utarom airfield and small craft offshore. Middleburg I. airfield raided during night by 2 enemy bombers and 1 fighter; only slight damage caused.

N.E.I.: Sixty-two B-24s attack Ambon naval base with 350 1,000-lb. bombs, demolishing barracks, causing explosions, and reducing target to a mass of flames; 12 enemy planes are airborne but make no attempt at interception. Single B-24 drops 3 tons of bombs on fuel tanks at Boela, Ceram I. Barracks and slipway at Halong seaplane base, Ambon I., hit by 27 P-38s which start fires with 13½ tons of bombs and leave a 3,000-ton AK/AP burning in the harbor. Dili town and waterfront, Timor I., effectively bombed by 2 PBVs.

Philippine Is.: Two B-24s bomb Davao, starting fires in town area.

29 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: During night 2 B-25s raid Kalili and N Choiseul Bay area. Ten F4Us strafe S Bougainville targets; 1 F4U missing.

New Britain-New Ireland: On W coast of Gazelle Peninsula, 24 B-25s, 54 SBDs, and 69 F4Us unload 66 tons of bombs on enemy bivouacs and transportation facilities with good results. Gun installations and buildings in N New Ireland attacked by 16 F4Us. Single B-25 raids Rabaul at night; enemy float-plane near St. George shot down by a PBY.

New Guinea: East of Yakumul, 160 Japanese are found dead from starvation by U.S. patrols. Ten Beauforts concentrate on fuel dumps at Wewak while 12 P-39s are active over coastal trails.

Dutch-New Guinea: U.S. troops continue to encounter stiff resistance in Maffin Bay area near Sawar Creek where enemy MG and arty fire is still active; 1 Japanese tankette reported destroyed by a U.S. tank.

Buildings at Manokwari bombed by 8 P-47s. Ransiki airfield is target for 14 P-38s while 12 P-39s concentrate on coastal villages. Four P-40s sink 4 loaded barges in McCluer Gulf. Babo and Mongosah runways bombed and strafed by 24 P-40s; Babo also raided by an additional 16 P-38s. Utarom airfield hit with 7½ tons of bombs by 15 P-47s.

N.E.I.: Bivouacs and stores in Wasile Bay area, Halmahera I., pounded with 109½ tons of bombs by 39 B-24s; large fires and explosions result. Twenty-three B-25s drop 13 tons of bombs on Kade town, Halmahera I. Boela (Ceram I.) oil tanks, gun positions, and camp areas hit with 15½ tons

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of bombs by 31 P-38s. In the Banda Sea, off SE coast of
Geram I., 3 A-20s and 4 Beaufighters sink or damage 9 coastal
vessels. During night PBVs attack enemy shipping in Manado
Bay, Celebes I., sinking 2 small AOs and 2 1,000-ton AKs and
severely damaging a vessel believed to have been a DD; small
craft and shore targets strafed; PBVs also score damaging
hit on a 7,000-ton AK/AP in Amoerang Bay.

Philippine Is.: B-24 sinks a lugger and sets on fire a
1,000-ton vessel about 65 mi. N of Santa Cruz (S of Davao).

30 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Enemy supplies and camps
near Ibu bombed by 17 SBDs. Twelve F4Us hit Maliko bridge;
10 more F4Us bomb other Buka I. targets.

New Britain-New Ireland: Three B-25s make night raid
on Natupi I. In daylight attacks, 42 F4Us hit buildings on
Duke of York I., wreck bridge at Keravat, and cause fires at
Rataval supply base; single Ventura, 21 SBDs, and 10 F4Us
destroy buildings and 2 bridges in Kavieng area.

New Guinea: Attack on Wewak targets by 15 Beauforts
prevented by weather; 1 Beaufort hits Wewak Pt. through
heavy overcast while 4 P-39s strafe coastal targets.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. troops kill 60 Japanese in
vicinity of Sawar airfield and Sawar Creek. Total enemy
casualties to date in Wakde-Sarmi operations reach 3,928
killed and 51 captured; U.S. casualties total 630 killed,
1,742 wounded, and 41 missing.

Villages on S coast of Geelvink Bay attacked by 16 P-40s.
In McCluer Gulf area, 32 P-40s hit enemy installations and
sawmill at Kokas and fuel supplies at Otawiri; 1 P-40 lost.
Japanese-held villages on Soepiori I. shelled by an Allied
frigate.

N.E.I.: Two A-20s and 4 Beaufighters strafe 2 luggers
off E coast of Ceram I. Enemy installations at Larat village
bombed by 10 Dutch B-25s while 2 RAAF B-25s hit jetty at
Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is.

Philippine Is.: Three B-24s raid Davao, hitting a ware-
house and causing fires and explosions; no interception met.

31 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Scattered targets on Bougain-
ville bombed by 16 SBDs and 8 F4Us.

Japanese casualties for month, number 108 killed; Allied
casualties, 13 killed and 36 wounded. Throughout the month
PTs have continued the isolation and destruction of enemy

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personnel in the Solomon Is.

New Britain-New Ireland: Prior to dawn fires are started at Vanakanau by a B-25. Enemy storage areas at Rataval attacked by 36 F4Us. Four Venturas, 33 SBDs, and 44 F4Us release 32 tons of bombs in Kavieng area, destroying buildings, a bridge and a barge.

New Guinea: Kairiru I. and C. Wom supply areas receive 37 tons of bombs by 38 Beauforts. Fuel dumps on Muschu I. are set ablaze by 4 P-39s, cooperating with PTs.

During month PTs have patrolled the Wewak-Aitape coast, interrupting enemy barge traffic and shelling enemy camps, MT, and coastal installations, with good results. To date, 8,807 Japanese are reported killed and 130 captured in Aitape operations; U.S. casualties number 597 killed, 1,691 wounded, and 85 missing.

Dutch New Guinea: Extensive patrolling continues in all U.S. occupied areas. Commanding General of Alamo Force officially closes Sansapor operation. Total casualties to date in Sansapor area reach 379 Japanese killed and 56 Japanese, 154 Formosans, and 3 Koreans captured; U.S. losses, 6 killed and 6 wounded. Enemy strength on Noemfoor I. is now estimated at 50; the Meri Force is believed to have been annihilated, while Col. Shimuzu is reported to have only 15-20 men with him. To date, 1,724 enemy are killed or found dead and 175 captured (Formosans captured and Japanese liberated not included); U.S. casualties number 76 killed, 521 wounded, and 19 missing.

Twelve P-38s and 11 P-47s raid Samate and Jefman airfields in Sorong area; 4 P-47s hit Moemi. Thirty-four P-40s attack McCluer Gulf area; buildings at Fak Fak, Babo airfield, sawmill at Kokas, and small craft near Ransiki are chief targets hit. Utarom airfield and installations attacked by 46 A-20s, 2 B-25s, and 93 P-47s. In early morning raid, 2 enemy planes hit Mar and Middleburg airfields, causing only slight damage.

N.E.I.: Namlea airfields, Boeroe I., bombed by 24 P-38s. C. Chater airfield, Timor I., is target for 22 B-24s which drop 43 tons of bombs, causing explosions and fires. PBVs, operating during night, leave an AK/AP listing and strafe a 200-ton vessel in Ambon Bay, probably destroy a seatruck and schooner in Manado Bay (Celebes I.); damage a 1,000-ton AK and drop bombs among 30 barges in Amoerang Bay, and strafe jetty, a barge and a lugger (Talaud Is.). Two B-25s destroy 5 and damage 2 barges near Tanimbar Is. while 2 more B-25s raid jetty at Saumlakki.

Philippine Is.: Three B-24s cause fires at Matina airfield, 2½ mi. SW of Davao.

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1 U.S.: Following a move by Philadelphia Transportation Company to upgrade 8 Negro workers by order of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, 6,000 transit employees refuse to work. The National Labor Relations Board refers the strike to President Roosevelt "for appropriate action."

Philippine Is.: At death of President Manuel Quezon, Vice President Sergio Osmena assumes the presidency of the Philippine Commonwealth.

Finland: President Risto Ryti resigns; his letter of resignation states that civil and military authority should now be concentrated in one person. By a special decree, the Finnish Diet legalizes the appointment of Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Mannerheim to the presidency without an election.

Germany: Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, in radio broadcast from Berlin, reveals that Dr. Karl Goerdler, former mayor of Leipzig and Reich price commissioner, is "wanted for conspiracy against the life of the Fuehrer." This is the first time that it has been admitted that civilians are believed to be involved in the 20 July plot.

2 Great Britain: In address to the House of Commons, Prime Minister Winston Churchill strongly assails Axis satellites, expresses regret that Argentina prefers to "dally with evil," and promises support to Turkey, if attacked.

Turkey-Germany: The Turkish Government severs diplomatic and economic relations with Germany. Premier Shukru Saracoglu discloses that Great Britain, supported by U.S., had requested the break and that the Allied nations had promised Turkey economic and military aid.

Russia-Poland: Pravda publishes a dispatch from Chelm announcing the appointment of Wincenty Rzymowski as Polish National Liberation Committee's representative to U.S.S.R.; Nikolai Alexandrovich Bulganin is named Soviet representative to PNLC.

Greece: Cairo reports that Marine Minister Mylonas, who is known to be conciliatory to EAM, has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation in the interest of national unity.

Japan: Domei announces that Admiral Koshiro Oikawa has replaced Admiral Shigetaro Shimada as Navy Chief of Staff.

3 U.S.: President Roosevelt orders the Army to take control of the Philadelphia Transport Company.

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Japan-China: Debentures of Central China Company are put on sale in Shanghai; this move to induce Chinese to participate financially and to share in the management of Japanese holding companies gives propagandists material to illustrate theme of "co-prosperity" in Greater East Asia.

4 Bolivia-U.S.: The Bolivian Government assures U.S. State Department that Bolivia will continue shipment of quinine and rubber to U.S. despite Argentina's offer of higher prices.

Germany: Berlin reports that, at the request of the German Army, Adolf Hitler has established a "court of honor" to purge it of all criminals who might be implicated in the 20 July plot. Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel will head the court.

6 Bolivia: Maj. Gualberto Villarroel, Provisional President of Bolivia since Dec. 1943 revolt, becomes legal president.

Poland-Russia: Leaders of the Polish Government-in-exile and of the Polish Committee of Liberation meet in Moscow in attempt to solve the internal Polish question and to discuss Polish-Soviet difficulties.

Russia: Russians capture Drogbych, main city of Galician oil field region, producing 700,000-tons of oil annually;

Germany-Turkey: German Ambassador to Turkey Franz von Papen leaves Ankara for Germany; von Papen returns to Germany at request of Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop to report on the diplomatic break.

7 U.S.: Transit service in Philadelphia is restored; most of the 6,000 strikers return to work; more than 5,000 Army troops under Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes had taken control of the city's transportation system; strike leaders are arrested under provisions of the Smith-Connally Act and strikers are threatened with reprisals by the War Manpower Commission and the Selective Service Bureau. Army officials state that the strike cost 4,000,000 man hours in the Philadelphia war plants.

Colombia-Venezuela-Argentina: Colombia's Foreign Office discloses a joint declaration by the governments of Colombia and Venezuela stating that they "are unable to normalize their relations with the Farrell Government" and that they

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view with concern the interpretations that Argentina gives to her promises to support inter-American solidarity.

Finland: Stockholm reports that Anders W. Hackzell, a lawyer in Leningrad before World War I and Minister to Moscow 1922-7, has been named premier of the new Finnish Cabinet. Mr. Hackzell is reported to be an intimate friend of Dr. Jugo Paasikivi, Finnish peace advocate.

Italy: Italian Minister without Portfolio Count Carlo Sforza orders the arrest of 399 Italian Senators on charges of Fascist activities.

Russia-Turkey: Tass publishes an article reviewing Turkey's record of aid to the Axis. The article states that Turkey is still maintaining close relations with Rumania and Hungary which are waging war against the Soviet Union and concludes that the step Turkey has taken is dictated by fear of political isolation after the war.

8 U.S.-Great Britain: Under-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and Lord Beaverbrook sign U.S.-British agreement setting up a joint commission to establish principles for future development and exploitation of world's petroleum resources; this agreement is to provide the basis for multilateral accord among all countries interested in oil production and distribution in the post-war era.

Germany: Berlin radio announces that 8 of 12 German Army officers, including Field Marshal Erwin von Witzleben, Gen. Hoepner, and Maj. Gen. von Treschkov, who were tried before a "people's tribunal" on charges of treason in connection with 20 July revolt, have been found guilty and hanged. Field Marshal von Witzleben is reported to have proclaimed himself the German Chief of State on night of 20 July after establishing contact with captive German Generals in Moscow.

China-Russia: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appoints a committee for study of the Kuomintang-Communist problem; Sun Fo, a member of the committee, states that a "change in personnel" in Sinkiang is important in connection with Chinese-Soviet relations.

9 India-Great Britain: Demonstrations for Indian national independence occur in Bombay; 24,000 mill hands stop work, college students strike, and 25 people are arrested on way to a meeting where they claim it was their intention to recite

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the Aug 1942 resolution; throughout the city Gandhi's order to obey the police is carried out.

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U.S.: A dispatch from Pearl Harbor discloses that on July 29 President Roosevelt held a conference in Hawaii with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, and Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

U.S.-Japan: In longest bombing mission of the war, U.S. planes attack Pladjoe refinery at Palembang, Sumatra I.; bombing results reported good. Pladjoe, which is the largest oil refinery in the Far East, has furnished approximately 78% of aviation gasoline required by Japan's air force and 22% for her merchant fleet.

Poland-Russia: Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the Polish Government-in-exile leaves Moscow for London; conferences with Premier Joseph Stalin and with the Polish Committee of Liberation have been held. Premier Mikolajczyk says talks may be resumed after Warsaw is freed; the committee states that insistence on retaining the 1935 constitution by London Poles is blocking the formation of a coalition government.

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U.S.: President Roosevelt orders seizure of 103 mid-western trucking companies by Office of Defense Transportation in move to bring immediate return of 20,000 strikers and prevent a halt in the flow of war materials.

Germany: Maj. Gen. Walter von Seidlitz, vice president of the Free German National Committee in Soviet Russia, broadcasts from Moscow that the whole Hitler system is breaking up "militarily and politically" and that many anti-Nazi plotters are still within the ranks of German armed forces.

Spain: Generalissimo Francisco Franco appoints Jose Felix de Lequerica as Foreign Minister to succeed Count Francisco Jordana who died 3 Aug. Senor Lequerica has served as ambassador to Vichy France since 1939.

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U.S.: In address broadcast from Puget Sound Navy Yard on his return from an inspection tour of the Hawaiian and Aleutian islands, President Roosevelt says that "years of proof" must pass before the "word and honor" of Japan can be trusted and that U.S. must control the "great circle" route and have bases nearer to Japan than Pearl Harbor to insure peace in the Pacific.

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Czechoslovakia: Martial law is declared in Slovakia; the decree reportedly results from the fact that Soviet parachutists in conjunction with Partisans are operating in east and northeast Slovakia.

13 Great Britain-Yugoslavia: Rome dispatches state that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who arrived in Italy 12 Aug., has conferred with Premier Ivan Subasich of the Yugoslav Government-in-exile and with Marshal Tito. Gen. Tito, reportedly, has agreed that the British have a strong position in the Mediterranean and also that the port of Trieste shall be controlled by the Allied Army of occupation.

Poland-Russia: Tass maintains that the Soviet Military Command was not informed beforehand of the Polish underground uprising in Warsaw and that "in view of this, the responsibility for what is taking place in Warsaw falls exclusively on the Polish emigre circles in London."

14 U.S.-France: Referring to President Roosevelt's 12 Aug. broadcast, Gen. Charles de Gaulle likens French concern for security on the Rhine with U.S. concern for security in the Pacific and hopes that "solid solutions" will be found for all nations who are united in war against the Axis.

Switzerland: The Swiss Government issues new decree restricting right of asylum; "foreigners who, because of reprobable deeds appear to have made themselves unworthy of asylum, may be excluded from the country." The decree is presumably aimed at Nazis and Vichy personnel.

15 Germany: Pravda publishes text of a letter written by Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus, captive commander of the German Sixth Army, liquidated at Stalingrad. Von Paulus urges the German people to "get rid of Adolf Hitler and establish a new state leadership" in order to bring a speedy end to hostilities and to restore "peaceful, friendly relations with our enemies of today."

16 U.S.-Argentina: U.S. State Department orders freezing of Argentine gold stocks; additional economic sanctions are being studied.

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18 Greece: Cairo announces that EAM has withdrawn its request for the resignation of Premier George Papandreou and has agreed to join the Cabinet of the Greek Government-in-exile; EAM's decision is reported to follow British warning to join the Cabinet immediately or bear the responsibility of civil war and lose for Greece its place at the peace conference.

Japan: Japan's ultra-nationalist Post-War Planning Committee for Greater East Asia points to plan for dividing Asia into regional blocs which it claims will provide the "independent nations of Asia co-existence and co-prosperity as opposed to Anglo-American concept of power politics, a good neighbor policy and joint defense against aggression instead of Anglo-American imperialism, and economic reciprocity, and cultural equality as opposed to Anglo-American economic exploitation."

India-Great Britain: Delhi reports that Viceroy of India Field Marshal Viscount Wavell has rejected Mohandas K. Gandhi's request for an interview. Gandhi had offered full Nationalist support of the war in return for Indian independence. Lord Wavell makes it clear that the British will not agree to constitutional changes during the war; he states that preliminary work could be begun now on a new constitution but that a "genuine agreement" among Indians "for a transitional government established and working within the present constitution" must first be reached.

19 Poland-Russia: The Polish Government-in-exile reports that Premier Joseph Stalin in recent talks with Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolaczyk offered to push Poland's western boundaries to the Oder and Niesse Rivers if Poland would cede to Russia territory east of the Curzon Line.

20 Vichy France: The Petain-Laval Government ceases to exist. Reportedly Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Pierre Laval, following refusal to transfer the Vichy Government to Belfort, have been arrested by the Gestapo and taken to Germany.

Italy-Greece-Yugoslavia: Speaking in Rome, Italian Minister without Portfolio Count Carlo Sforza says that Italians who are guilty of committing atrocities against Greek people will be punished and that Italians approve Greek annexation of the Dodecanese Islands, "if the population desires it." Count Sforza advocates that Fiume be

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internationalized and made the seat of a "super league of nations", that Trieste remain Italian but that its port be internationalized under a trust, and that Italy be permitted to retain her colonies.

- 21 U.S.-Great Britain-Russia-China: The World Security Conference opens at Dumbarton Oaks in Georgetown, Washington, D.C.; 42 representatives of U.S., Great Britain, and Russia are in attendance. Addresses given by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Sir Alexander Cadogan, and Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, reveal that all are in "general agreement" that no organization not backed by force could be effective and that small nations must contribute to the establishment of peace and security in the world. Present discussions are "exploratory and provisional" under Article IV of the Moscow Declaration of 30 Oct., 1943. Secretary of State Cordell Hull announces that discussions among U.S., Great Britain, and China are to be held; Russia declines invitation to participate in these discussions because she is not at war with Japan.
- Yugoslavia: Reports from London state that Yugoslav's Premier, Dr. Ivan Subasich, and Marshal Tito have signed an agreement to work together to drive the Germans from Yugoslavia and to settle the monarchy question after the war.

- 22 Bulgaria: Bulgarian Foreign Minister Parvan Draganov tells Parliament that Bulgaria is "doing her utmost to make peace with U.S. and England"; at the same time he repeats his country's claims to Thrace and Macedonia.
- Sweden-Germany: The Swedish War Insurance Board cancels the underwriting of ships to German ports, practically eliminating Swedish trade with the Reich.
- Japan: Tokyo radio announces that a decree for compulsory labor for Japanese females from 12-40 years old has been issued; heavy penalties will be inflicted on all who do not volunteer immediately for work.

- 23 Brazil-U.S.: Pedro Leao Veloso succeeds Oswaldo Aranha as Foreign Minister of Brazil; President Vargas assures U.S. Government that Brazil's foreign policy will not change.
- Rumania: King Michael announces that Rumania accepts Allied terms of unconditional surrender. Premier Marshal Antonescu is replaced by Gen. Constantin Sanatescu who takes over duties of Chief of State and Army Commander

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with rank of Marshal. King Michael makes it clear that Rumania is now at war with Hungary to recover Transylvania.

24 Germany: Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels announces "total war" regulations for the German people, which call for a 60-hour week, suspension of all holidays, mobilization of students, and the closing of all entertainment and cultural activities except the radio and movies; for violation of decrees the death penalty is ordered.

Iceland-U.S.: President of the new Republic of Iceland Sveinn Bjornsson visits with President Roosevelt at the White House.

25 Vichy-France: Reports from Madrid state that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain has written letters to Pope Pius XII and to Prime Minister Churchill defending his action as Chief of Vichy France and relinquishing his authority to Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Rumania-Germany: After the bombing of Bucharest by Germany, the Rumanian Government declares war on Germany.

Finland-Russia: Finnish Premier Anders W. Hackzell initiates negotiations for an armistice with Russia through the Finnish Minister to Sweden, George A. Gripenburg, who gives to the Soviet Minister President Mannerheim's message repudiating the pact with the German Government made by former President Risto Ryti.

Iraq-France-U.S.: The Iraq Government urges U.S. to extend full recognition to Lebanon and Syria. The Iraq Government also maintains that France has no more security needs in the Middle East than any other nation.

26 Argentina: Montevideo reports that Argentine Minister of Justice and Education Peluffo, reportedly of strong Nazi leanings, has resigned; his resignation followed a demonstration by approximately 300,000 people who crowded the streets of Buenos Aires to celebrate the liberation of Paris.

Yugoslavia: The Yugoslav Government-in-exile announces that King Peter signed a decree 25 Aug. abolishing the High Command, thus terminating official connections with Gen. Draja Mikhailovich.

28 Bulgaria: London reports that terms for an armistice

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with Bulgaria which were drawn up by the Allied European Advisory Commission have been forwarded to Sofia.

29 U.S.-Great Britain-Russia: Members of World Security Conference meeting in Washington reach a "general agreement" on an international organization which includes: an assembly of sovereign, peace-loving nations, a council of "principal states" supplemented by rotating representation of other states, and an international court of justice and "other means" to maintain peace and security.

Finland-Russia: The Soviet Government's reply to Finnish President Mannerheim's message states that Finland must sever relations with Germany and demand withdrawal of German troops from Finland before 15 Sept. as necessary prerequisites for peace negotiations.

Poland-Germany: Polish and Soviet authorities report that approximately 1,500,000 persons have been murdered at the Maidanek concentration camp in Lublin, Poland. W.H. Lawrence, New York Times Correspondent and 1 of 30 correspondents to visit the camp, reports many evidences of mass murder: 3 air-tight chambers for asphyxiation, fire furnaces that could cremate 1,900 bodies daily, and mounds of skeletons and piles of human ashes. Testimony from captured German camp guards reveals that rebellious internees were burned alive and that on 3 Nov., 1943, as many as 18,000 were killed.

Hungary: Broadcasts from Berlin reveal that Col. Gen. Vitez Lakatos, commander of Hungarian forces on the Russian front, has been named Hungarian premier.

30 France: A French Provisional Government with Gen. Charles de Gaulle as president is set up in Paris; all parties are represented in the government.

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