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Week Burma: Interest centers in Salween sector as elements
1-7 of Ch 1st, 2d, 9th, 27th, 36th, 39th, 76th, 87th, 88th, 103d, 116th, 130th, and 198th Divs gain control of most of Tengchung, continue reduction of enemy in Lungling, and eliminate opposition in Sungshan area, clearing Burma Road as far as Lungling. Fighters and fighter bombers, providing close support for ground forces, attack targets at Lungling, Tengchung, Mangshih, and Sungshan, and enemy transport on Burma Road. Enemy reinforces area as Hqs of Jap 33d Army, 2d, 18th, and 56th Divs move closer to front. In N Burma, Ind 36th Div and Ch 22d Div advance against elements of Jap 53d Div, and 24th and 34th IABs down Mogaung-Mandalay RR corridor to outskirts of Hopin. Chinese column following trail of future Ledo-Burma road from Myitkyina to Bhamo is still in Kazu area with no activity reported. Few missions flown in N Burma are against enemy personnel. Principal events of period are in Chindwin sector, where EA 11th Div and Ind 20th Div enter Sittaung and Thauungdut, evacuated by remnants of Jap 15th and 31st Divs, and complete clearance of W bank of Chindwin R. from Sittaung to pt. 35 mi. N. Fighters harass retreating enemy. EA 11th Div pushes elements of Jap 21st Div down Kabaw Valley to Khampat, SW of Minthami. Jap 33d Div, fighting delaying action on Tiddim Road, withdraws to Milestone 114 under pressure of Ind 5th Div. Ind 25th Div begins pressure to secure tactically important features on Mayu Range, SW of Buthidaung, and is opposed by Jap 55th Div. In Chindwin and Arakan sectors, Allied planes successfully bomb and strafe enemy positions, stores areas, RR yards and tracks, as well as motor and water transport, damaging 6 steamers. Attacks carried out against troops, bridges, oil pipeline, RR yards, rolling stock, MT, and river craft in central-south Burma. There is no enemy air activity of any consequence.

China: In central Hunan, Japanese concentrate troops in area S and W of Hengyang, moving in 4 columns along general line of Hengyang-Kweilin RR: Jap 13th Div and elements of Jap 40th and 116th Divs move down RR to capture Lengshuitang, juncture where Lingling spur joins Kweilin RR, and Kiyang, important ferry crossing on Hsiang R.; 14th AF airbase at Lingling destroyed on 4 Sept, and Jap 3d Div, by-passing Changning (held by 60th Div, Ch 37th Army), enters outskirts of town on 7 Sept. SE of Hengyang, Ch 20th Army withdraws to Leiyang area in face of pressure exerted by elements of Jap 27th and 34th Divs. N of Hengyang, Ch 58th Army continues to hold Chuting and disrupt enemy communications in area; to NE,

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Ch 72d Army attacks Liling, held by elements of Jap 27th Div; to NW, Jap 37th and 64th Divs capture Youngfeng and Chakiang, and with parts of Jap 40th and 116th Divs, move on Paoching, defended by 51st Div, Ch 74th Army, and 63d Div, Ch 100th Army. Main effort of 14th AF offensive power is applied in fighter and medium bomber attack in central Hunan upon Japanese troops and cavalry moving to front line, intermediate supply dumps, rear supply bases, river shipping, and tactical ground targets. In Chekiang, Jap 7 Ind FA Bn, and 60th and 70th Divs continue drive on Wenchow; elements cross Wu R. at Wenchi. Fighters strike at Chuki and Lishui, concentration points for troops moving on Wenchow. In Kwangtung, Japanese troops move to S from advanced positions N of Tsingyun; Chinese reoccupy evacuated positions. Kiatak, Tien Ho, and White Cloud airfields, and shipyards at Samshui and Kowloon bombed by medium bombers. In sweep of S China Sea, heavy bombers sink 4 freighters and 1 small boat, probably sink 1 submarine; and damage 1 freighter. Elsewhere, heavy bombers hit RR yards and ferry terminal at Nanking, in Kiangsu. Enemy air activity concentrated mainly along roads leading SW from Hengyang and Lingling; enemy also attacks 14th AF bases at Nanning, Laohokow, and Liuchow. One 14th AF plane lost, and 7-2-3 enemy aircraft claimed.

Formosa: Two B-24s sink 3 enemy freighters near Takao.

F.I.C.: Fighters attack river shipping in Hanoi area.

Thailand: New Bangkok-Moulmien RR is heavily bombed.

Burma-India: In Chindwin R. sector, 4th Brig patrols of Ind 20th Div reach foothills E of Angouching Range, SW of Homalin, without contacting enemy in drive to reach Chindwin R.; enemy withdraws through Homalin. On Tamu-Sittaung trail, British units are now established 1 mi. SE of Pyinbon Sakan and are patrolling eastward. Khampat, SW of Minthami in Kabaw Valley, found abandoned by 26th Brig, EA 11th Div. Along Tiddim Road, advance troops of 161st Brig, Ind 5th Div, push forward to MS 97. Flanking elements of this Brig now hold ambush positions in rear of enemy along road.

From Tiddim, on Manipur R., to Ye-u, on Mu R. in Lower Chindwin, 49 fighters attack MT, water transport, rolling stock, and oil dumps; 30 Hurribombers attack Manipur R. crossing on Tiddim Road. In Arakan sector, 12 Hurricanes sink and damage river craft on Mayu R. and bomb bashas in Hponnyoliek area.

Central-South Burma: Beech fighters, striking at enemy lines of communication, damage many river craft in Chauk area, and hit RR at Tazki and Hoho; 9 P-28s bomb Monywa, scoring 6 direct hits on RR tracks.

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Burma-China: Areas in Tengchung which were blocking Chinese are occupied by Ch 116th Div troops. Ch 87th Div units take several fortified houses in Lungling, and Ch 88th Div holds road block $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of city. Chinese repulse enemy counterattack 4 mi. NE of Mangshih.

Thirty-five P-40s and P-38s bomb and strafe enemy installations, road blocks, and MT at Lungling and Mangshih airfields. Ten enemy aircraft make low level attacks on Burma Road in Lungling area; 8 others strafe Chinese positions at Sungshan.

China: HUMAN: Chinese report defensive line set up 13 mi. W of Hengyang on line S to bend of Hsiang R. E of Changning, SSW of Hengyang, Chinese troops stubbornly resist enemy under effective air cover. One Japanese column thrusts SW of Young-feng on Siangsiang-Paoching highway; another penetrates area E of Paoching, reaching Hsitu area, on Paoching-Hengyang road.

Hengyang area is target for P-40s and P-51s in 23 sorties: MT, warehouses, and troops strafed; 2 bridges destroyed; runway at Hengyang airfield bombed. In Anjen region, E of Hengyang, 4 P-51s and 10 P-40s fire compounds and hit targets designated by ground radio station after dropping supplies to latter. Near Yangtien, S of Hengyang, 16 P-40s and 8 P-51s bomb and strafe compounds, installations, and damage approaches of bridge.

KWANGTUNG: In sweep of South China Sea, 4 B-24s sink freighter S of Hongkong, probably sink submarine, and damage 2d freighter. In Canton-Hongkong area, 12 B-25s on night mission bomb revetments, barracks, and ammunition dumps at Kiatak, Tien Ho, and White Cloud airfields, and also at Kowloon wharfs, and fire storage area S of Canton. Five P-40s damage 5 steamers and 3 tugs in Kiukiang area; 5 enemy aircraft intercepted with claims of 1-1-1; 1 P-40 missing.

2 Burma-India: In N Burma, patrols of 29th Brig, Ind 36th Div, find Kyagyigon, 4 mi. NE of Hopin, clear of enemy. N of Thaungdut on Chindwin R. patrols enter Tonhe. Some progress made toward Chindwin R. on Tamu-Sittaung trail; patrols reach pt. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NNW of Sittaung without meeting enemy. Forward elements of 161st Brig reach MS 98 on Tiddim Road unopposed.

In Chindwin-Manipur rivers area, 17 Spitfires damage RR facilities, MT, and 5 sampans near Thaungdut, Mawlaik, Kalemnyo, and Ye-u; 9 P-38s bomb Monywa town and RR tracks; 11 B-25s drop 13 tons on troops and storage area at Mawlaik; 30 Hurricanes drop 7 tons at MS 126 where Tiddim Road crosses Manipul R.; 12 others strafe surrounding area. In Arakan sector, Hurricanes

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and Spitfires bomb and heavily strafe bashas, MT, and enemy positions in Alechaung area.

Central-South Burma: Four Beaufighters damage rail transport and MT in Mandalay area, and fire oil pipeline at Pinwa.

Burma-China: Strong hill position in Sungshan hill area changes hands several times with parts now held by both Chinese and Japanese. Chinese reinforce road block $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of Mangshih, and make slight gains in Tengchung. Heavy losses inflicted on Japanese moving from Mangshih to relief of garrison at Tengchung.

Weather restricts air operations. Single enemy aircraft damaged near Paoshan.

China: HUMAN: Japanese columns by-pass Changning to S and SW, encircling elements of Ch 37th Army. Troops of 51st Div, Ch 74th Army, withdraw S of Hsitu on Hengyang-Paoching road in face of Japanese pressure. In Yangtze R. Valley, Chinese report they are engaging enemy NE of Tchang.

Enemy positions and installations in Hengyang and in Leiyang-Changning area attacked by 30 P-40s and 12 P-51s with good results: Yangtien bridge damaged; 3 P-40s and 2 B-25s damage W runway, enemy positions, and kill 20 troops at Hengyang airfield, and strafe 25 sampans on river to S. To N, 5 P-40s attack enemy gun positions in Siangtan area, and damage 20 boats in attack on river shipping S of Changsha; 11 other P-40s damage 60 buildings and kill number of troops in village 10 mi. S of Youngfeng. Kiyang, NE of Lingling, bombed 5 times during night by enemy aircraft.

KWANGTUNG: Enemy troops at Tsungfa, NE of Canton, reported withdrawing S into Canton area.

3 Burma-India: British patrols push farther in direction of Hopin along Mogaung-Mandalay RR. In Chindwin R. sector, patrol of 100th Brig, Ind 20th Div, enters Thaungdut, important steamer station, without opposition; patrol of 25th Brig, EA 11th Div, finds enemy positions abandoned on Tamu-Sittaung trail and advances to pt. 2 mi. from Sittaung. On Tiddim Road, advance elements of 161st Brig encounter enemy at MS 100.

In N Burma, B-25s attack Thapalai bridge, destroy RR bridge at Tu-mo, and bomb Indaw with considerable damage. Thirty Hurricanes with 6 tons of bombs hit targets E of Thaungdut on Chindwin R., then go SW to attack Manipur R. crossing and Tiddim town; 12 Hurricanes hit MT and ammunition dumps near Tonzang and Tiddim; 6 Spitfires damage 8 enemy aircraft on

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3 Kalewa, Ye-u, Shwebo, and Onbank airfields; 6 others damage
Cont river craft on lower Chindwin R.; B-25s bomb road bridge at
Ye-u; P-47s bomb buildings and boats in Bhamo area; 23 B-25s
drop 22 tons on RR tracks, road and rail bridges, and town
center at Monywa. In Arakan region, 12 Spitfires and 41
Hurricanes fire many buildings, and sink 3 and damage 6 river
craft at Alechaung.

Central-South Burma: Fourteen P-38s with 6 tons of bombs
and 2 depth charges hit RR bridge and tracks at Myitnge, just
S of Mandalay; B-25s bomb RR bridge at Kyaukse. Beaufighters
damage factory buildings and 67 river craft in Rangoon-Bassein-
Henzada area, and strafe enemy aircraft at Hmawbi.

Burma-China: Road block 2½ mi. SW of Lungling falls to
enemy after 3 Japanese attacks. Four mi. NW of Mangshih
Chinese troops repulse 2 enemy attacks; a third is now in
progress and positions change hands several times. Chinese
make minor gains in Tengchung and Sungshan areas. Enemy troops
unsuccessfully attempt to break through Chinese road block
SW of Lungling.

Burma Road and Kaungha and Nabhpakka bridges bombed by
B-24s. Ten to 12 enemy aircraft strafe Chinese positions after
dropping supplies to garrison at Tengchung.

China: HUNAN: Ch 58th Army holds Chuting, on Hsiang R.
N of Hengyang, sends columns to N and S disrupting communication
facilities in area, and continues to apply pressure against
enemy at Chaling, E of Hengyang, and at Liling, ESE of Siangtan.
Advance enemy column reaches Paishui, 40 mi. NE of Lingling,
Chinese report.

In Hengyang area, 2 P-51s and 13 P-40s attack cavalry and
troops, killing unknown number of troops and estimated 150
horses; 11 B-25s score direct hits on Hengyang airdrome, destroy
MT in convoy, and start fire at Siangtan ferry crossing.
Enemy reinforcements and communication lines in Changning
region heavily damaged: 38 P-40s kill many troops and horses
and damage gun positions; 18 P-51s and 8 P-40s destroy center
span of Yangtien bridge and strafe town, compounds, and enemy
positions; 2 P-40s and 2 P-51s probably destroy factory at
Sungpai; single enemy aircraft encountered near Changning and
destroyed.

KIANGSU: Twelve B-24s bomb RR yards and ferry terminal
at Nanking, causing fires and secondary explosions.

CHEKIANG: Forward elements of Japanese column moving
toward Wenchow advances 15 mi. SE of Lishui.

Single P-51 and 4 P-40s achieve excellent results in
bombing of Chiku-Kinhwa area. Locomotive destroyed, 4

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locomotives, 3 boxcars, 11 MT, and 3 warehouses damaged, large fire started in RR yards, estimated 20 troops and 150 horses killed, and 3 intercepting enemy aircraft shot down.

F.I.C.: Two P-38s strafe river craft and RR culvert in Haiphong area.

- 4 Burma-India: In N-Burma, patrols of 64th Regt, Ch 22d Div, search rear areas in Mogaung Valley; W of RR, without contacting enemy. In Chindwin R. sector, 25th Brig occupies Sittaung, important river depot, without opposition, finding hundreds of enemy dead and some ammunition and equipment; N of Sittaung, patrols of 100th Brig complete occupation of Thaungdut, reporting estimated 1,000 enemy dead in area; entire territory W of Chindwin R. and N of Sittaung-Tamu trail is thus free of enemy; most of remnants of Jap 15th and 31st Divs withdrawing in camouflaged boats down Chindwin R.; others concentrating E of Thaungdut and SE of Sittaung. On Tiddim Road, Ind 5th Div, pursuing Jap 33d Div which marched into Imphal, reaches MS 110 against slight resistance; enemy forces now pushed back almost to line of their march offensive.

In northern sector, B-47s bomb bivouac area at Myothit. In Chindwin-Manipur Rs. sector, 54 Hurricanes with 14 tons of bombs hit enemy camps E of Thaungdut and targets at Tiddim, Tonzang, and Kindat. In Lower Chindwin, 11 B-25s drop 21 tons on road bridge at Ye-u, blowing gap in center. In Arakan sector, 9 Spitfires and 20 Hurricanes bomb and strafe villages NE of Kwazon on Mayu R. and destroy 8 river craft, damage 5 others, sink barge, and fire ferry boat; in Kaladan R. area, S of Kyauktaw, 22 Hurricanes destroy 7 river craft and damage buildings.

Central-South Burma: Eight B-25s and 7 Beaufighters hit RR bridge at Kyaukse, and rolling stock and MT from Mandalay to Pyu, about 110 air mi. N of Rangoon. With RP and cannon, 2 of these Beaufighters fire barge and damage 2 steamers in Bassein area. In night attack, 9 B-24s drop 16 tons on Moulmein RR station and jetty with moderate success.

Burma-China: Small gains made by Chinese at Tengchung, while 2 1/2 m. S of Lungling Chinese retake some positions, and Japanese begin another attack. Chinese troops inflict heavy casualties on enemy as they repulse 2 attacks NE of Mangshih. Fighting continues in Sangshan with slight Chinese gains reported.

Sixteen P-40s and 4 P-38s attack installations at Lungling, bomb Mangshih airstrip, and Tinka bridge and town

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center, hill and road block near Lungling, and strafe MT.

China: HUNAN: Japanese cavalry thrusts SW from Hengyang through Kiyang on Hengyang-Lingling road to within 15 mi. of Lingling. Ch 20th Army troops withdraw S and SW of Anjen and Chaling to Leiyang area and are expected to take part in defense of Lingling. Evacuation and destruction of 14th AF base at Lingling begun at 1800 hrs. Japanese column moves NW from Yuhsien toward Chinese-held Chuting.

Large number of enemy troops and horses killed by total of 27 P-51s, 56 P-40s, and 18 B-25s in bombing and strafing attacks from Hengyang to Lingling on compounds, roads, and steamers carrying troops.

HUPEH: Laohokou airfield bombed twice by enemy aircraft which crater runway.

KWANGSI: Single enemy aircraft bombs Nanning airfield, damaging runway.

CHEKIANG: Japanese column thrusting S from Lishui reaches Tsingtien area, midway to Wenchow.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese continue withdrawals from positions N of Tsingtun and Canton.

F.I.C.: Two P-51s sink barge with RP in Hanoi area.

Thailand: Seven B-24s bomb Burma-Thailand RR to cause landslides; bombs hit cliff face but no landslides result.

5 Burma-India: In N Burma, patrols advance southward along RR toward Hopin. Forward elements of 161st Brig advance down Tiddim Road against slight opposition to MS 113.

In N Burma, 9 P-47s operating from Bhamo to Myothit bomb troop areas; B-25s bomb Indaw. In Chindwin sector, 24 Hurricanes and B-25s bomb and strafe MT in Tonzang-Tiddim area, stores area at Kalewa, and river craft on Chindwin R.; 5 B-25s bomb and strafe river craft and storage area at Kalewa. At Haka, in Chin Hills, 24 B-24s drop 22 tons of bombs, destroying many buildings. In Arakan sector, 8 Hurricanes and 10 Spitfires bomb and strafe enemy positions, bashas, and dumps E of Hponnyoleik; 6 Spitfires and 2 Hurricanes strafe airfields at Akyab and Myohaung.

Central-South Burma: Twelve P-38s with 6 tons of bombs attack Ywataung RR yards scoring 5 direct hits; 7 Beaufighters armed with RPs damage buildings, barges, and rolling stock in Moulmein-Thangyuzayat-Ye area.

Burma-China: Heavy fighting continues in all sectors with minor advances made in Tengchung by Chinese. Chinese attack in Sungshan area without success. Japanese attempting

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to reinforce Mangshih engaged by Chinese NE of town with estimated 80 enemy killed.

China: HUNAN: Advance elements of Japanese column reach outskirts of Lingling. Lichaiping, near Kiyang, occupied by enemy troops.

Forty-seven P-40s attack compounds, towns, and river shipping, killing estimated 130 troops and 295 horses and damaging approximately 77 river craft; 2 P-40s lost to ground fire. Thirty B-25s bomb Hengyang-Kiyang area, concentrating on Hengyang airfield, Siangtan ferry crossing, and MT with good results. NE of Yougfeng, 7 P-40s kill estimated 52 men and 72 horses. Single P-51 on patrol intercepts 16 enemy aircraft over Hengshan, destroying 1 and probably another.

KWANGSI: At night, 2 enemy aircraft attack Liuchow airfield, causing slight damage.

KWANGTUNG: Three B-25s bomb Samshui and Kowloon shipyards.

Indian Ocean:

SS Ionnis Fafalios (Greek cargo ship, 5,670 tons) sunk by enemy action at 04-20 S, 43-57 E.

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Burma-India: Advance along Tiddim Road continues to MS 113½; at MS 114 elements of Ind 5th Div meet fairly stiff opposition from enemy rear guards.

In N Burma, B-25s bomb Katha and Indaw, while P-47s attack enemy positions in Bhamo area. In Chindwin sector 53 Hurricanes with 13 tons of bombs attack villages near Tiddim, Yuwa, and Hawlaik; 11 B-25s drop 11 tons on Kalewa; 44 Hurricanes and 7 Spitfires damage MT and river craft from Thaungdut to Kalembo, firing 170-ft. steamer; B-25s bomb Japanese Hq at Falam. In Arakan sector, 40 Spitfires strafe enemy positions and basha concentrations at Alechaung and in area E of Buthidaung; 10 Hurricanes attack bashas and water transport in Mayu-Kaladan Rs. area.

Central-South Burma: Eight Beaufighters attack oil pipeline S of Allanmyo and damage river craft on Irrawaddy-Bassein Rs. from Prome to Bassein.

Burma-China: Heavy fighting continues at road block 2½ mi. SW of Lungling; enemy attacks Chinese positions 2 mi. S of town. Chinese reduce Japanese to 2 positions in Sungshan area. At Tengchung, Chinese make minor gains. Heavy losses sustained by Japanese and Chinese in fighting NE of Mangshih.

Four P-40s strafe oil storage at Cheiang along Burma Road.

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China: HUNAN: Lingling remains in Chinese hands despite reported enemy bombardment of approaches to city; Lengshuitang, juncture where Lingling spur joins Kweilin RR, captured by Jap 13th Div. Youngfeng falls to enemy forces, and Chinese troops continue to fight W of the city. Japanese plainclothesmen reported at Tunganhsien, on Kweilin RR near Kwangsi border.

Air attacks continue against forward movement of Japanese in Kiyang area: 31 P-40s and 18 B-25s bomb and strafe compounds, MT, river craft, RR yards, and Hengyang airfield, killing troops and cavalry.

CHEKIANG: Elements of Jap 60th and 70th Divs, driving on Wenchow, halted at Tsingtien by Chinese.

KIANGSI: Four P-40s damage warehouses at Hukow and destroy fuel barge at Fengtseh.

KWANGTUNG: N of Tsingyun, Hoyunkai reoccupied upon withdrawal of enemy.

Ten B-25s bomb storage area at Samshui and Kowloon shipyards.

Formosa: At night, 2 B-24s sink 3 enemy freighters 15 mi. W of Takao harbor.

Thailand: At night, 23 B-24s bomb Hnohngpladuk RR station and locomotive depot on Burma-Thailand RR with good results.

- 7 Burma-India: Patrols of 29th Brig, moving SW along RR, reach outskirts of Hopin without encountering enemy; over 500 dead Japanese found. Patrols of EA 26th Brig reach Yedok, in Kabaw Valley, likewise without contact. Jap 33d Div, fighting delaying action on Tiddim Road, continues to oppose Allied advance at MS 114; concentrated arty and mortar fire drives enemy from one strongpoint, and Indian troops kill or wound defenders of another. In Arakan sector, Ind 5th Div, believed without knowledge of enemy, secures forward bases on Mayu Range to anticipate enemy on important features before end of monsoon season.

Supply dumps at Indaw well hit by B-25s. Enemy communications behind Manipur-Chindwin rivers front from Thaugdut to Shwebo harassed by bombers which in 139 sorties destroy Kongyi bridge, SE of Kalewa, and damage much motor and water transport (including 6 steamers), roiling stock, and dumps.

Central-South Burma: Beaufighters strike enemy's line of communications hitting MT, locomotives, RRs, water tower, and strafe oil installations on Thazi-Heho branch RR.

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Burma-China: Sungshan Hill now clear of enemy, opening Burma Road as far as Lungling. Chinese now occupy most of Tengchung; Japanese still hold NE and SE gates and two-thirds of E quadrant, but are being cleared from N and S quadrants. Shungpo hill position SW of Lungling is lost to enemy after four days' resistance. Heavy fighting in this area continues as other Japanese attacks are repulsed. Elements of Ch 1st Div repulse Japanese attacks W of Lungling.

China: HUNAN: Street fighting reported in Lingling as enemy attacks from N and E. Chinese armies SW of Hengyang disintegrate and are reduced to guerrilla warfare. Changning remains Chinese-held although entirely encircled. Elements of Jap 37th Div reach points 1-25 mi. NE of Paoching.

Enemy troops advancing toward Lingling from Hengyang via river craft attacked by 28 P-51s, 69 P-40s, and 30 B-25s; approximately 355 river craft destroyed or damaged; MT, RR, cars and tracks, 8 bridges, compounds, Siangtan and Kiyang ferry crossings, and Lingling airfield also hit.

CHEKIANG: Enemy troops overcome opposition at Tsingtien, cross Wu. R. at Wenchi, and advance $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi. toward Wenchow.

KWANGTUNG: On night mission, 11 B-25s bomb Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields, causing huge fires and 2 explosions in storage areas. Convoy 75 mi. S of Hongkong in South China Sea attacked by 5 B-24s; 3 freighters and 1 small ship sunk.

F.I.C.: Four P-38s strafe transportation in Red R. Valley-Hanoi area: locomotive exploded, 75-ft. power boat left burning, 4 barges damaged, 100 sampans strafed with many burned or damaged.

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Burma: Highlighting week's activity is capture on 14 Sept. of remaining enemy-held portions of Tengchung, on Salween front. On following day Ch 36th and 200th Divs launch attack on Lungling and enemy begins general withdrawal. Bombers attack installations in area which enemy is reinforcing, hitting Bhamo, Manwing, Kutkai, Wanling, and Chefang, and positions at Mangshih and Lungling; fighters support ground forces in attacks on enemy transport and fortifications. In N Burma, Indian column enters Hopin; patrols penetrate beyond to Nanna; weather confines air operations to attack on Nawnghkio airfield by Beaufighters and bombing of Katha by B-25s. Allied patrols from Myitkyina contact Chinese troops of the Salween on Yunnan border. E of Sittaung, EA 25th Brig patrols report area formed by loop of Chindwin R. clear of enemy. In Kabaw Valley, EA 26th Brig patrols occupy Yedok,

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8-15 S of Tamu. Indian troops begin crossing of Manipur R. at
Cont Milestone 126 on Tiddim Road. Fighters provide close support, bombing and strafing enemy at Milestone 126, gun positions, camps, motor and water transport, RR tracks, oil installations, and bridges at Zawchaung, Kalewa, and Falam. In Arakan sector, initial limited objectives on Mayu Range gained by Ind 25th Div; fighters attack gun positions, dumps, bashas, villages, and HT, and extensively damage river craft. In central-south Burma, Beaufighters, B-25s, and B-24s continue attacks on enemy rail and oil facilities, bridges, and river traffic; several merchant ships damaged off Tenasserim coast. Enemy air effort centers in Salween sector where Paoshan airfield and Tengchung airstrip strafed; 12 enemy aircraft intercepted over Lungling and fighters claim 5-2-0; single encounter elsewhere over Rangoon: 1 enemy aircraft shot down.

China: Jap 3d and 13th Divs occupy Lingling, initial objective in first phase of drive on Kweilin; turning S from Lingling, enemy column enters Taohsien, then moves westward toward Kweilin. NW of Lingling, enemy forces occupy Sinning, setting up defensive western flank. Parts of Jap 40th and 58th Divs by-pass rear Chinese strongpoints in Lingling area and occupy towns of Tunganhsien, Maitow, Tunghsiangshiao, and Chuanhsien. Ch 93d Army withdraws from Chuanhsien, joining remnants of Ch 5th, 10th, 26th, 46th, 62d, and 79th Armies in vicinity of Hsinganhsien, 30 mi. NE of Kweilin. Only effective Chinese resistance takes place at encircled but Chinese-held Changning, SSW of Hengyang, and in Lingling area. Ch 26th Army unsuccessfully attempts to relieve Ch 60th Div at Changning. In Paoching area, NW of Hengyang, Ch 51st, 57th, and 63d Divs delay advance of Jap 37th and 116th Divs on that evacuated city and demolished airfield. Air effort concentrated in tactical missions against enemy threat to 14th AF base at Kweilin: fighters and medium bombers attack enemy personnel, cavalry, junks, ships, ferries, bridges, and rail facilities in forward areas. In Chekiang, elements of Jap 60th and 70th Divs enter Wenchow with no material opposition by Chinese forces. In thrust NW from Canton-Hongkong area, Japanese capture Kwongning and Waitsap near Kwangtung-Kwangsi border and move westward on Hsintu. Other enemy columns move W and SW from Canton and Samshui capturing Szewui, Koming, Hoiping, and Koyiu. Chinese resistance to these moves is ineffective. From waist of Luchow Peninsula, enemy column moves toward Linkong and retreats after brief foray. Medium bombers attack Samshui, Chungshan University, and Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields; fighters bomb and

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strafe river shipping, troops, positions, installations, and towns of Kwongning, Kongmoon, Kowkong, and Samshui. Off Luichow Peninsula, fighters destroy many junks. Returning from sweep over S China Sea, heavy bombers hit island in Amoy harbor. Fighters destroy rolling stock in attack on Hsingyang junction of Pin Han RR; other fighters strafe airfield in Ichang area and damage steamers and barges on Yangtze R. Enemy aircraft bomb 14th AF airfields at Chengtu, Hsian, and Liuchow; single enemy plane destroyed in Hengyang-Lingling area; 11 enemy aircraft intercepted near Samshui and 2-2-3 claimed.

Formosa Strait: Heavy bombers sink 3 cargo vessels near Pescadores Is.

F.I.C.: Fighters and medium and heavy bombers attempt to knock out key bridges along Hanoi-Saigon RR, strafe river craft at mouth of Red R., and hit junks, steamers, and barges in Hanoi-Haiphong area.

Manchuria: XX Bomber Command attacks Showa Steel Works at Anshan for second time on 8 Sept., causing severe damage.

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Burma-India: Ind 17th Div moves to Ranchi, India, from Dimapur in Allied-held Naga Hills. On Tiddim Road, 161st Brig eliminates enemy opposition at MS 114 and pushes S to MS 116 where another enemy position is encountered. In Arakan sector, Ind 25th Div troops attack enemy position on ridge 6 mi. SW of Buthidaung and reach summit, but enemy holds out; at night, enemy launches counterattack.

In Chindwin sector, villages, gun positions, and MT are targets for fighters in 101 sorties in Tiddim Road-Kabaw Valley area. In Arakan region, 12 Spitfires and 30 Hurricanes heavily strafe over 100 bashas and 12 rivercraft S of Mayu Peninsula.

Burma-China: Chinese force Japanese into NE corner of Tengchung; enemy now holds about one-eighth of city with his strongest position at SW gate. Ch 1st Div engages in heavy fighting with 1,000 enemy troops NW of Lungling. Ch 36th Div moves S from Tengchung to Lungling.

Paoshan airfield is target for low-level attack by 12 enemy aircraft which damage 2 transports on ground and shoot down 1 transport loaded with troops; 4 P-38s intercept and claim 2-1-3.

China: HUNAN: Limited fighting continues in Lingling; Japanese reportedly hold the town and airfield; advance enemy columns thrust due S to Taohsien, NW to Tungan, and SW to Tunghsiangchiao. Enemy presses attacks on Changning from S, E, and N gates, but Chinese hold out. Ch 58th Army

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continues occupation of Chuting while tearing up communications in area.

Total of 70 P-40s, 28 P-51s, and 14 B-25s operates against enemy communications from Hengyang to Tungan; approximately 179 river craft damaged or destroyed; many road bridges damaged; troops, compounds, and MT hit; Tungan and Lingling towns and Lingling airfield heavily bombed.

KWANGTUNG: On night mission, 6 B-25s bomb Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields and Chungshan University, causing fires and explosions.

F.I.C.: Eighteen B-24s damage 5 bridges along coast and damage small river craft.

Manchuria: On its 8th mission, XX Bomber Command bombs Showa Steel Works at Anshan, Manchuria. Ninety B-29s drop 206.5 tons of bombs on primary target, Anshan coke plant; 5 batteries destroyed and 2 damaged; coke by-product plant and number of buildings severely damaged. Five B-29s hit targets of opportunity in Anshan vicinity. Five others drop 2½ tons on Sinsiang RR yards, secondary target. Six B-29s bomb targets of opportunity: airfield SW of Kaifeng, RR shops at Tehsien, and Changteh airfield. Enemy fighter opposition strongest in area surrounding Anshan, where enemy fighters make 118 attacks; 3 B-29s lost and 5 damaged; 8-9-10 enemy aircraft claimed.

9 Burma-India: Patrols of EA 25th Brig find area on E bank of Chindwin R. near Sittaung clear of enemy. Along Tiddim Road, 161st Brig troops advance to MS 117 and lose contact with enemy. On Arakan front, troops of Ind 25th Div repulse Japanese counterattack launched last night in area SW of Buthidaung.

In Chindwin sector, 72 Hurricanes, with 13 tons of bombs, and 6 Spitfires bomb and strafe camps, dumps, enemy positions, and motor and water transport in Tiddim-Tonzang region.

Central-South Burma: Seven Beaufighters damage 8 locomotives and rolling stock on Pegu-Moulmein-Ye RR. Off Tenasserim coast, 7 Beaufighters using RPs damage and probably fire 1 MV (1,000 tons) and 1 escort sloop in region of Kalegauk I.

Burma-China: Large enemy force N of Lungling splits into 2 columns; fighting is now in progress 4 mi. N and 1½ mi. NE of Lungling.

B-25s destroy Japanese hq buildings at Marwing. Enemy aircraft strafe landing strip at Tengchung.

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China: HUNAN: Elements of Jap 40th and 58th Divs now between Lengshuitang and Tunganhsien, N and NW of Lingling. Chinese column reported to be withdrawing S from Lingling toward Taohsien. Enemy columns continue moving SW in Youngfeng-Paoching area, NW of Hengyang.

Enemy troop movements from Hengyang to Tungan again under air attack: 6 P-51s, 13 B-25s, and 25 P-40s damage or destroy estimated 52 river craft, kill approximately 155 troops, and damage many compounds, towns, RR tracks, and Tungan RR bridge. Eight P-40s destroy 16 buildings and kill estimated 15 troops in Youngfeng area.

CHEKIANG: Japanese occupation of Wenchow imminent.

KWANGTUNG: SW of Canton, in vicinity of Kowkong, Japanese column pushes 11 mi. in direction of Hoiping; N of Canton, in Tsingyun area, enemy troops withdraw southward to consolidate forces in preparation for drive up West R.

In Lupao-Tsingyun area, 10 P-51s and 10 P-40s attack river shipping, killing estimated 15 Japanese. At night, 11 B-25s bomb Samshui, starting many fires and series of explosions.

KIKANG: At night, 12 enemy aircraft bomb Chengtu airfield, causing slight damage.

F.I.C.: Along coast in Haiphong area, 2 P-38s strafe shipping, damaging 2 junks.

10 Burma-India: In N Burma, patrols of 72d Brig of Ind 36th Div report no contact with enemy in area S and W of Hopin. Along Tiddim Road, advance elements of 161st Brig reach MS 118 without opposition; enemy falls back on strong defenses. In Arakan sector, heavy fighting continues for strategic ridge held by enemy in Mayu Range, SW of Buthidaung; enemy losses in the 3-day battle are substantial.

Central-South Burma: Nine B-25s drop 9 tons on Kyaukse RR bridge, destroying span, and on RR tracks near Channgu bridge; 10 B-25s with 11 tons destroy by-pass bridge on Mu R.

Beaufighters strafe wreckage of troop train in Mandalay-Lashio area, locomotives and RR tracks in Moulmein area. In 3 separate actions in Moulmein area, Beaufighters damage 16 merchant ships and attack factories, wharfs, and warehouses. Beaufighters continue attacks against shipping off Tenasserim coast, damaging several enemy vessels ranging from 300 to 1,000 tons.

Burma-China: Chinese gain control of all of Tengchung except SE gate and eastern half of eastern quadrant.

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At Mangshih, 4 B-24s bomb and strafe enemy installations and positions on bank of Salween R.; 17 Kittybombers, with 5 P-51s and 4 P-40s, bomb 5 towns in Lungling area, causing heavy damage; many fires and several explosions caused, gun positions destroyed, fuel dump, steamer, 2 launches, and 25 sampans hit; RR track and 2 compounds in Laoching area heavily damaged. Seventeen B-24s bomb Wanling, causing fires and explosions. Six B-25s bomb Kutkai on Burma Road, destroying 2 buildings and some open stores; other B-25s damage bridge at Hsenwi.

China: HUNAN: Japanese move on Paeching from E and S; Chinese set up defensive positions 4 mi. NE of town. Chuanhsien, SW of Lingling, falls to enemy troops; Tunghsiangchiao, SW of Lingling, also attacked but town remains Chinese-held.

Chuanhsien-Tungan-Kiyang-Lingling area heavily attacked by 18 P-51s, 62 P-40s, and 33 B-25s; over 28 compounds, numerous bridges, and towns hit; approximately 97 river craft damaged or destroyed; estimated 15 Japanese and 9 horses killed. Eight P-40s bomb Hengshan, N of Hengyang, causing considerable damage, and hit MT and RR junction near Leiyang.

KWANGTUNG: Enemy forces (approximately 7,000 troops reported in assault group) advance parallel to West R. to Takhing; fighting flares on Kwangtung-Kwangsi border as enemy moves into Kwongning-Waitsap area.

Sixteen P-51s attack enemy installations and positions in Suukoukou-Waitsap area; 6 B-25s cause fires and explosions in night bombing of Samshui.

SHENSI: Twelve enemy aircraft hit Hsian airfield, slightly damaging 1 B-29, 1 C-47, and taxi strip.

HUPEH: Three P-40s damage MT and river craft in Wuchang area.

FUKIEN: On sweep over S China Sea, 4 B-24s bomb Kulangsu I. in Amoy harbor.

F.I.C.: Two P-38s strafe river craft and roads in Red R. Valley.

- 11 Burma-India: In N Burma, 1st Bn of Ind 36th Div is now in Hopin and patrols probe around village without contacting enemy. Along Tiddim Road, forward elements of 161st Brig regain contact with enemy at MS 120. In Arakan sector, fighting for ridge in Mayu Range SW of Buthidaung end with flight of surviving enemy defenders; Indian troops, pushing on, gain another strategic hill, strengthening Allied command of Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

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In Chindwin sector, Tonzang, Tiddim, Kalewa, and Yazagyo areas strafed and bombed by 92 Hurricanes, 21 B-25s, and 10 Spitfires which cause many fires and damage tracks at Zawchaung RR bridge, on tributary of Mu R. In Arakan sector, 8 Hurricanes and 16 Spitfires bomb and strafe villages, ammunition dumps, bashas, and foxholes near Buthidaung, Hponnyoleik, and Kwazon.

Central-South Burma: Thirteen B-24s bomb Maymyo and Ywataung RR yards with 19 tons; B-25s damage bridge at Namhkai.

Burma-China: Japanese occupy Chinese positions E and NE of Lungling.

In 34 sorties, P-40s and P-38s strafe MT on Burma Road, destroying 15 and damaging 25, and bomb fortified positions at Lungling; P-47s bomb and strafe Tengchung-Lungling-Bhamo road; 21 B-24s bomb ammunition dump at Manghsih and Wanling town and strafe enemy installations on W bank of the Salween.

China: HUMAN: Japanese forces occupy Tunghsiangchiao, SW of Lingling, and follow retreating Chinese into Paoching area.

Air attacks in Lingling sector on decreased scale: 7 P-51s, 12 P-40s, and 30 B-25s damage MT, gun positions, bridges, 10 compounds, and 28 river craft, and bomb towns in area. Villages in Paoching region bombed and strafed by 8 P-40s.

SHENSI: Five enemy aircraft hit runway, hostel area, and RR station at Hsian airfield.

CHEKIANG: Enemy forces enter Wenchow.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese troops enter Kwongning and Waitsap in first stages of southern pincers move on Kweilin. Enemy columns begin moving NW from Toishan, S of Canton near coast line, and W from Kowkong. At waist of Luichow Peninsula, Japanese columns thrust N toward Limkong.

Ten P-40s and 5 P-51s effectively bomb and strafe Kwongning; 20 P-51s bomb Kongmoon and Kowkong with good results.

F.I.C.: Two B-25s and 2 P-38s strafe and bomb river shipping in Haiphong area.

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Burma-India: Patrols of EA 25th Brig report area formed by loop of Chindwin R. E of Sittaung clear of enemy. In Kabaw Valley, patrols of 26th Brig occupy Yedok, S of Tamu, without opposition. In Chin Hills, troops of Ind 5th Div along Tiddim Road again contact enemy.

At Katha, in W Burma, B-25s drop bombs and start fires. In Chindwin sector, 44 Hurribombers, 87 Hurricanes, and 24 Spitfires bomb and strafe roads, MT, water transport, rolling stock, buildings, and dumps, damage bridges at Falam, and

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destroy bridge at Kalewa. In Arakan sector, 10 Spitfires destroy 5 river craft and damage 11 in Tanko-Alechaung area.

Central-South Burma: Six Beaufighters damage locomotives, RR cars, and MT from Lashio to Pyinmana on Mandalay-Rangoon RR and on Rangoon-Allanmyo RR near Prome. At Shangaw, SE of Pyinmana, enemy gun positions attacked by 3 Hurricanes and 4 Spitfires. Fourteen B-24s lay mines at mouth of Pakcham R.

Burma-China: Fighting continues in Lungling area: Ch 36th Div is S of Shweli R. tributary awaiting arrival of Ch 200th Div before launching coordinated attack against Japanese N of Lungling; SW of Lungling Chinese troops continue to hold positions, repulsing several enemy attacks.

Fortified positions and gun emplacements at Lungling attacked by 10 B-25s and P-38s. Seven P-47s bomb Bhamo with unobserved results; 16 P-47s, in sweep over Katha, Tengchung, Lungling, Wanling, Use, Mangshih, and Loiwing, fire sheds and damage bridge, gun position, river craft, and MT. P-38s damage 25 MT on Burma Road.

China: HUNAN: Japanese continue movement SW toward Kweilin from Lingling, Lengshuitang, and Tunganhsien.

Twenty B-25s successfully bomb Sungpai and Tunghsiangchiao; 6 other B-25s, 7 P-40s, and 15 P-51s damage 16 river craft, MT, bridges, compounds, and enemy installations in Lingling area. Two P-51s destroy 1 enemy plane while on rcn in Hengyang-Lingling area. Thirty-three P-40s attack troops and MT in Paoching-Youngfeng area.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese column heads S toward Szewui from Tsingyun; column moving NW from Toishan advances to within 5 mi. of Hoiping.

Fourteen P-51s cause fires and secondary explosions at Samshui, and damage freighter on West R. In Luichow Peninsula vicinity, 8 P-40s destroy 2 junks and damage 3, and fire 2 warehouses and steamer.

F.I.C.: Seven P-40s damage 3 steamers at Hanku and Hongay, and sink 2 barges.

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Burma-India: Strong enemy position holds up 161st Brig at MS 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Tiddim Road; 123d Brig concentrates at Kuangkhan, NNE of Tonzang, E of Manipur R.

Total of 48 Hurribombers, 73 Hurricanes, and 4 Spitfires bombs and strafes oil installations and villages from Homalin on upper Chindwin R. to Tiddim on Manipur R. In Arakan sector, 4 Hurricanes and 8 Spitfires strafe enemy gun positions and river craft in area SE of Godusan and waterways N of Akwap.

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Central-South Burma: Seven Beaufighters and 8 P-38s hit rolling stock on Monywa-Mandalay-Lashio RR and river craft and bamboo bridge in Thazi-Pyinmana area. Rangoon airfields also hit and 1 enemy aircraft shot down over Mingaladon. Other Beaufighters score hits on 3 RRs near Rangoon and bomb and strafe river traffic. Twenty-two B-24s, in attack on Moulmein, score many hits on RR station, jetty, and warehouses.

Burma-China: Chinese troops repulse several enemy attacks NE of Mangshih. One mi. S of Lungling Japanese forces occupy strongpoint which Chinese troops recapture.

Twenty-eight B-25s with 21 tons of bombs hit Bhamo and Wanling with moderate success; 9 other B-25s with 8 tons attack military area W of Namkham with good results; P-51s bomb warehouse area at Mangshih.

China: HUNAN: Ch 93d Army begins general withdrawal from Chuanhsien defense positions, joining other Chinese units at Hsinganhsien, and destroying bridges N of latter. After minor skirmishes N, NE, and E of Chuanhsien, Japanese enter town. Enemy column moves NW from Tunganhsien, occupies Sinning, and reaches Tzeyuan. Another column advancing southward from Lingling reaches Tachhsien.

Two P-40s bomb ferry terminal at Chuanhsien, causing considerable damage.

HUPEH: Three P-40s strafe airfield in Ichang area.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese forces occupy Szewui, NE of Samshui, Koming, SW of Samshui, and Hoiping, NW of Toishan. Enemy column moving on Limkong at waist of Luichow Peninsula withdraws after brief foray.

Samshui bombed by 24 P-51s and 3 P-40s with good results. Off Luichow Peninsula 8 P-40s damage 20 junks.

Formosa Strait: Two B-24s sink 3 cargo vessels in vicinity of Pescadores Is.

F.I.C.: Eight P-40s fire 3 steamers and damage many small craft on Red R. delta and along coast line.

14 Burma-India: In N Burma, 29th Brig of Ind 36th Div moves into Hopin area. On Tiddim Road, 161st Brig advances to Manipur R. at MS 126 without opposition, opposing forces at MS 120½ having retreated during night; some units prepare to cross.

In Arakan sector, 6 Hurribombers, 12 Hurricanes, 6 Spitfires, and 4 Beaufighters bomb and strafe bashas, MT, and river craft in Rathedaung area. 4 Hurribombers and 6 Spitfires hit enemy gun positions, ammunition dump, and food stores in area SE of Godusara and NE of Buthidaung.

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Central-South Burma: Four Beaufighters with RP and cannon attack oil pipeline at Padigon, 96 river craft on Irrawaddy R. N of Mandalay, and RRs, locomotives, and MT in Kyangin-Henzada area.

Burma-China: Tengchung, entered on 4 Aug by elements of Ch 20th Army Group, falls to Chinese as remaining 30-40 enemy troops take to hills. Elements of 599th Regt, Ch 200th Div, attack and capture half of enemy hill position 3 mi. N of Lungling; several enemy attacks repulsed in other areas around Lungling; enemy takes one Chinese position 2½ mi. to S.

Mangshih and Bhamo bombed by 21 B-25s; buildings hit and bashas fired.

China: HUNAN: At Paoching, on enemy's W flank, some Chinese forces move about 30 mi. westward along Chihkiang highway; 18th and 189th Regts (Ch 63d Div) deny Japanese entry into Paoching. Enemy continues advance SW of Lingling toward Kweilin.

Fifty-two P-40s and 22 P-51s, harassing enemy communications in Hengyang-Lingling-Chuanhsien area, destroy or damage MT, river craft, compounds, buildings, and 2 RR bridges, and kill small number of troops and horses; ferry crossings at Lingling and Chuanhsien also hit. Six B-25s and 6 P-51s attack Tunganhsien, damaging many buildings; 16 P-40s hit Sinning, causing many fires. NW of Hengyang, 34 P-40s and 4 P-51s damage buildings and compounds in Siansiang-Youngfeng-Paoching area.

HUPEH-KIANGSI: NE of Hengyang, 5 P-40s and 4 P-51s, on Yangtze R. sweep, damage 8 steamers and 2 barges in Shihweiyao-Pengtseh vicinity; RR cars strafed.

CHEKIANG: Street fighting reported in Wenchow; enemy begins using Wenchow harbor as an anchorage.

KWANGTUNG: Japanese column which occupied Koming, SW of Samshui, reported to be encountering stiff Chinese opposition. Chinese report Waitsap, NW of Samshui on Kwantung-Kwangsi border, still Chinese-held in spite of enemy infiltration and attacks. Sunhing, 20 mi. SW of Koyju, and NW of Hoiping, captured by enemy forces.

On mission to bomb Samshui, 11 P-51s intercept 12 enemy aircraft, salvo bombs, and claim 2-2-3. Eight P-40s, in attack on shipping off Luichow Peninsula, sink 2 junks, probably sink 1 steamer, and damage 5 junks, 1 tug, and 1 steamer; 6 MT damaged in Ft. Bayard-Chikhom area.

F.I.C.: Eight P-40s destroy 5 junks and damage 15 junks, 2 barges, and dredge in Hongay area.

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Burma-India: In N Burma, patrols of 29th Brig reach Namma, 10 mi. S of Hopin, without encountering enemy. On Tiddim Road, troops of 161st Brig begin crossing Manipur R. at MS 126. Elements of 123d Brig reach Lungrak, 3 mi. NE of Tonzang, and report area clear of enemy. At night, 74th Brig, Ind 25th Div, repulses 4 enemy attacks N of Aletangyaw on Arakan coast.

Two Hurribombers strafe Pantha, S of Tami in Kabaw Valley. In Arakan sector, 6 Hurribombers, 12 Hurricanes, and 7 P-38s attack supply dump NE of Rathedaung.

Central-South Burma: Ten B-25s hit MT at Pakokku, S of Toungoo; 8 Beaufighters, operating singly, damage 2 locomotives and many RR cars at Monywa, Shwebo, Sagaing, Henzada, and Nayangon (NW of Moulmein).

Burma-China: Ch 36th and 200th Divs launch attack on Lungling and capture two hill positions 3 mi. N of town; elements of Ch 1st Div enter old town after hard fighting; 1 mi. to S, fighting continues with position changing hands several times. Enemy forces begin general withdrawal from old Lungling and Nanchang, N of the town. Near China-Burma border, Chinese-American patrol from Myitkyina contacts patrol of Ch 20th Army Group from Tengchung, opening way for completion of Ledo-Burma Road.

Five B-25s bomb Muse, causing 2 large fires and explosions; others bomb fuel stores at Chefang and storage area at Wanling; 16 P-47s bomb Kutkai, on Burma Road, with excellent results: 7 buildings destroyed, barracks area fired, 1 explosion caused; 9 P-47s damage bridge SE of Bhamo and fire house and MT in Wanling-Loiwing area.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Fifteen hundred Japanese reported to be 5½ mi. SW of Chuanhsien on Hengyang-Kweilin RR. Enemy forces at Taohsien, S of Lingling, reinforced; column of 2,000 moves SW of Taohsien toward Kweilin. Chinese burn large part of Kweilin. Japanese patrols reported to be 1 mi. from Paoching.

Air effort in Kiyang-Lingling sector concentrated on Siang R. traffic: 52 P-40s and 2 P-51s destroy or damage 311 river craft, including 2 steamers, and hit barracks area on river bank; 6 B-25s damage Lingling ferry terminus buildings. Chuanhsien bombed by 20 B-25s, 4 P-40s, and 7 P-51s; good hits scored and large fire started. Nineteen B-24s bomb Hengyang, causing fires and secondary explosions. N of Hengyang, 15 P-40s destroy river craft and buildings in Changsha area. S of Hengyang, 4 P-40s score direct hits on enemy strongpoints at Ichang.

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HONAN: Eight P-40s destroy 5 box cars and damage 7 in strafing attack on junction of Pin Han RR at Hsinyang.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese occupy Koyiu, on West R. W of Samshui. Enemy column moves SW from Waitsap area toward Hsintu.

Two B-24s sink 5 enemy freighters with direct hits 60 mi. SE and 100 mi. SW of Hongkong. Eight P-40s sink schooner and damage 11 junks and patrol boat off Luichow Peninsula. At night, 3 enemy aircraft bomb Liuchow airfield.

F.I.C.: Four P-40s destroy or damage 11 junks near coast line.

Week 16-22 Burma: On Salween front, Chinese troops occupy old town of Lungling and portions of town itself upon enemy withdrawal; heavy fighting takes place in Mangshih area: 3 enemy columns reported to be attacking Hsiangta, 7 mi. E of Mangshih. Burma Road attacked from Lungling to Bhamo by P-47s, P-40s, and B-25s; barracks areas and military installations heavily damaged at Lungling, Mangshih, Wanling, and Bhamo. Situation in RR corridor in N Burma unchanged; patrols penetrate S and W of Hopin. Rail installations and bridges hit by P-47s and B-25s at Indaw, Naba, Kadu, and Nam Mawn. Heavy rains and landslides restrict activity E of Chindwin R. from Sittaung and in Kapaw Valley; patrols reach areas 7 mi. N of Yazagyo and 10 mi. W of Mawlaik. Enemy regrouping and rest areas E of Chindwin near Mawlaik and Paungbyin are main targets for P-47s, Hurricanes, Hurribombers, and B-25s in this sector. On Tiddim Road, Ind 5th Div troops successfully cross Manipur R., occupy Tonzang, and set up road block at Milestone 139 cutting off retreating enemy forces. Air activity in Tiddim area is on decreased scale; Hurricanes damage MT on Tiddim Road. British task force on Arakan coast abandons beachhead N of Alethangyaw; patrol activity only reported on Mayu Range. Enemy positions, storage dumps, bashas, river craft, and bridges at Taungup Pass and Butthidaung attacked by P-38s, Spitfires, and Hurribombers. Beaufighters, B-25s, and B-24s continue bombing of rail lines, oil installations, motor and water transport in central and south Burma. There is no contact with enemy air arm.

China: Japanese forces advance toward Kweilin, although enemy's principal effort in this sector is accumulation of supplies and troops. NW of main RR zone of advance, Japanese penetrate beyond Siyenhsien; Ch 62d and 79th Armies move NW from Hsingansien to take up positions in this area. Along

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16-22 RR, enemy forces consolidate positions S of Chuanhsien.
Cont SE of Chuanhsien, situation is fluid as Ch 20th, 26th, and 37th Armies, while enroute to Kweilin, engage Jap 3d and 13th Divs and elements of Jap 64th Div which advance S and W of Taohsien; enemy captures Kwanyang, Yungming, and Kiangwha. Japanese close in on Paoching, NW of Hengyang. N of Hengyang, Chinese-held Chuting, on E bank of Hsiang R., recaptured by Japanese; pressed out of Chuting, Ch 58th Army moves SE to attack Yuhsien. Principal air effort is against targets in Hunan. Changsha, increasingly important transport center, hit once by bombers, 5 times by fighters; supply routes and concentration points in Changsha-Siangtan-Paoching-Hengyang area attacked daily by fighters and fighter bombers. In Lingling-Chuanhsien-Taohsien area, fighters, fighter bombers, and bombers hit river and road traffic, town centers, ferry crossings, and enemy positions. In Kwangtung-Kwangsi area, Jap 104th Div and 19th IMB, moving SW from Waitsap, capture Hsintu and Wuchow, and in moves SW from Koyiu and NW from Sunhing occupy Takhing and Loting; other enemy forces overcome Chinese resistance at Koming. Jap 23d IMB thrusts N from Luichow Peninsula, capturing Sungfeng, Watlam, and Jungyun, approximately 95 mi. N of previous Japanese positions; 155th Div, Ch 64th Army, harasses W flank and rear of enemy column moving N on Yangmoi. Fighters attack river shipping, compounds, and towns, killing many troops, along West R. from Koyiu to Wuchow and N to Waitsap area. Fighter bombers hit RR yards at Samshui, oil stores at Wuchow, and town centers at Samshui, Koyiu, Sunhing, Szewui, and Szetang. Off Luichow Peninsula, fighters destroy many junks. On sweeps over S China Sea, bombers sink troop transport and 2 freighters. In Chekiang, Chinese reportedly recapture Lishui; Japanese land on 6 islands off coast, and complete mopping up in Wenchow; 14th AF fighters strafe landing strip at Kinwa. Yangtze R. shipping attacked by fighters; bombers hit supplies at Hankow. In Yellow R. sector, bombers hit RR yards, and fighters hit Puchow and Yungcheng airfields. Enemy aircraft intercept 14th AF fighters in Changsha area and over West R. sector; 14th AF claims 18-9-29 for loss of 3 planes and 3 damaged. Liuchow airfield hit twice by enemy aircraft, Hsian airfield once.

Formosa Strait: Heavy bombers sink 7 freighters, probably sink one, and damage naval vessel S of Pescadores Is.

F.I.C.: Fighters attack coastal shipping, damaging or destroying 5 junks, 7 barges, and 100000. Locomotives in NE F.I.C. also attacked and 2 heavily damaged.

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Burma-India: On Tiddim Road, 161st Brig continues crossing of Manipur R. under enemy arty shelling. Patrols of 123d Brig report Tuitum area, 3 mi. N of Tonzang, clear of enemy. In Arakan sector, Indian troops capture feature at entrance of pass in Mayu Range from Godusara to Seinyinbaya.

In N Burma P-47s knock out by-pass RR bridge N of Naba. Along Chindwin R., 12 Hurribombers bomb and strafe Pantha; 3 P-47s attack Mawlaik.

Central-South Burma: Thirty B-25s hit RR yards, bridge approach, and rolling stock at Kyaukse, end of by-pass RR bridge on Mu R., and RR yards at Thazi. Two Beaufighters hit locomotive and tracks on Rangoon-Prome RR, fire oil pipeline S of Thonze (midway between Rangoon and Prome), and damage MT in Prome-Minhla-Taungup pass; 5 Beaufighters strafe river craft, factory, and rolling stock in Bassein-Henzada-Allanmyo area. Seventeen B-24s bomb and strafe RR stations at Maymyo, Pwekank (6 mi. NE of Maymyo), Wentun (9 mi. NE of Maymyo), and Monywa, with best results at Maymyo.

Burma-China: Ch 1st Div occupies high ground N of Lungling and old town just N of city; Ch 200th Div moves to S around W of Lungling in pursuit of withdrawing Japanese; Chinese attack hill feature SE of Lungling unsuccessfully. Several enemy attacks repulsed NE of Mangshih.

Four B-25s bomb enemy installations outside Lungling; 3 others destroy many buildings at Kutkai and hit others along Burma Road; 7 P-40s attack barracks at Mangshih; 9 P-47s damage bridge SE of Bhamo.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Two Japanese regts move S from Sinning, enemy flank position NW of Chuanhsien. Enemy column occupies Chuanhsien unopposed and elements advance 9 mi. SW of town.

Fighter bombers concentrate on enemy positions in Changsha-Paoching-Hengshan area; 62 P-40s and 2 P-51s damage MT, villages, compounds, wooded areas, and fuel stores; 18 enemy aircraft intercepted and 2-1-12 claimed; 1 P-40 missing. Twenty B-24s unsuccessfully bomb Hengyang. In Lingling-Chuanhsien area, 16 P-40s, 8 P-51s, and 23 B-25s attack river shipping, damaging sampans, and cause heavy damage in bombing of Chuanhsien and village near Lingling. Liuchow airfield attacked by enemy aircraft: minor damage inflicted on 1 C-47 and 2 B-24s.

HUPEH: Two P-51s and 22 P-40s attack shipping on the Yangtze, damaging 14 river craft, and hit enemy strongpoints at Tanyang; 8 enemy aircraft intercept; 1 destroyed and 1 damaged.

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KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy column continues moving SW from Waitsap area toward Hsintu, due N of Wuchow.

Three P-51s and 4 P-40s hit MT and kill estimated 50 troops in Kwongning area. From high altitude, 8 P-40s bomb Samshui with unobserved results. On China Sea sweep, 2 B-24s probably sink 2 freighters.

CHEKIANG: Two P-51s intercept and destroy 1 enemy plane in Kinwha area.

F.I.C.: Two P-40s bomb dredge at Hongay, and strafe locomotive in vicinity.

17 Burma-India: In N Burma, 29th Brig continues consolidation of positions in Hopin area. In Kabaw Valley, 26th Brig Hq moves to Yedok; patrols penetrate 5 mi. S and SW of Yedok without contacting the enemy. Tiddim Road reported clear as far as MS 133; ferry aids operations of 161st Brig in crossing of Manipur R.; 161st and 123d Brigs make contact on S bank of river at Tuitum. On Arakan front, enemy positions subjected to arty shelling in Ponra area, SSE of Maungdaw; Indian Task Force withdrawn from beachhead N of Alethangyaw.

In N Burma, single B-25 and 12 Hurribombers damage warehouses in bombing of Indaw. Along Chindwin R., 24 Hurribombers, 2 Hurricanes, and 4 P-47s hit warehouses and bashas in village SSE of Homalin, Kalewa and Mawlaik towns, and MT on Tiddim Road. In Arakan sector, 8 Hurribombers, 6 Beaufighters, and 8 Spitfires strafe enemy positions, bashas, and river craft in village NE of Buthidaung, and in Kwazon-Mayu R. area; 13 P-38s hit E and W approaches of bridge W of Taungup Pass (Okshitpin).

Central-South Burma: Beaufighters attack enemy transport, scoring hits on sampans, barges, locomotive shed, RR yard, locomotives, and tracks.

Burma-China: Enemy positions SW of Lungling occupied by 2 regts of Ch 200th Div without encountering Japanese; further advance is prevented by poor weather; small gains made in N and E outskirts of Lungling. Japanese attack 4 mi. NE of Mangshih repulsed.

Twelve B-25s with 7 tons of bombs score many hits in Bhamo barracks area; 12 others hit Mandalay-Lashio RR; 8 P-47s fire buildings in Bhamo Komuk, and along Lungling-Bhamo road.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: Japanese advancing on Paoching held at points 5 mi. E of town. W of Lingling, enemy occupies towns in Sinning-Siyenhsien area. S of Lingling, Japanese

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column moves 31 mi. W of Taohsien; another column threatens Mungming, SW of Taohsien.

Four P-40s attack village E of Paoching housing 1,000 enemy troops, causing heavy damage with unestimated casualties. N of Hengyang in Changsha-Siangtan-Hengshan area, fighters and bombers attack supply routes and concentration points: 39 P-40s damage compounds, MT, and 20 river craft; 29 B-24s bomb Changsha, causing many fires and explosions; 15 B-25s hit Nanyo, near Hengshan, with good results. S of Hengyang in Yangtien area, 4 P-40s hit compounds, villages, and river craft. In Lingling sector, 21 P-51s, 46 P-40s, and 8 B-25s attack villages, enemy positions, compounds, river shipping, as well as 89 MT, 5 half tracks, 2 tractors and 2 tankettes on Kweilin-Hengyang road; 4 P-51s and 4 P-40s damage buildings and several sampans S of Lingling in Taohsien area.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese forces move W toward Takhing from Koyiu, on West R. Hsintu, SW of Waitsap, occupied by enemy in maneuver to envelop Wuchow. Enemy column held for past 4 days at Koming, SW of Samshui, prepares to push westward.

Eight P-51s bomb RR yard at Samshui causing heavy damage; 7 P-40s, in attack on river shipping near Koyiu, strafe barge and 6 tugs loaded with troops, killing estimated 300 men.

CHEKIANG: Two P-51s unsuccessfully bomb RR bridge SW of Hangchow and strafe Kihwa landing strip, knocking out MG positions.

KIANGSI: Single enemy bomber unsuccessfully attacks Kanchow airfield.

F.I.C.: Two P-40s sink 3 junks in attack on coastal shipping.

18. **Burma-India:** In Kabaw Valley, patrols of 26th Brig move down Tamu-Kalemnyo trail to point 5 mi. S of Pyaungbok to find area clear of enemy. Advance continues S on Tiddim Road as patrols of 123d Brig, skirting Tonzang, reach MS 137, contacting enemy force that disperses when fired upon.

In Chindwin sector, Hurricanes bomb and strafe areas at Pinlebu and Paungbyin, leaving 2 fires burning at latter. In Arakan sector, 8 P-38s, 12 Spitfires, and 10 Hurricanes hit dumps, bashas, and river craft in Kyauktaw-Kwazon area, and damage plank bridge at Buthidaung.

Central-South Burma: Twenty P-47s damage bashas and other targets in Myothit area by bombing and strafing; 4 B-24 fighters

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18 damage locomotives, rolling stock and strafe over 100 sampans
Cont in Henzada-Rangoon-Bassein area.

Burma-China: Ch 116th Div mops up enemy stragglers along Lungling-Tengchung road. Chinese repulse enemy column moving E from Mangshih to Hsiangta; 2 other columns move toward Hsiangta from Pingka.

Bhamo again under attack: 16 B-25s hit SE part of town, causing 4 large fires and 1 explosion. Eight B-25s damage runway at Wanling and bomb Burma Road near Muse; P-47s bomb and strafe area near Zaibru, causing 4 secondary explosions and destroying buildings.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Japanese column moving W from Taohsien reaches point $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from Kwanyang; another column approaches Yungming.

Lingling and Tachsien town centers, and ferries, compounds, and villages in vicinity bombed by 30 B-25s, 6 P-51s, and 19 P-40s with good results; 68 river craft destroyed or damaged. N of Hengyang in Changsha-Siansiang-Hengshan area 51 P-40s attack MT, troops, and compounds, destroying 64 trucks and damaging 93, including 9 tanks, and killing estimated 52 Japanese and 110 horses. SW of Hengyang 8 P-40s and 4 P-51s bomb road bridge, strafe 8 tanks and barracks area, and damage 23 river craft.

CHEKIANG: Chinese forces reported to have recaptured Lishui. Japanese complete mopping up in Wenchow where many enemy ships unload supplies and troops.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy column moving SW from Waitsap-Hsintu area reported to be within 15 mi. of Wuchow. Japanese at Sunhing, SW of Samshui, move N to West R. and W to capture Wanfow.

Five P-40s strafe 3 towns in Waitsap area, starting fires. Near Tsingyun 2 P-40s strafe troops, killing estimated 25 men and 20 horses. At Szewui, SW of Samshui, 5 P-40s damage 2 boats, strafe compounds, and kill approximately 15 troops. Twelve P-51s intercept 16 enemy aircraft while over Koyiu, salvo bombs, (part hitting town), and damage single enemy plane. Off Luichow Peninsula, 2 P-40s destroy 9 junks; 2 P-51s strafe and fire single enemy aircraft on ground at Hainan I. Three to five enemy aircraft bomb Liuchow airfield with no damage.

Formosa Strait: Four B-24s sink freighter 35 mi. S of Pescadores Is.

F.I.C.: Two P-40s destroy 2 junks off northern coast.

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19 Burma-India: Patrols of 4th Brig, Ind 20th Div, report Homalin, on upper Chindwin R., deserted. Southward advance on Tamu-Kalembo trail delayed by floods. On Tiddim Road 123d Brig attacks Tongzang where single enemy co holds out; Lushai Brig ambush parties between MS 140 and MS 150 attacked by enemy light tank.

Buildings in Paungbyin, on Chindwin R., strafed by 6 P-47s; 8 Hurricanes damage MT in Tiddim Road area. In Arakan sector 10 Hurricanes bomb and strafe MT, bashas, and enemy trenches in Kwazon area; 12 P-38s possibly damage bridge W of Taungup Pass.

Central-South Burma: Seven B-24s hit Mandalay and Ywataung RR yards with about 24 tons of bombs.

Burma-China: Troops of Ch 76th Div repulse continuous Japanese attacks in area $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW of Hsiangta; Ch 9th Div at Lungling relieved by Ch 36th Div and, with Ch 82d Div, is moving to Hsiangta area as reserve.

Beaughters damage locomotives on Lashio RR.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Chinese report recapture of Taohsien, but Japanese move on to capture Kiangwha and Yungming, respectively SE and SW of Taohsien, and Kwanyang, due W of Taohsien. NW of Lingling, enemy forces attack Wukanghsien.

Fourteenth AF continues to attack concentration points in Lingling area: 25 B-25s bomb Lingling, Lengshuitang, Sinning, and Chuanhsien, scoring good hits; 13 P-40s and 21 P-51s damage approximately 148 river craft, crater roads, and bomb barracks. In Paoching-Siansiang-Changsha area 67 P-40s attack traffic on roads and rivers, destroying or damaging 91 MT, 31 river craft, and 28 tanks; approximately 20 Japanese killed and column of estimated 900 strafed; 12 enemy aircraft intercepted N of Changsha and 1-1-2 claimed. Two P-51s on patrol intercept 6 enemy aircraft, damaging one.

SHANTUNG: Three B-25s escorted by unknown number of P-47s bomb RR yards in Yellow R. sector; escorting planes strafe Puchow and Yungcheng airfields near former course of Yellow R.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy forces advance along West R. toward Takhing. Japanese column striking SW from Hsintu reaches outskirts of Wuchow. Chinese resistance at Koming, SW of Samshui, overcome and Japanese move westward. Japanese again drive N of Luichow Peninsula, and capture Watlam, some 70 mi. N of previous Japanese positions.

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Thirteen P-40s and 14 P-51s bomb town centers at Koyiu, Sunhing, Szewui, and Szetang, strafe large steamer and launch, and intercept 12 enemy aircraft claiming 1-0-1.

CHEKIANG: Japanese reported to be landing on Puto Shan, off Ningpo.

F.I.C.: Four P-40s and 2 P-51s destroy 1 locomotive and heavily damage 7 barges by bombing and strafing in NE F.I.C.

Formosa Strait: Two B-24s on night sweep S of Pescadore Is. locate 11 ships, sink 6, and probably sink one.

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Burma-India: In N Burma, advance down Irrawaddy R. continues as 113th Regt occupies Talawgyi, SW of Kazu, without contacting enemy. At Tonzang, along Tiddim Road, 123d Brig presses attack on enemy from N and S; other elements hold road block at MS 139; enemy night counterattack here repulsed, and most of enemy withdraws from Tonzang, skirting roadblock at MS 139. In area of MS 145, 5 mi. N of Tiddim, Lushai Brig patrols intercept enemy south-bound convoy at night destroying 2 tanks and damaging 2 trucks.

In N Burma, P-47s bomb and strafe RR station near Kadu, SW of Mohnyin, and village in Mawlu-Indaw area; 8 B-25s bomb Indaw, destroying 6 buildings. In Arakan sector, 11 Hurricanes damage river craft and bashas in Indin area; 6 Spitfires hit bashas in village S of Kwazon.

Central-South Burma: On Mandalay water front, single Beaufighter damages 3 metal barges.

Burma-China: Ch 116th Div continues mopping up operations S of Tengchung on road to Lungling. Fighting continues S and SW of Hsiangta.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Japanese reoccupy Chuting, N of Hengyang on Hsiang R. Ch 58th Army leaves Chuting area and moves on Yuhsien to SW. Due S of Lingling, Chinese hold Taohsien, and reportedly recapture Kiangwha. Enemy column thrusting W from Taohsien reaches points 37 mi. distant.

Enemy lines of communication in Lingling sector attacked by 14th AF fighter bombers: 55 P-40s and 16 P-51s destroy 28 and damage 121 river craft, kill estimated 30 Japanese and 12 horses, and damage buildings, compounds, radio station, and bridge N of Leiyutan. Twenty-seven B-25s bomb Lingling, Chuanhsien, and Kiyang with good results. In Changsha-Siangtan-Peking area, 2 P-51s and 39 P-40s successfully attack compounds, RR, and river craft. 13 enemy aircraft intercepted and 0-1-3 claimed.

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KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy forces occupy Wuchow. Japanese thrust N of Luichow Peninsula reported to place Jungyan and Sungfeng, respectively 70 and 90 mi. SW of Wuchow, in Japanese hands.

CHEKIANG: Japanese make landings on following islands off Chekiang coast: estimated 5,000 on Chou Shan, 5,000 at Ting Hai, 1,000 on Hsiang Shan, 500 on Dochau Shan, and 100 on island off Loching.

Formosa Strait: Two B-24s damage 400-ft. naval vessel.

21 Burma-India: In N Burma, patrols of 29th Brig reach Nammun, W of Hopin, and find area clear of enemy.

In N Burma, B-25s bomb Nam Mawn and Indaw, scoring many hits among buildings. In Arakan sector, 6 Hurribombers bomb and strafe storage dumps and bashas in village 7 mi. SW of Kwazon.

Central-South Burma: Three Beaufighters attack river craft and locomotive at Mandalay and Bassein and strafe oil pipelines at Tharawaddy and Okkan.

Burma-China: Japanese unsuccessfully attack Chinese positions SW and S of Hsiangta, but drive Chinese from several hill positions in Hsintien Chai, SE of Hsiangta, on trail to Pingka. Enemy force advancing on Hsiangta estimated at 1,500; Chinese claim 200 casualties inflicted.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Although Japanese propogandists claim Japanese forces are within 20 mi. of Kweilin, Chinese report that enemy advance SW from Kweilin is halted because of lack of supplies. Taohsien, S of Lingling, is reoccupied by enemy forces.

Troop concentrations, supply dumps, and compounds are targets for 7 P-51s and 36 P-40s in Lingling-Yungming-Chuanhsien-Tunganhsien area; estimated 115 Japanese killed. Total of 27 B-25s effectively bombs Kiyang, Lingling ferry crossing, and roads near Lingling and Chuanhsien. Twenty-eight P-40s bomb compounds and buildings in Sinshih area, N of Changsha; 38 enemy aircraft intercepted, and 8-5-14 claimed; 2 P-40s lost. Twenty-five P-40s slightly damage bridge NW of Hengyang, destroy 27 buildings, and damage 15 others at Isuho, NW of Hengshan.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Takhing, due W of Samshui and Koyui on West R., occupied by Japanese. Enemy thrust N of Luichow Peninsula reaches Yangmoi, approximately 95 mi. N of Suikai.

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Six P-40s damage 3 compounds and 2 barges at Waitsap; 24 P-51s leave entire target area at Wuchow aflame after bombing attack; oil tanks hit, causing additional fires. On sweep over S China Sea, 2 B-24s sink 450-ft. troop transport.

SHENSI: Four enemy aircraft bomb Hsian airfield, cratering SW end of runway and destroying 1 P-51; 1 enemy plane crashes on field.

CHEKIANG: Two Chinese divisions reported to be counter-attacking Wenchow.

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Burma-India: In N Burma, 1 bn of 29th Brig is in Alanbo, SW of Hopin. Patrols of Ind 23d Div reach area 10 mi. W of Mawlaik near Chindwin R. On Tiddim Road, Indian troops occupy Tonzang and establish Hq of 123d Brig in town; enemy abandons 4 arty pieces and 1 tank in Tonzang and withdraws SE to Kennedy Peak-Ft. White area; in delaying action to cover withdrawing troops, enemy attacks 123d Brig elements holding road block at MS 139 S of Tonzang and withdraws after attack is repulsed.

Hurricanes damage MT on Tiddim Road, and in Arakan sector attack storage dumps at Aungzeyar and Praingdaung for second consecutive day; B-25s damage Ye-u bridge and bomb Monywa town.

Central-South Burma: Beaufighters score hits on MT at Thazi, attack locomotives and rolling stock at Myindaik and pipeline at Chauk.

Burma-China: Heavy fighting continues in Hsiangta sector; Chinese lose one hill feature 3 mi. S of town. Patrols active at Lungling.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Enemy strengthens positions in Taohsien sector. Parts of Ch 93d Div withdraw S toward Hsinganhsien. CO of Ch 93d Army executed for premature abandonment of Chuanhsien defenses.

Thirty-one P-40s and 22 P-51s bomb Lingling ferry crossing with good hits, successfully bomb compounds, strafe enemy horses and bivouac area, and destroy or damage 200 boats, 1 steamer, and 10 steam launches in Kiyang-Lingling-Chuanhsien area. Twelve B-25s heavily damage Kiangwha and Yungming, S of Taohsien; 6 B-51s damage bridge at Kiangwha. On road sweep from Hengyang from Sirtsiang to Changsha-Siangtan-Hengshan area, 40 P-40s and 7 P-51s destroy or damage 36 MT, bomb buildings, damage bridge and many river craft; 20 enemy aircraft intercepted and 5-2-5 claimed. Twelve B-25s and 7 P-51s bomb Hengyang road junction and ferry crossing with

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good results. W of Hengyang in Paoching area 15 P-40s bomb enemy positions, wooded area, buildings, houses, and hill sides, as directed by ground radio station, with good results.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy forces reported to be 15 mi. W of Wuchow, on West R. Japanese column moves SW of Takhing toward Loting. Jap 23d IMB moves toward Tanchuk and is opposed by Ch 155th Div.

HUPEH: On night mission, 24 B-24s bomb warehouses at Hankow, starting 4 large fires and causing 50-70 secondary explosions. In coordination with this raid, 3 P-51s strafe searchlights in target area.

Week 23-30 Burma: In Salween sector, pressure on Chinese S flank lessens in Hsiangta area as enemy troops withdraw into Mangshih; fighting persists S and SW of Hsiangta. Ch 2d Div. continues mopping up operations S of Tengchung; enemy patrols active in Lungling area. Fighters, fighter bombers, and bombers heavily damage enemy installations and troop concentrations at Mangshih and vicinity; bridges at Dara, Tingka, Manyut, Manwing, and Bhamo, and Burma Road from Mangshih to Bhamo also hit. No advance southward nor contact with enemy reported in N Burma. Bashes and buildings at Pinwo and other towns along RR corridor, oil installations at Indaw, and bridge near Myothit hit by P-47s and B-25s. Although weather still hampers operations on Tamu-Kalemvo trail, EA 11th Div troops reach point approximately 25 mi. N of Kalemvo. Situation unchanged along upper Chindwin R. Enemy concentrations along Chindwin R. hit in limited number of air attacks; on 28 Sept. Mosquitoes bomb Shwebo on first operational mission in this theater. Indian troops carry out encircling movement against enemy forces holding them up at Milestone 146; enemy vacates positions and 123d Brig proceeds to Milestone 149. Hurribombers and Hurricanes hit enemy concentrations, gun site, MT, bashes, and buildings in Tiddim sector. Patrols in Arakan sector attempt to discern enemy strength; enemy shells Indian positions on Mayu Range. Fighters and fighter-bombers, attacking enemy supplies and communications, concentrate on dumps, bashes, and river craft from Buthidaung to Akyab. In central-south Burma, Beaufighters, B-25s, and B-24s continue attacks on RR systems, bridges, and motor and water transport. Enemy restricts air activity to reconnaissance of forward positions; 1 rcn plane shot down over Pinlebu; group intercepted over Salween front and 10-0-1 claimed.

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23-30 China: Enemy forces in central Hunan move S of Lingling
Cont in Taohsien area against meager Chinese opposition; one column moves through Mailing on Fuchwan; another advances toward Pinglo, capturing Shakiang; a third thrusts S of Kwanyang. Along Hengyang-Kweilin RR, Chinese withdraw from Hsinganhsián and enemy penetrates to Litow. Enemy launches attack on Changning to drive out encircled Ch 60th Div. Following flanking movements NW and SW of Paoching, Jap 37th and 116th Div elements overcome Ch 74th and 100th Armies and move into town. Troop and supply reinforcements for Japanese forces driving S and SW into Kwangsi flow up Yangtze R. and S from Hankow and also pass through Pin Han RR zone. Against this gathering of strength, 14th AF P-40s, B-25s, and B-24s attack RR station, rolling stock, and bridges on Pin Han RR at Hsuchang, Hsinantien, and Changtaikwan, and warehouses at Nanking. Fighters and fighter-bombers attack enemy lines of communications in Sinshih-Changsha-Siangtan-Paoching area; ferry crossing at Chuting, landing strip on Changsha I., and Yuankiang supply area also hit. Closer to front, fighters and medium bombers strafe and bomb warehouses, compounds, river craft, MT, bridges, troops concentrations, and towns in battle areas. On southern front, Jap 19th and 22d IMBs, and elements of Jap 104th Div thrust NW and W of Wuchow; one column captures Taiping and another moves toward Tengyun. Elements of Jap 23d IMB, advancing N of Luichow Peninsula, move N out of Jungyun in 3 columns: 1 captures Pingnam, overcoming light opposition by 135th Div, Ch 31st Army, another occupies Tanchuk, 14th AF airbase, and a third progresses toward Tengyun to contact enemy troops advancing from Wuchow. Air attacks increase against enemy base areas within Canton-Hongkong occupied zone, and against forward lines of communications and occupied points in Kwangtung: bombers hit Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields and Samshui storage area; fighters concentrate attacks against water-borne supplies and enemy personnel along West R. and in forward towns, hitting Jungyun, Wuchow, and Tanchuk. Tentative Chinese offensive ended in Ichang-Tangyang-Kingmen area, western-most area of Japanese control in Yangtze R. Valley. Chinese counterattack against Japanese forces occupying Wenchow and withdraw when supplies and ammunition are exhausted. Japanese land troops at Hinkong, N of Foochow, accompanied by considerable shipping activity; single fighter attacks landing craft. Heavy bombs hit Amoy docks; fighters damage locomotives near Kihwa. Fourteenth AF airfields at Luichow, Chihkiang, Hsincheng, and Nanning bombed by enemy

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aircraft; from these attacks and enemy AA fire, 7 planes are destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and 20 damaged; 3-3-1 enemy aircraft claimed.

Formosa Strait: Heavy bombers and fighters sink 2 steamers, tanker, and whaling ship, and damage freighter.

Thailand: Medium bombers and fighters hit Dara bridge and attack rolling stock and factory buildings.

F.I.C.: Fighters and heavy bombers attack coastal shipping and strafe town in NE.

Manchuria: XX Bomber Command attacks Showa Steel Works at Anshan for third time on 26 Sept.; Dairen harbor facilities and Siansiang RR yards (in Hunan) also hit.

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Burma-India: In Chindwin sector, 21st Brig patrol contacts enemy 8 mi. NW of Mawlaik. Floods continue to hamper operations on Tamu-Sittaung road. On Tiddim Road elements of 123d Brig contact enemy W of MS 139; others reach MS 142.

In Kale Valley, S of Kalembo, 3 Hurricanes strafe bashas near Indin, and B-25s score 2 direct hits on Ma R. by-pass bridge. In Arakan sector, 15 Spitfires and 9 Hurricanes strafe bashas along upper Mayu R. and W of Thabedaw, on tributary of Mayu R.; 8 P-38s with 4 tons of bombs hit rest camp in Donbaik area on the coast.

Central-South Burma: Twenty B-25s with 21 tons of bombs strike RR yards at Thazi and heavily damage RR bridge at Chaungu, SE of Monywa; 4 Beaufighters hit 2 locomotives and MT in Meiktila-Thazi area, sink 2 river craft and damage 20 others.

Burma-China: Japanese attack Chinese position SW of Lungling without gains. Ch 1st Div moves to Hsiangta as reserve. Chinese repulse several attacks S and SW of Hsiangta. At night, enemy makes small attack on positions NE of Mangshih. Enemy completes evacuation of Pingka; 2 columns continue to move toward Hsiangta and Mangshih, pursued by elements of Ch 76th Div; 3d column, transport and animals, moves westward via Mengpan.

After 3 days of inactivity due to weather, air attacks resumed. Fifteen B-24s and 12 B-25s heavily damage buildings and warehouses in Lungling stores area and bomb targets on Burma Road in Chefang area, causing landslide which effectively blocks road and possibly damaging bridge. Fifteen P-47s score direct hit on bridge at Wanling, hit bridge NE of Bhamo, and damage N approach of bridge SE of Bhamo. RR yards at Hsuchang and section of Chefang hit by 8 P-40s; enemy flight

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intercepted and 10-0-1 claimed.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: In Lingling-Taohsien-Yungming-Chuanhsien area 19 P-40s and 29 P-51s attack compounds, killing troops and causing considerable damage, and hit 26 river craft. Chuanhsien town and storage area surrounding RR yards bombed by 36 B-25s with good results; 6 B-25s bomb Kwanyang and 5 others hit Yungming; 50% hits scored in target areas. Yuankiang, on S shore of Tungting Lake, reported as important enemy supply base, hit by 16 P-40s. Liuchow airfield and city bombed by 8 enemy aircraft, causing heavy damage: 15,000 gals. of gasoline, 5,900 gals. of oil, 10 vehicles, and 2 hand pumps destroyed; 1 B-25 destroyed, 3 B-25s damaged; N runway cratered; runway now repaired and operational.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Eight P-51s bomb town near Liuchow on West R., damaging 2 steamers, 7 barges carrying troops, and 12 junks. Ten P-40s bomb and strafe buildings, compound, and supply dump at Jungyun and hit cavalry column on Tanchuk-Jungyun road.

HUPEH: Six B-25s and 7 P-40s damage RR bridges at Hsinantien and Changtaikwan, on Pinghan RR N of Hsinyang.

HONAN: Eight P-40s destroy locomotive and damage another in Hsuechang area; 1 P-40 destroyed by ground fire.

FUKIEN: Two B-24s bomb docks at Amoy, scoring good hits and starting fires.

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Burma-India: Indian troops advance down Tiddim Road to MS 144.

In N Burma, 22 P-47s strafe and bomb Pinwe town and road NW of Katha. Sixty-two Hurribombers and 6 Hurricanes with 12 tons of bombs damage bashas at Tiddim and Ft. White in Manipur R. area, and attack buildings at Kuangwasi, SE of Paungbyin, and bridge at Mutaik, SE of Kalewa, in Chindwin R. sector; Spitfires damage locomotives and rolling stock near Wuntho and shoot down 1 enemy aircraft over Pinlebu.

Central-South Burma: Nine B-24s with about 33 tons of bombs hit rail workshops and sidings at Myitgne with good results; 13 B-24s with 38 tons raid same target on night mission, 1 plane hitting secondary target, Sagaing; 39 B-25s with 47 tons and RBs attack RR bridges at Monywa and Myittha, and footbridge and RR tracks at Tinnyabin, on Shwebo-Katha RR; 7 Beaufighters damage 5 locomotives, MT, and rolling stock on Mandalay-Rangoon-Prome railways.

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Burma-China: Chinese repulse attack at San Kuan Po, 1½ mi. SSW of Lungling, killing 30 Japanese. Japanese moving W out of Pingka engage Chinese 3 mi. S of Hsiangta; Chinese forces hold this advance until enemy is reinforced by column moving W from Mangshih. Ch 39th Div withdraws to rest area at Paoshan. Five B-25s hit Mangshih; 4 P-40s fire 2 buildings and damage MT NW of Mangshih.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Considerable enemy plainclothesmen reported to be active S of Lingling, with movement of 300 Japanese toward Fuchwan, 40 mi. S of Yungming, also indicated.

In Chuanhsien-Taohsien area 5 P-51s and 3 P-40s attack compounds, strafe bivouac area, destroy 3 sampans, and damage 7 others. Five B-25s accurately bomb Taoshien; 5 others bomb Yungming with 50% hits on target; 12 B-25s successfully bomb Kwanyang. N of Hengyang, 18 P-40s attack motor pool and AA positions at Sinshih, and ferry crossing at Chuting; single B-25 hits transport on Lingling-Siangtan road. Six enemy aircraft bomb Liuchow airfield, leaving 2 holes in runway and damaging communication lines. Unknown number of enemy aircraft attack Chihkiang airfield, destroying 1 P-40 on ground and damaging runway. Single P-40 intercepts 2 enemy planes, destroying one; other enemy plane probably destroyed by ground fire.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy column moves N from Japanese-held Wuchow along Kwei R.; other enemy forces move W from Wuchow along West R. Japanese thrusting N of Luichow Peninsula move N of Jungyun toward Tanchuk.

Fighters attack river shipping on West R. between Wuchow and Takhing; 26 P-51s and 7 P-40s concentrate on gunboat, scoring at least 3 direct hits; 2 steamers, 26 junks and barges, and 5 barges loaded with troops strafed and damaged. Four B-25s bomb White Cloud airdrome at Canton, starting large fire. Two P-40s bomb and strafe Jungyun.

FUKIEN: Single B-24 bombs docks on W coast of island in Amoy harbor.

HUPEH: Two B-25s and 4 P-40s bomb bridges and RR station at Changtaikuan; 10 gasoline drums fired by escorting fighters.

Thailand: Six B-25s score direct hits on bridge at Dara, probably making bridge unserviceable. Four P-38s damage bridge and MT S of Wanpahsa.

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Burma-India: In N end of Kale Valley, 1st Bn of 26th Brig establishes base 4 mi. N of Yazagyo, on Tamu-Kalembo trail, without contacting enemy. Along Tiddim Road, 123d Brig advances to MS 146.

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25 In N Burma, P-47s cause fires and damage bashas in
Cont Pinlong; others bomb Indaw oil installations, destroying 6
buildings. In Chindwin sector, 29 P-47s and 60 Hurribombers
with 27 tons of bombs damage buildings and bashas at Mawlaik,
attack village and camps near Tiddim, Ft. White, and Paungbyin,
and strafe gun site at Kalewa; 26 Hurricanes and 2 Spitfires
damage MT and bashas in Tiddim-Kabaw Valley area. One enemy
aircraft intercepted over Imphal and shot down NE of Pinlebu.

Central-South Burma: Three Beaufighters damage rolling
stock, MT, and buildings on Toungoo-Penwezon-Mandalay RRs;
33 B-25s with 36 tons damage bridge at Tantabin, destroy
main bridge and unoperational bridge at Budalin, and attack
RR bridge at Myittha.

Burma-China: Elements of Ch 200th Div attack hill 1 mi.
W of Lungling and capture 5 of 6 enemy positions assaulted;
enemy suffers 100 casualties and attempts to counterattack
without success; 3 mi. SW of Hsiangta, 30 more casualties
inflicted on enemy. Main body of enemy force which withdrew
from Pingka now in Mangshih; E of Mangshih Japanese number 200.

Barracks and storage area at Mangshih receive heavy
damage from 12 B-25s with 12 tons of bombs. In 4 missions,
P-40s and P-38s attack enemy position 1 mi. SW of Mangshih
and patrol area for troop carrier operations. Twelve P-47s
bomb village SSE of Bhamo and score direct hit on bridge at
Manyut, 6 mi. SE of Bhamo, knocking down 3 span. Nine B-25s
damage Namhkam military area.

China: HUMAN-KWANGSI: Japanese thrust 50 mi. SW of
Yungming. Fighting reported between Ch 20th Army and 10,000
enemy E of Taohsien. Chinese report they are counterattacking
at Hsinganhsien, midway between Chuanhsien and Kweilin.

Total of 16 B-25s, 27 P-40s, and 8 P-51s attack enemy
in Lingling area: Kweiyangshih, Chuanhsien, Hengyang, and
Lingling bombed, and troops, MT, and bridges strafed. N and
NW of Hengyang in Changsha-Siangtan-Paoching area 28 P-40s
and 10 P-51s sweep roads, damaging MT, supply dumps, and AA
positions, attack enemy trenches and foxholes with unesti-
mated heavy casualties, bomb and strafe landing strip on
Changsha I., destroy 2 trucks, and probably destroy enemy
float plane at Siangtan.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Japanese column reported to be moving
N from Jungyun into Taipo, 20 mi. S of Tanchuk; another enemy
column moves toward Tengyun to NE.

Shipping in Jungyun vicinity, and on West R. between
Dosing and Tengyun attacked by 23 P-40s and 12 P-51s; 15
steamers and 55 sampans and flat boats heavily damaged;

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Jungyun town center also bombed with good results.

KIANGSU: Eleven B-24s bomb warehouses near RR at Nanking with fairly good results.

HUPEH: Four P-40s bomb Pailochi airfield, damaging NW end of runway and MT; 1 P-40 missing.

Formosa Strait: Two P-51s destroy 2 steamers off Amoy; 12 B-24s sink tanker and damage freighter 100 mi. W of Takao.

F.I.C.: Four P-51s damage 14 steamers at Hongay.

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Burma-India: Troops of Ind 5th Div progress to MS 147 on Tiddim Road where enemy position encountered. Enemy arty concentrates on British positions SW of Htindaw in Arakan sector; 25th Div continues widespread patrolling.

In N Burma, 7 B-25s and 42 P-47s attack Monmawk, Pinwe, and Mode, damaging bashas and buildings. Mawlaik, on Chindwin R., is hit by 5 tons of bombs dropped by 14 P-47s; on Tiddim Road and adjacent areas 11 Hurribombers and 12 Hurricanes attack MT, bunker, and gun positions.

Central-South Burma: Beaufighters strafe trucks S of Moksogyon, hit 60 wagons on Mandalay-Maymyo road, attack locomotive E of Thazi, and damage river craft in Gulf of Martaban with RPs and cannon fire; 5 B-24s bomb RR yards at Mandalay.

Burma-China: Japanese counterattack against positions 1 mi. W of Lungling repulsed by Chinese, who launch 2 attacks against enemy E and SE of Lungling unsuccessfully. Chinese make minor gains 3 mi. S of Hsiangta and fighting is in progress 3 mi. W of village.

Mangshih barracks area hit by 6 B-25s with fair results. Four P-40s bomb Tingka bridge; 10 others bomb and strafe storage area and buildings N of Mangshih and by-pass on Burma Road 3 mi. NE of Chefang; 24 P-47s fire MT, destroy repair shop, and strafe 50 Japanese in sweep over Burma Road from Mangshih and Chefang to Wanling. Ten B-25s with about 50 tons of bombs score direct hits on buildings at Bhamo; single B-25 unsuccessfully attacks Manyut bridge; 19 others with 19 tons of bombs hit dump, buildings, and enemy positions at Wanling.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Ground situation unchanged.

Six B-25s, 13 P-40s, and 17 P-51s attack bivouac areas between Lingling and Yungming, town centers at Lungfukwan and Chiupanpan, respectively 40 mi. SW of Tachsien and 40 mi. SE of Kweilin, and bridges in Chuanshsien area. Eight P-40s

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bomb and strafe troop concentration of estimated 3,000 Japanese at Wukanghsien, 15 mi. NW of Sinning. In Paoching area 8 P-40s bomb and strafe enemy positions, causing heavy casualties.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Large number of enemy troops reported to be moving N toward Tungkun, E of Canton. Chinese troops reportedly take defensive positions S of Tanchuk; enemy column moves N through Taipo toward Tanchuk.

Six P-40s and 4 P-51s attack 18 sampans on West R. near Tengyun.

SZECHWAN: Twelve enemy aircraft bomb Hsinching airfield in Chengtu area, damaging 4 B-29s and gasoline storage.

Thailand: Six B-25s bomb Dara bridge; 4 escorting P-38s cover roads in area, strafing power roller and 25 MT.

Manchuria: In 3d attack on Showa Steel Works at Anshan, XX Bomber Command suffers no losses. Seventy-three B-29s drop 187.75 tons of bombs on primary target, with 20% falling in open ground; 10 others drop bombs prematurely in vicinity. Two B-29s drop 5.75 tons on Dairen harbor facilities, secondary target; 4 B-29s hit last resort target, Siansiang RR yards. Nine B-29s hit targets of opportunity; RR tracks and rolling stock at Changli and Tsinan, Kaifeng airdrome, military cantonment at Loyang, and warehouse area E of Kaifeng. Total of 276 attacks made by enemy aircraft which damage 8 B-29s; 17 B-29s damaged by AA; 11-9-31 enemy aircraft claimed.

27 Burma-India: Along Tiddim Road, 123d Brig contacts enemy between MS 146 and MS 147; villages 8 mi. NE of Tiddim reported clear of enemy. Troops of EA 26th Brig gain control of hilltop N of Yazagyo; patrols active on road due E of Kontha, S of Yazagyo. In Arakan sector, Japanese fire 50 rounds of arty on hill feature on Mayu Range.

In N Burma, P-47s score hits on bridge near Myothit and bomb camp near Pinwe. Hurricanes bomb Natchaung, S of Kalemvo, destroying bashas. In Arakan sector, 4 Hurribombers, 6 Spitfires, and 6 Hurricanes burn dump, hit bashas, and sink sampan in Kwazon area; 4 Hurricanes attack shipping on lower Mayu R.

Central-South Burma: Two Beaufighters damage locomotive, 45 rolling stock, and MT along Lashio-Myingyi-Thazi-Pyinmana RR; 4 P-47s bomb area around bridge at Mansiaung.

Burma-China: Chinese occupy Wangtzu Chai village, 3 mi. SE of Hsiangta, inflicting 50-60 casualties on enemy. Patrols active in other sectors.

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Total of 38 B-25s bombs Hsenwi, Mangshih, Wanling, and village in Bhamo area with considerable damage.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Japanese move SW of Kwanyang to point 45 mi. SW of Kweilin and 30 mi. NE of Pinglo. Chinese are destroying roads between Pinglo and Erhtong, and between Lipuhsien and Mengshan.

Twelve B-25s bomb Lungfukwan, S of Taohsien, with good results. Thirty-six P-51s and 17 P-40s attack troops, cavalry, compound, buildings, 2 bridges, and 34 river craft in Lungfukwan, Chuanhsien, and Kiyang areas. In Paoching area, 23 P-40s bomb and strafe 55 compounds, arty positions, and trenches, killing many enemy troops.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Enemy column reportedly moves 9 mi. E of Tengyun, on West R. Enemy columns penetrate to Taiping, NE of Tanchuk, and toward Pingnam, NW of Tanchuk on N bank of West R.

Five P-51s bomb and strafe shipping at Takhing and Wuchow.

Formosa Strait: Two B-24s sink whaling ship NW of Pescadores Is.

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Burma-India: In Kale Valley, Japanese strongly oppose advancing troops 4 and 5 mi. N of Yazagyo. Elements of 123d Brig attack Japanese in Kahgen area, E of Tiddia Road, and enemy withdraws.

In Chindwin sector, 23 P-47s damage bashas, river craft, and MT, and strafe enemy positions in Kalemryo-Mawlaik-Kabaw Valley areas; Mosquitoes hit rolling stock N of Shwebo on first operational mission in this theater. In Arakan sector, Spitfires and Hurricanes strafe river craft in Pyuishe area, bunker positions and stores at Labawa and Buthidaung.

Burma-China: Japanese attack in Lungling area repulsed. Chinese arty shells Japanese positions SW of Hsiangta with good results; Chinese now hold N to S line from 3 mi. W of Hsiangta to 4 mi. SW of Hsiangta.

Burma Road hit by 2 B-24s.

China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Little ground activity in Chuanhsien area. Enemy columns move NW and SW of Paoching.

Taochwan, SE of Kweilin, bombed by 12 B-25s with very good results; 6 B-25s hit MT and 27 river craft in Lingling-Hengyang-Chuchow area. Eighteen P-40s and 43 P-51s attack compounds, bivouac areas, troops, and 3 bridges in Chuanhsien-Lungfukwan-Yungming area. N of Hengyang, 10 B-25s bomb Shangchiehtou, scoring good hits; 31 P-40s and 3 P-51s

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road sweep in Changsha-Paoching area damage enemy trenches, arty positions, buildings, pontoon bridge, dumps, compounds, and sampans, and kill unestimated number of troops and horses. Liuchow airfield attacked by 8 enemy aircraft; 5 P-51s and 1 B-24 damaged.

KWANGTUNG-KUANGSI: Enemy columns reach Tanchuk and point 10 mi. W, Chinese report.

Thirty B-24s, 10 P-40s, and 12 P-51s bomb Samshui storage area, scoring 60% hits; Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields also hit; 15 enemy aircraft encountered and 2-1-1 claimed. Seven P-40s and 5 P-51s damage buildings, 9 steamers, and 9 barges in Hukou-Dosing-Wuchow-Takhing area. Five enemy aircraft attack Nanning airfield, destroying 1 P-51 and damaging 1 P-40 and runway.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Enemy lands troops at Lien Kong, N of Foochow.

On rcn of Foochow area, single P-51 damages 7 motor-propelled landing barges containing equipment and men.

F.I.C.: Six P-38s glide-bomb Ky Lua, NW of Haiphong, scoring hits followed by intense fires.

Thailand: Two P-38s strafe factory and other buildings at Uttaradit, leaving them smoking, and damage locomotive; at Pangtonphoeng another locomotive, 2 boxcars, and 2 tank cars fired by strafing.

29 Burma-India: In Chindwin sector, enemy is repulsed after weak attack on forward position 8 mi. N of Mawlaik. Enemy vacates positions along Tiddim Road between MS 146 and MS 147, and 123d Brig proceeds to MS 149 where contact with enemy is regained; 123d Brig-elements moving on trails E of Road contact enemy at Haupi, 4 mi. NE of Tiddim.

In Arakan sector, Hurricanes attack dumps, bashas, and river craft at Aungba; Sptifires attack loading plant at Hparabyin.

Central-South Burma: Beaufighters hit oil tanks at Yenangyat, on Irrawaddy R.; B-25s damage suspension bridge and knock down by-pass bridge at Namhkai, then strafe area, silencing AA position.

Burma-China: Enemy withdraws from Chungzchio Shan hill, 5 1/2 mi. W of Hsiangta, and Ch 27th Div occupies vacated positions.

Eleven B-25s bomb Mangshih, destroying 3 buildings and damaging barracks; 4 P-40s damage Tingka bridge.

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China: HUNAN-KWANGSI: Japanese troops attempt to flank Chinese defenses at Hsinganhsien and reach Litow, village to SE. In Paoching area enemy forces cross Tsukiang R.; 1 Chinese regt remains in town. Enemy launches attack on Changning, SW of Hengyang, where Ch 60th Div holds out.

Ten B-25s bomb Taohsien and Taochwan with fair results; 16 P-51s and 5 P-40s hit compounds, villages, bridge, and warehouse in Chuanhsien-Lungfukwan area. In Paoching area 2 P-40s destroy large building, kill estimated 15 Japanese, sink 2 sampans, damage 6, and bomb and damage 6 compounds. Single P-51 on weather rcn destroyed by ground fire. Liuchow airfield attacked by 8 enemy aircraft; 1 P-40 destroyed and 1 P-40 burned; 11,600 gals. of gasoline burned.

KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI: Tanchuk reported still in Chinese hands. Elements of Ch 135th Div reported to repulse enemy advance toward Pingnam, NW of Tanchuk.

Twenty-three B-25s bomb Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields and Samshui with good results; 12 P-38s, 12 P-40s, and 15 P-51s damage 74 river craft and kill estimated 95-100 troops on West R. from Takhing to Tanchuk. Two B-24s bomb Kowloon Peninsula with unobserved results.

CHEKIANG-FUKIEN: Enemy forces occupy Lienkong, N of Foochow, and approximately 500 troops move inland to NW.

Two P-40s bomb and strafe locomotives in Kinwha area.

F.I.C.: Eight P-40s and 2 P-51s dive-bomb Mission Michet in Lang Son area, and 6 junks in Hon Gay harbor.

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Burma-India: Troops of 123d Brig, E of Tiddim Road, contact enemy after crossing tributary of Manipur R. NE of Tiddim. On Mayu Range, patrol of 74th Brig, Ind 25th Div, unsuccessfully attacks enemy position NE of Godusara.

In Chindwin sector, 123 Hurribombers and P-47s attack gun position, buildings, bashas, camps, and river craft; 6 Hurricanes damage MT. In Arakan sector, 24 Spitfires attack dumps and bashas at Kudaung, N of Akyab.

Central-South Burma: Two Beaufighters in single attacks damage 3 large river craft on Irrawaddy R. in vicinity of Shwebo, and schooner and junk S of Double I. in Martaban Gulf; 4 others damage 2 locomotives and MT in strafing attacks on Mandalay, Pegu, Meiktila, and Taungup.

Burma-China: Twenty enemy are repulsed without Chinese casualties in attack on positions of Ch 599th Regt in old Lungling. Ch 594th Regt reported moving to Kutkungkai to wipe out enemy who escaped from Tengchung.

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Eleven B-25s bomb Mangshih with good results: installations parallel to Burma Road and adjacent to east-west wall hit with good pattern of bombs destroying many buildings and starting fires. Twenty P-40s patrol area and bomb Tingka bridge causing some damage. In bombing sweep over N and NE Burma, P-47s heavily damage buildings at Lweje, hit dump areas at Chaungdauk and Myothit, destroy buildings at Maubin, strafe boats at Bhamo, and damage bashas in Kutkai-Lashio area. Three bridges at Hsenwi raided by B-25s. Ten B-25s hit RR tracks at Bawgjo, on Mandalay-Lashio RR.

China: HUNAN-KIANGSI: Chinese report that enemy forces withdraw slightly at Lungfukwan, some 40 mi. N of Pinglo, at Kwanyang, W of Taohsien, and at frontal points along Hengyang-Kweilin RR.

Wooded section of Lungfukwan bombed with good hits by 6 B-25s; 15 P-51s and 3 P-40s damage warehouses, bivouac areas, compounds, and horses in Lungfukwan-Chuanhsien area.

KWANGTUNG-KIANGSI: Enemy forces occupy Pingnam, Tanchuk, and Taiping. It is reported that Ch 135th and 155th Divs surrounded in area S of Pingnam and face annihilation.

Twenty B-25s and 29 B-24s strike Wuchow and Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields with fair results. On West R. from Takhing to Konghow and in Tanchuk area, 42 P-51s and 22 P-40s damage 247 river craft and 3 steamers, kill unestimated number of troops, and bomb Tanchuk town center. Single B-24 bombs barracks at Kowloon.

KIANGSI: Six P-40s and 6 P-51s heavily strafe Nanchang area; intense ground fire destroys 1 plane and damages 8 others.

F.I.C.: Six P-40s hit barracks area in Luc Nam region; 2 P-51s strafe Hon Gay area.

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- 1 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Navy planes from TG 38.4 continue air attack initiated 31 Aug; 1 AK sunk, 1 AK damaged; and 3 sampans hit off Iwo Jima.
- Marianas Is.: P-47s launch 30 rockets and strafe Pagan AA positions; F4Us bomb gun positions and housing areas on Rota.
- Caroline Is.: Snooper B-24 sinks oil barge N of Palau; B-24 drops 2 tons of bombs on Yap airfield; 34 B-24s hit Koror town in Palau Is. with 37 tons, causing large fires and explosions; 1 B-24 lost.
- 2 Bonin-Volcano Is.: On last day of 3-day carrier strike, 4 AKs and landing barge sunk at Iwo Jima, 2 SCs sunk, 2 SCs damaged; at Haha Jima, SC probably sunk; AK damaged SW of Haha and later sunk by DD. Warehouses, communication facilities, naval installations, hangars, and gun positions knocked out on Iwo; 11 enemy planes destroyed in combat, 33 destroyed, 19 probably destroyed, 11 damaged on ground; 5 Allied planes lost. Seaplane base at Chichi Jima rendered ineffective; 4 enemy seaplanes hit, 2 damaged, 2 destroyed. Warehouses at Ani Jima severely damaged.
- Marianas Is.: B-24s and 16 P-47s bomb, strafe, and use rockets against Pagan AA positions.
- Caroline Is.: Twenty-seven B-24s drop 55 tons of bombs on Truk, meeting 1 enemy fighter. B-25s attack Ponape with 11 tons. Thirty-three B-24s bomb Koror: 32 destroy buildings, start fires, and cause large explosions; 1 bombs seaplane base, causing large fire; 1 B-24 missing. Patrols harass coastal shipping.
- Marshall Is.: F4Us and SBDs bomb Mili guns and radio station with 33 tons; F4Us hit Wotje targets with 22½ tons; 8 tons rained on magazine and personnel areas on Maleolap.
- 3 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Forty B-24s hammer air installations on Iwo with more than 95 tons of bombs; 88% of bombs fall in target area. Intense AA damages 3 planes.
- Marianas Is.: Sixteen P-47s fire rockets and strafe gun positions at Pagan; P-47s launch rockets at Maug; F4Us bomb Rota.
- Caroline Is.: Single B-24 over Yap drops 4.75 tons on personnel areas and air installations.
- Nauru I.: B-25s hammer runways and gun emplacements with 15 tons of bombs; 3 Allied bombers damaged; PB4Y makes harassing attack.

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- 4 Marcus I.: Two B-24s destroy building with $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons; heavy AA met.
- Marianas Is.: Eight F4Us puncture Rota airstrip; single B-24 raids Pagan with ton of bombs.
- Wake I.: TF shells enemy positions: 2 8-in. guns at Taki Pt., 1 8-in. gun at Peacock Pt., and 2 5-in. guns at Heel Pt.; 4 water tanks, 1 distilling plant, and AA guns on Peale I. destroyed. Two carrier planes damaged.
- 5 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Two attacked by 20 B-24s with 41 tons; 19 of which loose about 39 tons on airfield.
- Marianas Is.: Seventeen P-47s rocket fire and strafe Pagan.
- Caroline Is.: Thirty-six B-24s crater Peleliu runways and bomb Saipan town on Angaur with 90 tons, starting fires. Rcn B-24 bombs air installations on Yap and Woleai with 2 tons; several B-25s hit Ponape with 11 tons.
- Nauru I.: B-25s bomb Nauru airfields and gun positions with 12 tons.
- Marshall Is.: Guns on Mili, block houses and bivouac areas on Wotje and Taroa hit by F4Us and SBDs; B-24s over Wotje hit airfield and storage areas.
- 6 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Seventeen B-24s raid airfields at Iwo with 24.3 tons of bombs.
- Marcus I.: Three B-24s drop 2.5 tons of bombs; flak damages 1 plane.
- Marianas Is.: AA positions on Pagan strafed by P-47s.
- Caroline Is.: Carrier-fighter sweep against Palau Is. starts large fires, damaging operational aircraft on ground; 8 sampans, 3 motor launches, and 6 barges hit; fuel dump left burning at Babelthaup.
- 7 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Single B-24 drops 2 tons on Iwo airfield. Patrol bomber leaves Jap patrol vessel burning 20 mi. W of Chichi.
- Marcus I.: Three B-24s hit airfield installations with $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs, causing explosions and fire.
- Marianas Is.: Eight P-47s strafe Aguijan; 16 P-47s bomb Pagan, 8 planes hitting gun positions and buildings with rockets, 8 strafing the island.

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Caroline Is.: Carrier planes continue attack on Palau Is.: AA positions and bivouac and supply areas are hit; many fires started on Angaur and Koror; fuel dump at Arakabesan destroyed; defense installations and buildings on Palau also bombarded by DDs and CGs. Twenty-six B-24s bomb airfields at Moen with nearly 70 tons; 4-6 enemy interceptors use phosphorous bombs and damage 2 planes. At night 3 B-24s bomb revetments on Palau.

Marshall Is.: Radio station and gun positions on Mili raided by 12 F4Us and 20 SBDs dropping 17 tons of bombs; 40 F4Us over Wotje hit Egemedio with 10 tons of incendiaries.

8 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Nine B-24s attack airfield installations on Iwo, dropping 11 tons of bombs; 1 of 4 enemy interceptors probably destroyed. Six B-24s release 5 tons on Chichi harbor, damaging 1 AK.

Marianas Is.: P-47s strafe Pagan airfield.

Marshall Is.: Gun positions, dumps, communication facilities, and bivouac areas on Wotje and Jaluit are main targets of F4Us, scoring direct hits on magazines and powerhouses; 1 F4U lost over Jaluit. F4Us and SBDs hit Mili.

9 Caroline Is.: Single B-24 bombs Ngesebus I. Twelve B-25s bomb Ponape airfield and gun installations, destroying 1 E gun emplacement.

Marshall Is.: F4Us and SBDs attack Mili gun positions; 3 B-24s hit Wotje targets; 4 F4Us and SBDs attack Jaluit magazine and personnel areas.

10 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Sixteen B-24s hit Iwo airfield and adjacent installations with 36.75 tons of bombs; 7-10 enemy fighters airborne, 5-6 destroyed, 1 probably, 1 damaged, for loss of 3 B-24s. One AK strafed and left sinking 100 mi. SW of Bonins. Three B-24s attack 2 AKs and 1 DD W of Chichi.

Marianas Is.: F4Us crater airstrip at Rota; PB3 destroyed in Tanapag Harbor by enemy action.

Mopping up of ground opposition on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam continues.

Caroline Is.: Carrier planes blast Koror town and Malakal I. with 80 tons of bombs and 88 rockets; defense installations on Angaur hit; radio station on Peleliu and

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targets on Babelthaup and Ngesebus attacked. One DD and 1 AK, previously damaged, are sunk. AA downs 3 Allied aircraft.

Marshall Is.: On Wotje, 36 F4Us hit gun emplacements with 18 tons of bombs.

Nauru I.: B-25s release 12 tons on AA positions and airstrips.

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Bonin-Volcano Is.: Large fires started by 15 B-24s which rain 26 tons of bombs on Iwo airfields; 1 of 4 enemy interceptors destroyed; 2 B-24s damaged. Night patrol B-24 drops 2½ tons on Iwo airfield.

Marianas Is.: P-47s loose rockets on gun positions and personnel areas on Pagan.

Caroline Is.: Carrier planes continue attacks on Palau Is. with raids on defense installations at Angaur and Peleliu and on radio station and pier on Babelthaup. Four B-24s hit Arakabesan, seaplane base, and Ngesebus and Peleliu airdromes with 9 tons.

Twenty-nine B-24s over Truk hit Eten and Dublon with 72½ tons; 5-7 enemy interceptors destroyed, 1 damaged; 3 B-24s damaged.

Marshall Is.: F4Us bomb personnel areas on Jaluit and Maloclap with 2½ tons and 9 tons respectively; F4Us and SBDs hit Mili with 18 tons.

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Marcus I.: Single B-24 attacks building area; AA damages plane.

Marianas Is.: P-47s fire rockets and bomb Pagan gun emplacements and personnel areas.

Caroline Is.: DDs and CCs of TG 32.5 shell shore targets and carrier planes again pound gun positions on Angaur and Peleliu: planes employ 80 bombs and 164 rocket projectiles. Two B-24s harass Palau targets.

The NOA (APD) and FULLAM (DD) collide off Palau Is., with casualties: NOA sunk and FULLAM damaged.

Marshall Is.: On Jaluit, F4Us hit storage and magazine areas, encountering heavy AA fire. F4Us bomb Wotje, concentrating on communication and gun positions; SBDs dive-bomb bivouac areas on Mili.

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- 13 Bonin-Volcano Is.: B-24s drops 2½ tons on Iwo installations.
- Marianas Is.: Pagan attacked by B-24; P-47s also attack island with rockets and strafing.
- Caroline Is.: Carrier attacks against Palau Is. continue with planes depositing 90 tons of bombs and 165 rockets on Ngesebus gun positions, lighthouse on Angaur, and unidentified targets on Peleliu. Two B-24s concentrate on Palau airdromes. Carrier plane strafes and scores 2 direct hits on enemy freighter.
- USS Perry (AM) sunk by enemy mine off Angaur.
- Marshall Is.: Bivouac areas at Mili pounded by F4Us and SBDs. F4Us use half-ton bombs against defense installations on Wotje.
- Nauru I.: B-25s drop 15 tons on gun installations and airfield.
- 14 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Twenty-eight B-24s pound Iwo airfields and air installations with 52.9 tons of bombs causing large explosions visible for miles; flak damages 2 bombers.
- Marcus I.: Two B-24s attack island with 5 tons of bombs.
- Marianas Is.: Marine dive bombers hit gun positions near airfield at Rota; P-47s strafe and launch rockets on Pagan.
- Caroline Is.: Sustained air attack made against Angaur and Peleliu: beaches, ammunition dumps, pillboxes, and bivouac areas hit. Piers, personnel areas, and communication facilities on Babelthaup are bombed and rocket-fired. Three night B-24s strike again at Ngesebus and Peleliu airdromes.
- Marshall Is.: F4Us attack guns at Jaluit and personnel areas at Wotje. Mili personnel and CP area are targets for F4Us and SBDs.
- 15 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Navy patrol plane attacks 2 large landing craft, 15 mi. NW of Chichi; 1 left burning. Escorting enemy fighter shot down.
- Marianas Is.: F4Us hit Rota guns in afternoon while 2 F6Fs strafe Ette airfield at night. P-47s strafe and launch rockets on AA positions on Pagan.

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Caroline Is.: At 0830, after heavy preparatory air and sea bombardment, 1st Marine Div, commanded by Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus, lands on SW coast of Peleliu I. in the Palau Is., with 3 Regts, 1st, 5th, and 7th, abreast; 5th Marines are to push across the island to E shore, 7th Marines to swing R and seize S peninsulas; then 1st and 5th Marines are to pivot on L flank and drive NE.

Because of reef conditions amphibious vehicles land all troops and supplies.

Stiff enemy resistance encountered: beaches heavily mined, some of them in considerable depth; sporadic enemy arty and mortar fire harasses Marines, especially 7th Regt attacking S end of island. On L of 5th Marines toward N end of island about 20 enemy tanks support unsuccessful counterattack broken up by well-coordinated naval and air bombardment. Later simultaneous counterattacks by infantry directed against 1st Marines (L flank) and 5th Marines (center) also repulsed, again with naval and air support. By evening beachhead, including most of airfield and approaches to S peninsulas, secured.

In supporting raids carrier planes deliver 65 tons of bombs, 307 rockets, and 18 napalm fire bombs with a loss of 1 fighter and 1 torpedo bomber.

Twenty-nine B-24s blast Dublon and Moen with 72½ tons of bombs; 5 enemy fighters damage 1 B-24, 1 interceptor probably damaged.

B-25s drop 6 tons on runways and AA installations on Ponape; 1 B-25 suffers minor damage.

Marshall Is.: F4Us attack personnel areas, gun emplacements, and motor vehicles on Wotje with 9 tons of bombs.

16 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Fifteen B-24s hit Iwo airfield area with 37 tons of bombs, causing fire and large explosions; 4 enemy interceptors encountered.

Marcus I.: Harassing attacks continue with Marianas-based B-24s releasing 1½ tons of bombs.

Marianas Is.: Two B-24s drop 1 ton on Pagan and 14 P-47s employ strafing and rocket fire against island's gun installations. Thirty-two F4Us pound runways and gun positions on Rota.

Caroline Is.: After heavy naval and air bombardment, 1st Marines take airfield by noon despite enemy mortar and arty fire from well-concealed and defiladed positions.

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Elements of 1st Bn, 7th Marines cross to Ngarmoked I., but are forced to withdraw. Counterattacks against 7th Marines (R flank) and 5th Marines (center) thrown back. During day, villages of Ngarikeukl and Omoak occupied. Enemy pushed back in 3 directions, Marines lines now extending NW of airfield across S end of island, and S to the necks of both peninsulas. Enemy still occupies positions on high ground NW of airfield.

Bomb tonnage dropped in aerial support of ground troops exceeds 125 tons.

Babelthaup airfield installations strafed and fires started.

While sweeping Kossol passage (E entrance), Wadleigh (DD), acting as AM, strikes unswept mine and suffers extensive damage.

Marshall Is.: SBDs pound food storage target and motor pool on Wotje with $26\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs.

- 17 Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Infantry on L flank, supported by tanks, corps arty, naval gunfire, and air bombardment uses flame throwers against "Bloody Nose Ridge," hill mass N of airfield; also N of airfield, Marines, advancing 1,500 yds., seize radio station, power plant, and supply concentration. Further advances made on S peninsulas; Ngarmoked almost totally occupied.

ANGAUR: At 0830, following naval and air bombardment, troops of the 81st Inf Div, under Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller, land on NE and E coasts of Angaur I., 6 mi. S of Peleliu. Simultaneous landings are made by 321st RCT and 322d RCT on 2 sandy, separated beaches. Troops are to attack to W, the inner flanks converging; then, when contact is made, are to pivot on S flank, and attack to SW.

Enemy troops encountered are elements of Japanese 14th Div.

Scattered enemy resistance met, but main hindrance is heavy jungle vegetation. By nightfall the 2 beachheads are almost joined, and in some places the troops are 1,000 yds. inland with the R flank on the N halfway across island.

Marshall Is.: SBDs and 37 F4Us concentrate on Wotje: former rain 19 tons on storage areas; latter attacks Hq area with $18\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Jaluit receives $31\frac{1}{2}$ tons from attacking B-24s.

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Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announces the appointment of Maj. Gen. Francis P. Mulcahy as Commanding General of Marine Aircraft of the Pacific Fleet; Marine Air Wings organization is redesignated Aircraft Fleet Marine Force.

Marcus I.: B-24s continue harassing attacks dropping 4 tons of bombs.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: During night L flank beats back several enemy counterattacks; by 1800, S half of Peleliu, including town of Asias and the 2 peninsulas, is captured.

The airfield now conditioned for fighter operations.

The 8 Bn 3 Amph Corps artillery moves ashore to support Angaur attack.

A number of empty barges sunk off Peleliu.

ANGAUR: Enemy twice unsuccessfully counterattacks L flank of 321st RCT and also fails in assault on R and center.

Eighty-first Inf Div, slowed by "churned-up vegetation", steadily advances through light enemy opposition. Two beachheads are joined and more than half the island occupied, lines extending within 200 yds. of Saipan, principal town on Angaur.

PULAWAT: Ten B-25s concentrate on shipping targets, damaging 2 AG.

Marshall Is.: Storage area on Wotje is target for 14 1/3 tons of bombs dropped by SBDs, while SBDs and F4Us hit Wotje personnel areas, causing many fires.

Nauru I.: B-25s strike at runways, gun positions, and personnel areas with 12 tons of bombs.

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Bonin-Volcano Is.: Shipping targets in Futami harbor attacked by 29 B-24s dropping 11 1/2 tons of bombs; 1 AK left sinking; 8-10 lighters of group of 25-30 destroyed; 30 additional tons loosed on shore targets. PBY sets fire to AK N of Bonins.

Marcus I.: Two B-24s drop 2 1/2 tons through heavy flak.

Marianas Is.: F6Fs drop incendiaries on Rota; patrol plane bombs Pagan and 24 P-47s bomb and strafe AA positions and storage area on island, starting small fires.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Honey-combed caves and other mutually-supporting defenses retard Marine attack.

Marines on L flank capture most of Umurbrogal Mt. (Bloody Nose Ridge), silencing much of enemy arty and mortar fire. On R 5th Marines make steady progress to E and N. By evening Ngardolock is captured and nearly all E coast is

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secured.

ANGAUR: Middle village and Saipan town are taken in an infantry and tank attack against light fire from enemy pillboxes and mortars. The advance on the L flank is retarded by the heavy beach defenses along E coast; by nightfall two-thirds of island is in U.S. hands and NW and S extremities are isolated.

PONAPE: Gun positions and airstrips at Ponape raided by 13 B-25s, dropping 11 tons of bombs.

TRUK: B-24s pound airfields at Moen with 69 tons; 4-5 enemy fighters are airborne and AA damages 3 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: F4Us and SBDs drop 27 tons on Wotje personnel areas.

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Marianas Is.: F4Us strafe probable oil dump at Rota, causing large fires and explosions while P-47s strafe and bomb gun positions with 7½ tons.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Attack resumes in early morning. Enemy taking full advantage of favorable terrain rains arty and mortar fire on advancing troops. First Marines attack to L; 5th Marines secure remainder of E coast, and 7th Marines withdraw from S of island to position between 1st and 5th.

At night intermittent mortar and arty fire is leveled against 1st Marines L front.

ANGAUR: All organized resistance on Angaur ceases at 1034, providing U.S. with useful supply base and potential airfield.

Marshall Is.: Food dumps, shelters, and radio station on Wotje are targets for F4Us and SBDs which drop 27 tons of bombs.

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Marcus I.: Three B-24s set 4½ tons on AA positions.

Marianas Is.: Fifteen F4Us strike at Rota gun positions; 2 B-24s with 3 tons bomb Pagan building areas.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Preceded by air, naval, and arty bombardment, 1st and 7th Marines abreast attack on W arm of island; 5th Marines attack to E; natural defenses slow advance. Fifth Marines capture of E shore now includes Ngabad. I.

ANGAUR: Mopping up operations continue.

U.S. planes strike at Arakabesan seaplane hangar and Babelthaup airfield and radio station; 1/ fighter destroyed over Koror.

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Marshall Is.: Three B-24s bomb Jaluit, dropping $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons on Emidj I.

Nauru I.: B-25s hit runway and AA positions with fragmentation clusters and demolitions.

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Bonin-Volcano Is.: Fifteen B-24s use quarter tonners on Chichi harbor areas; 1 large barge sunk and 1 possibly damaged.

Marianas Is.: Four P-47s strafe shore area at Pagan and 20 others bomb Anatahan. Targets for F4Us are Rota storage areas and phosphate plant.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: First Marines again attack Umurbrogal Mt. making little gain. The 321st RCT on Angaur is to reinforce 1st Marine Div on Peleliu.

ANGAUR: Eighty-first Div continues mopping up caves and pillboxes at NW tip of island.

PONAPE: B-25s hit gun positions and airfields.

KOROR: Area bombarded by U.S. CA. Hangars at seaplane base destroyed and other targets hit.

Marshall Is.: Eighteen tons of bombs released on defense installations and gun positions at Mili and Maleolap; F4Us drop $9\frac{3}{4}$ tons on Mili and SBDs loose $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons on Maleolap. Jaluit also raided by F4Us.

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Bonin-Volcano Is.: Ten B-24s continue harassing attacks on Chichi dropping $14\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Ani Jima also bombed with $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons and Haha Jima with 3 tons. Single B-24 drops 30 fragmentation clusters over Iwo.

Marianas Is.: Four F4Us strafe MG positions on Rota.

Caroline Is.: ULITHI: Preceded by naval bombardment, 323d RCT lands and occupies without opposition Falalop, Asor, Sorlen, Fassary, Mogmog, and Potangeras; Ulithi anchorage is ready for use.

PELELIU: At dawn during squall, 7 large enemy barges attacked off Peleliu by strafing and bombing. Naval gunfire of TF 32 sinks one and disperses others which are fired upon off Peleliu and Ngesebus; these later destroyed.

RCT 321 relieves 1st Marines on L. During regrouping stiff attack maintained; "unnamed island" seized by 5th Marines. RCT 321 exploits flanks and seizes remaining N. area of center hill mass. E of line advances up W coast to Garekoru Village, withdrawing later.

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Marshall Is.: F4Us and SBDs hit Wotje, Jaluit, Mili, and Maloelap: 6 tons on Wotje gun positions, 3 tons on Jaluit defenses, 10½ tons on Mili, and 11½ tons on Maleolap.

Nauru I.: B-25s park 14½ tons of bombs; island harassed by single PBV.

24 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Sixteen B-24s drop 21 3/4 tons on harbor facilities and small shipping at Chichi; flak damages 1 B-24. One B-24 bombs small shipping at Haha.

PBV strafes 2 enemy trawlers and 1 PDT at Kita Iwo Shima.

Caroline Is.: Thirteen enemy barges and 1 motor sampan laden with supplies and men from Koror area to Peleliu destroyed by fire from DD and several LCIs and LVTs. Some personnel escaping to the beaches immediately come under Allied fire.

Troops of 321st RCT capture village of Garekoru and prepare to drive wedge E (to Umurbrogal Mt.) to isolate enemy position.

During night an additional barge destroyed by naval fire.

YMS 19 is sunk by enemy mine off Angaur.

CA hits 2 camouflaged enemy ships in Malakal harbor.

Marshall Is.: F4Us strike at Wotje coastal defense areas and barracks on Jaluit.

25 Bonin-Volcano Is.: Nearly 20 tons of bombs dropped on Iwo airfield by 13 B-24s; 4 enemy interceptors airborne; 1 destroyed for damage of 3 B-24s.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Marines and 321st Inf, attacking E to sever W arm, secure high ground overlooking inland road to E. Patrols of 321st Inf discover no large enemy concentrations W to radio station.

First Marines relieve 5th Marines who move through 321st to radio station and Amiangal Mt. area at N end of island, knocking out enemy communications from the N.

At night, heavy mortar fire from Ngesebus causes casualties.

ANGAUR: Mopping up continues.

PONAPE: B-25s crater airfields and hit gun positions.

TRUK: Twenty-six B-24s set 55½ tons of bombs on Eten airfield and AKs in Truk lagoon; 4-6 interceptors do little damage.

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Marianas Is.: Twenty-one P-47s bomb gun positions and possible radar area on Pagan; 15 F4Us strafe Rota gun positions and airstrips rendered ineffective.

Caroline Is.: On Peleliu 5th Marines secure 2 peaks against stubborn resistance. Heavy resistance develops on peak to NW against 321st Inf and 1 bn, preceded by tanks, attacks from NE.

RCT 321 resumes attack to E and captures 2 hills, cutting E road communication route.

VM 114 bomber squadron arrives on Peleliu airfield.

On Angaur mopping up continues.

U.S. aircraft again hits shipping targets in Malakal harbor area, sinking 3 ships and severely damaging waterfront installations; planes sink 8-10 barges near Malakal harbor and raid airfield on Babelthaup.

Marshall Is.: F4Us and PVs bomb and strafe targets on Wotje; F4Us attack Mili installations.

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Caroline Is.: PELELIU: RCT 321 expands positions to N and S across center to W arm of island, attacking both to N and S, knocking out road blocks and pillboxes.

Fifth Marines make rapid progress on Amiungal Mt. mass. By evening against strong resistance they reduce large blockhouse and all island captured except for Umurbrogal Mt., 2 other peaks, and lowlands lying E and NE thereof.

ANGAUR: Enemy attempts to infiltrate lines at night without success; 2 enemy planes drop 4 bombs in water off E coast.

KOROR-BABELTHAUP: Thirty F4Us strafe trucks on Babelthaup and encounter heavy flak over Koror on reconnaissance flights.

Wake I.: Two B-24s strike Heel Pt. with 5 tons of bombs.

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Bonin-Volcano Is.: Eighteen B-24s strike with 24 3/4 tons of bombs against naval targets at Chichi, causing 2 large explosions and fire.

Marianas Is.: Twenty-two P-47s bomb and strafe buildings and installations on Pagan.

Caroline Is.: After preliminary naval, air, and arty bombardment 3d Bn, 5th Marines, invade Ngesebus I. and Kongauru I. in shore to shore operation over coral reef separating above islands from Peleliu. Attack by infantry,

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preceded by amphibious and General Sherman tanks, meets light opposition. By nightfall all of Kongauru and all but small part of NE Ngesebus taken.

Other elements of 5th Marines complete seizure of N portion of Peleliu except pinnacle and a small area to N; RCT 321 continues attack S on Umurbrogal Mt.

Weather hampers supply lines.

During the night, enemy armed with hand grenades, infiltrate 7th Marine sector, causing casualties, but is driven off.

Three-four enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempt interception of 14 B-24s which drop 33 tons on Param airfield and other Truk installations; 1 B-24 damaged by flak.

29 Marcus I.: Three B-24s bomb Marcus with $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs, missing target.

Marianas Is.: Twenty-four aircraft attack Pagan in 3 missions: 16 P-47s use 8 tons against storage areas and gun positions, 7 others strafe these emplacements; 1 B-24 drops less than a ton.

Caroline Is.: PELELIU: Fifth Marines complete capture of Ngesebus and Kongauru, and unnamed island.

Rest of N tip of island secured except a few caves, pillboxes, and ravine positions.

Little progress is made against Umurbrogal Mt. defenses.

Weather retards departure of 1st Marines, and stalls unloading.

ANGAUR: Mopping up of caves and pillboxes in NE lake region continues.

BABELTHAUP: Sixteen F4Us strike at Babelthaup, putting 11 direct hits on airstrip.

Marshall Is.: Gun positions at Wotje pounded by F4Us; Mili raided by F4Us, hitting coastal defense guns with $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

30 Marianas Is.: Nine and $\frac{1}{2}$ tons dropped on Pagan by lone B-24 and P-47s: $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons loosed by B-24s and 8 tons released by P-47s.

Caroline Is.: Cave positions on Peleliu and Angaur still hold out.

VMF Squadron makes low-level attack on Umurbrogal Mt., using delayed-action bombs.

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Casualties at 1800 hours total 5,044 for 1st Marine Div, of which 669 are killed, 4,019 are wounded, and 356 are missing; 81st Div casualties total 1,473, of which 181 are killed in action, 1,282 are wounded, and 10 are missing. The estimated enemy losses as of 1800 29 Sept total 9,772 killed in action: 8,717 on Peleliu and 1,055 on Angaur. Prisoners total 163, 158 of which captured on Peleliu.

Fifteen B-24s pound Eten and Moen airfields with 37.5 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: SBDs set 14 tons on coastal defenses at Mili; F4Us set 3 tons on Jaluit, 12 tons on Wotje coastal defenses and pier, and 11½ tons on blockhouse area on Maloelap.

Nauru I.: U.S. Army and Navy planes concentrate on airfield and gun positions in routine missions during month.

Kurile Is.: Harassing attacks by U.S. Army and Navy planes continue throughout month, concentrating on shipping and shore installations on Paramushiru and Shimushu.

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- 1 Bismarcks-Solomons: Eight F4Us damage buildings in Rabaul area. Kavieng targets harassed during night by 2 B-25s; New Ireland plantations bombed by 46 F4Us, 18 SBDs, and 2 Venturas which hit 2 bridges and wreck 18 buildings. Enemy trail blocks in Kahili area, Bougainville I., attacked by 36 F4Us and 17 SBDs.
- New Guinea: Twelve Beauforts drop 12 tons of bombs on enemy villages near Wewak; other coastal targets, including bridge over Hawain R., fuel dump at C. Pus, and huts at Boiken hit by 18 P-39s.
- In Vogelkop area, airfields at Utarom and Babo are objectives of 3 B-25s and 44 A-20s; villages and barges along S coast from Kokas to Kaimana bombed and strafed by 29 P-40s.
- Two enemy bombers raid Biak I. during night, causing minor damage and several casualties; 1 enemy plane shot down.
- N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera Area: Five B-24s drop 9 tons of bombs on enemy targets along Beo Bay, Talaud Is. PBVs at night raid enemy shipping in the Molucca Sea, sinking or severely damaging 5 small AKs and 7 barges.
- Banda Sea Area: Fuel stores at Boela, Ceram I., attacked by 11 P-38s and 32 P-47s which cause fires with 13½ tons of bombs. Ten P-40s raid Namlea airfield, Boeroe I. Enemy positions at Toeal and Langgoer, Kei Is., and installations at Saumlakki airfield, Tanimbar Is., bombed by 11 B-25s; fires and explosions result. Enemy 1,000-ton vessel and 2 luggers off Ambon I. sunk during night by PBV and 3 Beaufighters.
- Philippine Is.: In first heavy air attack on the Philippines since 1942, 57 B-24s (5th AF) pound Likanan, Sasa, and Matina airfields in Davao area (Mindanao I.) with 110 tons of bombs; extensive fires caused and 37 enemy grounded planes destroyed; 1 of 9 interceptors shot down; 2 B-24s lost to AA fire. Three B-24s at night raid Davao airfields; single B-24 sinks 2 small vessels in Davao Gulf.
- 2 Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul and Kavieng each raided during night by 5 B-25s; enemy supplies at Rataval and buildings along coast of Gazelle Peninsula bombed and strafed by 74 F4Us. Communications, installations, and enemy camps in Kavieng and Mamatanai areas are targets for 32 SBDs, 23 F4Us, and 12 B-25s which achieve good results with 41 tons of bombs.
- Total of 28 F4Us, 12 TBFs, 18 SBDs, and 5 B-25s attacks.

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central and S Bougainville targets with approximately 40 tons of bombs, destroying 3 bridges and several gun positions; enemy bivouacs at Puk Puk bombed by 6 Venturas.

New Guinea: Coastal targets in vicinity of Wewak are objectives of 9 Beauforts and 12 P-39s; storage dumps, gun positions, and coastal craft hit.

Eight P-40s wreck sawmill at Kokas, McCluer Gulf area; coastal villages and small craft between Kokas and Kaimana effectively strafed by 8 more P-40s; targets in Sorong area dive-bombed by 11 P-38s. Wakde-Sarmi operation terminated.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Enemy installations on E coast of Morotai I. bombed and strafed by 11 B-25s. Shipping facilities along coast of Lembah and Bangka straits, NE Celebes, bombed by 11 B-25s; AA fire downs 2 B-25s; 2 small AKs sunk in this area during night.

Banda Sea Area: Radar unit in E Ceram hit by 3 A-20s and 2 Beaufighters. Lautem airfield and Lavai village, Timor I., attacked by 21 B-24s with 43 tons of bombs; good results obtained. Barge hideouts off Aroe Is. raided by 4 Beaufighters.

Philippine Is.: Fifty-eight (Schouten-based) B-24s escorted by 38 P-38s strike Lasang, Likanan, and Sasa airfields and port facilities at Davao, Mindanao I.; 130 tons of heavy demolition bombs dropped; large fires and explosions caused at all targets; Samal I. positions inland from Bassa Pt. effectively strafed at tree-top height by P-38s; 3 enemy planes shot down; no Allied planes lost. PB4Y attacks convoy of 12 small AKs off C. San Augustin, SE Mindanao, forcing several to beach; later at night, PB4Ys attack 8 small AKs in Davao Gulf, sinking 3 and 3 more probably. Also at night, single B-24 bombs Matina airfield; second B-24 damages 1,000-ton AK, W of Sarangani Strait.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Enemy supplies in Rabaul area hit with 31 tons of bombs by 74 F4Us and 14 TBFs. Eighteen SBDs and 36 F4Us continue attacks on bivouacs and buildings in Kavieng and Namatanai areas.

Three TBFs and 8 F4Us raid enemy camps and destroy 1 bridge in Kahili and Kieta areas, Bougainville I.

New Guinea: Installations and supplies between the Baniunor R. and Wewak are objectives of 16 Beauforts and 12 P-39s which set 3 fuel dumps on fire with 12 tons of bombs.

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Nabire airfield, on S coast of Geelvink Bay, is target for 39 A-20s and 4 B-25s which cause large fires with 35 tons of bombs. Twenty-four P-40s bomb Babo airfield and sink or damage 9 barges in McCluer Gulf. Radar station and other targets in Jefman area mortared at night by U.S. PTs.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Eleven Owi-based B-25s bomb and strafe enemy defenses at Tobelo, NE Halmahera I., and sink a small AK offshore. PBVs at night attack shipping off W coast of Halmahera, sinking 1,000-ton vessel and leaving 4,000-ton AK/AP listing; 3 smaller vessels and 2 barges also sunk or damaged; 3,000-ton AK damaged in Kaeo Bay by B-24. Sixty B-24s unload 150 tons of bombs on Longoan airfield and waterfront facilities along Lembeh Strait, NE Celebes; 15 enemy grounded planes destroyed; many warehouses and a small AK wrecked; of 20 enemy planes encountered, 3 are shot down and 4 more probably for loss of 1 B-24.

Banda Sea Area: Boela oil tanks and radio station, Ceram I., hit by 9 P-38s. PBV at night damages large AK in Ambon harbor.

Philippine Is.: B-24s attack Matina area and shipping off E coast of Mindanao I., leaving 200-ton vessel on fire in Sarangani Bay and another probably sinking E of Surigao. Two small AKs, one in Sarangani Bay and the other off NE tip of Mindanao I. set on fire by 2 PB4Vs during night; PBVs attack 1,500-ton AK and 5,000-ton AK/AP in Davao Gulf, causing fires and explosions on both vessels.

Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul strikes cancelled because of weather. Bridges and MT in N New Ireland hit by 18 SBDs and 36 F4Us.

Enemy positions at Mutupina Pt., S Empress Augusta Bay area, bombed by 40 F4Us; 6 B-25s hit Ballale I., S of Bougainville; enemy personnel on Buka I. raided by 6 F4Us.

New Guinea: Gun positions at Boram, supplies at C. Pus, and coastal villages in Wewak area attacked by 20 Beauforts which achieve good results with 20 tons of bombs.

Bivouac areas near Moemi, W Geelvink Bay, strafed by 13 P-47s. Thirty-three A-20s and an unreported number of B-25s bomb Uтарom airfield and gun emplacements along coast S of McCluer Gulf.

Sixteen P-40s drop 4 tons of bombs on enemy personnel areas on W coast of Soepiori I., off NW coast of Biak.

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N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: During night PBYS attack enemy shipping off Halmahera I., sinking 1,000-ton vessel and leaving 4,000-ton vessel listing off W coast; 6 small AKs and 13 barges claimed destroyed or damaged in Wasile Bay. Twenty-three B-24s drop 34 tons of bombs on enemy positions at Kendari, SE Celebes, causing large fires; PBYS at night sink 3 small troop-laden vessels and several barges off NW coast of Celebes below Amoerang Bay.

Banda Sea Area: Twelve P-47s cause fires among fuel tanks at Boela, Ceram I. Three small AKs off Ambon I. sunk during night by PBYS.

Philippine Is.: During night 2 B-24s bomb Sasa airfield in Davao Gulf; 1,000-ton vessel destroyed and 2 barges damaged by a PBY. Two CMs, 3 mi. W of Zamboanga Bay, exploded by another PBY.

5 Bismarcks-Solomons: Total of 66 F4Us and 32 SBDs bomb gun positions and buildings at Praed Pt., Kabagada, and Nordup. Buildings and bivouacs in S New Ireland raided by 22 SBDs and 16 F4Us; N targets hit by 41 F4Us and 18 SBDs. Trails and villages on SW coast of Bougainville I. raided by 12 F4Us.

New Guinea: Twelve Beauforts, 9 P-39s, and 4 P-40s attack stores and camps in Wewak area. Four Beauforts light enemy targets on Kairiru I. for rocket fire by U.S. PTs.

Ten A-20s drop 5 tons of bombs in Sarimi area in support of ground troops. Thirty-one P-40s and 20 P-38s attack Jefman and Samate airfields at W tip of the Vogelkop Peninsula; both fields left unserviceable. In McCluer Gulf area, Fak Fak village and targets along shore to S hit by 12 P-40s and 8 P-38s; 2 barges sunk and 2 damaged off Kaimana.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Airfields at Djailolo and Galela, Halmahera I., raided by 16 B-25s and 54 P-38s, respectively; fires and explosions caused at both targets; 14 P-47s bomb Kaoe town. Fifty-five B-24s with P-38s escorting release 86 tons of bombs on Longcan airfield, Celebes I., causing fires and explosions; 15 parked planes wrecked; 1 of 5 interceptors shot down. During night 3 B-24s hit stores along Lembeh Strait, NE Celebes, and score near misses on a 1,000-ton AK.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield, Ceram I., bombed by 7 A-20s; small shipping off SE coast of island strafed by 3 Beaufighters. Enemy installations and bivouacs at Lingat,

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Philippine Is.: Five small vessels in vicinity of Sarangani Bay attacked by PBVs which leave 3 sinking. Matina airfield harassed at night by a B-24 which is damaged by an enemy fighter.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Eight F4Us and 5 Venturas raid enemy huts in Rabaul area: 12 F4Us start fires on Duke of York I. Villages along Fangalawa Bay, N New Ireland, bombed with good effect by 17 SBDs and 42 F4Us; 21 SBDs and 8 F4Us destroy 2 bridges and several buildings in S part of island.

Enemy hq at Kahili bombed by single B-25; targets in Buka-Bonis areas hit by 21 F4Us.

New Guinea: Four Beauforts cooperating with PTs raid Wewak coastal targets during night; in daylight attack, 27 Beauforts drop 26 tons of bombs on Wewak airfields and inland villages in area.

In support of ground troops in Sarimi area, 4 P-47s bomb and strafe enemy positions along the Orai R. Manokwari airfield bombed by 9 P-40s and 2 P-39s; 2 gun positions hit and runway cratered. Jefman and Samate airfields attacked by 27 P-40s; 6½ tons of bombs dropped and 1 grounded plane destroyed. Thirty-five A-20s and 3 B-25s unload 31 tons of bombs on Babo airfield with good results; Sagan airfield strafed by 5 A-20s; small shipping off Kaimana raided by 4 Beaufighters and 4 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Celebes I.: Storage areas along Lembah Strait raided at night by a PBV; 1 enemy fighter in area shot down by escorting P-38.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield, Ceram I., raided by 5 A-20s. Villages in the Kei Is. and small craft in area hit by 12 P-40s. PBVs at night sink 1,000-ton AK and damage 2 others off SW coast of Ceram I.; a lugger and a barge in Piroe Bay, Ambon I., also sunk.

Philippine Is.: Single B-24 makes night raid on Likanan airfield; another PBV sinks 1,000-ton AK and a barge in Sarangani Bay; 3 small AKs and several barges damaged.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Air operations curtailed by weather. Eight F4Us and 5 Venturas harass enemy supplies at Keravat in Rabaul area.

Scattered targets in S Bougainville hit by 22 F4Us.

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New Guinea: Airfield, personnel, and MT in Wewak area attacked by 5 Beauforts and 14 P-39s; barge traffic shelled by PTs and 4 P-39s.

Enemy killed to date in Sansapor area reaches 416; 67 Japanese, 102 Formosans, and 6 Koreans captured. Manokwari airfield and installations hit by 9 A-20s, 9 P-47s, and 6 P-39s; Ransiki, Moemi, and Waren runways bombed by 21 P-39s; personnel and supplies in vicinity of Nabire attacked by 24 A-20s, 6 B-25s, and 12 P-40s with 13 tons of bombs. Thirty P-40s drop 11 tons of bombs on Samate airfield, cratering runway. Babo and Mongosah airfields attacked by 6 B-25s and 2 squadrons of A-20s, respectively; farther S, below McCluer Gulf, Uтарom runway cratered by 12 B-25s.

Schouten Is.: First Bn, and Co E, 162d Inf of 41st Div lands at Aminweri, Korido, and Napido villages, Soepiori I.; landings supported by 2 frigates and PTs; light opposition encountered. Prior to landings, 36 P-40s attack enemy villages and defenses along S coast of island, achieving good results with 20 tons of bombs and by strafing. Two enemy planes raid Owi I. runways during night, damaging 5 grounded planes. To date, Japanese killed on Biak I. reported at 5,199; 350 Japanese and 243 Formosans captured.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Neutralization of Halmahera airfields continued: Djailolo dive-bombed by 37 P-38s with 17½ tons; 3 squadrons of B-24s start fires at Galela airfield while 11 B-25s bomb nearby enemy bivouacs; 6 more B-25s attack installations along S coast of Morotai I.; Kaeo airfield hit by 16 P-47s; gun positions along S coast of Wasile Bay bombed by 24 B-25s with 10 tons. Fifteen B-24s drop 35 tons of bombs on enemy defenses in Talaud Is. Following night harassing raid by 2 B-24s, 53 B-24s escorted by P-38s unload 153½ tons of bombs on warehouses and supplies in Manado area, Celebes I.; fuel dumps exploded and large fires caused; enemy 2d Area Army Hq reported in flames; P-38s met no interceptors.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield, Ceram I., hit by 3 A-20s; barges off SE coast of island strafed by 2 Beaufighters. Installations at Saumlakki airfield, Tanimbar Is., raided by 2 B-25s. Bridge on N coast of Timor I. hit with 4 tons of bombs by 4 B-25s.

Philippine Is.: Forty-four B-24s release 100 tons of bombs on seaplane base and shipping facilities at Santa Ana, N of Baybay, Mindanao I., destroying many warehouses and causing large fires; intense AA fire met. Buayan airfield

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at head of Sarangani Bay bombed by 11 B-25s which damage repair shops, motor parks, and barges offshore; escorting P-38s down 1 enemy plane.

8 Bismarcks-Solomons: In sweep over Rabaul area, 12 F4Us wreck 8 buildings. Widespread targets in New Ireland raided by 18 SBDs and 48 F4Us.

Enemy camps and communications on Bougainville I. bombed by 68 F4Us, 14 SBDs, and 4 Venturas; 20 tons of bombs dropped on enemy hq at Kahili.

New Guinea: General Hq, SWPA, moves from Brisbane to Hollandia, also Hq Allied Naval Forces and Seventh Fleet, Hq Allied Air Forces and Far East Air Forces, Hq U.S. Army Forces in the Far East, and Hq U.S. Army Services of Supply.

Installations at Wewak airfield and coastal villages nearby bombed and strafed by 13 Beauforts and 14 P-39s; 1 AA gun silenced. Five Beauforts and PTs shell targets in Wewak area during night.

Airfields in Vogelkop area are targets for medium and fighter bombers: Monokwari cratered by 18 P-39s; Jefman and Samate hit by 7 P-38s; Babo attacked by 4 squadrons of B-25s; Utarom bombed with 13 tons by 18 A-20s. Eight P-40s bomb enemy targets on Ram I. During night 2 enemy planes attempt to bomb Middleburg I. runway but are driven off by AA fire.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Allied aircraft attack Halmahera airfields, bivouacs, and shipping: 38 B-25s drop 12 tons of bombs and expend 60,400 rounds of MG on buildings and installations at Galela and along waterfront at Tobelo with good results; Kaeo runway and fuel barges offshore hit by 12 P-47s; Lolobata airfield and dispersal areas bombed by 22 B-24s with 62 tons. Fifty-six B-24s strike Longoan airdrome and docks and warehouses in Manado area, N Celebes, with 181 tons of bombs, destroying many buildings and 3 grounded planes; escort of 25 P-38s attacks shipping in Amoerang Bay, setting a small AK on fire. During night, Manado targets are harassed by 2 B-24s; 3 more B-24s bomb Kendari airfield, SE Celebes.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield, Ceram I., hit by 5 A-20s and 6 Beaufighters. Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., raided by 23 P-38s. Twenty-four B-24s release 45 tons of bombs on enemy airfields at Langgoer, Toedal, Letfoear, and Faan in the Kei Is.; 5 enemy grounded planes destroyed and many buildings wrecked.

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Philippine Is.: PBY at night destroys 10,000-ton AO and damages an AK in Maluso Bay at W end of Basilan I., S of Zamboanga.

9. Bismarcks-Solomons: Two Venturas and 12 F4Us destroy bridge in Rabaul area. Scattered targets in New Ireland bombed by 32 F4Us and 10 SBDs.

Total of 7 B-24s, 61 F4Us, and 57 SBDs attack N. Choiseul, Buka, Kieta, and Kahili areas, destroying piers, bridges, and huts.

New Guinea: Twenty Beauforts drop 20 tons of bombs on airfields and supplies in Wewak area; coastal targets strafed by 4 P-39s. During night 3 Beauforts and PTs force 3 barges to beach near Wewak.

Allied aircraft continue neutralization of Vogelkop airfields; Manokwari and Ransiki bombed by 15 P-40s and 23 P-39s; Samate and Mongosah hit by 27 P-40s and 13 P-39s; 5 B-25s bomb Babo; installations at Utarom bombed with 13 tons by 21 A-20s.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Twenty-four B-24s strike Lolobata and Hatetabako airfields, Halmahera I., with 72 tons of bombs; 1 B-24 drops 1½ tons on Miti runway; Galela airfield hit by an unstated number of B-24s; fires caused and fuel dumps exploded. Fifty-nine B-24s escorted by 18 P-38s unload 158½ tons of bombs on Mapanget airfield and gun positions and buildings in Manado area, Celebes I.; fires and explosions result.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield and fuel storage tanks, Ceram I., attacked by 6 A-20s, 12 P-38s, 12 P-47s, and 6 Beaufighters; Liang airfield bombed by 24 P-38s and 48 P-47s with 20½ tons. Forty-six P-47s attack Harockoe runway, Ambon I. Eleven barges off Kei Is. damaged by 8 P-40s. Namlea airfields and bivouac areas, Boeroe I., bombed by 44 B-25s and 11 P-38s which achieve good results with 33 tons of bombs.

Philippine Is.: Mindanao I. heavily attacked for first time by carrier-based aircraft of U.S. Third Fleet, under tactical command of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Ninety-six fighters from TF 38 (Groups 38.1, 38.2, and 38.3), under Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, make early morning sweep over airfields; 15 planes destroyed at Lumbia, 6 at Cagayan, 6 at Del Monte, and 21 on ground at Malabang; enemy airborne opposition negligible; ground installations, storage areas,

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and port facilities heavily damaged in 2 strikes following fighter sweep. Enemy convoy of 32 ships (AKs, AOs, and sampans) off Hinatuan Bay, moving along W coast toward Davao, attacked by 4 DDs, 2 CLs, and carrier-planes; all ships sunk or wrecked. Two enemy planes approach U.S. ships, operating 50-75 mi. off Mindanao; both shot down. PBVs at night destroy large AO near Basilan I. and damage 2 large AKs off Zamboanga town.

10 Bismarcks-Solomons: Air operations prevented by weather. Total of 52 SBDs, 12 F4Us, 7 B-25s, and 1 Ventura attacks bivouacs and bridges in Kieta and Buka areas and enemy hq at Kahili, Bougainville I.

New Guinea: Twenty-six Beauforts drop 25 tons of bombs on Wewak airfields and personnel areas.

Four P-47s again bomb and strafe Japanese positions along Orai R. in Sarimi area. In Vogelkop area, 9 A-20s bomb Nabire airfield; 24 P-40s strafe Samate; Babo hit with 31 tons of bombs by 3 B-25s and 35 A-20s; Sagan strafed by 6 A-20s and 8 Beaufighters. Single enemy plane drops 6 bombs on Sansapor area.

Two enemy bombers attack Owi I. airstrips, causing minor damage; night fighters down both planes.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: In 4 strikes on Celebes I., 58 B-24s drop 199½ tons of bombs, hitting bivouacs and waterfront facilities in Manado area and airfields and gun positions at Mapanget and Longoan; no enemy interceptors met. Coastal villages at Beo Bay, Talaud Is., hit by 3 B-25s. PBVs at night score hits on medium AK and leave small AK listing S of Laimpangi Bay, NE Celebes.

Banda Sea Area: Boela town area, runways, and gun positions, Ceram I., are targets for 24 P-47s, 46 B-25s, 6 A-20s, and 8 Beaufighters; good results achieved with 50½ tons of bombs. Ten small craft off SE coast of Ceram I. hit by 8 P-40s. Namlea airfields and bivouac areas, Boeroe I., bombed with 33 tons by 44 B-25s escorted by 11 P-38s; 1 B-25 lost. PBV at night sinks small AK and another small vessel in Ambon area.

Philippine Is.: Targets on Mindanao I. and shipping offshore hit by carrier planes and by CLs and DDs of TG 38.3. During 2-day strike, hangars, runways, warehouses, and installations at Davao, Buayan, Valencia, Singsa, Agaña, and Del Monte severely damaged or destroyed; 53 enemy grounded planes

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and 13 airborne destroyed; 40 AKs, 1 small warship, and 16 small craft (found principally off Sanco Pt. and in Lianga Bay on W coast, in Davao Gulf and Sarangani Bay on S coast, and at Cagayan Bay, Butuan Bay, and at Surigao on N coast) sunk; 1 AO, 20 AKs, and 42 small craft damaged or probably sunk. Eight U.S. planes lost in combat; no damage to surface units. PBV at night scores hits on 2 AKs of 7,000 tons each near Zamboanga.

- 11 Bismarcks-Solomons: Buildings and gun positions in Rabaul area attacked by 30 SBDs, 21 F4Us, and 10 B-25s with good results; Duke of York I. strafed by 16 F4Us.

Enemy positions at Kahili, Bougainville I., raided by single B-25 through heavy overcast.

New Guinea: The 124th Inf, 31st Div, and the 126th Inf, 32d Div, depart from Aitape area for the Morotai operation.

Wewak and Boram airfields and supplies in area bombed by 30 Beauforts with 29½ tons of bombs.

Neutralization of airfields and installations in Vogelkop area continued by 21 P-40s, 51 A-20s, 2 P-39s, and 2 B-25s; Manokwari, Samate, Sagan, Ransiki, and Utarom are chief targets hit.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Galela and Miti airfields, Halmahera I., bombed by 1 group of B-24s; 34 A-20s attack Kaoe airfield, causing fires; 1 A-20 missing. During night 2 B-24s drop 3 tons of bombs on Manado area, Celebes I., causing fires.

Banda Sea Area: On Ceram I., Amahai airfield attacked in 3 waves by total of 34 P-38s, 54 P-47s, and 36 A-20s which crater runways and heavily hit bivouac areas with 60 tons of bombs; Boela airfield and fuel tanks hit with 15 tons of bombs by 6 A-20s, 12 P-47s, and 12 P-38s; 1 P-38 lost; Kairatoo airfield bombed with 11½ tons by 22 B-25s and 12 P-38s. Twenty-four B-24s unload 50 tons of bombs on Laha runway and dispersal areas, Ambon I.; fires and explosions caused and 3 grounded planes destroyed. Seventy-eight P-38s drop 32 tons of bombs on Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., destroying 2 grounded planes; same planes dive-bomb and strafe Liang airfield, Ceram I., and set 2 small AKs on fire off Ambon; 4 P-38s lost to AA fire. Villages in Kei Is. and 12 small craft offshore hit by 4 P-40s.

Philippine Is.: San Roque airfield near Zamboanga, Mindanao I., bombed before dawn by B-24.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Targets along coast of Wide Bay and elsewhere on Gazelle Peninsula bombed by 65 SBDs and 30 F4Us. Kavieng runway hit during night by 2 B-25s; coastal targets raided by 6 F4Us.

Enemy personnel and supplies on Bougainville, Choiseul, and Fauro islands attacked by 12 B-25s, 43 F4Us, and 1 TBF; Kahili harassed during night by B-25.

New Guinea: Sixteen Beauforts drop 16 tons of bombs on Wewak airfields.

The 31st Div (with the Aitape echelon) departs from Wakde-Sarmi area for the Morotai operation. Manokwari airfield and gun positions at Moemi hit with 12½ tons of bombs by 6 P-40s, 12 P-47s, and 6 P-39s; Samate receives 9½ tons by 22 P-40s; 60 A-20s and 3 B-25s drop 28 tons on runways and installations at Babo, Mongosah, and Sagan.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Radio installations on Morotai I. hit with 3½ tons of bombs by 6 B-25s; 4 squadrons of B-24s attack Lolobato and Hatetabako airfields, Halmahera I.; Galela airfield and Kaeo town attacked by 39 B-25s with 19 tons of bombs. Forty-eight B-24s pound Mapanget, Longoan, and Sidate airfields, Celebes I., with 157 tons of bombs; 12 small AKs in Manado Bay damaged by escorting P-38s; fires started along waterfront of Lembah Strait during night by 2 B-24s.

Banda Sea Area: Six Beaufighters bomb Boela runway, Ceram I. Fifteen P-38s drop 7½ tons of bombs on Namlea airfield, Boeroe I. Langgoer airfield in the Kei Is. bombed by 5 B-25s.

Philippine Is.: Carrier-based planes from TF 38 (task groups 38.1, 38.2, and 38.3) strike at enemy bases on Cebu, Negros, Panay, and Leyte islands. Fighter sweeps reveal only 6 airfields on Leyte, 1 on Samar, and 1 on Bulan; no enemy planes encountered; few planes found on ground at Tacloban, Majan, and Dulag airfields which are destroyed by fighters and in 2 strikes following sweep; at least 40 planes destroyed on ground and 38 airborne at Mactan and Lahug airfields, Cebu I., for loss of 2 U.S. planes; shipping and ground installations heavily hit.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Enemy bivouacs, gun positions, and supplies in Wide Bay area and along W coast of Gazelle Peninsula attacked by 33 SBDs and 104 F4Us; C. St. George harassed by 7 F4Us.

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Six B-25s bomb enemy troops at Kieta on E coast of Bougainville; 67 F4Us sweep over S coast, hitting enemy camps and defenses; Choiseul Bay targets hit by 20 SBDs.

New Guinea: Ten Beauforts drop 9 tons of bombs on Wewak airfield.

Manokwari and Ransiki runways raided by 18 P-39s and P-37s. Samate and Jefman airfields are targets for 42 A-20s, 41 P-38s, 12 P-40s, and 11 P-47s, which crater runways with about 43 tons of bombs. Babo airfield hit with 12 tons of bombs by 29 A-20s, 4 P-40s, and 2 B-25s. Kaimana personnel areas bombed by 8 P-40s. Light naval vessels, maintaining blockade of N coast, strafe installations along E coast of Geelvink Bay.

N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera area: Pitoe airdrome and villages on S coast of Morotai I. bombed and strafed by 24 B-25s; Pangeo village on NE coast hit by 2 more B-25s. Halmahera airfields attacked by 58 B-24s which drop 103½ tons of bombs on Lolobato, 36½ tons on Miti and Hatetabako, and 35 tons on Galela and Kaoe.

Banda Sea Area: Villages on S coast of Ceram I. bombed by 6 A-20s. Twelve B-25s attack targets in the Kei Is., hitting Langgoer airfield, radar installations, and small craft in area.

Philippine Is.: Attacks on the Visayas continued by carrier-based aircraft which hit targets on Negros and Cebu islands and at Legaspi at S tip of Luzon I. Considerable air opposition met over Negros I. and many enemy planes shot down. Ineffective attacks made by a few enemy planes on ships of TF 38; 5 enemy planes destroyed.

14 Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul area bombed by 70 SBDs, 108 F4Us, and 8 B-25s; supplies and bivouacs at Pondo Pt. and at Keravat heavily hit. Scattered targets in New Ireland raided by an unstated number of F4Us.

Enemy positions at Kahili harassed at night by 2 B-25s; Fauro I. hit by F4Us; Choiseul Bay targets shelled by PTs.

New Guinea: Nineteen Beauforts drop 19 tons of bombs on Wewak airfields and supply bases.

Allied aircraft continue attacks on enemy airfields in Geelvink Bay, Spring, and McCluer Gulf areas: Manokwari and Moemi bombed by 10 P-40s; 12 additional P-40s hit Jefman and Samate; Babo attacked by 25 A-20s and 3 B-25s with 25 tons of bombs.

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N.E.I.: Celebes-Halmahera Area: Halmahera airfields bombed by 8 squadrons of B-24s; weather prevents groups of B-25s and 3 squadrons of A-20s from reaching target. Fifty-seven B-24s attack Mapanget airfield in Manado area, Celebes I., cratering cement runway with 188½ tons of bombs. During night 3 B-24s cause fires along coast of Amoerang Bay; a 3,000-ton AK/AP receives direct hit by PBV. SB2c aircraft from the Wasp (TG 38.1) cover Talaud and Sangihe islands and strafe Mapanget airfields and Manado area, Celebes I.

Banda Sea Area: Eight Beaufighters and 8 P-40s cause craters on Boela runways, Ceram I.

Philippine Is.: Carrier-based planes (TGs 38.2 and 38.3) continue attacks on airfields, installations, fuel dumps, barracks, and buildings on Panay and Negros islands; shipping in area also hit with good results. Over 2,000 sorties flown during 3-day strike on the Visayas; 726 tons of bombs dropped and 517 rockets fired; extensive damage caused to ground installations, barracks, and oil storage facilities; 174 enemy planes shot down in combat and at least 200 (some estimates state 385) grounded planes destroyed for loss of 22 U.S. planes; ships sunk include 1 AO, 1 AP, 29 AKs, 2 small warships, 2 DEs, and 20 small craft; approximately 63 other vessels damaged or probably sunk. Aircraft from TG 38.1, enroute to Morotai attack Davao, Buayan, and Sarangani areas, heavily damaging installations at Sasa and Matina airfields and sinking a DD in Davao Gulf; 32 B6Fs carry out rocket and strafing attack on Zamboanga area, causing heavy damage to installations and destroying at least 9 grounded planes; enemy radar installation at C. San Augustin heavily bombarded and probably knocked out by 3 DDs with air support.

15 Bismarcks-Solomons: Following harassing raid before dawn by 2 B-25s, 40 F4Us start fires along waterfront in Rabaul area. Kavieng airfield hit at night by 2 B-25s.

Forty F4Us and 23 SBDs drop 35 tons of bombs on supplies in Chabai area, NW Bougainville. Uvsi area, Shortland Is., raided at night by single B-25.

New Guinea: Twenty-two Beaufighters unload 23 tons of bombs on Wewak area, cratering runways and destroying supplies.

Eight P-39s and 1 P-47 raid Manokwari; intense fire encountered. Installations and fuel dumps in Sorong area hit by 18 P-40s. Gun positions, supplies, and barges in Sorong area attacked during night by 2 P-40s and PTs.

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N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Coincidental with Palau operations, at 0830, approximately 17,000 troops of 31st Inf Div with 126 RCT (32d Div) in reserve, land unopposed on 2 beaches on NW coast of Gila Peninsula on Morotai I., 10 mi. E of N tip of Halmahera. In pre-invasion support by air and naval units of Pacific and Seventh Fleets, Morotai itself blasted with 167 tons, and near-by Galela, base for any Morotai reinforcements, bears brunt of 172-ton attack; Celebes-Halmahera airfields hit with more than 125 tons. U.S. Naval forces are under command of Rear Adm. D.E. Barby; Army forces commanded by Maj. Gen. John C. Persons.

Unloading at Red Beach, 500 yds. in length at base of peninsula, S of Doroeba village, and on White Beach, 250 yds. long, S of Red, proves most difficult encountered in Pacific due to reef conditions, shoals, and coral heads in offshore waters. By 1600 primary objective, Pitoe airfield, abandoned sometime before by the enemy, is under survey by airfield engineers. Perimeter defense immediately established to protect airstrip. Troops push across S tip of island. Twenty-one enemy killed and 11 taken prisoner of estimated 200 garrisoned troops on the island, most of which flee to mountainous jungle just beyond SW coastal plain; 6 contacted in pillbox at Gotalalamo. During night, light sniper fire harasses 155th Inf while 124th Inf patrol kills 6 of 15 enemy assailants.

Celebes I.: Thirty F6Fs from TG 38.1, in support of Morotai operations, sweep over Manado area and nearby airfields; 26 enemy planes destroyed on ground at Langoan; no F6Fs lost. Manado waterfront facilities attacked before dawn by 2 B-24s. PBV at night sinks 1 medium AK off NW coast.

Banda Sea Area: Boela airfield, Ceram I., bombed by 5 Beaufighters and 5 A-20s; Geser village and 6 small craft off SE coast strafed by 4 P-40s; PBV at night forces 1 small AK to beach off SW coast. Langgoer, Faan, and Doelah airfields in the Kei Is. attacked by 8 B-25s, 1 of which is shot down by AA fire. Enemy bivouacs at Doka Barat and small craft off Aroe Is. strafed by 8 P-40s and 2 B-25s. Gun emplacements at Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is., and Tepa village, Babar I., bombed by 2 B-25s and 2 B-24s, respectively.

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Esamarcas-Solomons: Targets along coast of Gazelle Peninsula attacked by 20 B-25s and 20 F4Us. Kavieng airfield harassed at night by 2 B-25s; coastal targets in N New Ireland attacked by 72 F4Us and 18 SBDs; U.S. PTs are active

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16 during night against small shipping along W coast.

Cont Enemy bivouacs and gun positions at Kangu Hill and Kahili and trails in S Bougainville bombed and strafed by 9 B-25s, 55 SBDs, 54 F4Us, 1 TBF, and 3 Venturas. Kieta and Choiseul Bay targets shelled by U.S. PTs.

New Guinea: Wewak airfield and supplies at Boiken village hit with 19 tons of bombs by 19 Beauforts.

Manokwari runway bombed by 8 P-39s while 6 P-40s hit gun emplacements at Moemi; 6 P-40s and 14 P-47s raid Samate area. Twenty P-40s explode an ammunition dump near Kokas and bomb a jetty, villages, and small craft in Kaimana area.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: At 1000 Army TF Commander, Maj. Gen. Charles P. Hall, comes ashore on Morotai and assumes command.

Opposition to 31st Div advance weak; 6 Japanese killed. Div consolidates positions and patrols front sectors. RCT 126 lands on White Beach to relieve elements of 31st Div operating on Gila Peninsula. Pitoe airstrip found unsuitable; work begins on Wama strip, S of Pitoe. Light enemy air raids persist throughout day; at night 1 of 2 enemy raiders destroyed by Allied fighter. USS Hopewell (DD) enroute to island destroys 1 of 2 unsuccessfully attacking dive bombers.

During day carrier aircraft strike Halmahera AA positions, airfields, fuel dumps, buildings, and barges in Wasile Bay; claim 1 large barge, 2 grounded enemy planes, 1 in combat; 5 Allied planes lost.

Celebes I.: Fifty-four B-24s attack repair shops and buildings in Kendari area on SE coast; causing fires and explosions with 122 tons of bombs; 2 interceptors shot down; Ambesia airfield cratered and 1 grounded plane destroyed by 21 B-24s with more than 25½ tons of bombs. Storage areas in NE part of island successfully hit by 12 B-25s; during night 2 B-24s start fires at Manado; enemy 3,000-ton AK/AP sunk in the Bangka Strait by PBY.

Banda Sea Area: Airfields at Liang, Ceram I., and at Laha, Ambon I., bombed by 3 squadrons of B-24s. Two Beaufighters and 10 P-40s hit bridges in SE Ceram and small craft offshore; a 1,000-ton AK forced to beach on SW coast by PBY. Namlea airdrome, Boeroe I., bombed by 24 B-25s and 8 P-38s with 28 tons. Two Beaufighters and 10 P-40s raid inter-island shipping in Ceram-Kei-Aroe areas.

Philippine Is.: One enemy bomber shot down about 400 mi. E of Luzon by PBY.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Buildings in Rabaul area attacked by 44 F4Us. Kavieng is pre-dawn target for a B-25 which fails to return to base. Scattered targets in New Ireland hit by 36 SBDs and 50 F4Us.

Kahili raided before dawn by 2 B-25s; enemy personnel in S Bougainville strafed by 10 F4Us.

New Guinea: Fourteen Beauforts drop 14 tons of bombs on Kairiru I. and Wewak targets.

Installations at Manokwari raided by 7 P-39s; 8 more P-39s hit Moemi and Ransiki airfields. Samate airfield bombed by 34 P-40s and 32 P-47s with 15 tons of bombs; 4 more P-40s destroy a barge off Kaimana.

N.E.I.: Morotai: U.S. troops land unopposed on 2 small islands off SW Morotai and on 3 more coastal points, Posi Posi, 18 mi. from Pitoe on SE coast, and Tilai and C. Wajaboela, 11 and 17 mi. respectively from Pitoe on W coast; landings made to insure protection for future radar stations. Escort carrier aircraft destroy 5 buildings in pre-invasion support. In initial raid by Morotai-based PBYS excellent results obtained in Philippine-Celebes area.

Celebes I.: Fifty-four B-24s release 135 tons of bombs on Longoan runway, destroying 3 parked planes; 1 P-38 lost; same planes also attacked by 21 B-25s. Enemy 8,000-ton vessel off Kendari destroyed by PBYS during night.

Banda Sea Area: Kairatoe village and airfield, Ceram I., bombed by 39 P-38s. Haroekoe airfield, Ambon I., attacked by a group of B-24s which cause fires; 14 P-38s bomb magazine plot E of Ambon town. Jetty at Saumlakki, Tanimbar Is., bombed by 4 B-25s. Eight B-25s and 1 B-24 raid C. Chater and Dili airfields, Timor I.; C. Lore, Lautem, and Fuiloro attacked by 11 Beaufighters. Twelve P-40s damage 15 small craft, engaged in inter-island shipping.

Philippine Is.: Buayan airfield at head of Sarangani Bay, SW of Davao, bombed by 12 B-25s; fires caused.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Following night harassing raid by 5 B-25s, 20 F4Us attack Rabaul area; enemy positions at Raluana Pt. attacked by 25 SBDs and 30 F4Us. Seventeen SBDs hit targets in central New Ireland.

Enemy villages in S Bougainville strafed by 6 F4Us; 9 B-25s hit gun positions on Fauro I.; supply areas at Tonolei harbor attacked by 9 B-25s.

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New Guinea: Attack on Wewak airfield and supplies in area continued by 17 Beauforts with 14 tons of bombs.

Manokwari town and airfield attacked by 16 P-39s; gun positions at Moemi hit by 6 P-40s; Samate bombed by 12 B-25s; Babo airfield, Kokas village, and other targets along McCluer Gulf raided by 46 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Thirty-six enemy killed by U.S. patrols in Pitoe area; new perimeter established; positions firmly consolidated with support of 12 naval planes which bomb strong enemy position. Light enemy air raids continue; 1 raider shot down. Flying 108 sorties, U.S. carrier-based planes destroy 4 grounded planes at Galela, 1 at Miti, and probably destroy 1 at Lolobata; 16 other planes damaged.

By advancing their forces N of the equator to within bombing distance of the Philippines, Allies threaten both enemy supply lines and East Indies-based troops with envelopment.

Celebes I.: Twenty-two B-25s destroy 4 enemy planes on Longoan airfield; dispersal areas strafed by escorting P-38s; enemy camp area, 2 mi. NE of Longoan, raided by 12 B-25s. Supplies along waterfront of Lembah Strait and at Manado bombed before dawn by 4 B-24s. Targets on Talaud Is. bombed by an unstated number of B-24s, failing to reach Davao.

Banda Sea Area: Three B-24s drop 9 tons of bombs on Amahai airfield, Ceram I. Haroekoe and Laha airfields in Ambon area hit with 48 tons of bombs by 17 B-24s.

Sumatra I.: Carrier-borne aircraft (Barracudas escorted by Corsairs) supported by units of British Eastern Fleet (under command of Rear Admiral Clement Moody, RN) attack Sigli, most important repair and maintenance center in NE part of island; considerable damage to workshops caused; no enemy opposition encountered.

Philippine Is.: Padado airdrome, S of Davao, bombed with 70 tons by 33 B-24s which cause fires in barracks area and destroy gun positions; fuel tanks near Sasa airfield set on fire by 50 tons of bombs dropped by 23 B-24s; no enemy interceptors met.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Enemy barge hideouts in vicinity of Rabaul bombed by 9 B-25s; Rabaul harassed before dawn by B-25. Kavieng airfield hit by 6 F4Us; 22 more F4Us wreck buildings in central New Ireland and sink barge off St. George.

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Matchin Bay area and Porton Plantation, Bougainville I., attacked by 32 F4Us, 1 TBF, and 3 Venturas; fires caused. Personnel areas at Kahili raided by single B-25.

New Guinea: U.S. patrols in Aitape area reach Suain village; increasing enemy contact reported. Wewak area and Kairiru I. are targets for 26 Beauforts, which hit MT on coastal road and cause fires and an explosion in supply areas with 22 tons of bombs.

Sarmi area bombed and strafed by 4 P-47s. Six P-39s raid Moemi airfield; other Vogelkop strikes cancelled because of weather. Mapia I. targets, NW of Biak, hit by 2 B-25s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Enemy radar equipment seized in unopposed landing on C. Sopi at N tip of Morotai by 126 RCT; evidences of recent enemy occupation discovered. At night no damage inflicted in 3 light enemy air raids on Morotai. Carrier-based aircraft fly 104 sorties against Galela and Miti airdromes, destroying 8, probably destroying 4, and damaging 14 grounded planes; 8 tons of bombs dropped. Two B-25s with 2 tons destroy large warehouse on Obimajor I., S of Halmahera. PTs sink sea truck laden with troops and supplies off NE coast of Morotai, probably sink 3 barges off NE Halmahera.

Celebes I.: Installations and supplies along Amoerang Bay attacked by 30 B-24s and 25 P-38s which cause large fires and explosions with 66½ tons of bombs and by strafing; Longoan, Mapanget, and Sidate airfields, enemy bivouacs at Kakas, and warehouses along Lembah Strait are targets for 65 B-25s which achieve good results with 52½ tons of bombs; fuel dumps in Manado area and stores along Lembah Strait each raided before dawn by 4 B-24s.

Banda Sea Area: Amahai airdrome, Ceram I., effectively bombed with 69 tons by 23 B-24s. Single B-24 drops 3 tons of bombs on Laha airfield, SW of Ambon town; enemy 75-ton vessel offshore sunk by second B-24.

Philippine Is.: Single B-24 shoots down an enemy bomber S of Basilan I.; enemy AK/AP off Zamboanga damaged at night by a PBV.

20 Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul and other targets along Gazelle Peninsula attacked by 32 SBDs and 30 F4Us. Wide-spread targets in New Ireland bombed by 42 SBDs and 28 F4Us; Kavieng and Matanipi areas hit at night by an un-stated number of B-25s and PBVs. U.S. PTs shell targets

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along NE coast of New Ireland.

Buka I. raided by 8 F4Us; Kahili harassed at night by B-25. U.S. PTs shell enemy positions at Kieta and along Choiseul Bay.

New Guinea: Villages and storage areas on Kairiru I. and at C. Moem, near Wewak, bombed by 12 Beauforts.

Supplies in Sarmi area raided by 4 P-47s. Small craft off Kaimana hit by 4 P-40s; MT near Ransiki strafed by 2 more P-40s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: The 31st Div pushes through dense jungle and rain forest to extend perimeter into NW part of Morotai; elements of 155th Inf land at Pilowo and attack reported enemy position; no opposition met. Incessant rains delay Wama airstrip construction. At night enemy bomber ineffectively raids island.

Twenty A-20s strafe and bomb Kaeo town with 12 tons while airfield takes 4½ tons from P-38s; fires result. Djailolo strafed by 3 Celebes-returning P-38s, while 23 carrier-based planes raid Bay area, damaging 2 AKs, sailboat, and Sofifi village buildings with 5½ tons of bombs. Escort carrier-planes continue bombing and strafing Galela runways and installations.

Celebes I.: Thirty B-24s drop 67½ tons of bombs on Sidate and Mapanget airfields and stores along Lembah Strait; escorting P-38s strafe enemy bivouacs in Tondano area; in night raids Manado town, installations, and warehouses in area bombed by 5 B-24s.

Banda Sea Area: Five A-20s, 8 P-40s, and 2 Beaufighters attack Ceram targets, hitting installations on S coast and several barges in area. Eleven B-24s cause large fires at Laha airfield, Ambon I.; Ambon and Lautem towns each bombed by a B-24. Namlea airfields, Boeroe I., attacked by 22 B-25s and 12 P-38s. Four B-24s hit Tapa village, Babar I., leaving it in flames.

Philippine Is.: Single PBY sinks a small AO and an AK off S coast of Mindanao I. during night.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul, Raluana Pt., and other targets on Gazelle Peninsula attacked by 58 B-25s and 20 F4Us. Katherine Harbor and plantation areas in New Ireland are objectives of 50 F4Us and 30 SBDs; same areas shelled by U.S. PTs; many bridges destroyed and fires caused. Four Venturas attack MT on roads near Namatanai.

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Buildings in Empress Augusta Bay area attacked by 14 F4Us; radio station near Numa Numa hit by TBF; Kahili again bombed by B-25 at night. U.S. PTs continue attacks against Choiseul Bay and Kieta targets.

New Guinea: U.S. patrols from Aitape encounter Japanese troops and defenses at Danmap village. Enemy dead in Aitape area reaches 8,965; 132 prisoners taken. Thirteen Beauforts bomb villages in Dagua area.

In Sansapor area, U.S. troops continue to intercept enemy groups, attempting to make their way toward Sorong; 601 Japanese reported killed and 81 captured to date in this area; in Wakde-Sarmi area, enemy dead reaches 3,943; 54 prisoners taken. Eight P-40s bomb gun positions at Ransiki; Kokas village strafed by 4 more P-40s; Windehsi village hit by 8 P-39s.

Mopping up operations continue on Biak and Soepiori islands; enemy casualties to date reported at 5,817 killed and 54 captured.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Radar stations established at Lolelamö on SW Rade I. and at Koerago. Garrison at C. Sopi strengthened upon discovery of enemy force in vicinity. At night PTs sink 5 supply-laden barges off Doi I. in Morotal Strait; 1 enemy plane airborne over Morotal. On Halmahera, 16 carrier-based planes strafe 5 grounded, previously damaged planes at Galela.

Celebes I.: In night bombing, 3 B-24s cause explosions at Sidate airfield; 3 more B-24s hit warehouses in Manado area; enemy camps near Mapanget airfield strafed by 11 P-38s.

Banda Sea Area: Boela oil tanks, Ceram I., hit by 4 A-20s; Kairatoe airdrome strafed by 11 B-25s. Two B-25s sweep over Kei and Aroe islands, probably destroying a jetty and a steam launch. Namlea town and runway, Boeroe I., bombed by 9 B-25s. Installations near Tapa village, Babar I., and at Lautem, Timor I., each raided by a B-24.

Philippine Is.: Luzon I. heavily attacked by U.S. carrier-based planes of TF 38; complete surprise achieved; approach made under cover of heavy equatorial storm. In sweep over Clark, Nichols, and Nielson airfields, 96 F6Fs destroy 66 enemy planes in combat and a considerable number on ground; 6 F6Fs lost. In follow-up strike, these airfields, and naval base at Cavite heavily bombed; installations, hangars, fuel tanks, warehouses, and air yards are severely damaged; effective air opposition practically eliminated. CVs launch "deck load" strikes against shipping in Subic and Manila.

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bays and elsewhere at sea off W coast of island with very good results. Enemy 2,000-ton vessel sunk during night by PBY; a second PBY scores hit on 3,000-ton vessel off NW coast of Leyte I.; several 1,000-ton vessels of 12 ship convoy forced to beach off C. San Augustin by B-24.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Thirty-two SBDs and 38 F4Us attack Rabaul area, destroying buildings; 7 B-25s cause an explosion at Vulcan barge center. Scattered targets in New Ireland raided by 30 F4Us, 6 SBDs, and 4 Venturas; 2 B-25s cause fires in camp areas near Kavieng.

Bridges and MT in Kieta, Empress Augusta Bay, and Buin areas attacked by 36 SBDs, 14 F4Us, 9 B-25s, and 2 TBFs. Kahili again raided at night by a B-25.

New Guinea: Three A-20s and 36 Beauforts drop 30 tons of bombs on Wewak airfield and Suain village.

Eight P-39s and 14 P-40s raid targets in Vogelkop area, hitting Moemi airfield, and Idore, Windehsi, and Kaimana villages; Uтарom runways hit with more than 25 tons of bombs by 29 A-20s and 1 B-25.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Twenty Japanese armed with MGs, rifles, and grenades, repulsed in attack on U.S. positions NE of Gotalalamo; 2 killed, rest flee to hills. Pitoe beach area strafed by enemy plane. Two island outposts captured 17 Sept abandoned.

PTs shell C. Gorango area; at night PTs receive intense fire from Galela shore defenses.

Celebes I.: Forty-seven B-24s release 105½ tons of bombs on Sidate and Mapanget airfields, causing fires and probably destroying 1 enemy plane at Sidate; Manado area raided before dawn by 2 B-24s.

Banda Sea Area: Boela storage tanks, Ceram I., hit by 5 Beaufighters. Haroekoe airfield, Ambon I., attacked by 25 B-25s. Sixteen P-40s raid villages in the Kei Is. and harass inter-island shipping. Liang airfield, Timor I., effectively bombed by 23 B-24s with 65 tons; 4 B-25s drop 3 tons of bombs on Manatuto area; 1 B-25 lost. Gun positions near Tapa village, Babar I., bombed by 3 B-24s.

Philippine Is.: Despite rain squalls and heavy winds, a fighter sweep and 2 strikes are made against enemy installations, grounded aircraft, and shipping in Luzon area by TF 38 before its withdrawal. Six enemy planes attack TG 38.1, making no hits on ships but causing 2 casualties by strafing; 3 planes shot down in combat and 2 severely damaged

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by AA fire. Enemy aircraft destroyed in 2-day attack on Luzon reported at 357; 169 in air and 188 on ground; 11 U.S. planes lost. Forty ships (including 10 AOs, 1 AP, 25 AKs, 2 DDs, 1 DE, and 1 small warship) and 6 small craft reported sunk; 48 classified ships and 11 small craft damaged or probably damaged; no loss to U.S. ships.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Barge hideouts at Vulcan Center bombed by 7 B-25s which cause explosions. Plantation areas along W coast of New Ireland shelled by U.S. PTs.

Widespread targets on Bougainville I. attacked by 60 F4Us, 32 SBDs, and 8 Venturas.

New Guinea: Fifteen Beauforts drop 12½ tons of bombs on C. Moem in Newak area. Three A-20s and U.S. PTs are active against Kairiru I. targets, strafing personnel areas and sinking several barges.

Enemy installations along W shore of Geelvink Bay at Manokwari, Ransiki, and Moemi attacked by 16 P-40s and 7 P-47s. Small craft off Sorong raided by 8 P-40s. Babo airfield hit with 13 tons of bombs by 33 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: On Morotai, Task Force Hq moves to permanent location at Totodokoe. Preceded by naval bombardment, 126 RCT elements charge hill position at Wajaboela; enemy repulses attack. On Halmahera, weather cancels all raids but 1 by 12 P-47s which drop 3 tons on Kace runways.

Celebes I.: In night bombing raids, 7 B-24s hit Sidate airfield and targets in Manado area; during day 15 B-24s and 19 B-25s release 43½ tons of bombs on Sidate and Mapanget runways; both airfields heavily strafed. PBVs destroy a 10,000-ton AO in Kendari Bay; off N coast of island, 3,000-ton vessel is set on fire and a 1,000-ton vessel damaged.

Banda Sea Area: Eight P-40s, 5 A-20s, 4 B-25s, and 6 Beaufighters hit fuel stores at Beela, Ceram I., and small craft in the Banda Sea; 1 A-20 lost.

Philippine Is.: Enemy 1,000-ton vessel off Mindanao is set on fire during night by a PBV; another PBV sinks 2 DEs and a seaplane tender in Davao Gulf.

Bismarcks-Solomons: Targets in Rabaul area raided by 28 F4Us; buildings in New Ireland hit by 12 SBDs and 12 F4Us.

Enemy personnel areas, bridges, and MT near Kieta,

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Bougainville I., are targets for 32 F4Us, 3 SBDs, and U.S. PTs.

New Guinea: Supplies at C. Moem near Wewak attacked by 8 Beauforts with 6½ tons of bombs.

Manokwari gun positions hit by 11 P-47s. Thirty-one P-4Os strike Babo, cratering runway with 18.25 tons of bombs. Utarom runways bombed with 10½ tons by 21 P-4Os; small craft off Kokas strafed by 4 A-20s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Enemy force flees from C. Wajoboela positions after effective attack by 126 RCT elements. On Halmahera, 1 B-25 bombs Kace. At night PTs sink 3 barges near Miti; lugger also destroyed.

Celebes I.: Three B-24s start fires in Manado area during night; oil dump at Kendari exploded by another B-24.

Banda Sea Area: Amahai airfield, Ceram I., bombed by 12 B-25s, several small craft off SE coast of island destroyed by 11 P-4Os and 4 Beaufighters.

Two Mosquitoes strafe the Governor General's palace at Buitenzorg near Batavia, Java I.

Philippine Is.: Carrier-based planes of TF 38 make early morning attack on shipping in Coron Bay area and on other targets in the Visayas, including troop concentrations in Ormoc Bay region of Leyte, and installations on Cebu, Negros, Masbate, and Panay islands; attacks made by divebombing, masthead bombing, and by strafing; barracks, waterfront facilities, and oil refineries heavily damaged; enemy airborne opposition negligible; 8 planes destroyed in combat and 29 on ground for loss of 7 F6Fs and 3 SB2Cs. Assessment of damage to shipping difficult because some targets attacked by planes of more than one TG; 23 ships (including 3 AOs, 1 AP, 13 AKs, 1 DD, 3 DEs, 1 warship, and 1 PTO and 10 small craft claimed sunk; 54 classified ships and 46 small craft damaged or probably sunk. Following Visayas strike, 3 task groups return to bases; TG 38.1 to Manus I., TG 38.2 to Saipan I., and TG 38.3 to Kossol Passage at Palau.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul strikes cancelled because of weather. Kavieng area attacked by 24 F4Us and 12 SBDs; fires caused.

Buin area and targets of opportunity on Bougainville I. bombed by 30 F4Us, 27 SBDs, 2 TBFs, and 3 Venturas.

New Guinea: Stores at C. Moem and adjoining areas bombed by 25 Beauforts with 21½ tons.

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Total of 30 B-25s, 25 A-20s and 8 P-40s attacks Babo, Sagan, and Utarom runways with 41½ tons of bombs; 19 P-40s cause fires in Kaimana area; barges off Kaimana raided by 2 Beaufighters; Windehsi village hit by 2 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Brief encounter occurs at Sopi on Morotai where 5 enemy flee when fired upon by 124th patrols. No damage in light enemy air attack on island. In Halmahera area, 15 P-38s destroy 3 sea trucks in Wasile Bay and strafe Lolobata airfield; 32 A-20s bomb storage and personnel areas in Kaese Bay area, starting small fires. At night PTs sink 2 loaded barges off Halmahera.

Celebes I.: Sixteen B-25s and 11 P-38s drop 16 tons of bombs on Longoan runways through slight AA fire; 20 B-24s escorted by P-38s drop 36 tons of bombs on Kendari airfield and bivouac areas in SE part of island; 2 grounded bombers destroyed and 3 fighters shot down for loss of 1 P-38; 1 small AK sunk in harbor. Single B-24 makes pre-dawn raid on Kendari revetment areas; another B-24 hits warehouses along Amoerang Bay.

Borneo I.: PBVs at night sink 1 small AK and damage a second AK in Darvel Bay, NE Borneo.

Banda Sea Area: Waterfront facilities and fuel tanks at Boela, Ceram I., hit with 25 tons of bombs by 26 B-25s; Boela and Kairatoe airfields dive-bombed by 28 P-38s. Gun emplacements in Kei Is. bombed by 2 Beaufighters. Small craft off Ceram and Aroe islands strafed by 5 P-40s and 4 A-20s. Namlea runways, Boeroe I., cratered with 37 tons of bombs by 18 B-24s.

Philippine Is.: PBV at night sets 5 barges on fire in Davao Gulf.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Weather cancels Rabaul attacks. Kavieng airfield and other targets in NW New Ireland attacked by 23 F4Us and 6 SBDs.

Widespread targets, including Buka and Kieta areas, bridge on Fauro I., and enemy bivouacs on Shortland Is. and along Choiseul Bay attacked by 40 F4Us, 30 SBDs, 9 B-25s, and 7 Venturas.

New Guinea: Enemy stores at C. Moem in Wewak area bombed by 12 Beauforts.

Babo airfield hit by 8 P-40s; 10 additional P-40s start strafing Kaka village.

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N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: On Morotai, elements of 126th RCT withdraw from Wajaboela, leaving small observation post. At nightfall enemy plane ineffectively strafes Morotai shipping targets; enemy bomber drops 6 bombs on USS Tangier with no luck. Possible enemy radar station on Djorong I. attacked by B-25. LCI scores hits on 2 heavily armed barges near Ternate; barges escape.

Celebes I.: Adverse weather prevents large-scale air attacks; enemy camp near Kendari airfield bombed at night by 2 B-24s; PBV sinks a 1,000-ton vessel in Wowoni Bay.

Banda Sea Area: Nine P-40s destroy bridge and a warehouse on SE coast of Ceram I. and score hits on 11 small craft offshore; 3 small craft off Amahai destroyed by 2 Beaufighters. Two B-24s and 2 Beaufighters bomb enemy barracks area at Ambon and hit 5 small craft in Piroe Bay.

27 Bismarcks-Solomons: Thirty F4Us and 14 SBDs cause fires at plantation areas along Fangalawa Bay and other NW New Ireland targets.

Enemy targets along Matchin Bay, in Torokina area, and on Shortland Is. raided by 14 F4Us and 8 Venturas.

New Guinea: Wewak area and Kairiru I. are objectives of 18 Beauforts and 3 A-20s with 16 tons of bombs.

Fuel dumps and villages in Babo and Kokas areas and along W coast of Geelvink Bay are targets for 25 P-40s; 12 small craft off Waigeo I. hit by 5 more P-40s; enemy barges near Misool I. strafed by 2 Beaufighters.

N.E.I.: Morotai: Patrol of 166th Inf on Morotai encounters number of armed enemy who scatter when contacted; at night PTs damage 2 of 3 enemy barges in Morotai Strait. One of 6 enemy night raiders downed over Morotai.

Celebes I.: Twenty-three B-24s release 51 tons of bombs on enemy bivouacs and supplies in Manado area and on Mapanget airfield, causing fires and explosions; B-24 scores hit on 3,000-ton vessel and beached mine craft in Lembah Strait. PBVs at night set enemy 1,000-ton vessel on fire, sink an oil barge, and damage 5 small craft in Boetoeng Strait off SE coast.

Banda Sea Area: Oil storage tanks at Boela, Ceram I., bombed by 17 B-25s and 2 A-20s which start fires. Eighteen B-24s unload 42 tons of bombs on Haroekoe airfield, Ambon I., destroying 2 grounded enemy planes; 2 more B-24s hit Ambon town. Nine B-25s score several hits on Namlea airfield,

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Boeroe I. Enemy 3,000-ton vessel off Maoemere, Flores I., unsuccessfully attacked by 8 B-25s; 12 B-25s and 1 PBV make night attack on Maoemere town and gun positions in area, causing large explosion with 13 tons of bombs. Fuiloro town, Timor I., bombed by 3 B-24s; Saumlakki airfield and barges offshore hit by 2 B-25s.

Philippine Is.: Enemy 10,000-ton transport off Capual I. of Jolo Group, SW of Zamboanga, receives 3 direct hits by PBVs which leave vessel on fire and sinking; 6,000-ton AK/AP damaged in same area.

28 Bismarcks-Solomons: Rabaul area harassed at night by 2 B-25s. Targets in N New Ireland hit by 14 SBDs and 8 F4Us. Single TBF raids Monoitu Mission, Bougainville I.; 15 Venturas bomb bridges and buildings in Empress Augusta Bay area.

New Guinea: Wewak airfield and supplies bombed by 17 Beauforts, 6 B-24s, and 10 B-25s; explosions and fires caused with 29.75 tons.

Targets in Manokwari area glide-bombed by 15 P-47s.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: On Morotai, patrol of 124th Regt. kills 12 enemy in Sangowoitjo R. area, while 126 RCT patrols destroy 2 enemy barges in Wajaboela area. Field Arty Bn 116 accompanies 155th Regt. to Pilowo where natives report enemy concentration. One of 2 enemy planes over Morotai downed during night by AA. In central and SW Halmahera, P-38 and 2 Beaufighters sink barge and strafe troops. Landing of over 150 enemy troops on E Halmahera coast may signify evacuation of Morotai.

Celebes-Borneo: PBVs are active during night, setting a 1,000-ton vessel on fire and damaging other small craft in Boetoeng Strait, another 1,000-ton vessel damaged off Balikpapan.

Banda Sea Area: Six B-25s and 8 P-38s strafe small craft off Ceram I. Haroekoe airfield, Ambon I., hit with 6.25 tons of bombs by 4 B-24s. Six Beaufighters and 4 A-20s attack Faan and Langgoer runways, Kei Is. Maomere airfield, Flores I., bombed by 12 B-25s which silence a gun position and cause large explosion.

Philippine Is.: Single PBV at night sinks a 1,000-ton vessel and small craft in Illana Bay, Mindanao I.

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Bismarcks-Solomons: Commanding General of U.S. Eighth Army assumes control of ground forces in New Britain. Rabaul raided at night by 1 B-25; enemy bivouacs and MT in Rabaul area attacked by 10 B-25s, 12 F4Us, and 6 Venturas. Scattered targets in New Ireland hit with 25 tons of bombs by 6 B-25s, 12 SBDs, and 24 F4Us.

Single B-25 harasses Kahili during night; Numa Numa and personnel areas on Shortland Is. attacked by 12 SBDs and 6 F4Us.

New Guinea: Control of ground forces in the Aitape area passes to Commanding General Eighth U.S. Army. Wewak and Boram airfields and storage areas on Kairiru I. attacked by 11 Beauforts which drop 28½ tons of bombs and strafe target areas.

Total of 39 P-40s, 20 A-20s, and 3 B-25s attack targets in Vogelkop area, dropping 22.75 tons of bombs on Uтарom runway; Babo, Samate, and Nabire airfields and Windehsi village also hit.

N.E.I.: Celebes I.: Ten B-24s drop 21 tons of bombs on Kendari airfield through slight AA fire; 3 enemy planes destroyed and 5 damaged; escort of P-38s on return to bases strafe small craft off Soela Is. PBVs at night sink an 8,000-ton AK/AP in Tiworo Strait off SE coast; large enemy AK/AP near Toli Toli on NW coast unsuccessfully bombed.

Borneo: During night, PBVs attack waterfront facilities at Darvel Bay and shipping in area; fuel and ammunition dumps exploded; a 4,000-ton AK/AP, 3 small AKs, and 6 cargo barges sunk.

Banda Sea Area: Liang airfield, Ceram I., attacked by 17 B-24s which destroy 3 enemy grounded planes; 8 P-38s damage 3 vessels off N coast of island. Thirty-seven B-25s drop 35 tons of bombs on Namlea airfield, Boeroe I. Haroekoe airfield, Ambon I., bombed in day and night raids with 15.75 tons of bombs by 10 B-24s; 2 enemy planes destroyed on ground. Installations and runways at Langgoer and Faan in the Kei Is. are targets for 42 A-20s, 14 P-40s, and 8 Beaufighters; good results obtained with more than 25 tons of bombs; Doeroa airfield raided by 15 P-47s.

Philippine Is.: Three-masted schooner off Surigao, N Mindanao, destroyed by PBV during night.

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Total of 8,083 air sorties (5th AF) delivers 5073.8 tons of bombs on targets in Southwest Pacific areas during September; 13th AF sorties total 3,896, dropping 2,484 tons of bombs.

Bismarcks-Solomons: Weather hinders air operations. Rabaul harassed at night by 1 B-25; MT in area hit by 8 F4Us. Kavieng airfield raided by 2 F4Us.

During month, patrol activity by elements of 40th Div from C. Gloucester and Arawe areas reached E to the neck of Gazelle Peninsula. Approximately 2,549 sorties made and 1,325 tons of bombs dropped in the Bismarcks.

Single B-25 raids Kahili at night; 22 F4Us bomb huts in Buka area; 1 F4U lost. Fauro I. hit by 8 B-25s.

Throughout the month, troops of 37th Inf Div continue weekly patrols to C. Moltke and Kurao Mission while elements of Americal Div maintain trail blocks in Laruma R. Valley, upper Reini-Tekessi, and Jaba areas; minor contacts made with the enemy almost daily; 86 Japanese killed; 10 U.S. troops killed and 21 wounded. Elements of First Australian Army arrive at Emirau I. to relieve U.S. troops.

New Guinea: Five B-25s and 22 Beauforts drop 21½ tons of bombs on C. Moem and enemy positions along the Danmap R. in Wewak area.

Intensive patrolling continued throughout the month to E and S of perimeter around Aitape; 91 enemy killed and 109 prisoners taken; 3 U.S. troops killed and 30 wounded.

Manokwari town area and AA positions hit with 6.25 tons of bombs by 9 P-40s. Eighteen P-40s attack Samate, leaving runways unserviceable. Total of 46 A-20s, 37 P-40s, and 2 B-25s bombs Babo and Utarom airfields. Buildings in Fak Fak area hit by 15 P-38s.

Patrolling, outposting, and garrisoning continued during month in Wakde-Sarmi and Hollandia areas; 19 enemy killed and 19 captured for U.S. losses of 12 killed, 66 wounded, and 3 missing in Wakde-Sarmi area; enemy casualties in Hollandia area number 688 killed and 3 captured; only 2 U.S. troops killed and 10 wounded. In Sansapor area, enemy groups moving W from Manokwari along N shore of the Vogelkop and using inland trails intercepted by 6th Div troops E. of Mar and at Mega, 20 mi. SW of Sansapor; 313 enemy killed and 49 captured; U.S. casualties; 7 killed, 23 wounded, and 2 missing. Middleburg and Mar airstrips fully operative.

Remaining Japanese garrisons on Biak and Soepiori islands greatly reduced during month; enemy killed and found dead number 1,100; 457 prisoners taken; 24 U.S. troops killed

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30 and 83 wounded. Only a few enemy troops remain on Noemfoor
Cont I; 222 Japanese killed and 134 captured for loss of 9 U.S. troops killed and 24 wounded. Three airfields on Biak, 2 on Owi I., and 2 at Noemfoor operational.

N.E.I.: Halmahera-Morotai: Patrolling on all sectors continues on Morotai; 155th Regt draws sniper fire from enemy retreating farther into hills; at Sopi 1 intruder killed and 1 wounded attempting to enter perimeter; 2 more killed in Little Sopi area. During night 3 enemy planes cause no damage on Morotai. Twelve P-38s and 2 B-25s harass small shipping in Kaeo Bay and S Halmahera areas. PBV unsuccessfully raids Kaeo runway.

Casualties on Morotai total 69 enemy killed and 12 captured as compared with 9 Allied killed, 33 wounded, and 2 missing.

Celebes-Borneo: Twenty-four B-24s escorted by 10 P-38s unload 51.75 tons of bombs on Ambesia airfield near Kendari, S Celebes, starting fires and destroying 8 grounded planes; 4 enemy planes shot down and 1 probably. Sidate and Longcan airfields, N Celebes, bombed by 22 B-25s; 2 enemy planes make weak attempt at interception; 6 B-24s start fires at Mapanget village with 6 tons of bombs; PBV at night sinks 1,200-ton vessel and 3 smaller craft off Lembah Strait. Of 70 B-24s dispatched to attack Balikpapan oil targets, Borneo I., 52 bomb Pandansari refinery and town area, causing large fires; 12 score hits on oil tanks at Semoi; of 30 enemy planes met, 5 are shot down and 3 damaged; 6 B-24s hit Paloe airdrome in central Celebes; of 15-20 interceptors met, 2 are destroyed and 2 probably; considerable damage caused by 111 tons of bombs and by strafing.

Banda Sea Area: Total of 68 P-38s and 8 Beaufighters strikes Haroekoe airfield and Halong seaplane base, Ambon I. and attacks Amahai and Kairatoo airfields, Ceram I.; Haroekoe airfield also bombed at night by 3 B-24s. In the Kei Is., Faan airfield is target for 11 A-20s and 1 B-25; 16 P-47s hit Doeroa airfield; Langgoer airfield glide-bombed by 32 P-47s.

Philippine Is.: PBV at night damages 300-ton vessel and probably sinks 10,000-ton AO off Zamboanga, Mindanao I.

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- 1 Bulgaria: The government of Premier Ivan Bagrianov falls as Soviet forces approach Bulgarian border. Armistice talks between Allied and Bulgarian representatives in Cairo are halted.
- Yugoslavia: A general mobilization of Serbian forces to begin on this date has been ordered by General Mikhailovitch.
- 2 U.S.: A War Plants Utilization Committee, on which are represented War Production Board, War Manpower Commission, Defense Plant Corporation, and Surplus War Property Administration, is created by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes to direct reconversion of government-owned war plants.
- Sweden-Finland: The Swedish Government states that it has promised Finland supplies of grain, butter, oils, fats, sugar, herring, and salt fish, "subject to agreement between Finland and the Soviet Union."
- Finland: Premier Hackzell announces that Finland will cease military operations against Russia and that Germany has been told to withdraw her troops from Finland by 15 Sept.
- Bulgaria: A new cabinet is formed under Constantin Muraviev, Peasant Party leader.
- 3 Rumania-U.S.S.R.: Russian military authorities in Rumania remove leading German military officials and diplomats from Rumanian custody.
- U.S.S.R.-Turkey: Pravda charges that Turkey is "continuing relations with Germany under a neutrality of the Argentine type."
- 4 U.S.-U.S.S.R.: William C. Bullitt, former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and France, is violently assailed in the Communist organ, Pravda, because of references to the U.S.S.R. in his article on Italy in Life magazine.
- Great Britain: Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen is named British ambassador to Belgium and will be succeeded as ambassador to Turkey by Sir Maurice Drummond Peterson.
- France: The French Provisional Government orders the arrest of many prominent collaborationists, including Jaques Doriot, leader of the French Popular party; Joseph Darnand, head of the Vichy militia; Fernand de Brinon.

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Vichy's former representative in Paris, and Marcel Bucard, collaborationist chief for Paris.

Germany: Orders discontinuing the running of about 60 passenger trains and requiring goods to be transported by streetcar, railroad or barge, rather than by motor vehicle, reflect the increasing fuel and transportation shortages.

Finland-U.S.S.R.: Hostilities between Finland and the U.S.S.R. cease at 0800 under a truce agreement.

Rumania: A royal decree restores the constitution abolished in 1938.

Poland: General Kasimierz Sosnkowski, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Polish Government in London, severely criticizes Allied efforts to aid the Warsaw underground.

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Sweden: Minister of Social Affairs Gustav Moeller says that Sweden will return to their own countries for justice any war criminals who "slip through" the Swedish frontiers.

Germany: General Kurt Dittmar in a radio broadcast foreshadows Germany's defeat but holds out the hope of exacting a compromise peace.

Croatia: General Tomislav Sertich, a member of the Ustasha, is appointed Chief of General Staff of the Croatian Armed Forces.

Slovakia: President Joseph Tiso accepts the resignation of the Bela Tuka cabinet and instructs his nephew, Stephan Tiso, to form a new cabinet. In addition to the premiership, Stephan Tiso takes over the foreign affairs and justice portfolios. The widespread revolt by Czech troops and Slovak partisans increases in intensity. Berlin reports that General Catlos has been relieved of his post as Minister of War and Commander-in-Chief of the Slovak Army.

U.S.S.R.-Bulgaria: The Soviet Government declares war on Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Government immediately sues for an armistice.

U.S.: President Roosevelt nominates Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley for the permanent rank of major general. Maj. Gens. Thomas H. Handy, Army general staff operations chief, Lucian K. Truscott Jr., commanding the Sixth Corps in southern France, and Daniel I. Sultan, deputy commander

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in the CBI theater, are nominated for the temporary rank of lieutenant general.

The Army announces plans for the demobilization of over one million soldiers when the war with Germany ends.

U.S.-China: WPB Director Donald M. Nelson, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley and aides arrive on an economic mission in Chungking, accompanied by Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

Hungary-Rumania: Hungary announces the beginning of hostilities against Rumania.

Greece: On the eve of the Greek Government's departure from Cairo to Italy, it broadcasts a proclamation declaring that a government of complete national unity has been formed, whose political program is the Lebanon Charter.

China: Chungking officials arrested in Tihwa are tried on the charge of having conspired to set up a Soviet republic in Sinkiang.

7 U.S.-Argentina: U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull charges that Argentina is the headquarters for a Fascist movement in the Americas. Senator Harley M. Kilgore, D., W. Va., requests the Department of Justice to investigate reports that representatives of German cartels have organized technical staffs to create an industrial machine in Argentina.

U.S.-Germany-Czechoslovakia: U.S. warns Germany that resistance forces in Czechoslovakia are to be recognized as a legally constituted army.

Albania: Ibrahim Bicaku, collaborationist, heads a new cabinet.

Bulgaria-Germany: Bulgaria declares war on Germany.

8 U.S.-Argentina: New economic sanctions against Argentina are outlined in a proposal to London suggesting that the British cooperate by making similar cuts in exports to Argentina. Under the new policy, U.S. shipments to Argentina would be reduced to 10% of our 1941 shipments, or slightly under \$11,000,000 per annum.

Germany: A 60-hour work week is decreed for factories and offices. Young people under 16 years of age must work 48 hours per week, excluding time spent at vocational schools.

Spain: Foreign Minister Lequerica assures U.S. Ambassador Hayes that Spain will not give asylum to Axis leaders.

Hungary: The Government prepares to conscript Jewish

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men and women from 14 to 70 years of age for work in the army labor service, where they will be assigned chiefly to armament industry.

Bulgaria: Resignation of pro-Nazi Regent Bogdan Philov is announced.

9 Argentina: Argentina announces that she will withdraw from the Inter-American Emergency Advisory Committee for the Political Defense of the Continent.

Cuba-France: Cuba extends full recognition to General Charles de Gaulle as head of the Provisional Government of France.

Sweden: The Swedish War Insurance Board decides against underwriting insurance on Swedish ships traveling to German ports. German transit traffic through Sweden from and to Norway has ceased, except for transports of sick and wounded.

Yugoslavia: It is reported at Cairo that cables have been received there from Yugoslav Premier Subasic ordering the disbanding of the headquarters of the Royal Yugoslav Army and of the Royal Yugoslav Air Force, the merger of that Army with the forces of the Partisans, and the merger of that Air Force with the British RAF Reserve. Personnel who disregard this order will be interned.

Bulgaria: Following installation today of Col. Kimon Georgiev as successor to Premier Constantin Muraviev, Prince Cyril and Gen. Nikola Mikov were deposed as regents. Foreign Minister Petko Stainov and War Minister Col. Damian Velchev are prominent in the new cabinet.

A pro-Nazi puppet government is formed, with Alexander Zankoff as premier. Its headquarters are rumored to be near Vienna.

Bulgaria-U.S.S.R.: The U.S.S.R. accepts Bulgaria's request for an armistice.

India: Mahandas K. Gandhi and Mohammed Ali Jinnah open talks in Bombay aimed at resolving differences between Hindus and Moslems.

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France: In the course of recent shifts in the French Council of Ministers and new appointments by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, members of resistance groups have replaced members of the original Algiers ministry. Successor to Foreign Affairs Commissioner Rene Massigli is Georges Bidault.

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Other new figures include: Jules Jeanneney, former Senate president, state; Adrien Tixier, interior; and Pierre Mendes-France, national economy.

11 U.S.-Great Britain: Second Quebec conference opens as President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrive in Quebec to confer with their military staffs. It is announced that Premier Joseph Stalin declined participation because he "could not leave the direction of the Army for the shortest period."

Germany: From Switzerland comes a report of the execution in Germany, by hanging, of Dr. Karl Goerdeler and six other civilians convicted of plotting against Hitler.

Japan: A home defense corps is formed from the local groups of Japanese reservists.

12 Great Britain: According to a report from Jerusalem the British War Office has sanctioned the creation of a Jewish brigade to be employed against Germany.

Poland: It is reported from Moscow that the Polish Committee of National Liberation is putting into immediate effect agrarian reforms under which large estates will be broken up to provide peasants and workers with land.

Rumania-U.S.S.R.: Moscow radio reports that an armistice has been reached with Rumania.

Turkey: It is reported from Ankara that the Turkish Government will not permit civil and military refugees to cross the Turkish frontier from Thrace and has also banned Axis nationals coming from the Aegean and Mediterranean islands under Axis occupation from entering the country.

13 U.S.-Rumania: U.S. Ambassador Harriman presents the Rumanian Armistice Delegation with a note demanding that Rumania sever relations with Japan at once and expel all Japanese nationals and representatives from the country. A similar demand was presented by the British Ambassador.

Germany: All liquid fuel supplies except the regular monthly allotment are declared subject to confiscation and holdings are required to be registered by 15 Sept.

Rumania: Terms of Allied armistice to Rumania announced by Moscow provide that she shall participate in the war against Germany and Hungary, pay \$300,000,000 reparations to

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Russia over a six-year period, cede Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina to Russia, and pay additional damages to other Allied and United Nations. They also provide for the return of Transylvania to Rumania.

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France: The French Minister of Interior, Tixier, complains to the U.S. Charge d'Affaires concerning the delay by Allied authorities in getting civilian members of the French Committee to Paris. Tixier advocates immediate restoration of civil government in Paris and the northern area, except for ports, and zones behind the front.

U.S.S.R.-Poland: Moscow reports that agreements have been signed by the Polish Committee of National Liberation and the Governments of the Ukrainian and White Russian Soviet Socialist Republics for an exchange of populations in the areas adjacent to the Curzon line. Government loans and lands tax-exempt for two years are offered to Russian citizens who move into Soviet territory from west of the line.

Turkey: Hasan Saka succeeds Numan Menemencioglu as Foreign Minister. Finance Minister Agrali, who is resigning for reasons of health, will be replaced by Nurullah Sumer.

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U.S.: Nineteen more mines in West Virginia and Kentucky have been seized by order of President Roosevelt, making a total of 64 bituminous mines that have been taken over by the government since 31 August because of strikes.

Germany: Dr. Goebbels announces new total mobilization measures. Together with those published on 9 Sept, they drastically limit the functioning of schools and universities, specifying the group of students who must give up their studies for immediate war employment; provide for the elimination of all commercial enterprises not classified as war-essential; abolish the Prussian Finance Ministry; simplify tax collection; curtail the functions of the Reich Price Commissar; limit the publication of periodicals to those of direct value to the war effort; and provide for the transfer of many workers from the Red Cross into industry.

Czechoslovakia: Orders issued by German State Minister Frank prescribe the death penalty for Czechs who cross or attempt to cross the border between the Protectorate and Slovakia after noon of 16 Sept without authorization.

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Lebanon: The Lebanese Cabinet decides against entering into any treaty negotiations with the French.

China: After an open discussion of the negotiations between the Kuomintang and the Communists, the People's Political Council adopts a resolution providing that an investigation party go to Yen-an for a survey.

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United Nations: At the opening meeting in Montreal of the second session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, L.B. Pearson, Canadian Minister to the United States, is elected chairman.

U.S.-Great Britain-Japan: At the close of the Roosevelt-Churchill Conference in Quebec, the joint public announcement is made that their chief problem was to "find room and opportunity for marshaling against Japan the massive forces which each and all of the nations concerned are ardent to engage against the enemy."

Denmark: A general strike is called by the Danish Freedom Council in protest against the wounding of a score or more persons by German troops who fired on a crowd in Copenhagen's City Hall Square.

France: Georges Claude, French physicist and Academy member, is reported to have been arrested near Nancy. He is charged with being the inventor of the robot bomb used by the Germans.

Italy: The former Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, General Mario Roatta, three generals, nine admirals, and 154 other Navy officers are suspended by the Italian Government pending investigation of charges of incompetence and Fascist activities connected with the swift occupation of Rome by the Germans after the armistice of 8 Sept, 1943.

U.S.S.R.-Rumania-U.S.-Great Britain: American and British correspondents are refused permission by Soviet military authorities in Bucharest to visit the Ploesti oil fields.

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Syria-Jebel Druz: The autonomous tribe of Jebel Druz decides to merge with Syria, relinquishing autonomy, reports a Cairo release.

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United Nations: In a report to the U.N.R.R. Council,

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Director General Herbert H. Lehman states that only the United Kingdom and Canada have met their financial obligations in full, the United Kingdom having paid \$320,000,000 and Canada \$77,000,000. The United States has paid \$800,000,000 of a \$1,350,000,000 pledge.

Germany: New orders regulating the employment of Hitler Youth members in fortification work are announced.

U.S.-Great Britain-U.S.S.R.-Germany: Allied headquarters in France state that the Allied Military Government, under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, will rule in German areas occupied by the Anglo-American armies until an administrative organization is set up in Berlin representing the U.S., Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.

Italy: Donato Carretta, former Vice Director of the Regina Coeli Prison, appearing as a witness in the trial of Pietro Caruso, former Fascist Chief of Police at Rome during the German occupation, is dragged from the courtroom by a mob and killed.

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U.S.-Syria-Lebanon: The independence of Syria and Lebanon is recognized by the United States through the nomination by President Roosevelt of George Wadsworth as minister to the two countries.

Denmark: A state of siege is declared by German military authorities, following resistance offered to Nazi attempts to disarm and intern Danish police.

Belgium: Parliament meets in Brussels for its first session in Belgium since this country was occupied by the Germans.

Finland-U.S.S.R.-Great Britain: An outline of the armistice terms signed by Finland with the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in Moscow today is made public by Acting Finnish Premier Ernst von Born. The agreement includes the following points: payment of \$300,000,000 reparations to Russia over a six-year period; recognition of the 1940 borders, with the port of Petsamo going to Russia; lease of the Porkkala headland to Russia for 50 years as a military base; the rendering of material assistance to the Allies, making available to them Finland's merchant fleet, its airdromes, etc.

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U.S.: The following ambassadors nominated by President Roosevelt are accorded Senate approval: Norwegian Government-

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in-exile, Lithgow Osborne; Polish Government-in-exile, Bliss Lane; Belgium and minister to Luxembourg, Charles Sawyer; Netherlands, Stanley K. Hornbeck; Yugoslav Government-in-exile, Richard C. Patterson, Jr.; Bolivia, Walter Thurston; El Salvador, John F. Simonds; Colombia, John C. Wiley.

- 21 U.S.-France: Jefferson Caffery is appointed by President Roosevelt as representative of the United States to the de facto French authority now established in Paris. He will hold the personal rank of ambassador.
- Belgium: Prince Charles is sworn in as Belgian Regent, to serve in this capacity until the King returns from German imprisonment.
- San Marino-Germany: The republic of San Marino declares war on Germany.
- Bulgaria: According to a Moscow radio report, the former regents of Bulgaria, Prince Cyril and Bogdan Philov, and former premier Dobri Boshilov have been arrested. Premier Georgiev announces three reforms: equal rights for women, separation of church and state, and freedom of religion.
- 22 Denmark: Stockholm reports that the Germans are left in sole control of Denmark, as 18 chief of government departments have resigned in protest of German measures against the Danish police force.
- Spain: The Spanish Foreign Minister, Lequerica, expresses to U.S. Ambassador Hayes the hope that American military forces can intervene to support the French Government in quelling the disturbances caused by (Spanish Republican) Maquis who have been violating the Spanish Consulates in Bordeaux, Toulouse, Perpignan and other cities in southern France.
- Poland-Lithuania: The National Liberation Committee and the Government of the Lithuanian S.S.R. sign an agreement on the evacuation of their respective nationals.
- Finland-Japan: Finland breaks off diplomatic relations with Japan.
- 23 Sweden: Stockholm announces that Swedish ports in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic will be closed as of 27 Sept to prevent incidents.

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France: Jules Jeanneney is appointed to direct the reorganization of the Provisional Consultative Assembly.

Germany: Allied Hq in France announces that the first AMG law promulgated for Germany eliminates the Nazi Party and its officials from privileged positions, annuls the racial purity law, abolishes the Hitler Youth movement and the law prohibiting the existence of political parties other than the National Socialist. It also prescribes the death penalty for any German who acts as a spy or otherwise aids the Nazis.

Philippine Islands: Following American air raids on Manila on 21 and 22 Sept, the Laurel government is declared to be in a state of war with U.S. and Great Britain.

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France: A decree of the Commissariat of War incorporates the French Forces of the Interior into the regular Army. Most news censorship restrictions are lifted.

Greece: In a Rome interview, Greek Minister of Information George Cartalis declares that Greece does not accept Marshal Tito's suggestion that Macedonia become a separate state, and adds that Greece claims the Greek-populated areas of Albania and "other small Albanian and Bulgarian territories that will afford strategic security and freedom from fear." Greece also wants the Dodecanese Islands and demands the immediate evacuation of Bulgarians from Macedonian Thrace.

Estonia: A Swedish report states that Otto Kief, a lawyer, has organized a national government in Estonia and petitioned the Russians to recognize Estonia's independence.

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U.S.-Great Britain-Germany: Announcement is made by the State Department of an agreement reached with Great Britain to take control in Germany and former occupied countries of firms which collaborated with the Axis war machine and to continue blacklisting such firms in other countries until Japan's defeat.

Egypt: Arab intergovernmental conference opens in Alexandria.

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U.S.-Argentina: It is announced by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull that, effective 1 Oct, American ships will no longer pick up cargoes in Argentine ports.

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Argentina: The Argentine Foreign Office informs Great Britain that war criminals will be barred from Argentina and prohibited from depositing funds or acquiring property there.

France: The French Government reveals that it has decided to take over the coal mines in the north and the Renault motor-car plant.

Hungary: Announcement is made of the creation of a National Guard for home defense service.

Italy: A joint statement to the Italians by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill promises that an increasing measure of control will be accorded the Italian administration as the latter demonstrates its capacity to maintain law and order.

Poland: Polpress, organ of the Union of Polish Patriots in the U.S.S.R., announces that the Polish army loyal to the London Government-in-exile and the other organized by the Polish Committee of National Liberation have established a joint command to assist the embattled insurgents and civilians of Warsaw.

Philippine Islands: Laurel states that the aid which his government will give the Japanese does not include military conscription of Filipinos.

27 Italy: The Italian Cabinet publishes a declaration of political unity reaffirming the alliance between the six Government parties.

Italy-Japan: Italy's Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Visconte Giovanni Venosti, states that Italy considers itself at war with Japan although no formal declaration has been issued.

India: It is reported from Bombay that the talks between Gandhi and Jinnah have broken down.

28 United Nations: The U.S. State Department announces that 8 of the United Nations signed an agreement last month in London for the continuance of a merchant shipping pool for six months after the end of the global war. The signatories were the United States, Belgium, Canada, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, and the United Kingdom.

U.S.-Argentine: President Roosevelt says that the Argentine Government has repudiated "solemn inter-American obligations."

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Portugal: The Portuguese Government issues a memorandum for the U.S. and British governments in which it emphasizes the right of a state to decide for itself on the question of granting asylum to individuals, but suggests that an international jurisdiction be created to rule on these matters.

Hungary: Reserve Officers and officer candidates are called up for active duty.

Poland: Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski is named commander-in-chief of the Polish Army by the Polish Government in London, replacing Gen. Kasimierz Sosnkowski.

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U.S.: Julius A. Krug is appointed chairman of the War Production Board, succeeding Donald M. Nelson.

France: According to a German radio report, Marshal Petain has fled from Belfort into Germany, leaving Fernand de Brinon as chief of a "French Government committee for the protection of the national interest."

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