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X Corps First Cav Div is directed to seize and occupy Carigara on N coast of Leyte I. in conjunction with drive by 24th Inf Div toward Capocan. First Cav Div prepares for assault by moving 1st Sq of 7th Cav, less B Tr, from Barugo to Baluarte; 2d Sq of 8th Cav takes up position astride Barugo-Carigara road along the Balieste R. while 2d Sq of 5th Cav, attached to 7th RCT, advances from San Miguel to point just SE of Barugo.

Twenty-fourth Inf Div resumes attack along Jaro-Carigara highway against stiff rearguard action; 2d Bn of 34th Inf advances through area of previous day's battle to Glasgow while 1st Bn in enveloping movement to E of highway moves through Tuba; Tunga occupied at 1300 by both bns, which enter town simultaneously. By nightfall, leading elements of 24th Inf Div reach point on highway within 3 miles of Carigara; 1st Bn of 34th Inf is within 1,000 yards of Sagkanan, 2d Bn at Baliri, and 3d Bn at Tunga. Effective arty barrage laid down on Carigara during night by Div arty, supplemented by 983d FA Bn (155-mm. Gun) and 465th FA Bn (8-in. How) from positions at Mainit R. bridge.

XXIV Corps Progressive relief of 7th Inf Div troops in Tanauan-Dagami-Burauen-Dulag area commenced by 96th Inf Div. The 383d Inf takes over beach defenses on E coast of Leyte; 382d Inf is clearing out enemy groups through-out Kiling-Dagami-Tabontabon triangle, which were bypassed in rapid drive to secure Corps beachhead line; 381st Inf eliminates all remaining pockets of resistance in vicinity of Catmon Hill.

First Bn of 17th Inf, 7th Div, pushes 1,800 yards W of Dagami against heavy MG and arty fire. Third Bn of 32d Inf is attacking SW from Guinarona; enemy employs fluid delaying action, withdrawing from well-prepared positions to permit Bn to advance and then places intense fire on both flanks. Widespread patrolling activities conducted by 184th Inf in La Paz-Tarragona areas. From Abuyog on E coast of Leyte, 2d Bn of 32d Inf is pushing

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W across island to secure road to Baybay. Seventh Rcn Tr reaches Baybay on W coast, approximately 25 miles SE of Ormoc. First Bn of 32d Inf arrives on Panaon I. to relieve 21st Inf Regt.

Troops of 6th Ranger Bn prepare to attack enemy garrison on S tip of Suluan I.; assault unit approaches lighthouse from W scaling 300-foot coral cliff while remainder of force moves down E coast of island to positions facing trail leading up steps to lighthouse.

Heavy bombers concentrate on airfields in the Visayan group, W of Leyte. Forty unescorted B-24s (5th AF) unload 90 tons of bombs on Cebu town and airdrome, wrecking several buildings and destroying 9 grounded planes; 1 of 7 interceptors shot down. Eleven B-24s, unable to reach Cebu, drop 25 tons of bombs on supplies and large warehouses at Del Monte, N Mindanao, causing fires. On Negros I., Alicante bivouacs and supply dumps take 26 tons of bombs from 14 Morotai-based B-24s (XIII Bomber Command); 60 per cent of bombs hit target area; of 15 enemy airborne, 7 are destroyed for loss of 4 B-24s. PBVs and 7 P-47s on rescue mission meet 4 planes near Cebu; all interceptors claimed shot down for loss of 1 P-47. Alicante and Carolina airdromes also attacked by 32 P-38s which claim 54 grounded planes destroyed, 20 damaged, and 6 shot down in combat; 3 P-38s missing. In pre-dawn raid on Bacolod airfield on Negros, 3 B-24s drop 5.8 tons on runway and dispersal area; daylight attack on airfield made by 10 P-38s which destroy 2 grounded planes and 10 in combat. Enemy transport (8,000-10,000 tons) off Jolo I. damaged, and Tawi Tawi buildings fired by 16 P-47s. Single PBV blasts enemy AO on reef in Balabac Strait. Fighters and fighter bombers sweep over central Philippines; 1 Japanese AK hit and 2 enemy fighters shot down in Ormoc Bay area, Leyte I., 7 enemy planes shot down by Tacloban patrol.

Allied naval units consisting of 3 BBs (Mississippi, California, and Pennsylvania), 1 CA (HMAS Shropshire), 3 CLs (Phoenix, Nashville, and Boise), and 13 DDs (Newcomb, Killen, Abner Read, Ammen, Bush, Leutze, Bennion, Haywood L. Edwards, Richard P. Leary, Robinson, Bryant, Claxton, and HMAS Arunta) in Leyte area attacked by Japanese force of torpedo bombers and suicide planes; Abner Read (2,100-ton DD) is sunk and Ammen, Claxton, and Killen considerably damaged; Bush lightly damaged. At least 10 of 15 or more attackers destroyed and

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2 damaged by ship's AA fire. TG 34.5 (New Jersey, Iowa, CLs, and DDs) is detached from TG 38.2 to support 7th Fleet units against threat of renewed enemy surface attack on Leyte. Allied aircraft spot 2 enemy convoys approaching Leyte; one convoy nearing Ormoc Bay from N reported as 4 large transports and escort vessels; the other sighted E of Palawan I. includes 2 BBs, 3 CLs, and 8 DDs.

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X Corps Following heavy barrage laid down on approaches to Carigara by all arty with X Corps, attack of 24th Inf Div jumps off at 0800; 1st Bn of 34th Inf advances NW astride highway from Sagkanan while 2d Bn makes flanking movement to W with 3d Bn in rear; advance elements halt at outskirts of Carigara, waiting for 1st Cav Div to enter town. At 1020, immediately after arty fire in front of 1st Cav Div is lifted, 1st Sq of 7th Cav and 2d Sq of 8th Cav, with 2d Sq of 5th Cav in reserve, attacks SW from Barugo area, crossing rivers by swimming and by native canoes; Carigara occupied shortly before noon; only slight opposition encountered. Contact of 1st Cav Div with 24th Inf Div established near San Mateo at SE outskirts of Carigara. Leading elements of 24th Inf Div advance 2 miles W of Carigara along coastal road to Pinamopuan, reaching Balud. With capture of Carigara, Leyte Valley is under Allied control; in defense of Valley, 4,068 Japanese reported killed for loss of 1,358 casualties to X Corps. First and 3d Bns of 21st Inf Regt from Panaon I. arrive at Tanauan, reverting to Corps control; movement to Pinamopuan-Capococan area initiated.

Japanese 1st Inf Div reportedly lands in Ormoc area.

XXIV Corps Ninety-sixth Inf Div troops relieve elements of 7th Inf Div in Dagami-Guinarona-Burauen areas: 1st Bn of 382d Inf relieves 1st Bn of 17th Inf (7th Div) in contact with enemy's main defensive position about 1,000 yards W of Dagami while 2d Bn of 382d Inf establishes

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perimeter to N of Dagami, with mission of moving W to Patok to block enemy withdrawal route. Japanese line reportedly extends from positions about 2,000 yards W of Guinarona N to Patok, with strongest defense points in Hiabangan-Hitomog area; estimated 6,000 enemy (elements of 9th, 20th, and 33d Inf Regts of Japanese 16th Div) located in mountainous area W of Dagami. The 381st Inf, 96th Div, moves 1 bn to Julita, another to Burauen, and a third to Guinarona. Third Bn of 382d Inf remains in Killing-Tabontabon area to mop up scattered enemy groups. Seventh Inf Div troops maintain pressure W of Dagami and Guinarona while relief by 96th Inf Div is effected. Elements of 2d Bn of 32d Inf, 7th Div, reach Baybay on W coast of Leyte; no enemy opposition encountered on Abuyog-Baybay road.

In surprise attack at dawn, elements of 6th Ranger Bn employing MGs, grenades, rifles, and bayonets annihilate enemy troops in lighthouse and on cliffs at S end of Suluan I.

Thirteenth Bomber Command aircraft strikes Japanese convoy in Ormoc Bay off W coast of Leyte I.; 24 Morotai and Noemfoor-based B-24s unload 69 tons of bombs on enemy vessels, sinking one 7,500-ton AK, leaving another AK ablaze, and heavily damaging Aoba class CA; AA fire damages 9 B-24s; 16 interceptors encountered by escort of 33 P-38s which destroy 5 and 3 more probably; P-38s also score one direct hit on enemy AK. Fifteen P-38s strafe motor traffic on Ormoc-Valencia road, destroying 25-30 trucks and firing 2 tanks. During day, more than 25 enemy planes are shot down by P-38s covering Tacloban and Ormoc areas and Allied shipping off E Leyte; 6 P-38s lost. Between hours of 0200 and 0700, estimated 25-30 enemy planes make 5 bombing and 8 strafing runs on Tacloban airstrip, causing craters in runway and holing control tower; 2 P-38s destroyed and 10 damaged. After daybreak, force of 30-35 enemy planes attempting second attack on Tacloban are met by 15 P-38s which shoot down 14.

B-24s on shipping search in the Sulu Sea, fire sea truck near Coron Bay, strafe shore installations at Tawi Tawi, and score near misses on an AK and destroy floatplane B of Palawan. Licanan, Matina, and Davao airfields on Mindanao I. bombed by 55 B-25s which drop 37 tons of bombs with unobserved

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results. On Negros I., San Enrique and Bacolod runways take 18 tons of bombs from 36 P-38s; 1 grounded bomber destroyed at latter. Three enemy planes destroyed on Lashing airfield, Cebu I., by 2 strafing B-25s; 1 B-25 lost to AA fire and other crash lands at San Pablo airfield.

Operations from Tacloban airstrip commence to prove inadequate for support of land operations on Leyte I. and protection of shipping off E coast. Commander Third Fleet is directed to continue attacks against enemy forces in the Philippines; destruction of enemy aircraft, installations, and shipping are chief tasks assigned to force. Searches off E Leyte are conducted by TG 34.5; no Japanese attack units located.

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X Corps Boundary between 24th Inf Div and 1st Cav Div is changed to Carigara R. and line extending from head of this river along crest of central mountain range SSE to Daro. First Cav Div sector now includes entire Leyte Valley and N Leyte, including San Juanico Strait. Twenty-fourth Inf is directed to seize Capoccan-Pinamopooan area and then move S to capture Ormoc; in addition, this Div is to base one reinf bn at Jaro and push rcn units with Filipino guerrilla guides across mountains toward Ormoc.

Continuing drive W toward Pinamopooan, 34th Inf of 24th Div occupies Capoccan; advance halted about 1,000 yards W of town by enemy force holding favorable defensive terrain in narrow coastal corridor. After shelling of coastal defenses by LVTs, elements of 3d Bn of 34th Inf land just W of Pinamopooan, moving inland under enemy fire to destroy several field pieces. As enemy reinforcements move toward beachhead, small amphibious force withdraws to permit heavy shelling of enemy positions by 11th and 63d FA Bns. Activity of 1st Cav Div limited to consolidation of positions in Carigara area and extensive patrolling in rear areas.

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XXIV Corps Patrol and mopping-up activities continued by 96th Inf Div, in process of relieving 7th Inf Div and assuming responsibility for Corps beachhead. First Bn of 382d Inf, with one tank co and Co B of 88th Cml Bn, moving W of Dagami, is attacked by estimated 2 reinforced rifle cos and strafed by enemy planes; enemy attack broken up by arty concentrations. Third Bn of 382d Inf clears Kiling-Dagami-Tabontabon triangle of enemy stragglers; 137 enemy killed in mopping-up operations.

Seventeenth Inf of 7th Div assembles along Burauen-La Paz road between the Marabang and Daguitan Rivers; perimeter defense 500 yards W and 1,000 yards N of Burauen established. On W coast of Leyte, patrols of 7th Rcn Tr are pushing N and S of Baybay.

Estimated 100 enemy aircraft with GP, AP, phosphorous, and incendiary bombs make pre-dawn and after-dusk attacks against Allied beachhead areas on Leyte I.; approximately 35 of these planes hit Tacloban while 16 raid Dulag, damaging airstrip and causing casualties; 3 P-38s destroyed on ground and other planes damaged; at least 24 enemy planes are shot down. Fifth AF fighters make 97 sorties over Leyte I. Fifteen P-38s score near misses on 13 enemy luggers in Ormoc Bay, W Leyte, and strafe a long tank, truck, and artillery convoy moving N on highway 2 from Ormoc toward Valencia; highway also dive-bombed by 14 P-40s which set fuel dump on fire and score 9-12 hits on MT; 30 trucks and 2 tanks destroyed; more than 2,400 enemy troops reported killed or wounded; 2 P-38s lost. Bayug airstrip put into use by P-40s.

Lahug airfield, Cebu I., and Alicante and Bacolod runways on Negros I. harassed before dawn by 2 B-24s; in daylight raid, 6 B-24s with 15 tons of bombs crater Lahug runway. B-24s maintain patrol over enemy shipping in the Sulu Sea, sinking and damaging small craft. One enemy sea truck left dead in water and another damaged SE of Solitario Rock, Cabulauan Is during night by 2 strafing PB4Ys.

TGs 38.1 and 38.3 from Ulithi make rendezvous with TG 38.2 at approximately 12-20 N, 134 E; groups to strike target include 7 CVs and 5 CVLs. At 2325, the Reno (CL), about 700 miles from Ulithi, is struck on port side by enemy submarine torpedo, flooding after-engine room and disrupting power and lighting circuit; extensive damage caused; personnel losses are light. Three DDs provide escort for return of Reno to port.

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Sixth Army CP closes at San Jose to open at Tanauan.

X Corps Commanding General, Sixth Army directs 24th Inf Div to delay advance S after seizure of Capococan-Pinamopoan area in order to insure security of N central coast of Leyte against possibility of Japanese attack from the sea and to block any attempted enemy drive NE from Ormoc Valley. Heavy arty barrage breaks enemy resistance in Pinamopoan area and 24th Inf Div secures control of narrow coastal corridor; 1st Bn of 34th Inf remains at Culasian Pt. while 2d and 3d Bns continue on to Pinamopoan; at least 200 enemy dead found at Pinamopoan which is occupied at 1300 by 2d Bn; 3d Bn establishes perimeter one mile S on highway 2 (Pinamopoan-Ormoc road). Movement from Carigara of 13th FA Bn to Culasian and of 11th and 52d FA Bns to Capococan completed. Heavy traffic and constant rains cause severe disintegration of Carigara-Pinamopoan road, making it almost impassable; supplies to Pinamopoan now being brought from E Leyte by amphibious vessels, operating through San Juanico Strait and Carigara Bay. Second Bn of 21st Inf Regt from Panaon I. arrives at Tanauan and prepares for move to Carigara-Pinamopoan area.

In 1st Cav Div sector, regrouping of 1st Brig CT takes place to protect X Corps S flank, extending S from mouth of Carigara R. to Daro through juncture of Lake Danao branch with the Binahaan R. and along this river to San Pedro Bay; guards for all bridges in area established. CP of 1st Brig moves from Carigara to Barugo. Twelfth Cav troops engage in fire fights with enemy troops at Canhandugan and at other points SW of Jaró. On Samar I., patrols of 8th Cav push from Santa Rita toward the Calbiga R. without enemy contact.

XXIV Corps Gain of approximately 1,200 yards made against determined enemy resistance at Dagami by 1st Bn of 382d Inf, 96th Div; enemy counterattack against L flank repulsed by arty fire; more than 250 enemy killed. Because

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of increasing enemy pressure, 2d Bn of 382d Inf, less Co E, is committed to left of 1st Bn; Co E patrols W toward Patok. The 381st Inf sends Co L SW of Burauen to reconnoiter trail to Lubi. Security of Kiling-Dagami area maintained by 383d Inf. Activity of 7th Inf Div limited to patrolling and regrouping with only scattered enemy contacts.

Enemy planes continue raids against Leyte beachheads; in Tacloban area, 1 PT boat destroyed and liberty ship damaged; 1 enemy plane shot down, 4 men killed and 53 wounded at Dulag when estimated 50 aircraft strike airfield.

Heavy bombers continue attacks on enemy-held airfields in the Visayas. In pre-dawn raid, 3 B-24s drop 5.4 tons on Alicante and Bacolod airfields, Negros I., and on Cebu airfield. Cebu airfield is target for 37 B-24s (5th AF) which drop 85 tons of bombs; large explosions caused and both airstrips cratered; 5 grounded planes damaged and 2 of 8-10 interceptors shot down. Twenty unescorted B-24s from Morotai unload 72 tons of bombs on Lahug airfield, Cebu I., causing heavy damage to both runways and revetment areas. Alicante airfield, Negros I., takes 51.5 tons of bombs from 25 Noemfoor-based B-24s; 80 per cent of bombs fall in target area, leaving runway unserviceable and destroying 1 enemy bomber. Radio station in Sibago I., SE of Zamboanga, bombed by single B-24; another B-24 hits bridge near Valencia, central Mindanao.

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X Corps Continuing preparation for southward drive, X Corps arty is disposed to support this attack: 465th FA Bn (8-in. How) and 983d FA Bn (155-mm. Gun) occupy positions near mouth of Carigara R. to cover highway 2 as far S as Valencia, while 226th FA Bn (155-mm. Gun) from positions near Daro concentrate on area S of Valencia to Ormoc. Reorganization of 24th Inf Div is effected to secure N central Leyte coast and to prepare for push toward Ormoc: 1st and 3d Bns of 21st Inf relieve 2d and 3d Bns of 34th Inf in Pinamopol area. 3d Bn of 19th Inf

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takes over beach defenses at Pinamopoan; 34th Regt CP established at Capococan with 1st Bn guarding Carigara-Capococan area, 3d Bn in area W of Capococan to Culasian Pt., and 2d Bn in regt reserve. By nightfall, 3d Bn of 21st Inf occupies high ground positions 1,000-1,500 yards S of Pinamopoan; enemy force encircling forward elements of 34th Inf and 52d FA Bn, firing from "OP Hill", to W of highway 2 and about 2,500 yards SW of Pinamopoan, is dispersed by K Co which occupies hill position; meanwhile, I Co seizes high ground, later called "Hot Spot Knob" on E flank of "Breakneck Ridge" against stiff opposition. Three enemy counterattacks against positions held by 21st Inf troops on "Breakneck Ridge" repulsed during night.

"Breakneck Ridge", a series of finger ridges between Pinamopoan and Limon, is ideally suited for defense; it is covered with rain forests; has an elaborate system of trenches with interlocking pillboxes, and is pocked with spider holes. Here, the Japanese 1st Inf Div, fresh from Manchuria, heavily supported by 75-mm., 105-mm., and 150-mm. arty, developed what was considered an invulnerable line. No maps of terrain available to X Corps except an inaccurate map of Leyte I., 1/250,000 scale.

Second Brig CT of 1st Cav Div prepares for defense of beaches against amphibious landing in Carigara Bay area; garrison at Carigara maintained by 1st Sq of 7th Cav and defensive positions in Barugo area guarded by 2d Sq of 8th Cav. Extensive patrolling conducted S of Carigara by 1st Brig, with 5th Cav operating from Tunga and 12th Cav to S of Jaro. Enemy arty falls on 12th Cav bivouac area in vicinity of Tingib. On Samar I., patrols of 1st Sq of 8th Cav continue to move up W coast toward Wright.

XXIV Corps At 0900, 382d Inf of 96th Div launches all-out attack W of Dagami against enemy force in entrenched positions astride Dagami-Patok trail and succeeds in penetrating enemy's MB at Hiabangan. Seventh Inf Div troops continue patrolling in their zones of action.

Fifth Fighter Command camp at Burauen, Leyte I., occupied; Buri airstrip reported operational. Highway bridge near Valencia on highway 2 hit with 12 tons of bombs by 12 B-25s

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which claim bridge damaged or destroyed by 18 near misses; AA holes 2 B-25s. Ten P-40s dive-bomb shipping in Ormoc Bay, scoring near misses on 10 small barges tied to a float in Bay and one large barge at Camp Downes. Single enemy plane destroyed by 24 P-38s covering 7th Fleet units in Loyte Gulf. Minor damage caused to Lexington (CV) by suicide divebomber.

Bacolod airfield on Negros I. is target for 25 B-24s of XIII Bomber Command; 56 tons of bombs dropped with excellent coverage of runways; 3 enemy planes destroyed on ground; 1 pattern of bombs destroys main highway bridge near field; fighter escort meets 10 interceptors, 3 of which are shot down for no damage to P-47s. In strike against Opon airfield, Mactan I., 22 B-24s of 5th AF crater runway and cause explosions and fires in dispersal areas with 47.5 tons of bombs. Alicante airfield, Negros I., and Lahug on Cebu I. raided before dawn by 2 B-24s. Radar station on Sibago I. bombed by B-24.

During early morning hours, 3d Fleet carrier aircraft strike Luzon targets. Planes of TG 38.1 attack N Luzon, including Clark Field, Aparri, and shipping in Lingayen Gulf while TG 38.2 aircraft cover S Luzon area, Mindoro airfields, Verde I. Passage, and N Sibuyan Sea. Fifty-eight Japanese planes are shot down over Clark and Mabalacat airfields; in other areas air opposition is light. Approximately 250 planes observed at Clark and Mabalacat airfields, 42 at Bamban, 40-50 at Nichols and Nielson, and many at Legaspi and Lipa; majority of aircraft are well camouflaged and thoroughly dispersed. Repeated bombing and strafing raids are made on all airfields. TG 38.2 aircraft attack shipping in and around Manila reported as 15-20 AKs, 1 CA, 1 CL, and several DDs; claims are: CA sunk, DD probably sunk, and damaging hits made on CL and several DDs and AKs; at Santa Cruz, 4 large AK/APs damaged. After 1100, majority of strikes of TGs directed against Clark Field which provides largest number of targets. During night, enemy operations from airfields in Manila area are prevented by Essex VF; 1 enemy plane destroyed in combat and grounded aircraft at Nielson strafed; Independence VF raid Clark Field, damaging grounded planes and destroying 2 planes in air.

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X Corps Elements of 3d Bn of 21st Inf, 24th Div, astride road from Pinamopohan, which runs upward across "Breakneck Ridge" and then twists through hills to Limon, attacks S in attempt to reach bridge, about 300 yards to E of hill position occupied by K Co, but heavy enemy arty and mortar fire forces withdrawal to beach; hill positions to E and W of highway, occupied yesterday by I and K Cos, also evacuated because of increasing enemy pressure. By nightfall, "Breakneck Ridge" and approaches from NW are in Japanese hands. Patrols of 21st Inf reach Hill 1525, approximately 2½ miles SE of Limon, without contacting the enemy. First Bn of 19th Inf moves to Daro to protect Corps arty shelling Ormoc area and to patrol trails SW toward Lake Danao. During night, enemy arty and mortar fire is placed on 34th Inf positions near Culasian Pt. while 24th Inf Div arty concentrates on hill positions vacated by 21st Inf.

First Cav Div consolidates positions in Carigara area; approximately one brig retained in San Juanico Strait-Tacloban-Palo area. Patrolling of Tunga and Jaro areas continued by 5th and 12th Cav troops; elements of 5th Cav probing W of Tunga to Kamansi engage in bitter fire fight with enemy, employing mortar, MG, and SA fire. Contact of 1st Brig Rcn Plat established with patrols of 1st Bn of 19th Inf (96th Div) SW of Daro. Mopping up in rear areas continued; small enemy groups eliminated N and NE of San Miguel. On Samar I., 8th Cav, patrolling toward Wright on W coast, reaches the Calbiga R.; no enemy contacted.

XXIV Corps Fierce battle continues W of Dagami where 1st and 2d Bns of 382d Inf, 96th Div, leading assault astride trail toward Patok with elements of 3d Bn protecting L (South) flank, eliminate numerous gun emplacements in Hiabangan area; enemy launches desperate counterattacks but fails to reduce salient. Third Bn of 381st Inf moves SW of Burauen to Pangdan and establishes defensive position at Matagpa on N bank of the Daguitan R.

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Seventh Inf Div troops continue vigorous patrolling in all areas. West coast of Leyte covered from about one mile N of Caridad to 45 miles S of Baybay by 7th Ren Tr. Second Bn of 32d Inf completes move from Abuyog to Baybay.

Enemy documents (captured on 9 Nov) reveal order of Japanese 1st Div (issued on 6 Nov) for Japanese "grand offensive" scheduled to begin in mid-November. The 41st Inf Regt of Japanese 30th Div and 169th and 171st Independent Inf Bns of Japanese 102d Div directed to secure line linking high ground 3,500 yards NW of Jaro, high ground to either side of headwaters of the Nauguisan R., Mt. Minoro, and ground to S of Managasnas. Two regts of 1st Div were to move up to line secured by 41st Inf Regt and to launch attack toward main objective, the Capococan-Carigara area. Reserve regt of 1st Div to remain in Limon area. Coordinated with main attack, 41st Inf Regt was to drive E with Japanese 26th Div (expected to arrive at Leyte on 8 Nov) in Mt. Mamban area. Two regts of Japanese 16th Div were to operate as holding force in hills W of Dagami while one regt of 16th Div served as line of communication troops.

Approximately 50 Japanese planes are airborne in Tacloban-Dulag area, Leyte I., during period from midnight on 6th to dawn on 7th; 6 bomb and strafe Bayug airstrip, damaging runway and 4 grounded planes; 5 bombers shot down for loss of 1 P-38; single enemy raider causes minor damage at San Pablo airfield. U.S. ground troops on Leyte supported by P-40s and P-38s; highway bridge N of Valencia on Pinamopoan-Ormoc road and barracks-type building destroyed or severely damaged at Palompon by 22 P-40s; P-47s covering P-40s, which attack barge traffic in Ormoc area; destroy 3 of 9 enemy airborne fighters.

In pre-dawn raid on Visayan airfields, 3 B-24s bomb Fabrica, Opon, Bacoled, and Masbate. Twenty B-24s (5th AF) release 50 tons of bombs on Lahug airfield, Cebu I., damaging runway, demolishing several buildings, and causing huge fires which spread to parked aircraft. Fifth AF bombers also strike airfields on Negros and Mindanao Islands. Large fires started and 13 planes destroyed on Fabrica airfield by 13 B-24s which drop 30 tons of bombs; supply and ammunition dumps exploded at Del Monte by 2 B-24s. Alicante airfield on Negros I. is target for 26 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command); 25 tons of bombs are dropped

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by 17 of the bombers; results unobserved; 3 of 8-10 airborne enemy planes destroyed for loss of 1 B-24 and 1 damaged. Twelve B-25s score 2 hits on enemy DD in Macajalar Bay, N Mindanao, and wreck grounded enemy plane at Del Monte. Single PB4Y attacks enemy AK/AP and 2 AOs off NE coast of Busuanga I., setting AK/AP ablaze. Three Japanese AK/APs near Coron Bay, in the Calamian group, claimed sunk by patrol planes. Off SW tip of Tawi Tawi I., enemy 40-mm. gun position is knocked out by PB4Y; dock installations damaged and small vessel sunk off Pasaca Point, S Luzon, by another PB4Y. In sweep over Fabrica and Carolina airdromes, N Negros I., 23 P-38s and 13 P-47s shoot down approximately 20 enemy planes; 1 grounded plane destroyed and 1 sea truck sunk; 3 U.S. fighters missing. Six enemy planes destroyed by 5 P-38s over Panay I.

Attacks on Manila Bay shipping continued by TG 38.3; 2 APDs and 1 large AK claimed sunk; 2 DEs, 2 APDs, and 1 DE at Silanguin Bay and Mariveles heavily damaged. TGs 38.1 and 38.2 again attack Luzon airfields. Results of two-day strike against enemy shipping and aircraft in Luzon area as reported by Commander of TF 38: 9 ships sunk including 1 CA and 2 large AOs, 1 DD and 1 APD probably sunk, 33 ships, including 1 CL, 1 DD, 5 DEs, and 19 AP/AKs, damaged. Total of 438 planes destroyed, 118 in air and 320 on ground. At Clark Field, oil storage facilities and hangars set on fire; several tank cars and a locomotive wrecked N of Malvar, SE of Manila; installations at Mabalacat, Batangas, Lipa, Lubang, and Legaspi airfields damaged. Third Fleet losses are: 25 aircraft destroyed in combat, 11 lost operationally; and considerable damage caused to Lexington and Reno. Aircraft personnel casualties number 18; ships' personnel losses, mostly on Lexington, total 44 dead, 132 wounded, and 8 missing.

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2d Corps Against stiff opposition, 24th Inf Div resumes attack S from Pinamopoan with 21st Inf astride highway 2 and 2d Bn of 19th Inf, with Filipino guides; pushing toward Hill 1525; tank destroyers employed to fire into pockets of resistance. Enemy suicide squad, using MGs,

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mortars, and bayonets, attacks perimeter of 3d Bn of 19th Inf near Pinamopon; 15 enemy killed and remainder of group driven off.

Captured documents reveal probability of enemy attempt to infiltrate through mountains separating Ormoc and Leyte Valleys; 12th Cav of 1st Brig, 1st Cav Div, prepares to move NW from Tingib and Pastrana to establish positions in chain of mountains to E of highway 2. Activity of 2d Brig on N Leyte and SW Samar limited to patrolling.

XXIV Corps The 383d Inf, 96th Div, is ordered to relieve 12th Cav (1st Cav Div) in Palo-Pastrana-Macanip area and to seize high ground SW of Jaro-Dagami line, maintaining contact with X Corps and protecting XXIV Corps N flank: 1st Bn of 383d Inf moves to Macanip, approximately 1½ miles SW of Jaro, with Co B taking up position at Tingib. W of Dagami, elements of 96th Inf Div clear out remaining pockets of resistance in vicinity of Hiabangan while other units are advancing W and SW of Guinarona to attack enemy force in Malobago-Kadajunan area. Captured documents disclose that Japanese 16th Div had been ordered to hold Hiabangan-Hitomog area at all costs in order that enemy counter-offensive could be launched from this strategic position.

Widespread patrolling by 7th Inf Div continued. Seventh Rcn Tr completes patrol around SW tip of Leyte; no enemy contacts reported. Second Bn of 184th Inf moves from Santa Ana to Abuyog, enemy group about 10 miles WNW of Abuyog dispersed.

Sixteen P-40s and 4 P-38s attack targets in Ormoc area, Leyte I., hitting small craft, shore installations, supplies, and enemy entrenchments at juncture of highway 2 with Palompon; 12 additional P-40s bomb enemy hq, MT, and bridge to N of Valencia; S end of bridge reported destroyed. Fifth AF sorties over Leyte I. number 117.

Fabrica and Alicante airfields on N Negros are objectives of XIII Bomber Command aircraft; 3 B-24s drop 6 tons of bombs in pre-dawn raid on runways; during daylight strike, 25 B-24s unload 61 tons of bombs and fragmentation clusters on runways and dispersal areas with excellent results, 6 grounded planes

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destroyed and 11 damaged; at least 10 of 19 enemy fighters over Fabrica destroyed; 3 B-24s lost. Fifth AF heavy bombers grounded by weather.

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X Corps Battle for "Breakneck Ridge" continues: 2d Bn of 21st Inf, 24th Div, using flame throwers to burn out enemy from spider holes and caves to L of Pinamopuan-Limon road, reaches SE crest of Ridge where bitter fight ensues; E Co reaches point on highway where enemy has burned out bridge and established strong defensive positions on both sides of highway. Meanwhile, 1st Bn of 21st Inf reaches E slope of Hill 1525; enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire from hostile forces on N and NW slopes encountered; no contact established with 2d Bn of 19th Inf advancing on hill, reported as Hill 1525 but actually located some distance to E. Increasing enemy activity in Mt. Badian-Sinaywan area reported; elements of 34th Inf are moving over slippery trails to reconnoiter area.

Despite typhoon with winds raging 40-70 miles per hour, 12th Cav of 1st Cav Div from Tingib-Pastrana area makes long march over difficult terrain to establish positions in mountainous area to E of highway 2; E Tr closes in on saddle between Mt. Badian and Mt. Minoro while F Tr reaches positions between Mt. Badian and Mt. Pina. Fifth Cav employs arty and mortar fire to eliminate enemy resistance at Kamansi, SW of Tunga. Weather forces 300 troops of 2d Sq of 7th Cav enroute from Diit to Barugo to stop at Babatngon. During night, enemy attempts to infiltrate 12th Cav positions in Mt. Badian-Mt. Pina area and 5th Cav bivouac area at Banga Banga frustrated.

XXIV Corps Patrols of 382d Inf, 96th Div, probing into foothills W of Dagami locate L flank of enemy supporting position in Hitomog area; attacks against this position prevented by heavy rains. Second Bn of 383d Inf, less Co E, moves to Pastrana, Yapad and Lapdok, relieving 12th

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Cav (1st Cav Div) in X Corps zone of action; 3d Bn continues to guard Tanauan-Dagami communication line. The 96th Rcn Tr leaves bivouac area of 381st Inf at Pangdan to reconnoiter trail to Lubi and to W of that village.

Third Bn of 32d Inf establishes defensive positions at Baybay on W coast of Leyte while 2d Bn patrols on radius of 5 miles from that village; aggressive patrolling continued by other elements of 7th Inf Div. Second Bn of 17th Inf takes up positions at Telegrafo under Sixth Army control.

Twenty-four B-24s of XIII Bomber Command set out to bomb Alicante airfield, Negros I.; 1 B-24 lost en route to target; escort of 8 P-38s returns to base because of weather; 23 B-24s attack target, dropping 31 tons of bombs across strip and revetments; 3 grounded planes damaged; of 15-20 interceptors met, 5 are destroyed for loss of 2 B-24s. Fifth AF bomber missions again cancelled because of weather; patrol over Leyte I. maintained by 36 (5th AF) fighters. Two B-25s score near misses on enemy AK in Ormoc Bay. Single enemy raider over Bayug airfield, Leyte I., shot down by 2 P-38s.

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X Corps With arty and mortar support, 21st Inf of 24th Div, with 2d Bn to W of highway and 3d Bn to E, continues attack up "Breakneck Ridge", employing flame throwers, grenades, and rifles to destroy enemy pockets of resistance: to E of highway, I Co gains crest of ridge, running toward center of "Breakneck Ridge"; L Co attacking toward center of Ridge makes minor gains; E Co cuts W of road to secure high ground behind enemy-held positions while G Co makes encircling movement farther W to attack "OP Hill." Leaving A Co to guard position on Hill 1525 until joined by 2d Bn of 19th Inf, 1st Bn of 21st Inf moves W in attempt to establish road block S of Limon; enemy in force attacks perimeter of A Co, causing remainder of Bn to fall back on Hill to engage in bitter

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fight. Using A Co as covering force, 1st Bn of 21st Inf vacates hill position and withdraws 3,500 yards to N. First Bn of 19th Inf, attached to 1st Cav Div, is established in Jaro-Daro area; intensive patrolling of trails SW toward Lake Danao initiated.

First Brig, with 5th Cav on R and 12th Cav on L, attacks SW toward high ground centered around Mt. Cabungaan and Hill 2926; only slight resistance met by 5th Cav in push toward Hill 2926, but 12th Cav encounters stiff opposition about one mile SE of Mt. Badian and scattered enemy defenses on front, stretching about 1,500 yards to N and E of Mt. Pina. Arty fire concentrated on enemy-held ridge positions throughout night. Movement of 2d Sq of 7th Cav (less E Tr) by water from Babatngon to Barugo initiated as E Tr pushes NW from Diit to Babatngon.

Landing of Japanese 26th Inf Div in Ormoc area reported.

XXIV Corps Operations of 96th and 7th Inf Div troops prevented by flood waters which destroy or damage bridges and make roads and trails practically impassable.

Enemy convoy in Ormoc area, W Leyte, attacked by 8 P-38s which claim 1 AK sunk, 1 fired, and a third left listing; AA downs 1 P-38; PTs join in attack and report sinking of 1 DD; 5 more P-38s over Ormoc Bay shoot down 2 enemy fighters and probably 2 more for no loss; barge concentration in Bay effectively bombed by 8 P-40s.

Prevented by weather from reaching primary target, Carolina airdrome, 25 B-24s drop about 45 tons of bombs on Licanan airdrome near Davao, Mindanao I.; good coverage of runway and revetment areas attained; several buildings set on fire; no interception met. Two B-24s drop fragmentation clusters on San Jose and Opon airfields, Mactan I.; Puerta Princesa airstrip on Palawan I. hit by single B-24; results unobserved.

At midnight, TGs 38.1, 38.3, and 38.4 from positions about 400 miles W of Sarapan proceed at 26 knots toward the Central Philippines to intercept Japanese TG and convoys reported heading for Ormoc Bay, W Leyte.

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X Corps Twenty-fourth Inf Div initiates coordinated assault down Ormoc Valley in attempt to drive enemy from "Breakneck Ridge", to envelop both flanks, and cut enemy communication line: 21st Inf to make frontal assault against Ridge; 2d Bn of 19th Inf on enemy's L flank to block highway 2 S of Limon, while 1st Bn of 34th Inf advances around enemy's W flank to seize high ground, "Kilay Ridge", and to operate against enemy supply lines. First Bn of 21st Inf captures "OP Hill" on main ridge to W of highway while 2d Bn of 19th Inf advances to E slopes of Hill 1525 and then pushes W toward highway 2. Embarking in LVTs, 1st Bn of 34th Inf, with party of 63d FA Bn, moves up coast from Capoccan to make unopposed landing about 2 miles W of Pinamopcan; night perimeter established on ridge near Belen. During night, enemy cuts communication lines from regt hq to forward bns.

First Cav Div attacks hostile positions in central mountain range on E flank of 24th Inf Div. Hill 2926 and Mt. Pina occupied by 5th Cav troops; to NW 12th Cav troops are advancing against intense enemy fire in area between Mt. Pina and Mt. Badian. Advance of 1st Brig is supported by 32d and 271st FA Bns, which heavily concentrate on enemy entrenched positions on ridge areas throughout night.

XXIV Corps Elements of 381st and 382d Regts, 96th Inf Div, resume attacks in hills SE of Patok against a stubbornly resisting enemy; muddy terrain slows operations. Third Bn of 383d Inf establishes perimeter about 3 miles SW of Jaro and pushes patrols toward Alto Peak area. Patrol of 381st Inf returns to base from Lubi, reporting no enemy contacts.

Operations of 7th Inf Div hampered by heavy rains which have washed out all bridges on main supply route between Dulag and Abuyog. The 184th Inf pushes one patrol plat across Mt. Taboan, searching for route to coast; other patrols cover Mt. Lunas area and push SE along shore of Lake Bito. Advance elements of 32d Inf occupy Caridad

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on W coast, about 9 miles N of Baybay. Two Japanese DDs sighted off Baybay but no action occurs. The 96th Rcn Tr reaches Damulaan on W coast, N of Caridad.

Failing to locate enemy shipping in Ormoc area, 25 B-24s unload more than 60 tons of bombs on Ormoc town, W Leyte; direct hit scored on enemy hq building; approximately 35 buildings destroyed or damaged; no interception met. Twenty B-25s strike Ormoc Bay shipping; claims are 1 DD destroyed, 1 DE sunk, and 3 AKs probably sunk; 5 B-25s destroyed and 3 damaged by ships' AA fire. Approximately 100 P-40s, P-38s, and P-47s dive-bomb and strafe the convoy claiming 1 DD exploded, 2 direct hits made on CL, 2 near misses scored on 2 DDs, and 6 near misses on an AP or AK; AA fire is intense and accurate; 2 P-38s lost; at least 10 enemy fighters shot down. Enemy DE W of Apali Point bombed by B-25; AA and MG fire holes B-25. One of 2 PB4Ys searching for enemy shipping off W coast of Camotes I. is shot down by an enemy plane; other PB4Y downs attacker. In pre-dawn raid, 3 enemy planes damage airstrip in Carigara Bay area, W Leyte.

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X Corps Following arty preparation, troops of 24th Inf Div penetrate enemy strongpoint on S slope of "Breakneck Ridge." Third Bn of 21st Inf takes up position to W of highway 2 to permit tank assault across bridge. (constructed under fire by 3d Eng) about 300 yards E of "OP Hill." With mine detection sq of 3d Eng, A Co of 44th Tk Bn moves up road to eliminate at least 15 heavy MG positions, preparing way for advance of 1st Bn; approximately 350 rounds of white phosphorus used to clear out spider holes. Second Bn of 21st Inf attacks to S and W against strong opposition from heavily wooded ridges to E of "Corkscrew Ridge." Second Bn of 19th Inf continues push W of Hill 1525, avoiding enemy contact. W of Pinamopoan, 1st Bn of 34th Inf with native guides pushes S through Belen to Agahang.

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First Cav Div CP opens at Tunga, against light opposition, 1st Brig CT occupies general line, MT Badian-Mt. Pina-Hill 2926. Defense of Carigara-Barugo area maintained by 1st Sq of 7th Sq and 2d Sq of 8th Cav; 2d Sq of 7th Cav from Barugo takes over bridge guards on communication lines to SW. Small enemy group armed with magnetic mines infiltrates perimeter of 226th FA Bn at Daro during night; minor damage inflicted. On Samar I., patrolling toward Wright continued by 8th Cav troops.

XXIV Corps Commanding General, Sixth Army, directs XXIV Corps to place one RCT in reserve in Dagami area and to strengthen by one RCT its forces in area W of line Pastrana-Santa Fe and N of the Binahaan R.; this RCT to be prepared to reinforce elements of X Corps covering Daro-Dolores trail.

After heavy arty barrage is laid down on enemy position SW of Patok, elements of 382d Inf advance 2,200 yards while troops of 381st Inf roll back R flank of enemy position for gain of 1,000 yards. The 383d Regt, less 1st Bn, which is near by at Macanip, reaches positions in foothills of Alto Peak area. On W coast of Leyte, 2d Bn of 32d Inf, 7th Div, remains at Baybay with Co G at Caridad; 3d Bn establishes positions at concrete ford, with Co I patrolling from Union through central S portion of island to Sogod. Contact of 96th Rcn Tr with patrols of 7th Rcn Tr established near Damulaan, approximately 15 miles N of Baybay.

Thirteen B-24s (XIII Bomber Command) covered by 16 P-47s and 15 P-38s attack Dumaguete airdrome, SE Negros; 16 tons of bombs dropped with excellent results. Fifth AF fighters hit shore installations on W Leyte and destroy at least 15 enemy fighters in Ormoc area. Approximately 30 Japanese planes reported shot down in spirited engagements over Cebu, Negros, and Leyte Islands. Enemy barracks and in Valencia area, W Leyte, bombed and strafed by 14 P-47s, part of Valencia bridge and several buildings in area wrecked by 12 P-40s. Five P-38s on mission to Homophon I. shoot down 4 enemy fighters.

At 0600, carrier aircraft of the Third Fleet from point about 200 miles off San Bernardino Strait launch sweeps to a distance of 350 miles to locate enemy shipping; convoy of 4

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AK-APs, 5 DDs, and 1 DE sighted in Camotes Sea between Leyte and Cebu; 8 enemy airborne planes destroyed; force of 347 planes concentrate on enemy vessels, sinking 4 AK-APs, 2 DDs, and 1 DE; 2 more DDs heavily damaged and probably sunk; the fifth DD damaged but believed to have escaped; estimated 8,000 Japanese troops lost. Sixteen of 25-30 Japanese fighters, providing cover for convoy, are shot down; 8 carrier planes lost to ships' AA fire.

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X Corps X Corps CP located at Santa Rosa on San Miguel-Barugo road. With support of tanks and flame throwers, 3d Bn of 21st Inf, 24th Div, moves S along road on enemy's W flank, dislodging enemy snipers and MG nests from dense undergrowth while 1st Bn continues push S astride highway. Entire length of main ridge secured shortly before noon. During day, 2,200 rounds of 81-mm. mortar fire placed on enemy positions. At 1630, Japanese troop concentrations reported moving N up Ormoc-Limon road. Second Bn of 19th Inf advancing SW of Hill 1525 reaches position near Bonbongon, about 6,000 yards S of Pinamopoan and 1,500 yards E of highway 2; here Bn fords the Leyte R. and starts up trail to W, coming under intense fire from enemy-held ridges after Filipino guide opens fire on enemy soldier on trail; defense perimeter established to E of highway 2 below Limon. W of Limon, 1st Bn of 34th Inf, after receiving rations by air drop, moves W of Agahang to point about 2 kilometers S. of Consuegra and prepares to drive toward "Kilay Ridge." Contact established between Col. Clifford, in command of 1st Bn of 34th Inf, and Commanding General of 1st Bn, 34th Inf (Guerrilla).

Fifth Cav of 1st Brig CT screens Mt. Pinamopoan 2926-Mt. Mamban line as 12th Cav continues push toward Div objective, Mt. Catabaran; 2d Sq of 12th Cav is held up by enemy fire on SE slopes of Mt. Badiar. Seventh Cav maintains guard over coastal defenses in Barugo-Capocan area and Carigara-Jaro highway; recon unit probing W of the Nauguisan R. encounters mortar fire from hostile force, occupying ridge area E of Mt. Misoro, arty and mortar fire concentrated on enemy strong points throughout

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night. A Co of 1st Bn, 19th Inf (attached to 1st Cav Div) is relieved in area SW of Jaro by elements of 96th Div (XXIV Corps); this unit with 35 Filipino guerrilla troops has operated for 8 days over extremely rugged terrain in attempt to cross high mountain passes to block Old Spanish Trail near Lake Danao; battle casualties are light but Co strength is reduced from 275 men to 120 because of sickness and exposure. Eighth Cav patrols on Samar I. reach Hinabangan, approximately 10 miles SW of Wright.

XXIV Corps W of Dagami, patrols of 2d Bn of 382d Inf, 96th Div, are active in area on N flank of enemy position from Hiabangan toward Rizal while 1st and 3d Bns are engaged in liquidating enemy pockets of resistance in Hitomog area. Third Bn of 17th Inf, 7th Div, completes relief of 2d Bn of 381st Inf, in contact with enemy force W of Guinarona. The 381st Inf is ordered into Sixth Army reserve. Seventh Inf Div continues patrolling activities with mostly negative results. Co I of 3d Bn, 32d Inf, completes patrol of SW Leyte, moving W of Sogod to Bato and thence up coast to Baybay.

Bivouacs, supply dumps, bridges, MT, and bridges in Ormoc area, Leyte I., bombed and strafed by 12 P-40s and 24 P-47s; P-40s score hits on DD in Ormoc Bay. Total of 125 fighter sorties flown over Leyte; 9 enemy planes reported destroyed. Enemy suicide divebombers attack shipping in Dulag area, W Leyte, setting 3 liberty ships on fire; 68 men reported killed and 162 wounded aboard one of the vessels.

Continuing attacks to neutralize enemy airfields in the Visayas, 29 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command) with escort of 28 P-38s unload 70 tons of bombs on Alicante runways and revetment areas, Negros I.; huge fires result. Matina and Daliao airfields, near Davao, attacked by 15 B-25s with 16 P-47s escorting; 20 tons of bombs dropped with excellent coverage of target areas; P-47s wreck buildings and start large fires at Linao, SW Cebu, and destroy 1 floatplane.

TGs 38.1, 38.3, and 38.4 proceed toward central Luzon area to attack enemy shipping and aircraft.

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X Corps With support of MG fire from positions on "OP Hill," 1st Bn of 21st Inf, 24th Div, with tank support advances 400-600 yards to S of crest of "Breakneck Ridge" while 2d Bn repulses strong enemy counterattacks and gains 400 yards to its front. Enemy sprays perimeter of 2d Bn of 19th Inf to E of highway 2 below Limon with MG and mortar fire and attempts to block withdrawal route. To W of highway 2, "Kilay Ridge" is occupied by 1st Bn of 34th Inf; entire ridge area found fortified with trenches and gun positions but no enemy encountered. With occupation of "Kilay Ridge", which extends NE-SW for about 3,000 yards and rises to a height of approximately 900 feet, excellent observation of Ormoc-Limon road is obtained.

Despite heavy mortar and arty fire placed on enemy strongpoints approximately 2,500 yards SSW of Balud and on NE slopes of Mt. Badian, enemy opposition facing 1st Sq of 7th Cav, 1st Cav Div, remains strong. Second Sq of 12th Cav continues push up slopes of Mt. Badian while 1st Sq moves W onto Mt. Catabaran; patrols probing W toward Ormoc-Limon road encounter intense MG and SA fire. Farther S, 5th Cav troops mop up on Hill 2926 and locate trail running W from Hill 4047 to Mt. Cabungaan; 5th Cav CP is established on E slope of Mt. Mamban.

XXIV Corps With arty support, 382d Inf of 96th Div clears out enemy resistance in vicinity of Kabayan, SW of Dagami. Elements of 383d Inf advancing in area SW of Jaro reach line extending S from Bonglagon to approximately 2,000 yards SE of Alto Peak; well-prepared enemy positions guarding only feasible pass through mountains in Mt. Alto Peak area encountered. The 921st FA Bn, less Btry B at Tingib, and the 363d FA Bn (155-mm. How) establishes positions near Uguiao, about 2 miles SW of Jaro.

Third Bn of 17th Inf, 7th Div, continues attacks against strong opposition in ridge areas W of Guinarona. On W Leyte, small enemy force attempting to land from barges at Damulaan is driven away by troops of 32d Inf.

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Estimated 100 Japanese attack 32d Inf outpost at Balogo, about 10 miles S of Ormoc; 30-40 enemy killed and remainder of force withdraws toward Tabgas. First Bn of 184th Inf from patrol base at Luneta covers area to S, SW, and W; one patrol moves over trail from Bugho to Gabas on W coast to S of Caridad; elements of 2d Bn of 184th Inf are moving toward Lake Danao area to reconnoiter trails to W.

Fabrica runways and dispersal areas, Negros I., attacked by 36 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command) which achieve excellent pattern with 17 tons of GP bombs and 26.6 tons of fragmentation clusters; large fires and explosions result; 4 grounded planes destroyed and 6 damaged; no interception met. On Mindanao I., waterfront facilities at Zamboanga and buildings near San Roque airfield raided with success by 18 B-25s and 12 P-38s; Wolfe airfield bombed before dawn by single B-24. Six P-47s bomb Boyon de Patag and sweep over Legaspi airfield, SE Luzon; 6 additional P-47s strafe shore targets in Palompon area, NW Leyte. Ormoc town bombed by PBV during early morning hours. Ninety-eight sorties over Leyte I. made by 5th AF fighters.

Enemy shipping in Manila Harbor and aircraft and installations on Clark Field, Luzon I., effectively attacked by 3d Fleet aircraft; 21 enemy planes shot down in combat; 5-car ammunition train W of Laguna De Bay, S of Manila, exploded.

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X Corps Ninety-sixth Div troops from positions on "Breakneck Ridge" continue attack S toward Limon: 1st Bn of 21st Inf advances astride highway to within 1,200 yards of objective against stubborn resistance; 2d Bn on L flank beats off enemy counterattack and makes slight gain. During night, enemy launches repeated counterattacks against 2d Bn's positions and succeeds in penetrating outer defenses. Second Bn of 19th Inf encounters strong enemy force about 1,000 yards SE of Limon; saddle rising to height of about 150 feet on either side of highway 2, suitable for road block, located by 19th Inf patrols; supplies by planes are dropped for this

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bn but major portion falls outside Bn perimeter. To W of highway, 2d Bn of 34th Inf consolidates positions on knolls of "Kilay Ridge" and pushes strong patrol to E in attempt to contact 2d Bn of 19th Inf but strong enemy force is encountered about 600 yards to E of Ridge positions. Enemy arty concentrated on S portion of "Kilay Ridge".

Thirty-second Inf Div, under command of Maj. Gen. William H. Gill, arrives on E coast of Leyte; CP established on coast N of Palo. Div is attached to X Corps and directed to relieve 24th Div troops in Pinamopohan area and continue attack S toward Ormoc.

Fierce fighting continues S of Balud where 1st Sq of 7th Cav (1st Cav Div) makes gain of 400 yards over mountainous terrain in vicinity of Mt. Minoro, despite heavy MG and mortar fire encountered from well-entrenched enemy positions. F Tr of 12th Cav moves onto Mt. Badian while to SW, G Tr pushes up slope of Hill 2348 against light opposition; B Tr advances SW of Mt. Cabungaan to within 1,000 yards of highway 2 against intense enemy MG and mortar fire.

The 112th Cav RCT, under command of Gen. Julian W. Cunningham, lands on E Leyte coast and is attached to X Corps to relieve 7th Cav (1st Cav Div) in ridge area S of Capocan.

XXIV Corps Elements of 96th and 7th Inf Divs continue to clear out enemy positions W of Dagami and Guinarona; enemy continues to put up stubborn resistance. In 12 days of fighting in heights W of Dagami, 2,500 enemy reported killed by 382d Inf of 96th Div. Elements of 383d Inf, with arty support, probe successive enemy positions and conduct intensive rcn on E and SE slopes of Mt. Alto Peak, searching for trails toward Lake Danao; patrolling in this area continues throughout month.

Thirty-second Inf troops, 7th Div, continue patrolling to N and S of Baybay on W coast of Leyte. Patrols of 1st Bn of 184th Inf search for route to Mt. Caridad-Damulaan area from vicinity of Mt. Malajisa without success; 2d and 3d Bns of 184th Inf maintain guard over Abuyog-Baybay road and engage in widespread patrolling activities.

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After relief by Filipino forces, 9th Military District, is effected, 6th Ranger Inf Bn evacuates Dinagat, Homonhon, and Suluan Is. and moves to Tanauan where Bn assembles as Sixth Army reserve.

On W Leyte, bridge at road junction N of Valencia knocked out and motor park, 1 mile E of Valencia, fired by 8 P-47s; 4 enemy barges in Ormoc Bay damaged by 2 P-38s.

Bacolod airdrome on Negros I. takes 34 tons of bombs from 23 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command); 80 per cent of bomb tonnage falls on runways and revetment areas; 2 grounded aircraft destroyed and 2 damaged; escort of 41 P-38s and 15 P-47s shoot down 6 and probably 3 others of 13 interceptors for no loss. Twenty-two B-24s with escort of 24 P-38s and 3 P-47s (5th AF) loose 54.4 tons of bombs on Sasa airdrome with unobserved results; 12 more B-24s hit W strip of Licanan with 30 tons. Wolfe airdrome on Mindanao I. bombed by 2 B-24s. Eighteen B-25s covered by 15 P-47s drop 11 tons of bombs on Lahug dispersal areas, Cebu I. Enemy AK off Palawan and sea trucks E of Panay attacked by patrolling B-24s; subchaser E of Panay and another NE of Palawan reported sunk; small AK at Puerta Princesa damaged.

Carrier aircraft of 3d Fleet continue attacks on Luzon airfields and Japanese vessels in Manila Harbor; air opposition is negligible. In strikes against Luzon targets on 13-14, 49 enemy grounded planes and 39 airborne are destroyed; shipping losses reported as 1 CL (Kiso), 3 DDs, 3 AKs, 3 AOs, and a few smaller ships sunk, 1 DD and 14 AKs probably sunk, and 38 ships (not including luggers and barges) damaged; extensive damage caused to Manila harbor facilities and installations at Cavite naval base.

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X Corps Twenty-first Inf of 96th Div continues to clear out enemy pockets of resistance in Limon; enemy groups infiltrating through gap on E flank eliminated in bayonet fight during night. S of Limon, elements of 2d Bn of 19th Inf wipe out enemy pillboxes with hand grenades and

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cross to W side of highway 2 but are pinned down by intense enemy fire from hill to S of saddle; one co moves against hill to N of saddle and succeeds in establishing road block; with support of 60-mm. mortars, elements to SW are pulled back across highway to E perimeter. Radio contact with 1st Bn of 32d Inf on "Kilay Ridge" established but no supply route from road block to Ridge found. Just before midnight, enemy column of trucks approaching road block from S is subjected to MG fire which destroys 4 MT and causes column to turn back. One platoon of 24th Cav Rcn Tr is attached to 1st Bn of 34th Inf on "Kilay Ridge" and given mission of patrolling W flank.

Heavy mortar and arty fire reduces series of enemy entrenched positions S of Balud facing 1st Sq of 7th Cav (1st Cav Div). In Mt. Badian area, 2d Sq of 12th Cav with support of arty and mortar fire forces enemy to abandon strongpoint on E slope of Hill 2348 while 1st Sq reaches peak of W slope of Mt. Cabungaan, commanding highway 2. Elements of 1st Bn of 19th Inf, attached to 1st Cav Div, move onto Mt. Laao, SW of Jaro. Barugo-Santa Cruz area reported clear of enemy by 302d Rcn Tr. Enemy attack against 8th Cav positions in Calbiga area, Samar I., repulsed.

XXIV Corps Against a stubbornly resisting enemy and over difficult terrain, elements of 96th and 7th Inf Divs continue slow push W of Dagami and Guinarona. On W coast of Leyte, 2d Bn of 32d Inf, 7th Div, advances N of Baybay toward Damulaan; one platoon of light tanks arrives at Baybay to support northward drive. Movement of Btry B, 155-mm. Gun Bn, 11th Marines (attached to XXIV Corps) from vicinity of Dagami to Baybay initiated.

Sixth Ranger Bn lands at Tanauan on E coast of Leyte. During remainder of month, this bn maintains guard over Sixth Army Hq and engages in patrolling activities.

Construction of airstrip at San Pablo, Leyte, held up by heavy rains; 2,600-ft. steel mat reported completed at Dulag. Five enemy planes reported shot down during light raids on Allied beachhead areas and shipping on Leyte; no night raids reported.

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Thirty-six B-24s (XIII Bomber Command) strike La Carlota airdrome, Negros I.; 77.5 tons of bombs and incendiaries dropped and practically entire runway covered with hits; 3 grounded enemy planes destroyed; escort of 22 P-38s encounters 13 enemy fighters and shoots down 3. Fifth AF heavy bombers attack Mindanao airfields; 24 B-24s bomb Licanan while Libby and Daliao are each hit by 12 B-24s; runways left unserviceable. Cebu dispersal and bivouac areas bombed by 34 B-25s, causing large explosions and fires. Six B-24s start fires at Tawi Tawi I. seaplane base and score direct hit on enemy warship, NW of Palawan I. Patrolling B-24s attack gun emplacements at Puerta Princesa, Palawan I.; 5 enemy interceptors destroyed and 5 damaged; 1 enemy floatplane shot down over Mindoro I. U.S. PTs raiding possible barge hideout at Pacijan I. encounter heavy fire from enemy shore installations.

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X Corps With exception of 1st Bn of 34th Inf and 2d Bn of 19th Inf, operating against enemy troops and supplies on both sides of highway 2 to S of Limon, leading elements of 96th Inf Div are approximately 1,100 yards N of Limon. The 128th Inf of 32d Div goes into action with 21st Inf of 96th Div; enemy groups infiltrating E flank positions are eliminated and last remaining high ground positions N of Limon secured. Remainder of 32d Inf Div moves into Pinatopcan-Carigara-Jaro sector; 127th Inf to Capoccan, 126th Inf to Jaro-Tunga area, and 32d Div arty to Capoccan and Culasian Pt. S of Limon, enemy troop column eliminated at road block maintained by 2d Bn of 19th Inf; two enemy MGs, NE of block, and another to SW silenced by arty fire. Supplies brought to this hard-pressed Bn by carriers from Cannon Co and by successful air drop by 2 B-25s. Elements of 2d Bn of 34th Inf pushing E of "Kilay Ridge" in attempt to establish communication line with 2d Bn of 19th Inf engage in sharp fire fights with the enemy.

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The 112th RCT is attached to 1st Cav Div; this RCT is to operate on R flank of Div in Minoro-Sinayawan area. In Mt. Badian area, 12th Cav continues drive to secure Hill 2348 against enemy MG, mortar, and SA fire; arty fire neutralizes strongpoints, driving enemy out of pillboxes and fox holes; at least 100 Japanese killed. Advance of 1st Sq of 7th Cav in Balud-Mt. Minoro area continued against minor resistance. Mt. Mamban, and Hills 1234 and 1223 occupied by other elements of 1st Cav Div. Twelfth Cav patrols locate trail leading from Mt. Cabungaan toward Cananga, on highway 2 about 7½ miles S of Limon. On Samar, 8th Cav troops pushing N toward Wright contact enemy groups NE of Calbiga.

XXIV Corps Elements of 96th and 7th Inf Divs maintain pressure against enemy in area W of Dagami and Guinarona. On E coast of Leyte, 2d Bn of 184th Inf, 7th Div, in LCVPs reconnoiters numerous barrios to S of Abuyog, reporting no enemy activity; elements of 1st Bn reach W coast at Cani and set up patrol base 2 miles S of Binoljo; 3d Bn patrols, N of Mt. Tinagan, are moving down the Bacan R. toward Damulaan. Second Bn of 32d Inf, 7th Div, with Btry B of 49th FA Bn is closing in on Damulaan, approximately 11 miles SW of Ormoc.

Nineteen P-47s attack coastal installations and fire supply dumps in Ormoc area; many barges in Bay strafed by 2 P-38s. In raids on enemy shipping off W Leyte during period from 8-16 November, Allied PTs sink 4 troop-filled barges, 2 PTs, and a fuel lugger. Allied air strength on Leyte reported reinforced by 4 Navy Catalina squadrons and 2 night fighter squadrons. During enemy raids against E Leyte shore installations and shipping, 15 enemy planes reported shot down by Allied fighters and 3 more by AA fire throughout day.

Fifth AF heavy bombers continue neutralizing attacks against Mindanao airfields: 22 B-24s release 55 tons of bombs on Sasa airdrome near Davao with good results; Maranao airfield raided by 18 B-24s; 38 tons of bombs dropped but many bombs fail to explode.

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X Corps Japanese "grand offensive" gets under way. Relief of 21st Inf, 96th Div, from positions on "Breakneck Ridge" by 32d Inf Div completed; 21st Regt moves on foot to Carigara and thence S by MT to Jaro; casualties suffered by this regt in struggle for "Breakneck Ridge" reported as 630 killed, wounded, and missing in combat and 130 lost to other causes for count of 1,799 enemy killed. At 1530, 2 enemy tanks from S run road block S of Limon; shortly afterwards, enemy 75-mm. gun commences firing on road block but is soon silenced by arty fire; on return of tanks at 1700, bazookas of 2d Bn of 19th Inf (attached to 32d Div) open up, scoring at least one definite hit. Thirty-fourth Inf of 96th Div is placed under control of 32d Inf Div. Elements of 1st Bn of 32d Inf pushing E of "Kilay Ridge" cross highway 2 after dispersing two enemy groups; contact made with 2d Bn of 19th Inf but supply line not established because of strong enemy forces between the two units. Meanwhile, other elements of 1st Bn of 34th Inf are engaged in bitter fire fight with estimated 200 enemy on S end of "Kilay Ridge"; approximately 50 enemy killed.

First Cav Div consolidates positions in Mt. Badian-Mt. Catabaran-Mt. Lao areas and conducts vigorous patrolling to W and SW toward highway 2.

XXIV Corps Elements of 96th Inf Div continue to encounter stubborn resistance W of Dagami; 3d Bn of 17th Inf, 7th Div, clears several enemy positions on crests of ridges W of Guinarona. Units of 7th Inf Div continue patrolling in their zones of action with only slight enemy contacts. Elements of 184th Inf searching for E-W trail N of Lake Danao contact 17th Inf patrols at Patag. Aviation provides strafing missions in support of 2d Bn of 32d Inf advancing up W coast from Baybay; Damulaan occupied and patrols pushed toward the Palanis R.

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Four B-24s with 10 tons of bombs cause fires and explosions among enemy stores at Ormoc. One large lugger destroyed and another set on fire, pier at Palompon strafed, and several buildings at Ipil sugar factory wrecked by 10 P-47s. In Ormoc Bay, 1 small merchant vessel sunk and another set ablaze by 2 P-38s and 2 P-40s. Two B-24s demolish several buildings at Caton De Patag. During night, 7 of 15 enemy planes raiding Tacloban and Bayug airstrips are shot down by fighters; 1 U.S. fighter lost. Ninety-two fighter sorties by 5th AF made over Leyte I.

Seventeen B-24s (5th AF) hit Padada runway near Davao; 33.5 tons of bombs dropped; no interception met. At Buayan airfield, 1 grounded bomber destroyed by 4 P-38s. B-24s patrolling Sulu Sea sink lugger off Panay I. and damage 2 sea trucks at Puerta Princesa, Palawan I. Fifth AF fighters sweep over central Luzon; these planes are first land-based planes to reappear over Manila, Bataan, and Corregidor; 5 Japanese planes observed on Clark Field and 14 enemy vessels in Manila; no interception met.

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X Corps Troops of 32d Inf Div consolidate positions 600 yards N of Limon; units on E flank overcome stiff resistance to draw abreast of troops on highway. Column of approximately 60 Japanese approaching road block S of Limon dispersed by rifle fire of 2d Bn, 19th Inf; during night, last of bazooka fire expended on 6 enemy tanks, 3 of which succeed in running road block. Elements of 3d Bn of 34th Inf (96th Div) arrive at road block, bringing supplies and prepared to evacuate wounded. To W of highway 2, 1st Bn of 34th Inf attacks enemy-held high ground positions at extreme S portion of "Kilay Ridge"; at least 75 enemy killed. The 21st Inf Regt (-1st Bn) moves from Jaro to occupy hills in vicinity of Daro, protecting guns bombarding Ormoc area; to SW, one co of each of the two bns is stationed on Mt. Mamban and Mt. Laco.

First Cav Div troops are engaged in widespread patrolling activities in attempt to find enemy supply lines. First Sq of 112th Cav completes relief of 1st Sq of 7th

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Cav in Mt. Minore sector, S of Balud; high ground position about 600 yards NE of Mt. Minore gained. Seventh Cav (-2d Sq) assembles in Tunga area.

XXIV Corps Activity of 96th Inf Div limited to patrolling. Ridge areas immediately to W of Guinarona cleared by 17th Inf, 7th Div. On W coast of Leyte, 2d Bn of 32d Inf (7th Div) advances N of Damilaan and establishes defense line facing N on the Palanas R. and extending approximately 600 yards inland from beach; R flank protected by Filipino troops. Seventh Rcn Tr establishes an OP about 15 miles N of Baybay.

Elventh A/B Div under command of Maj. Gen. J. M. Swing makes unopposed landing on a 6,000 yard front between Abuyog and Tarragona on E coast of Leyte.

Weather hampers air operations and holds up construction work on Bayug airstrip, Leyte I. Two P-40s and 15 P-47s attack targets in Ormoc area; bridge near Valencia, village in vicinity of Palompon, and small craft in Matlang Bay are chief targets hit. Sorties over Leyte I. number 85; 6 enemy planes reported shot down for loss of 1 P-38.

Matina airfield near Davao attacked by 18 B-24s of 5th AF; results unobserved; 6 additional B-24s cause fires in Sasa dispersal areas. Padada runway, Mindanao I., bombed by 9 B-25s while 7 B-25s raid enemy shipping in Cebu Harbor. Eight P-47s strike barge concentration off Camotes Is.; 1 sea truck and 8 barges destroyed.

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X Corps Enemy troops (main force of 49th Regt of 1st Japanese Div) break through gap between Mt. 1525 and Limon (gap partially caused by incorrectness of maps used for operations) and pushes N to establish road block on coastal road at bridge between Pinanopon and Culasian Pt. Elements of 128th Inf engage in bitter fighting with enemy on W ridge of two ridges that comprise "Corkscrew Ridge." The 126th Inf of 32d Div is directed to seize and



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occupy Hill 1525 to screen Div L flank and to contact elements of 128th Inf N of Limon and elements of 1st Cav in Sinayawan area. After enemy arty concentrations on positions of 2d Bn of 19th Inf at road block to S of Limon, enemy tanks from N pass road block and spray area with MG and cannon fire; enemy column following tanks dispersed with MG fire. Japanese force, employing MG, mortar, and arty fire, attacks S portion of "Kilay Ridge"; as enemy activity increases, 34th Inf troops prepare for second attack by pulling back elements to E and S of Ridge and consolidating positions along crests of main ridges.

First Cav Div continues patrolling along the line, Mt. Minoro-Mt. Badian-Mt. Catabaran-Mt. Cabungaan-Hill 4047-Mt. Mamban-Mt. Laap; patrols from Mt. Cabungaan are reportedly approaching Cananga on highway 2 about midway between Limon and Valencia. S of Balud, elements of 112th RCT enter deserted village, believed to be Minoro, while 2d Sq of 12th Cav with arty support pushes forward on Hill 2348. Relief of 1st Bn of 19th Inf in Jaro-Daro area by 2d Bn of 21st Inf (24th Div) effected; 1st Bn of 19th Inf is placed under Sixth Army control as part of the Visayan TF.

XXIV Corps W of Dagami, elements of 96th Inf Div conduct aggressive patrolling from Hiabangan-Hitomog area toward Patok and Kabayan. The 381st Inf, less 2d Bn, reverts to Div control from Sixth Army reserve and is directed to relieve 382d Inf in foothills W of Dagami; 2d Bn of 381st Inf designated Sixth Army reserve.

Thirty-second Inf troops, 7th Div, improve positions S of the Palanas R. on W Leyte and are patrolling to E and NE. Other elements of 7th Inf Div engaged in widespread patrolling; SW of Burauen, Abuyogna, Takin, Jugpa, and number of other villages covered by 17th Inf; 1st Bn of 32d Inf from Panoan I. sends patrol to Maoja on W coast of Sogod Bay and thence by jeep to Sogod; no enemy contacts reported.

In support of ground operations on Leyte, 7 B-24s drop 17.5 tons of bombs on buildings and coastal craft in Palompon area with good results; 8 P-47s hit Ormoc in two locations; barracks and stores N of Ormoc and near Valencia destroyed by

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P-40s which destroy enemy plane near Tambuco and set fire to enemy bomber on field near Ormoc; 4 P-47s raid MT on highway 2 N of Ormoc. Enemy divebombers and fighters continue to harass U.S. shipping and shore positions, E Leyte; 10 enemy planes destroyed. Dulag airstrip becomes operational for fighter aircraft.

Alicante airdrome on Negros I. attacked by 22 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command) with 70 tons of bombs; hits on center of runway and S two-thirds of dispersal area on both sides of runway completely covered; of 8-12 enemy planes encountered, 2 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 1 damaged; 6 B-24s damaged by enemy fighter fire. Sixteen B-24s (5th AF) with 42.5 tons of bombs cause craters in Libby runways near Davao; 25 direct hits scored; 1 of 5 interceptors shot down. Sasa airdrome, Mindanao I., raided before dawn by 6 B-25s. Enemy gunboat S of Mindoro bombed and strafed by patrol planes; enemy DD observed dead in water off Mindoro.

Japanese aircraft and shipping are again objectives of Third Fleet aircraft (TGs 38.1, 38.2, and 38.4); only light air opposition encountered in target areas; 26 enemy planes shot down in combat; 70-80 camouflaged aircraft destroyed on Del Carmen and Porac airfields. Total of 110 enemy planes reported destroyed on ground at all targets. Very few shipping targets located: few luggers reported sunk; 1 PC, 3 AKs, and 1 AO found at Subic Bay, San Fernando Bay, and off W coast of Luzon receive damaging hits. Thirteen Wasp VF drop 13 500-pound bombs on enemy CA (Kumano) at Santa Cruz Harbor; no hits scored but minor damage inflicted by strafing. Enemy planes following carrier aircraft, returning from last strike on Luzon targets, are successfully intercepted about 70 miles from carrier force; total of 11 raids split up by combat patrol; no enemy planes succeed in piercing fighter screen. Four enemy planes fire 2 torpedoes at DD Collett on picket duty; no hits made; 2 enemy planes destroyed.

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X Corps Thirty-second Div troops pushing S toward Limon occupy high ground position on E flank and compress enemy

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in pocket approximately 1,500 yards to E of town. Thirty-fourth Inf of 24th Div attacking SW from Capeocan encounter enemy mortar and arty fire at outskirts of Pinamitinan. Elements of 126th Inf from Capeocan and 127th Inf from Pinamopcan launch attacks against enemy road block to E of Pinamopcan. First and 3d Bns of 126th Inf wipe out scattered resistance on approach to Hill 1525. Commanding General of 32d Div directs 2d Bn of 19th Inf to withdraw from positions SE of Limon to Hill 1525; after repulsing several enemy "banzai" attacks, 2d Bn of 19th Inf withdraws NW from road block and E perimeter, crossing swollen Leyte R. with support of rope made from bamboo-like vines. Nineteenth Inf RCT passes to control of Commander, Mindoro TF. Enemy in force attacks abandoned position of 1st Bn of 34th Inf on S portion of "Kilay Ridge."

First Sq of 12th Cav, 1st Cav Div, encounters determined opposition from enemy force on NW peak of Mt. Cabungaan while 2d Sq is held up by enemy strongpoint on NE slope of Hill 2348; close arty support of 12th Cav prevented by nature of terrain. Other elements of 1st Cav Div continue patrolling in their zones of action.

XXIV Corps Heavy rains hamper all troop movements. Relief of 382d Inf by 381st Inf of 96th Div in heights W of Dagami commences; 1st Bn of 382d Inf relieved by 1st Bn of 381st Inf moves to positions about 4,000 yards E of Dagami; 2d Bn of 382d Inf establishes perimeter near Rizal. Eleventh A/B Div troops bivouack in area W of Burauen preparatory to relief of 7th Inf Div. To E of Burauen relief of elements of 17th Inf of 7th Div by 6th Ranger Bn effected. Thirty-second Inf, 7th Div, strengthens defenses S of the Palanas R.; Btry B of 49th FA Bn moves to Damulcan; Babalangan, Canningag, Mati, and Naga covered by 32d Inf patrols with negative results. Second Bn of 184th Inf moves from Abuyog to Baybay, following relief by elements of 11th A/B Div.

The 503d Para Inf RCT, which arrived on E Leyte on 19th, passes to control of Commander, Mindoro TF; staging area located about 2 miles S of Tarragona.

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Continuous and heavy rains prevent 5th AF operations over Philippines. Two enemy luggers and 4 troop-filled barges nearing Ormoc Bay sunk or heavily damaged by U.S. PTs. Construction work on San Pablo and Buri airstrips, Leyte I., held up by weather; grading continues on Tacloban dispersal areas; gravelling of Dulag taxiway and dispersal areas is in progress; 1,500-ft. mat surface laid at Bayug. U.S. Navy Dept. announces loss of 2,100-ton DD, Abner Read (sunk on 1st), the DE Eversole, fleet tug, Sonoma, YMS 70, LCI 1065, and PTs 320 and 321; losses occurred after 25th October.

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X Corps Offensive strength of 57th Regt is broken but elements of this regt and other units of Japanese 1st Div continue to hold out in narrow coastal corridor, the S end of which is the island in Leyte R., 1,000 yards S of Limon. Elements of 126th and 127th Inf, 32d Div, continue attack against enemy force in Pinamopon-Capoccan area, eliminating road block. First and 3d Bns of 126th Inf nearing Hill 1525 encounter stiff opposition. Attack W from Pinamitan continued by 34th Inf of 24th Div; heavy arty barrage is laid down on enemy positions about 1,000 yards SW of Tolibaw.

Heavy weather and difficult terrain continue to hamper operations of 1st Cav Div. Arty fire is concentrated on enemy position on Hill 2348 but fails to neutralize strongpoint. Patrols of 1st Sq of 112th Cav contact 2d Sq of 12th Cav on Hill 2348; contact with 2d Bn of 34th Inf established about 2,500 yards S of Capoccan. Relief of 1st Cav Div units in Mt. Mamban-Mt. Laao area by elements of 24th Inf Div initiated.

XXIV Corps Relief of 3d Bn of 382d Inf, 6th Div, in area W of Dagami commenced by 3d Bn of 381st Inf; 3d Bn takes up position at Hiabangan as Div reserve. Additional elements of 11th A/B Div move to Buratan-Guinarona area; 1st Bn of 511th A/B Inf completes relief of 2d Bn of 17th

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Inf in area W of Guinarona. Patrols of 17th Inf, 7th Div, are active in Anonang-Patog-Lubi area SE of Lake Danao. Thirty-second Inf, less 1st Bn, (7th Div) with one plat of 767th Tc Bn guards Palanas R. sector while 2d Bn of 184th Inf maintains defense of Baybay; 49th M. Bn completes move to Damulaan; the 57th FA Bn from La Paz prepares for move to W coast.

Fifty-two P-47s, 4 P-40s, and 4 P-38s attack reinforcements, supplies, and shipping in Ormoc Bay area, NW Leyte; at least 15 barges destroyed or severely damaged; warehouses, bivouacs, and motor traffic in Ormoc-Valencia area heavily strafed; several coastal vessels off Camotes Is. sunk.

Lumbia airdrome, supply, and personnel areas, Mindanao I., bombed by 37 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command); 109 tons of GP and fragmentation bombs dropped with excellent coverage of target areas; 1 B-24 lost. Forty B-24s (5th AF) unload 62.7 tons of bombs on Matina runway and revetments. Single Ventura strafes and sets on fire enemy lugger in San Bernardino Strait. In Puerto Princesa Harbor, Palawan I., enemy sea truck sunk and 1 of 5 interceptors shot down by B-24. Allied convoy about 220 miles ENE of Davao ineffectively attacked by 3 Japanese bombers; ships' AA fire claims 1 bomber.

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X Corps By aggressive action, elements of 32d Div prevent enemy thrust to coast of Carigara Bay, cutting off and annihilating major portion of enemy force in Pinanopean-Culasian area. Advance continued S toward Limon by 128th Inf of 32d Div; enemy SA and sniper fire encountered. Second Bn of 19th Inf and elements of 3d Bn of 34th Inf, with 26 litter cases and 40 walking wounded, reach W portion of Hill 1525. To W of highway 2, 1st Bn of 34th Inf on "Kilay Ridge" is under heavy attack by enemy S force. Commanding General of 32d Inf Div orders Ridge held at all costs.

After arty preparation by 271st FA Bn, 1st Sq of 12th Cav (1st Cav Div) again attacks well-entrenched

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enemy positions SW of Mt. Catabaran. Opposition facing 2d Sq of 12th Cav on E slope of Hill 2348 remains strong; several enemy pillboxes destroyed. In Ormoc Valley, OPs are established within 50 yards of Cananga, about 7½ miles S of Limon on highway 2, by 12th Cav patrols. On Samar I., patrols of 302d Rcn Tr infiltrate enemy outposts in Capines Peninsula area.

XXIV Corps By order of Commanding General of XXIV Corps, 11th A/B Div troops take over positions along Bureau-La Paz-Bugho line, releasing 7th Inf Div for an attack in force on W coast toward Ormoc. Movement of 1st and 3d Bns of 184th Inf (7th Div) from La Paz area to Baybay delayed by condition of roads and bridges. Third Bn of 32d Inf establishes positions in Danulaan area in support of 2d Bn, S of the Palanas R.; 32d Inf supported by 49th FA Bn and Btry B of 11th 155-mm. Gun Bn, USMC; shelling of enemy installations in Ormoc area commences. Reportedly, enemy line to N of the Palanas R. is held by Japanese 13th Inf Regt (Provisional), 26th Div, commanded by Col. Saito while additional elements of Japanese 26th Div are pushing E across central mountain range in order to attack U.S.-held airfields in Bureau area; forward elements of Japanese 35th Army Hq under Lt. Gen. Suzuki have established positions in Talisayan R. Valley SW of Ormoc.

The 381st Inf of 96th Div encounters strongly organized enemy positions 2,000-2,500 yards SW of Kabayan. Relief of 3d Bn of 382d Inf by 3d Bn of 381st Inf W of Dagami effected.

Bridge over Antilao R. in Ormoc area destroyed by 8 P-38s which also score near misses on main bridge on highway #2. Fifteen P-47s with 500-lb. bombs make 6 direct hits on buildings in Ormoc area and strafe 10-15 barges in Bay. Baybay on W coast of Leyte raided by enemy planes; several casualties caused; 1 enemy plane shot down and remainder driven off by P-38s. Dulag airfield on E coast of Leyte I. unsuccessfully bombed by several enemy planes.

Bacolod airdrome, supplies, and dispersal areas on Negros I. attacked by 47 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command). 99.5 tons of GP and fragmentation bombs dropped; many hits scored on central taxiway and barracks area; no bombers lost to enemy

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action, 1 abandoned about 70 miles from target because of fuel shortage. Seventeen B-25s also hit Bacolod targets, attaining excellent results with approximately 20 tons of bombs. Sixteen B-24s (5th AF) attack Sasa airfield, Mindanao I., dropping 16 tons of bombs and leaving #1 airstrip unserviceable. Eight B-24s drop 9 tons of bombs on Puerto Bello, Mindanao I., damaging jetty and wrecking 3 storage buildings near jetty with direct hits; escort of P-47s attack shipping, damaging 2 large luggers and 2 small boats. Enemy AK off E coast of Luzon sunk by patrol plane. Seven Beau-fighters sweep over Davao Gulf, destroying or damaging enemy barges.

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X Corps Close fighting on "Breakneck Ridge" ends; leading elements of 32d Inf Div break out into Leyte Valley. First and 3d Bns of 126th Inf, 32d Div, occupy Hill 1525; major part of enemy force is eliminated and remainder driven to W and SE. Second Bn of 19th Inf (which has been almost continuously in action since A-day) moves on trail from W slope of Hill 1525 to Pinamopoan and thence, by LVTs to Tanauan, rejoining the regt under Sixth Army control. First Bn of 34th Inf on "Kilay Ridge" continues to hold positions against repeated and fierce enemy counterattacks.

Second Bn of 7th Cav, 1st Cav Div, assumes defense of Carigara-Barugo-San Miguel area; 112th Cav RCT assembles in Mt. Minoro area and prepares to attack W toward Sinayawan, about 6,000 yards SW of Capocan. Intermittent enemy arty falls in Minoro-Balud sector during day. Gain of approximately 600 yards made by 2d Sq of 12th Cav toward Hill 2348. Patrol base near Canihug, W of Mt. Mamban, established by 302d Rcn Tr to reconnoiter Bagatoon-Valencia-Hot Spring area.

XXIV Corps W of Dagami, enemy opposition during 6th Inf Div in Kabayan-Malobago area continues same, heading 381st Inf to small gains. First Bn of 382d Inf, designated

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Sixth Army reserve, relieves 2d Bn of 381st Inf which commences move NW to Patok. Elements of 11th A/B Div commence push through mountainous terrain SW of Burauen; enemy action in this sector discloses that Japanese are attempting to hold in depth along Patog-Anonang line W through Lubi to headwaters of the Talisayan R.

Strong enemy force, with air, arty, and mortar support, attacks R flank of 32d Inf, 7th Div, S of the Palanas R., causing slight withdrawal to S and W; enemy force pushes S of Palanas R. to Naga-Buac area; W slope of Hill 918, NE of Damilaan, occupied by estimated reinf enemy co. Second Bn of 184th Inf, attached to 32d Inf, continues to maintain defense of Baybay while 1st Bn of 184th Inf upon relief by 188th Inf (11th A/B Div) moves to Dulag to embark in Dukws for Abuyog.

Seventy-seventh Inf Div under command of Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce arrives on E coast of Leyte and is attached to XXIV Corps.

On Leyte, heavy explosions caused in enemy bivouac area about 1 mile N of Ormoc by 7 B-24s (5th AF) with 15 tons of bombs; 19 P-40s wreck bridge on highway 2 across Antilao R., demolish several warehouses and buildings near Ormoc, heavily strafe MT on road N of Valencia, and AA positions between Camp Downes and Ormoc. Bridge NW of Deposito, personnel area E of Sumanga and inland from Ipil, and gun emplacements N of Panalian Pt. effectively attacked by 8 P-47s. Light enemy raids against Allied airstrips continue; casualties caused in Tacloban town and 1 victory ship in harbor sunk during night raid. Construction work on San Pablo airstrip ceases because of unsatisfactory soil base and poor drainage.

Twenty-three B-24s (XIII Bomber Bomber Command) unload 18 tons of GP bombs and 53 tons of fragmentation clusters on Bacolod airdrome, Negros I.; S half of runway left unserviceable and direct hits scored on supply and bivouac areas. In sweep over Negros I., 26 P-38s and P-47s shoot down 1 enemy bomber and 1 fighter. Matina airfield, near Davao, bombed by 14 B-24s (5th AF) which drop 18.7 tons of bombs, causing more craters in runway, 2 grounded planes probably destroyed. Eighteen B-25s make low-level bombing and strafing raid on enemy barracks and fuel dumps near Lahug, Mindanao.

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X Corps Limon falls to 32d Inf Div troops; leading elements reach point on highway 2 about one-half mile S of town. During battle of "Breakneck Ridge," 1,498 troops of 96th and 32d Inf Divs reported killed, wounded, and missing as compared to 5,252 enemy counted killed and 8 captured. After two weeks of battle with enemy and jungle, fighting strength of 1st Bn of 34th Inf on "Kilay Ridge", SW of Limon, is reduced from 603 to 381 men; nevertheless, this unit continues to divert considerable strength from enemy's main effort and makes substantial contribution to failure of Japanese "grand offensive."

The 112th Cav of 1st Cav Div encounters stiff opposition in Mt. Minoro-Sinayawan area: 1st Sq makes first contact with small enemy unit which withdraws to SW; shortly afterwards, C Tr of 112th Cav and E Co of 34th Inf (96th Div) encounter MG, mortar and rifle fire from entrenched position on NW knoll of twin-peaked hill about one mile E of Sinayawan; at close of day, 1st Sq digs in on SE knoll about 300 yards from enemy. Two Japanese arty pieces SW of Mt. Cabungaan are located by 12th Cav patrols and destroyed by Corps arty.

XXIV Corps Elements of 96th Inf Div maintain pressure against strong enemy position about 1½ miles SW of Kabayan. On W coast of Leyte, estimated 500 enemy with arty support continues attacks against R flank of 32d Inf in area to S of the Palanas R.; with supporting fire of 49th FA Bn, 32d Inf holds lines intact. Elements of 3d Bn of 32d Inf encounter enemy force about 2,500 yards E of Damulaan; enemy force in this area supported by aircraft. First Bn of 184th from La Paz completes move to Baybay and begins move on foot N to reinforce 32d Inf; Btry B of 469th AAA Bn moves to defense of Baybay. Patrols of 17th Inf, 7th Div, from Lubi return to base camp at Patog, reporting estimated 80 enemy encountered and 35 killed; 2d Bn of 17th Inf moves from Burauen to Embarras Abuyog.

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Japanese convoy off E shore of Masbate I, proceeding toward Ormoc Bay dive-bombed and strafed by Leyte-based fighters; 2 APs sunk, 1 DE receives 1 direct hit and near miss, and a third AP set ablaze. Three warehouses destroyed and jetty damaged at Puerto Bello by B-24s; 8 P-40s hit stores and buildings in Valencia area and near-by bivouac areas. Twenty-four enemy fighters covering bombers raiding Tacloban destroyed by U.S. fighters and 6 more claimed by AA fire; enemy bombers destroy 2 P-38s and damage 5 P-38s and 1 P-47 on Tacloban airstrip and bomb Tacloban mess hall, inflicting casualties. Four Japanese planes making suicide dives on Allied shipping off E Leyte shot down.

Alicante airdrome on Negros I. takes 184.5 tons of bombs from 47 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command), which attain concentrated pattern on central part of runway and start fires in revetment areas near parked aircraft; 4 enemy grounded planes and several buildings wrecked; escort of 27 P-47s shoots down 8 of 25 interceptors. Twenty-three B-24s (5th AF) drop 34.5 tons of bombs on Matina airfield, Mindanao I., destroying gun positions and buildings; Sasa runway takes 37 tons from 16 B-24s; good results attained. Dumaguete airfield and Cebu town and airdrome hit by 16 B-25s with 11 P-38s as escort. Enemy stores and airfield on Masbate I. take 7 tons of bombs from 14 P-47s.

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X Corps Advance S of Limon by troops of 32d Inf Div is held up by strong enemy position about 1,500 yards to E of Limon. Fierce fighting continues to W and SE of Hill 1525. Rough terrain, constant rains, and scarcity of food, shoes, and ammunition make condition of 1st Bn of 34th Inf on "Kilay Ridge" critical; situation becomes more serious as enemy sets up trail block on supply route from Consuegra.

The 112th Cav RCT continues steep ascent on one hundred yard front toward enemy-occupied knoll to E of Sinayawan; enemy grenades and mortar fire encountered. Twelfth Cav troops occupy Mt. Cabungaan, about 7,500 yards NE of Cananga, and push strong patrol NE of

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Mt. Catabaran; enemy outposting of dominant terrain in W portion of Leyte Valley reported.

XXIV Corps SW of Dagami, 1st Bn of 381st Inf of 96th Div continues attack against enemy strongpoint about one mile S of Kabayan; 2d Bn of 381st Inf reaches Patok on trail NW of Dagami. Advance CP of 11th A/B Div opens in vicinity of San Pablo airfield. Elements of 11th A/B Div push W of Burauen toward Lubi while other units move toward Lake Danao area. Seventh Inf Div troops improve positions S of the Palanas R. on W coast of Leyte. During night, strong enemy attacks against center and R flank of position held by 2d Bn of 32d Inf repulsed. CP of 32d Inf moved S of Damulaan to Caridad.

On NW coast of Leyte, 12 P-40s make 8 strafing runs on Cananga buildings, stores, and personnel; 4 additional P-40s strafe approximately 30 drums of gasoline in vicinity of Valencia and small boat moored to Palompon jetty. During night P-61s raid small island S of Ormoc Bay. Tacloban airstrip strafed at night by enemy planes; 4 shot down; no damage to airstrip caused.

Attack on Fabrica airdrome, Negros I., by 24 B-24s (5th Gp of XIII Bomber Command) prevented by adverse weather; only 1 hits primary target, dropping 4 tons of bombs on several barracks-type buildings while 23 unload 89.5 tons of bombs on Lahug airdrome, Cebu I., scoring many hits on center of runway and destroying 6 grounded planes and damaging others; 1 bomber holed by AA fire over Talisay; 2 B-24s with low fuel reserve land on Leyte while rest return to base on Morotai. Airfields on Negros also attacked by 23 B-24s (307th Gp of XIII Bomber Command); 10 drop 38.5 tons of bombs on Fabrica runways, 10 more release 40 tons on Silay, and 3 hit Talisay with 12 tons; Diklon runway on Mindanao I. takes 4 tons from single B-24. Matina airfield, Mindanao I., hit with 34.4 tons of bombs by 16 B-24s, which cause craters in runway and revetment areas. Three large AK/APs off N coast of Cebu destroyed and 3 small troop-carrying vessels, 1 DE, and 4 sea trucks set on fire and probably destroyed E of Masbate by 4 P-47s and 11 P-40s; enemy stores on Masbate hit and AK on beach fired by 16 P-40s. Enemy 5,000-ton vessel across the bay from Matayom (1155 N-1240 E) bombed and strafed by 4 P-47s. In pre-dawn raid on

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shipping, fighters damage small AK, SW of Masbate I., and leave another AK dead in water off N Mindoro. Navy planes operating from Leyte sink 2 DDs off Marinduque.

Third Fleet aircraft again attack Luzon targets. Ticonderoga planes (8 VF, 13 VSB, and 9 VT), armed with 500-lb. GP bombs, 1,000-lb. GP and SAP bombs, and torpedoes, strike enemy CA (Kumano) in Santa Cruz Harbor; CA goes down within 4 minutes of first bomb hit; small convoy about 10 miles SW of Santa Cruz also sunk. Other Naval planes attack Manila Bay shipping, sinking 7 AKs, probably sinking 3 more, and damaging 2 DDs and small craft. Twenty-six enemy planes shot down over Luzon; 29 others destroyed on airfields. As TF is withdrawing from Luzon, an operational crash on deck of Independence (CVL) puts out of commission TBS primary, SM radar, and visual means of signalling. Ten-twelve enemy planes succeed in penetrating fighter screen to attack Third Fleet units. TG 38.2 hit by 3 dive-bombers; one plane scores hit on Intrepid another strikes Cabot, and a third crashes flight deck of Intrepid. Two suicide divers attacking the Essex (TG 38.3) are hit by 20-mm. and 40-mm. fire; 1 crashes in water and other hits port side of flight deck; minor damage inflicted. Serious damage inflicted on Intrepid; 20 aircraft destroyed; 75 planes from Intrepid are in air when hit occurs, some of these planes land on other carriers while others land on Tacloban airstrip, Leyte I. Fifty-four dead, 15 missing, and 50 injured on Intrepid; 9 killed, 6 missing, and 44 wounded on Essex; 7 dead, 29 missing, and 26 injured on Cabot.

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X Corps Against stubborn opposition, 128th Inf of 32d Div continues attacks SE and E of Limon while 126th Inf clears out enemy strongpoint NW of Hill 1525; 127th Inf in Pinamopoan area secures Corps R flank and protects communication line from Culasian Ft. to leading elements of 128th Inf. First Bn of 34th Inf knock out enemy trail block on supply route from Causagra to "Monkey Ridge"; contact established with elements of 32d Inf Div.

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Following heavy and accurate arty barrage laid down by 82d and 99th FA Bns on enemy strongpoint on NW knoll to E of Sinayawan, 112th Cav troops occupy hill position. Second Sq of 12th Cav engages in bitter fighting with enemy force holding out on steep and slippery slopes of Hill 2348, about 3 miles SW of Capoccan. Two small enemy groups in San Miguel area liquidated by 2d Sq of 7th Cav.

XXIV Corps Troops of 381st Inf, 96th Div, again attack enemy position S of Kabayan; only sniper fire encountered; Co B moves S to establish contact with 1st Bn of 17th Inf, 7th Div. Eleventh A/B Div troops patrol area to S of Burauen-Dulag line and are pushing elements W of Burauen toward Lubi. First supply drop from liaison planes from San Pablo airstrip #2 made to forward patrols of 11th A/B Div. Seventh Inf Div strengthens positions on W coast of Leyte; 1st Bn of 184th Inf upon relief by 2d Bn of 17th Inf moves N of Baybay to Caridad with one co established at San Agustin; 3d Bn is en route from Dulag to Abuyog. First Bn of 184th Inf patrols E of Caridad; estimated 200 enemy troops encountered about 500 yards E of Naga. Strong enemy attacks in Damulaan-Palanas area repulsed by 32d Inf during night.

In close support of troops of 7th Div, 4 P-40s make 16 strafing runs on enemy positions on Hill 918, NE of Damulaan. Twelve P-40s, 4 P-38s, and 8 P-47s raid Ormoc area, strafing MT on road N of Valencia, setting 1 plane on Valencia airstrip ablaze, and bombing jetty and 2 barges off Buluan Strait. Enemy aircraft continue to raid Tacloban airstrip and Allied shipping off E Leyte; 4-5 fighters shot down over Tacloban and 11 near 7th Fleet units. During night, Japanese introduce airborne troops within U.S. lines on E Leyte; 2 troop-laden planes land on beach S of Dulag; estimated 30 enemy escaped from crashed transports; a third plane preparing to land troops on Buri airstrip is destroyed by AA fire; 36 enemy planes are over area during landings but only 1 bomb reported dropped.

Negros I. airfields attacked by heavy bombers of 11th Bomber Command. Twenty-two B-24s unload 87 tons of bombs on Talisay airfield; 95 per cent of bombs hit on or within 1,000 feet of runway; grounded plane and gun position destroyed.

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La Carlota runway attacked by 21 B-24s with 83 tons of bombs; 10-12 hits scored on S one-third of runway; 1 twin-engined plane destroyed on ground. Daliao airfield near Davao cratered by 14 B-24s (5th AF), which drop more than 16.5 tons of 1,000-lb. bombs. In Davao area, 1 sea truck sunk, 3 others set ablaze, and 1 enemy fighter shot down by 8 P-38s. Venturas attack enemy shipping off Sibuyan I. and N Mindanao, sinking 2 luggers and damaging 2. Twelve TBMs escorted by 8 P-47s raid bivouacs and installations at Legaspi, SE Luzon, and damage 2 fighters on airfield. Four P-47s sweep over Mindoro and Masbate, damaging 2 grounded bombers at San Jose.

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X Corps Troops of 32d Inf Div consolidate positions in Limon area and mop up on Hill 1525; contact established with elements of 112th Cav RCT in Tolibaw area and in corridor E and NE of Limon; 126th Inf of 32d Div is ordered to seize and occupy high ground between the Leyte R. and highway 2, N of Bonbongon. Japanese troops are regrouping for main attempt against "Kilay Ridge"; estimated at least one reinf co operating to S of ridge area, two reinf cos on SE knolls, and another strong force to W.

Continuing advances SW from Sinayawan, 112th Cav troops make surprise attack on enemy camp, killing 30 enemy and capturing considerable amount of equipment. Twelfth Cav continues assault against enemy defensive position on Hill 2348; H Tr engages enemy in frontal attack while G and F Troops gain positions on either flank and E Tr closes saddle between Mt. Cabungaan and enemy strongpoint.

After two-day battle, Filipino guerrilla troops have reportedly occupied Taft, eastern terminus of highway crossing Samar I. from Wright.

XXIV Corps Captured remnants of enemy airborne troops reveal plan for airborne operation directed against Bureau airfield. Commanding General of Sixth Army directs subordinate commanders to take measures necessary

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for security of their areas of responsibility against Japanese airborne attacks.

First Bn of 381st Inf, 96th Div, is advancing SW of Kabayan against stiff rearguard action. Seventh Inf Div continues to reinforce position on W coast of Leyte to S of the Palanas R.; 1st Bn of 184th Inf is attached to 32d Inf to strengthen lines to N and E of Damulaan. While 32d Inf troops are engaged in beating off strong enemy attacks to N of Damulaan, 1st Bn of 184th Inf attacks N from Caridad, overrunning 12 enemy MG positions and retaking positions lost during enemy night attacks against perimeter of 32d Inf; Buac, Naga, and Miti cleared of enemy; 115 enemy reported killed.

In support of ground troops, 16 P-40s attack Leyte targets; 4 small craft off Palompon heavily bombed and strafed and 2 left on fire; enemy communications and stores W of Dagami hit; jetty at Palompon holed and 10-15 buildings in area destroyed. Allied DDs sweep Camotes Sea during night and shell enemy defenses in Ormoc area. Estimated 25-30 Japanese suicide planes attack Allied Naval units in Leyte Gulf, causing extensive damage to Colorado (BB) and to St. Louis (CL) and minor damage to Montpelier (CL); 7 enemy fighters shot down by fighter screen and ships! AA fire claims 13 more. Twelve enemy planes make night raid on Tacloban airstrip, damaging grounded planes; naval AA fire claims 1.

XIII Bomber Command aircraft continue attacks to neutralize airfields on Negros I.: 24 B-24s release 95 tons of bombs on Bacolod with 95 per cent of bombs hitting target area; Malogo runway hit by 15 B-24s dropping 59.5 tons of bombs while Dumaguete takes 20 tons from 5 B-24s; Malogo runway and 800 feet of Dumaguete left unserviceable; 1 B-24 damaged by AA fire over Malogo; no interception met at other fields. Daliac airdrome near Davao bombed by 16 B-24s (5th AF); 8-9 enemy fighters are airborne over airfield, dropping phosphorous bombs; no claims or losses reported. PBY sinks sea truck in the Sulu Sea; camouflaged gunboat E of Marinduque I. strafed and damaged by B-24s. Two small AKs and a sea truck NE of Cebu damaged by Leyte-based P-47s and P-38s. Four P-40s damage lugger off Pacijan I.

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Sixth Army CP closes at Tanauan and opens at Tolosa.

X Corps Heavy arty concentrations are laid down on area just S of bridge at Limon and on enemy positions to W of highway 2; by evening, troops of 127th and 128th Regts of 32d Div are across the Leyte River. The 126th Inf from Sinayawan-Hill 1525 area is advancing SW against stubborn opposition toward high ground in Tolibaw-Bonbongon area. Enemy employing 90-mm. mortars, MGs, and automatic weapons makes last desperate attempt to drive 1st Bn of 34th Inf off "Kilay Ridge" and succeeds in cutting off and surrounding I Co; fierce fighting at close range continues throughout day; arty and mortar fire exchanged during night.

First Cav Div troops continue to screen along Mt. Badian-Mt. Mamban line and to push through jungle growth and over treacherous trails to assist advance of 32d Inf Div. Double enveloping movement employed by 2d Sq of 12th Cav forces enemy to withdraw from strongpoint on Hill 2348. With arty support, 1st Sq of 12th Cav attacks enemy defensive position to NW of Mt. Catabaran; A Tr gains 50 yards across knife-like saddle between ridges despite heavy MG fire encountered while B Tr attempts flanking movement to L but finds this ridge leads to NE. Twelfth Cav patrols probing toward Cananga encounter series of enemy outposts to E of highway 2.

XXIV Corps. First Bn of 381st Inf, 96th Div, continues attack up ridge SW of Kabayan, eliminating enemy delaying positions by use of tanks, flamethrowers, and arty. Patrols of 2d Bn of 383d Inf, 96th Div, in vicinity of Alto Peak (SW of Jaro) locate possible route leading from 2d Bn positions to Lake Danao; advance on trail (later named "White Chalk Ridge") prevented by strong enemy trail block.

Eleventh A/B Div completes relief of 7th Inf Div along Buraen-La Paz-Bugho line; drive to gain control of mountain passes and trails leading to W coast commenced; uncompleted San Pablo air strip #1 used as base for

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supplying advanced elements of 511th Para Regt, operating in Anonang-Lubi-Patog area.

Seventy-seventh Inf Div troops assemble in Tarragona-La Paz area, maintaining defense over 24th Corps rear areas; elements of 306th Inf commence relief of 3d Bn of 17th Inf (7th Div) in Guinaroná area.

Against strong enemy attacks supported by arty and mortar fire, 2d and 3d Bns of 32d Inf, 7th Div, with 1st Bn of 184th Inf attached (7th Div) maintains positions S of Palanas R. and to E of Damulaan. Second Bn of 184th Inf guards Caridad while defense of Baybay is maintained by 2d Bn of 17th Inf and 3d Bn of 184th Inf.

In early morning raid on enemy shipping, 3 P-40s, 3 B-25s, and 16 P-47s attack enemy convoy, 2 AK/APs and 3 DDs with fighter cover, off Canopog Pt., NW Leyte, making 2 direct hits on 1 AK/AP and scoring near misses on another; 1 DD and an AK thoroughly strafed; 4 AKs near Palompon destroyed; ships' AA fire claims 1 B-25.

Carolina and Dumaguete airfields are objectives of XIII Bomber Command aircraft; 20 B-24s covered by 15 P-47s unload 30 tons of bombs on former target, scoring numerous hits on SW one-third of runway while 12 B-24s drop 36 tons of bombs on latter with unobserved results; weather causes 11 additional B-24s, scheduled to attack Dumaguete, to jettison bombs. Davao airfield near Davao attacked by 27 B-24s which score many hits on dispersal areas and destroy 4 grounded planes with 52.7 tons of bombs; 1 enemy plane destroyed on Matina airfield by single B-24. Patrolling B-24s bomb Labuan Sug on NW Mindanao and make 2 direct hits on large enemy vessel W of Misi.

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X Corps High ground positions extending about 1,500 yards in N-S line immediately to E of highway 2 (Kalogbacan-Tolibaw area) reached by 32d Div. Effective mortar and arty barrage laid down on enemy strongpoints and ammunition dumps preparatory to advance of 2d Bn of 128th Inf.

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from Hill 600, S of Kalogbacan, to "Kilay Ridge."

Progress of 1st Cav Div troops in mountainous area to E of highway 2 is slowed up by inability of adjacent units to make contact with one another; terrain features on maps bear little resemblance to maze of peaks with connecting saddles and intervening gulleys in which this Div is operating. Supply trail to 1st Sq of 12th Cav cut by enemy force; C Tr moving N to attack enemy position, located about 300 yards to NE of 5th Cav OP on Mt. Cabungaan, is pinned down by enemy MG fire; terrain causes two plato of D Co pushing E to attack from flank to bypass enemy position and join up with 5th Cav unit attacking from S. Second Sq of 112th Cav RCT repulses light counterattack and makes gains toward Hill 2348; repeated enemy attacks from positions on NE slope of hill repulsed during night.

XXIV Corps Mopping up in ridge areas to S of Kabayan conducted by 381st Inf of 96th Div. First and 3d Bns of 511th Para Regts, 11th A/B Div, are engaged in aggressive patrolling in Lubi area; enemy opposition encountered near San Pedro to NE of Lubi. Seventh Inf Div repulses further Japanese counterattacks in area to S of the Palanas R. and continues to bring reinforcements to W coast. Third Bn of 17th Inf in Guinarona area is relieved by 3d Bn of 306th Inf. (which passes from control of 77th Div to 11th A/B Div); 3d Bn of 17th Inf moves to assembly area on E coast and prepares to move to W coast; 1st Bn of 17th Inf is at Abuyog, waiting transportation to Baybay; movement of 3d Bn of 184th Inf from Abuyog to Baybay completed.

Approximately 75 P-47s and P-40s attack Japanese convoy nearing Ormoc; 2 small AKs and 4 sea trucks reported sunk; 1 DE probably sunk; 13 enemy fighters and probably 4 more destroyed. During night, light enemy raid is made against U.S. positions in Carigara area, Leyte. Small force of enemy suicide planes attack Allied naval units off E Leyte; Maryland (BB) and DDs Saufley and Aulick receive damaging hits; heavy casualties sustained by Maryland and Aulick; 5 enemy planes destroyed.

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XIII Bomber Command aircraft attack Puerta Princesa airdrome on Palawan I.: 21 B-24s release 63 tons of bombs on concrete runway and near-by buildings with excellent results; runway left unserviceable; 2 enemy grounded planes destroyed and 3 damaged; in second raid on same target area, 24 B-24s with 71.5 tons score numerous hits on runways and dispersal areas; 5 grounded planes destroyed; no AA fire and no enemy fighters met. Sixteen B-24s attack Matina airfield near Davao, destroying 2 grounded bombers; other B-24s raid Daliao. Sixteen P-47s destroy 2 sea trucks in Sogod Bay off Cebu I. and strafe supply dumps and barges, Camotes Is. Enemy vessel off Bohol I. attacked and sea truck left sinking off Mindoro.

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X Corps Road blocks are established approximately 1,000 yards SE and 800 yards NE of Tolibaw by 126th Inf of 32d Div. First Bn of 34th Inf reinforced by 2d Bn of 128th Inf, reorganizes positions on "Kilay Ridge" and prepares to launch attacks against enemy-held knolls to SE.

Action of 1st Cav Div is centered around advance of E flank while enemy trail block N of Mt. Cabungaan is being eliminated. Troops of 112th RCT continue advance SW of Sinayawan to seize high ground overlooking Ormoc Valley but are halted by strong enemy defenses on ridge to E of Bombongan; enemy position blasted during night by 99th FA Bn. Mortar concentrations and attacks from N and S against enemy position astride supply route to 1st Sq of 12th Cav fail to knock out trail block but positions gained are within 10 yards of strongpoint.

XXIV Corps The 381st Inf of 96th Div clears out more enemy positions in mountainous terrain SW of Kabayan, while elements of Div farther W are patrolling in vicinity of Mt. Lobi. Troops of 11th A/B Div continue to move into Lubi area; 82 enemy reported killed near San Pedro. First Bn of 511th Para Regt establishes position on main plateau at Manarawat, S of Lubi; one unit of engineers reaches this area by parachutes and commences work on air

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strip to accommodate L-4 planes. Seventh Div troops continue to strengthen defense positions on W coast of Leyte and successfully beat off enemy counterattacks in Palanas-Darulaan area. First Bn of 17th Inf leaves Abuyog for Baybay while 3d Bn of 17th Inf from Guinarona area reaches Dulag, moving by water and coastal road to Abuyog. Second Bn of 307th Inf, 77th Div, embarks from Violet Beach on Corps mission to SE Samar I.

In Ormoc area, NW Leyte, Logan village fired by 8 P-40s; 8 more P-40s bomb Palompon, scoring direct hit on reported enemy hq. Total of 30 enemy planes are over Carigara Bay area, during night, 4 raids made against coastal installations with negative results; AA fire claims 1. Construction work on Buri airstrip in Burauen area ceases because of poor sub-grade soil conditions; Eng units initiate construction of airstrip along E coast at Tanauan, between Tacloban and Dulag.

Eleven Palau-based B-24s unload 27 tons of bombs on Legaspi airdrome, SE Luzon, cratering center of runway and destroying several planes and buildings in dispersal areas. Twelve B-24s (5th AF) with 27 tons of bombs attack Matina airfield near Davao; majority of bombs fail to fall in target area. Daliac and Padada airfields in Davao area take 10 tons from 22 B-25s which destroy 2 grounded planes at former target and cause fires at latter. Enemy bivouacs on Negros I. bombed and strafed by 8 B-25s; escort of 10 P-38s encounters 9 interceptors SW of Panay I.; 2 enemy planes shot down, 2 probably destroyed, and 4 damaged. Leyte-based P-40s attack enemy shipping in the Visayan Sea: large AP off Cataingan Bay, E Masbate I., sunk; 2 APs and 1 DD at Carmen, NE Cebu, set on fire; 1 AK sunk and 1 DE probably sunk off Camotes I.; 4 small craft strafed and fired at Segod Bay, Cebu I.; 1 AK beached at Ormoc and probably destroyed. Sixteen P-47s covering raid on Cebu shipping engage in combat with 12 enemy planes, destroying 2 for loss of 1 P-47. During night PTs are active against enemy shipping SE of Masbate; 1 floatplane shot down, another damaged, and medium AK left sinking.

Throughout the month, PTs based on Leyte and Samar patrol Japanese waters from Surigao Strait through the Camotes Sea to Masbate I.; considerable damage inflicted on enemy barges and other shipping employed in reinforcement of Ormoc. Approximately 132 Japanese planes reported shot down over Leyte during month.

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- 1      N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: In sweep over Halmahera and the Talaud and Sangihe Is., 17 RAAF P-40s strafe enemy personnel, pillboxes, and shipping; 1 sea truck and 8 barges sunk and other craft damaged. Kaeo and Miti airfields on Halmahera I. raided by single B-25. Mansaleang village on Banggai Archipelago bombed by Darwin-based B-24.
- Banda Sea Area: Single B-24 bombs Dili town; second B-24 hits C. Chater airfield. Four RAAF B-25s start fires at Atamboea village and heavily damage barge off Timor coast. Five Dutch B-25s on shipping sweep sink enemy two-masted schooner and camouflaged barge in Flores-Timor area. S Ceram targets and Namlea town and airfield attacked by 29 B-25s. Old Namlea airfield also raided by 50 P-38s which score 25 hits on runways.
- New Guinea Maprik village, W of Wewak, bombed by 6 Beauforts. In DNG area, 17 A-20s and 2 B-25s loose 18 tons on Babo runways and gun positions; 75% of bombs fall in target area. Enemy bivouacs at Idore and Kaimana, Utarom runway, and huts in Argoeni Bay and Aramasa R. areas bombed and strafed by 28 RAAF P-40s.
- Bismarcks-Solomons Enemy bivouacs at Pondo Point, NW New Britain, and barge traffic offshore take 19 tons of bombs from 12 F4Us and 30 SBDs; huts destroyed and MT strafed during Gazelle Peninsula sweep by 38 F4Us; Tobera supplies bombed by 9 B-25s. Kavieng targets in N New Ireland raided by 2 Venturas and 8 F4Us. Fifteen SBDs and 11 F4Us unload 13 tons of bombs on huts in Bougainville area.
- 2      N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: During night, Manado area in NE Celebes attacked by 4 B-25s which drop 4 tons of bombs on town and airfield; additional 4 B-25s drop 4 tons on Galela and Lolobata airfields, Halmahera I.; other attacks prevented by adverse weather.
- Banda Sea Area: Enemy bivouacs E of Koepang, Timor I., raided by 4 RAAF B-25s; C. Chater and Lautem airfields bombed by 2 B-24s while single B-24 hits Lahane village. Four Dutch B-25s strafe barge traffic off Tanimbar Is.
- New Guinea Seven B-24s drop 28 tons of bombs on ammunition dumps W of Wewak and start fires at Maprik village; Wewak Pt. bombed and strafed by 6 B-25s; opportunity targets

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hit by 7 Beauforts. Babo airfield attacked by 2 B-25s and 35 A-20s which unload 36 tons of bombs on runways and supplies with good effect. Ransiki, Kaimana, and Utarom bivouac areas and stores near Sagan bombed and strafed by 15 RAAF P-40s.

Bismarcks-Solomons Weather limits air activity to harassing raids. New Ireland plantations bombed by 4 F4Us and 1 Ventura; Matakan plantation and huts on Gazelle Peninsula attacked by 4 B-25s and 4 F4Us. Bougainville targets hit by 12 SBDs and 16 Marine and 9 New Zealand F4Us.

3 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: In pre-dawn attack on Makassar waterfront facilities, S Celebes, 24 Darwin-based B-24s drop 36 tons of bombs on Wilhelmina Wharf area, causing fires visible for 90 miles from target; several night fighters met. On Halmahera I., barge hideouts in Wasile Bay area take 36 tons of bombs from 36 B-25s; enemy huts on island strafed by 16 RAAF P-40s. Menado town and Sidate airfield (Celebes) and Galela and Lolobata airfields (Halmahera) raided during night by 4 B-25s. Single Ventura attacks enemy DD and damages small freighter near Hog Pt., NE Borneo.

Banda Sea Area: Fires started at Lahane barracks and at C. Chater and Lautem airfields, Timor I., by 3 RAAF B-24s. In sweep over Tanimbar Is., 4 more RAAF B-24s raid barge hideout at Saumlakki.

New Guinea Nine Beauforts strike targets of opportunity in vicinity of Wewak. Twelve RAAF P-40s sweep S of Manokwari and Ransiki to Sagan on McCluer Gulf, raiding enemy airfields and installations. Babo runways and dispersal areas attacked by 35 A-20s and 2 B-25s with 36 tons of bombs.

Bismarcks-Solomons Huts and MT on Gazelle Peninsula raided by 26 F4Us. Thirty-five SBDs, 16 F4Us, and 8 B-25s bomb and strafe Borpop village, causing numerous fires; additional targets in New Ireland, including Lamussong, Kavieng, and Fangelawa Bay area hit by total of 6 F4Us, 4 PVs, and 1 B-25. Bougainville targets attacked by 32 F4Us which fire huts and cause casualties.

4 N.E.I. Sumatra: Seven B-24s of XX Bomber Command from large force attacking Singapore base drop 12 tons of bombs on secondary target at Pengkalan-Brandan oil refinery,

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N of Medan, with good to excellent results.

Celebes-Halmahera: Waterfront facilities along N Wasile Bay bombed by 12 B-25s with 7.5 tons of bombs; several warehouses in Bocki-Serani area demolished by 8 P-40s; Galela, Lolobata, and Sidate airfields raided at night by 3 B-25s. Sidate airfield also hit in day attack by 11 P-38s which bomb revetments and barracks.

Banda Sea Area: Gun installations and 2 camouflaged barges near Atapoepoe village, Timor I., attacked by 4 RAAF B-25s; Lautem runways and Fuiloro buildings each bombed by B-24. Four RAAF B-25s drop 3 tons of bombs on enemy village in the Kei Is.

New Guinea Seven B-24s unload 28 tons of bombs and expend 18,700 rounds of MG fire on enemy installations on Kairiru I., N of Wewak. Maprik village and coastal defenses, W of Wewak, attacked by 7 Beauforts. S of Manokwari, personnel areas at Moemi and Ransiki hit by 11 RAAF P-40s.

Bismarcks-Solomons One Bn of 5th Australian Div makes unopposed landing in Jacquinet Bay area on SE coast of New Britain.

Plantations and bridges in S New Ireland damaged by 25 B-25s, 23 SBDs, and 35 F4Us; Kavieng buildings hit by 12 F4Us and 1 Ventura; 4.5 tons of bombs dropped. Attacks on Gazelle Peninsula and Bougainville targets cancelled because of adverse weather.

- 5 N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: Twenty-eight P-38s attack coastal targets in NE Celebes, scoring hits on buildings at Tanamon airfield and destroying 1 bridge and damaging 2 others near Belang. Halmahera airfields attacked by 32 B-25s with more than 17 tons of bombs. Enemy personnel areas on Morotai I. strafed by 2 P-38s. Morotai airfield raided before dawn by 4 enemy planes, dropping phosphorus bombs; no damage results.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Sixteen Darwin-based B-24s drop 25.5 tons of bombs on Bima waterfront facilities, Soembawa I.; fires and explosions caused and several small craft destroyed. Enemy merchant ship off Waingapoe village, Soemba I., ineffectively bombed by B-24. Inter-island shipping and coastal defenses in Ceram-Ambon area attacked by 22 RAAF P-40s with good results; Heenitotetoe village in

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W Ceram fired. Ten A-20s and 1 B-25 unload 11 tons of bombs on Amahai airfield, Timor I.; bridge near Lautem and gun positions at C. Chater bombed by single RAAF B-24. Ventura attacks enemy DD and an AK off NE Borneo, scoring damaging hit on AK.

New Guinea Eight B-24s and 6 A-20s loose 35 tons of bombs on gun positions on Mushu I. and in Wewak area; Suain village hit by 6 bombing and strafing P-40s; single Beaufort raids Wewak supplies. In support of U.S. ground troops, 49 A-20s drop more than 10 tons of bombs on Sarmi installations, W of Maffin Bay, and strafe area for one hour. Radar unit at C. Simoro, huts on N coast of Kaimana Bay, and barge traffic N of C. Papisoi hit by 4 RAAF P-40s.

Bismarcks-Solomons Sixteen B-25s, 12 SBDs, 34 F4Us, and 2 Venturas with 21 tons of bombs cause fires and explosions among enemy bivouac areas in New Ireland. Buildings wrecked and supplies fired in Rabaul area during attack by 9 B-25s, 24 SBDs, and 20 F4Us.

6 Celebes-Halmahera Six Darwin-based B-24s with 9 tons of bombs cause severe damage through shipbuilding area at Palopo and Malili at head of Gulf of Bone, Celebes I.; 1 coastal vessel destroyed. Two fuel-carrying luggers off NW Borneo attacked by PB4Y; 1 sunk; 1 fired. Two camouflaged planes at Sidate airfield in NE Celebes strafed by Venturas which also attack gun positions at Tawi Tawi. On Halmahera I., Galela, Hatetabako, and Miti airfields take approximately 24 tons of bombs from 16 B-25s, 8 P-40s, and 11 P-38s. Morotai beach strafed by enemy planes.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Radio station and coastal defenses near Waingapoe village, Soemba I., attacked by 12 Dutch B-25s which cause fires; small AK offshore set on fire by 4 RAAF B-25s. Patrolling B-24s bomb buildings at C. Hero, Timor I., and attack small vessel off Flores I.

New Guinea Seven B-24s release 28 tons of bombs on gun emplacements at C. Moem in Wewak area; motor traffic and supplies along coast W of Wewak hit by 24 Beauforts with 9 tons of bombs; additional 6 tons of bombs dropped on Wewak airfield and stores by 6 A-20s and 6 B-25s.

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Bismarcks-Solomons Gun positions in Wide Bay area, S of Rabaul, hit with 14 tons of bombs by 23 Beauforts from Goodenough I. New Ireland plantations, personnel areas, gun installations, and bridges attacked by 21 B-25s, 30 F4Us, 9 SBDs, and 2 Venturas. Enemy positions on Bougainville strafed by 2 F4Us.

7 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: In NE Celebes, Langoan, Mapanget, and Tanamon airfields bombed by 24 B-25s with 14 tons of bombs; 13 P-38s attack Mandai airfield near Makassar in SW Celebes, wrecking 17 grounded planes and probably 5 more; 3 intercepting fighters shot down. Halmahera airfields attacked by 54 B-25s with more than 48 tons of bombs: 27 cause craters in Kaoe runways; 19 prevented by weather from reaching Los Negros I. strike personnel areas near Galela while 8 more raid Obi runways; Kaoe and Miti also hit by 20 P-38s and 8 P-47s. Coastal vessel sunk and 5 barges strafed near Banguey Strait, N Borneo, by PB4Y. U.S. positions on Morotai I. bombed during early morning hours by 4 Japanese planes; no damage caused.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Twelve Darwin-based B-24s attack Raba village, E Soembawa I., causing large fires. Twelve Dutch B-25s start fires at Waingapoe town and jetty area, Soemba I. Coastal defenses in the Kei Is. hit by 5 Dutch B-25s. Three Darwin-based B-24s bomb C. Chater, Lautem, and Lahane barracks, NE Timor. Namlea town and airfield, Boeroe I., fired in pre-dawn raid by 4 B-25s.

New Guinea Eight B-24s from Nadzab bomb motor pool near Wewak; ammunition dumps, camps, and villages W of Wewak attacked by 7 Beauforts, 3 B-25s, and 4 A-20s. Five A-20s and 2 Beauforts harass Wewak targets, encountering intense and accurate AA fire which claims 1 A-20.

Bismarcks-Solomons Ralum village, Lakunai airfield, and huts and MT on Gazelle Peninsula attacked by total of 26 F4Us and 26 B-25s. Force of 56 F4Us, 42 SBDs, 8 B-25s and 2 PVs strike New Ireland; Borpop airfield bears brunt of attack. On Bougainville I., Tabago gardens hit by 21 F4Us with 9 tons of bombs; huts on island strafed by 8 more F4Us. During night, 2 B-25s bomb Kavieng and single B-25 hits Rabaul.

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N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: Revetment areas at Kaeo and Hatetabako airfields take 8 tons of bombs from 16 B-25s; intense AA fire encountered. Warehouses near Labocha, Batjan I., hit by 4 RAAF P-40s. Langoan runways and revetments in NE Celebes successfully bombed by 8 B-25s; 2 sea trucks, 1 schooner, and 1 fuel barge set on fire near Kendari on SE coast of island; additional 12 P-38s strafe nickel mine installations and fire 5 schooners in Pomelaa area; enemy personnel constructing runway on Kabaena I. also strafed.

Banda Sea Area: Five Dutch B-25s attack AA positions at Hoh Bay, Tanimbar Is., with good results. Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., raided by 2 P-38s. In sweep over Ambon and Ceram, 4 B-25s hit MT near Harockoe and coastal targets. On Timor I., 2 B-24s bomb Lautem and C. Chater airfields and score near miss on enemy hq at Lahane.

New Guinea Enemy defenses at But airfield and Suain village fired by 9 Beauforts. Wewak Pt. and Boram runways bombed by 5 A-20s. Two Allied DDs shell coastal installations in Sarmi area with good results.

Bismarcks-Solomons Eight B-24s unload 32 tons of bombs on MT in Rabaul area. New Ireland plantations attacked by 4 B-25s, 23 SBDs, and 14 F4Us. Kavieng airfield and gun positions hit by 14 F4Us. Troop-filled barge set on fire and 4 MT damaged in Rabaul area by 14 F4Us. In sweep over Bougainville, 16 SBDs and 66 Marine and New Zealand F4Us raid scattered targets and release 16 tons of bombs on reported enemy hq at Ratsua.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Single B-24 bombs coastal defenses at Sandakan, NE Borneo. Halmahera airfields and targets in NE Celebes attacked by 35 B-25s with 19.5 tons of bombs; Galela, Amoerang village near Langoan, and new airfield at Panason are chief objectives. Enemy personnel areas at Lolobata and radar station in area raided by 4 P-40s; 2 grounded planes at Miti airfield destroyed by 4 more P-40s. Three of 6 B-24s searching for shipping in area NW of Makassar bomb enemy sub-chaser. Light pre-dawn enemy raids against U.S. positions on Morotai I. persist: 1 enemy raider after being hit by AA fire crashes into revetment area between Wama and Pitoe airfields, destroying 1 B-25 and damaging 4 more planes.

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Banda Sea Area: In low-level bombing attack, 36 A-20s with 17 tons of bombs cause many fires in Piroe village, W Ceram. Villages in the Tanimbar and Kei Is. raided by 2 Beauforts. C. Chater and Lautem airfields each bombed by a single B-24.

New Guinea Allied outpost about 50 miles SW of Hansa Bay reportedly attacked by approximately 50 enemy. Personnel areas at Suain village and But airfield and jetty area are targets for 16 Beauforts; Maprik village hit by single Beaufort. Allied DDs and PTs shell Sarmi Peninsula targets.

Bismarcks-Solomons Strong force of medium bombers, fighters, and dive-bombers attacks Rabaul-New Ireland-Bougainville targets: buildings and supply bases in Rabaul area destroyed in attack by 12 B-25s, 23 SBDs, 46 F4Us, and 2 Venturas; plantation buildings in New Ireland wrecked by 17 B-25s, 20 F4Us, and 12 SBDs; enemy hq area at Matchin Bay, on N coast of Bougainville, and Teop targets hit by 15 SBDs and 70 Marine and New Zealand F4Us.

Admiralty Is. Momote airfield on Los Negros I. bombed and strafed during afternoon by 3 enemy planes which cause minor damage to a PB4Y and injuries to personnel, before withdrawing toward Rabaul. This is the first raid on Momote since conclusion of the Admiralty campaign in spring of '44.

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N.E.I. Halmahera: Hq of XIII Bomber Command, under Brig. Gen. William A. Matheny, is completely installed on Morotai I. Galela airdrome, Halmahera I., harassed during night by B-25.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: In Ceram-Ambon area, Piroe town and Haroekoe airfield attacked by 4 B-25s and 22 A-20s with 17.5 tons of bombs; 2 schooners off S coast of Ceram strafed. Gun installations at Atamboea, Timor I., bombed by 4 Dutch B-25s; Lahane bivouacs and C. Hero buildings fired by 2 bombing and strafing B-24s. Two Beauforts again harass enemy villages in the Tanimbar and Kei Is. Six RAAF B-24s sink small AK and beach a sea truck off Bali I. near E tip of Java; same planes also fire sea truck carrying MT off N coast of Soembawa I.

USS Flounder (SS) attacks German SS, estimated 750-ton U-boat N of Lombok Strait; heavy explosion caused; U-boat "probably sunk."

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New Guinea Gun positions in Wewak area and targets to W attacked by 5 B-24s and 6 A-20s, dropping 23.6 tons of bombs; AA fire downs 1 A-20. Thirty Beauforts attack AA positions at C. Moem, hit buildings near Wewak, and start fires at But airfield; 1 of 10 B-25s bombing Boram gun positions lost to AA fire. Enemy installations in Sarmi area shelled by Allied frigate while farther W, PTs strafe targets along SW coast of Geelvink Bay. Single enemy plane makes pre-dawn raid on Sansapor airfield; no damage reported.

Bismarcks-Solomons New Ireland plantations attacked by 21 B-25s, 30 F4Us, and 2 Venturas; several gun positions at Kavieng airfield silenced by 16 SBDs. Motor traffic in Rabaul area hit by 20 F4Us; Rabaul town harassed during night by 2 B-25s. In sweep over Bougainville, 28 Marine and New Zealand F4Us and 15 SBDs drop 14 tons of bombs on enemy hq in Matchin Bay area; 10 more F4Us raid opportunity targets.

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N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: Enemy installations and bivouacs in Pinrang area, N of Makassar, attacked by 17 Darwin-based B-24s which cause large fires with more than 17 tons of bombs. One grounded bomber destroyed in sweep over Kendari airfield, SE Celebes, by 8 P-38s. Halmahera villages raided by 15 P-38s and 4 P-40s; fires result.

Banda Sea Area: Forty-five RAAF A-20s release 39 tons of bombs on Namlea airfields, Boeroe I., causing huge craters in runways; Namlea runways also hit by 32 B-25s (XIII Bomber Command) which achieve excellent coverage with 19 tons of bombs. SE Ceram targets attacked by 18 RAAF P-40s which wreck buildings, destroy bridge, and damage schooner; additional 4 RAAF P-40s hit Wahai village on N coast of Ceram. Ten RAAF A-20s and 1 B-25 loose 12 tons of bombs on Ambon town; Waii village on E coast of Ambon I. hit by 9 RAAF P-40s. Lautem runways and Lahane bivouacs near Dili, Timor I., bombed by 2 B-24s; another B-24 hits targets on Aroe Is. and probably sinks lugger offshore.

New Guinea In Wewak area, 6 Beauforts fire on enemy supplies near But; 6 B-25s and 3 P-38s score number of hits on Boram Hill; 8 B-24s strike gun positions at Boram with more than 40 tons of bombs. Eighteen RAAF P-40s sweep over Vogelkop Peninsula, destroying huts and damaging 1 schooner in area.

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Bismarcks-Solomons Total of 24 B-25s, 77 F4Us, and 18 SBDs with more than 50 tons of bombs attacks Rabaul, Ralum, and Keravia Bay targets; fires and explosions result; 10 buildings wrecked; 16 MT holed or fired; 1 AO hulk demolished and another boat hulk damaged. Four B-25s, 22 SBDs, 2 Venturas, and 34 Marine and New Zealand F4Us strike New Ireland targets with 23 tons of bombs; 2 bridges and 5 huts destroyed; 4 bridges damaged. On Bougainville, 39 New Zealand F4Us cause fires in bivouac areas near Numa Numa while 10 Marine F4Us strafe huts.

12 N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: Mapanget and Langoan airfields in NE Celebes are hit with 6 tons of bombs by 4 B-24s while 4 P-40s raid barges in area; single B-24 sinks barge in Makassar Strait; successful mining mission in Strait carried out by 4 RAAF PBVs. Halmahera targets attacked by 11 A-20s, 17 B-25s, and 8 P-38s and P-40s which bomb enemy-held villages, cause large fires at Galela town, and destroy grounded plane and MT at Djailolo airfield. Light and ineffective enemy raid made on Morotai airfield during early morning.

Banda Sea Area: On Ambon I., fires started in barracks area at Halong seaplane base and near Haroekoe airfield by 24 A-20s which drop 19 tons of bombs through intense AA fire. Harbor defenses near Atapoepoe, central Timor, receive 22 tons of bombs from 12 RAAF B-25s; several guns silenced. Lahane and Lautem take 2 tons of bombs from 2 B-24s while single B-24 hits C. Chater airfield.

New Guinea Six Beauforts drop 6.5 tons of bombs on targets of opportunity in Wewak area.

Mapia Is. In first of a 4-day series of attacks on Mapia Is., N of Manokwari, 52 B-25s (XIII Bomber Command) attack Pegun I., concentrating on village to S and strafing entire island; 5 more B-25s hit Asia Is., N of Sorong; 33.5 tons of bombs dropped and more than 46,000 rounds of MG fire expended on both targets with Pegun I. taking bulk of tonnage; 1 B-25 lost to AA fire.

Bismarcks-Solomons Buildings and personnel in Namatanai area and plantations in N New Ireland attacked by 9 B-25s, 32 SBDs, 27 F4Us, and 2 Venturas. Rabaul harassed by 2 B-25s and 12 F4Us. Scattered targets on Bougainville hit by 67 Marine and New Zealand F4Us.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Single B-24 strafes bivouacs and shore facilities at Kudat, N Borneo, and shipping offshore; 2 small AKs and 1 gunboat severely damaged; Sandakan village takes 1.5 tons of bombs in pre-dawn raid by another B-24. Six P-40s hit enemy-held villages on Halmahera I. while 12 P-38s strafe Djailon airfield. During night, US PTs strafe coastal targets on Morotai and Halmahera Is. and shipping in area; 2 barges destroyed.

Banda Sea Area: Old Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., cratered by 12 A-20s, dropping 12 tons of bombs. Besa and Kasa Is., N central Ceram, bombed by 3 B-25s. Two Beauforts raid Larat Hq area in the Tanimbars and a village in the Kei Is. On Timor I., 4 Dutch B-25s hit gun installations and buildings at Atapoepoe and cause fires at Lautem airfield; Lautem and C. Chater bombed by 2 Darwin-based B-24s.

New Guinea Wewak targets again hit by 6 Beauforts; personnel areas on Mushu I. bombed and strafed by 4 A-20s.

Mapia Is. Continuing attacks to neutralize enemy defenses on the Mapia Is., 70 Super-based B-25s (XIII Bomber Command) unload 55.5 tons of bombs on Pegun and thoroughly strafe island; fires and explosions caused.

Bismarcks-Solomons twenty-four B-25s attack supply areas on Matupi I. while 10 SBDs and 1 F4U bomb enemy camps in Open Bay area. Rabaul and New Britain aided by 44 F4Us which wreck buildings and silence several guns at former target and damage bridge and stores at latter. Japanese bivouacs on Bougainville I. hit by 69 Marine and New Zealand F4Us. Single enemy plane raids Australian positions near Lake Dakatoua, New Britain.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Thirty-one B-24s release 49 tons of bombs along Makassar waterfront, causing large fires. Menado town and Langoan airfield, Celebes I., take approximately 25 tons of bombs from 14 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command). Miti airfield and Halmahera villages take 5 tons of bombs from 8 P-40s. Morotai-based PBM attacks enemy ship, believed to be a Shokaku Class CV, S of Kabaena I., S Celebes; 2 hits claimed but no apparent damage caused. In B-24 attacks on enemy shipping off N Borneo, 2 small vessels and 1 barge sunk. Two enemy planes hit U.S. positions on Morotai I., causing slight damage.

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Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Two B-25s and 22 A-20s unload 12 tons of bombs on Laha airfield and supply areas on Ambon I. SE Ceram targets strafed by 27 RAAF P-40s. C. Chater and Dili town, Timor I., take 2 tons of bombs from 2 B-24s. Patrolling Beauforts hit Banda Sea villages. Twelve RAAF B-25s strike warehouses and barracks at Ende Bay, Flores I., causing many fires with 22 tons of bombs.

New Guinea Enemy huts in Wewak area fired by 5 A-20s and 3 B-25s; personnel areas to W bombed by 8 Beauforts. Buildings and barge traffic in Lake Karamambo area, SW of Wewak, bombed and strafed by 13 Beauforts and 7 Boomerangs; this is the first time Boomerangs have participated in attacks against Wewak targets for approximately a year. Air strikes against DNG targets resumed with 27 RAAF P-40s strafing airfields near Sorong and along coast of McCluer Gulf.

Mapia Is. XIII Bomber Command aircraft continue attacks against Mapia Is.: 33 B-25s and 16 P-38s drop 22.5 tons of bombs and 32 165-gal. Diesel fire bombs on Pegun I., silencing gun positions and causing fires.

Bismarcks-Solomons New Ireland plantations and camp sites attacked by 11 B-25s; 15 F4Us, and 4 Venturas; additional 14 SBDs and 38 Marine and New Zealand F4Us bomb stores and buildings in vicinity of Rabaul. Gun installations and huts on Bougainville strafed by 10 Marine and 2 New Zealand F4Us.

15 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Tanamon airfield, Celebes I., attacked by 24 B-25s of XIII Bomber Command; fair results obtained. Single B-25 raids Langoan; small AK and several barges in Lembeh Strait strafed by Ventura; enemy sea truck in Makassar Strait sunk by patrol planes. Targets of opportunity on Halmahera I. hit by 28 RAAF P-40s.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Scattered targets on Boeroe I. raided by 12 A-20s. Fires started on Timor by Beaufighters and B-24s which strafe and bomb stores and buildings at Lahane, Dili, and Lautem. Enemy barracks in Ende Bay area, Flores I., fired by 4 RAAF B-25s.

New Guinea Seven A-20s and 3 B-25s attack gun positions in Wewak area. Ammunition dumps near Utarom in DNG area bombed by 20 RAAF P-40s, which continue on to strike Halmahera airfields.

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Mapia Is. At approximately 0630, 1,200 assault troops, 2d Bn, 167th Inf. of U.S. 31st Div, (1st Opn directed by U.S. Eighth Army) land on S tip of Pegun I., situated about 115 miles N of Manokwari and approximately 150 miles NW of Biak I.; very light resistance encountered. By 1700, landing of troops and supplies is accomplished. Two U.S. troops wounded; 13 Japanese commit suicide; estimated 200 Japanese moved from Pegun I. to near-by Bras I. Landing on Pegun supported by U.S. DDs, which also shell Bras I. Enemy positions and coastal defenses attacked by 12 B-25s and 6 P-38s; Bras village is chief target hit. Occupation of Mapia Is. by U.S. troops eliminates observation posts for warning Japanese-held positions in the Philippines and the Halmaheras of impending Allied air strikes.

Admiralty Is. At Manus, DE 344 and YMS 341 severely damaged by explosion.

Bismarcks-Solomons Rabaul supplies attacked by 24 F4Us and 18 SBDs; 18 B-25s bomb Lakunai dispersal areas while 46 F4Us strike Vunakanau, cratering airfield, strafing 2 grounded fighters, and damaging small craft in harbor. Plantation buildings in New Ireland fired by 18 Marine and New Zealand F4Us and 2 Venturas. Bougainville villages hit by 28 Marine and New Zealand F4Us.

16 N.E.I. Bornco-Celebes-Halmahera: Japanese Fleet units (3 BBs, 2 CAs, 4 CLs and 5 DDs) in Brunei Bay area, NW Bornco, attacked by 39 B-24s (XIII Bomber Command); 31 P-38s escort bombers; approximately 112 tons of bombs dropped; direct hits scored on BB, 4 on CA, 2 on stern of another CA, and sinking an escort vessel; 1 CL left ablaze and claimed as sunk; 1 of 5 interceptors probably destroyed; intense and accurate AA fire claims 3 B-24s and damages 23 others. Twelve B-24s drop approximately 25 tons of bombs on S Celebes targets, hitting enemy hq buildings at Pinrang (N of Makassar), Pare Pare, and Baroe airfield. Scattered targets on Celebes and Halmahera Is. bombed by 8 B-25s; Malobata airfield takes 6 tons from 12 A-20s. One grounded plane destroyed at Kendari airfield and 1 AK exploded. 10,000-ton AK left smoking and large AP set on fire by 17 P-38s which strafe Tarakan I. area. Sandakan, N Borneo, hit by 2 B-24s. Seven barges destroyed off W coast of Morotai by Allied PTs. Morotai harassed before dawn by single enemy raider.

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Banda Sea Area: XIII Bomber Command aircraft strike airfields on Boeroe and Ambon Is.: Namlea airfields attacked by 15 B-25s, dropping 9 tons of bombs; Laha airfield hit with 5.5 tons by 9 B-25s; excellent results attained. Monastery at Hatoelia between Dili and Atamboea, Timor I., rocket-fired and strafed by 5 Beaufighters; Lautem airfield bombed by single B-24.

New Guinea Elements of 6th Div, 1st Australian Army, engage in widespread patrolling activities in Aitape area.

Suain village, W of Wewak, takes 6 tons of bombs from 6 Beauforts. In DNG area, 4 Dutch P-40s from Merauke hit village near Timika.

Mapia Is. Following naval and air bombardment, elements of U.S. 31st Div, XXIV Corps, land on Bras I. at approximately 0800; moderate resistance encountered. Ground troops in the Mapia Is. supported by 12 B-25s which bomb and strafe designated targets.

Bismarcks-Solomons Five Nadzab-based B-25s bomb radar station at Takis village on W coast of Gazelle Peninsula; enemy bivouacs in Wide Bay area hit by 42 F4Us; 20 more F4Us wreck Rabaul buildings. New Ireland buildings and bridges effectively attacked by 2 Venturas, 18 SBDs, and 29 Marine and New Zealand F4Us. Bougainville harassed by 10 New Zealand F4Us.

- 17 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Three B-24s and 23 P-38s attack fuel supplies and shipping at Tarakan off E coast of Borneo, sinking 1 AK, leaving 2 more AKs ablaze, and damaging 12 barges; 5 grounded planes on Tarakan destroyed by P-47s. NE Celebes targets bombed by 11 B-25s. Shore buildings in Kaoe Bay area damaged by 23 RAAF P-40s. Allied PTs shell Ternate town during night and destroy several barges off W coast of Halmahera I.

Banda Sea Area: Namlea runways, Boeroe I. attacked by 16 B-25s of XIII Bomber Command; fires caused; 9 additional B-25s bomb Igi I. with excellent results.

New Guinea Wewak targets hit with 6 tons of bombs by 4 A-20s and 6 B-25s while supplies at Maprik village take 4 tons from 9 Beauforts. Twenty-three RAAF P-40s with 14 tons of bombs strike Utarom barracks and sweep on to attack Halmahera targets. Manokwari gun installations hit by B-25.

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Mapia Is. U.S. patrols are active on Pegun and Bras islands. Enemy-held positions on islands attacked by 25 B-25s which drop 10 tons of bombs with good results.

Bismarcks-Solomons New Britain targets bombed and strafed by 10 B-25s and 48 Marine and New Zealand F4Us which wreck buildings and fire supplies at Rabaul and sink 6 barges in Keravia Bay. Seventeen B-25s, 2 Venturas, and 42 Marine and New Zealand F4Us attack Kavieng airfield and plantations in New Ireland. Enemy huts on Bougainville bombed by 24 SBDs and 33 F4Us with good results.

18 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Forty-nine B-24s of XIII Bomber Command unload 108.5 tons of bombs on Pamoesian power plant, tank farm, and oil separation plant, with excellent coverage of target area; many fires and explosions result; all bombers return safely to base. Shipping at Tarakan hit by 5 B-25s and 59 P-38s; 5 small AKs, 1 gunboat, and 10 barges in harbor fired; 1 P-38 missing; P-47s strafe island; shore targets damaged and 4 vessels fired. Single B-24 scores direct hit on enemy DD in Brunei Bay. Installations and shipyards at Pare Pare and Polewali, NW of Makassar, fired by 20.5 tons of bombs dropped by 11 B-24s. Ten B-25s harass N Celebes targets before dawn; Gorontalo buildings strafed by 12 Beaufighters; Sidate runways and revetment areas take 14 tons from 8 RAAF A-20s. U.S. PTs strafe town of Ternate, administrative center of Halmahera I.

Banda Sea Area: Twenty-four B-25s of XIII Bomber Command loose 13 tons of bombs on Kairatoe, Liang, and Laha airfields with excellent results; 9 B-25s silence 2 gun positions on Igi I.; several small craft off Ceram destroyed or damaged by 5 more B-25s. Sea truck near Ambon fired by 4 P-38s. On Timor I., installations at Lautem and Dili and MT in area strafed by 8 Beaufighters; 2 coastal vessels destroyed and several small craft damaged NE of Koepang by 7 RAAF B-25s. Targets on Aroe and Kei Is. strafed by Venturas.

New Guinea In Newak area, enemy barracks near But airfield are bombed by 6 Beauforts while 6 A-20s and 6 B-25s strike enemy villages along the Sepik R.

Mapia Is. Elements of U.S. 31st Div land on Fanildo I., third island of Mapia group, occupation of Bras I. completed. Single B-25 bombs enemy targets on Fanildo I.

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Asia Is. Softening up of enemy defenses on Asia Is. conducted by 15 B-25s with 9 tons of bombs.

Bismarcks-Solomons Rabaul raided before dawn by single B-25; Gazelle Peninsula targets including bivouacs, gun positions, and supplies attacked by 53 F4Us; Tobera airfield cratered by 18 F4Us. Twenty-three SBDs support ground troops in Empress Augusta Bay area on Bougainville I.

19 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Tarakan in NE Borneo harassed before dawn by B-24; 3 more B-24s attack enemy shipping in Brunei Bay, scoring 3 direct hits with 1,000-lb. bombs on a CL and damaging a small warship; enemy barracks at Kudat fired by patrol planes. Mapanget and Sidate airfields raided by 8 B-25s. Seventeen Darwin-based B-24s strike Boroboro and Kendari runways and revetments with 31.5 tons of bombs. Targets of opportunity on Halmahera I. hit by 26 RAAF P-40s; waterfront facilities at Boeli Bay severely damaged. Morotai again harassed by small number of enemy planes.

Banda Sea Area: In Ceram-Ambon area, Boela airfield takes 12 tons of bombs from 1 B-25 and 12 A-20s; Laha radar installations and runways hit by 7 B-25s. Old Namlea runways cratered by 8 B-25s; additional 2 B-25s damage coastal vessel off Soela. Supply dumps near Atamboea fired by 4 Dutch B-25s; single B-24 hits bridge and installations near Atapoepoe.

New Guinea Angoram village, SE of Wewak, fired by 6 A-20s and 4 B-25s; 10 Beauforts bomb enemy positions at Suain; approximately 13 tons of bombs dropped on both targets.

Asia Is. Approximately 400 U.S. troops (F Co, Reinf, 124th Inf of 31st Div) occupy Asia Is.; no opposition encountered. Prior to landing, 13 P-38s and 11 B-25s release 26 165-gal. Diesel fire bombs and 7.8 tons of bombs on enemy positions. Seizure of these islands provides sites for weather stations and eliminates another main base for enemy observation posts.

Bismarcks-Solomons Twenty-three B-25s, 67 Marine and New Zealand F4Us attack New Britain targets, cratering Vunakanau runways and causing fires and explosions in Tobera and Rabaul supply areas. Ammunition dumps near Borpop exploded by 9 B-25s; bridges and buildings in Kavieng area

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wrecked by 20 F4Us and 2 Venturas. One of 18 F4Us patrolling over Bougainville lost.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: In Brunei Bay, 1 enemy AK sunk, 1 AK/AP exploded, and another probably damaged in pre-dawn attack by 5 B-24s. Eight Beaufighters, employing rockets, fire warehouses and supply dumps in Bangka Strait area; Tanamon airfield hit by 8 RAAF A-20s; scattered targets in NE Celebes strafed by 22 P-38s. Halmahera covered by 38 RAAF P-40s, 16 of which hit enemy bivouacs and supplies at Kaeo and Galela.

Banda Sea Area: XIII Bomber Command planes attack Ceram-Ambon area: Haroekoe, Liang, and Laha airfields are targets for 32 B-25s which drop more than 40 tons of bombs with good to excellent results. Manatuto and Baucau on NE Timor coast bombed by 2 B-24s; 8 Beaufighters attack enemy barracks in area with rocket fire. In sweep over Tanimbar Is., 4 Beaufighters damage lugger off W coast; no signs of enemy activity observed on islands; single B-25 hits Saumlakki and installations N of Larat.

New Guinea Storage areas and bivouacs on the lower Sepik R. near Angoram bombed by 12 Beauforts; 5 more Beauforts hit Wewak personnel areas. On the Vogelkop, Sorong raided by 40 RAAF P-40s which fly on to attack enemy bivouacs at Kaeo and Galela, Halmahera I.

Mapia-Asia Enemy resistance in Asia Is. eliminated. In Mapia and Asia Islands' operations, 167 Japanese reported killed.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Seventeen B-24s release 31 tons of bombs on Ambesia airfield, SE Celebes, cratering runways and causing fires in dispersal areas. Enemy bomber on Boroboro airfield and 2 barges in Tiworo Strait strafed by 10 P-38s; 1 P-38 shot down by escort vessel. Langoan and Mapanget airfields bombed and targets on Boetoeng I. heavily strafed by 18 B-25s; 1 schooner sunk and 10 barges strafed off N Celebes coast by 8 Beaufighters. Five B-24s drop 10 tons of bombs on Labuan I. at entrance to Brunei Bay; lugger off Borneo sunk by single B-24.

Banda Sea Area: Halong seaplane base, Ambon I., takes 36 tons of bombs from 31 B-25s (XIII Bomber Command) and 11 A-20s; installations hit and 1 hangar destroyed. Supplies on Trangan I. hit by single Ventura.

New Guinea Mapia village and enemy camps W of Wewak hit by 6 A-20s and 4 B-25s.

Bismarcks-Solomons During raids on 20th and 21st, 26 B-25s, 36 F4Us, and 3 Venturas unload 36 tons of bombs on Kavieng

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airfield and plantations in New Ireland; New Britain targets bombed by 8 B-25s, 90 F4Us, and 29 SBDs which drop 54 tons on Tobera storage and barracks areas and enemy concentrations along Wide Bay; bridges and enemy camp areas on Bougainville hit by 68 F4Us and 2 TBFs.

22      N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Maniang nickel mines near Pomeslaa on the Gulf of Bone, Celebes, attacked by 17 bombing and strafing B-24s; good results attained. Three B-25s and 20 P-38s hit Mandai airfield and shipping in Makassar Strait; 3 bombers and 22 fighters destroyed; 1 medium AK/AP and 1 float-plane sunk; 10 coastal craft damaged; intense and accurate AA fire claims 3 P-38s. Two direct hits scored on enemy AK/AP in Brunei Bay by 4 B-24s in pre-dawn raid. On Halmahera I., barracks and installations at Galela airfield and supplies at Boeli Bay hit by 24 P-40s. Nine enemy planes make night attack on Morotai, bombing 13th AF Hq area and N end of Pitoe airstrip; 11 B-24s loaded with 1000-lb. bombs and ammunition destroyed and others damaged; AA fire shoots down 1 enemy raider and probably another.

Banda Sea Area: Thirty B-25s of XIII Bomber Command unload 30 tons of bombs on Namlea runways, Boeroe I., with excellent results. Eleven A-20s and 1 B-25 crater Kairatoo runways and revetment areas, Ceram I., with 12 tons of bombs. On Timor I., 20 RAAF and Dutch B-25s loose 22.5 tons of bombs on supply dumps near Lautem, causing fires. Village in Tanimbar Is. raided by single Beaufort.

New Guinea Enemy concentrations W of Wewak and on Kairiru I. attacked by 3 B-25s and 6 A-20s from Nadzab and 20 Tadji-based Beauforts. Targets of opportunity on Vogelkop Peninsula raided by 31 RAAF P-40s; Babo dispersal areas on S coast of McCluer Gulf hit by 4 more RAAF P-40s.

Bismarcks-Solomons Gun positions in Rabaul area attacked by 59 Marine and New Zealand F4Us and an unreported number of SBDs; 47 Marine and New Zealand F4Us concentrate on enemy personnel in Wide Bay area. New Ireland targets raided by 8 B-25s, 23 F4Us, and 2 Venturas. Twelve F4Us patrol Bougainville area.

23      N.E.I. Borneo-Halmahera: Twenty-five P-40s unload 12.5 tons of bombs on enemy camp area and supply dumps on Halmahera I.; targets strafed. Off N Borneo, 5 enemy luggers in Darvel Bay sunk or heavily damaged by B-24; 1 DD in Brunei Bay fired.

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by pre-dawn Marine plane. Personnel areas on Talaud Is. strafed by 2 P-40s.

Banda Sea Area: In Ceram-Ambon area, 1 B-25 and 10 A-20s drop 10.5 tons of bombs on Boela airfield; 5 P-38s and 8 B-25s start large fires at Kairatoc airfield with Diesel fire bombs. Twenty-four B-25s (XIII Bomber Command) strike Laha runways with 24 tons of bombs. Single Beaufort hits Bandanaira waterfront, Banda I. On Timor I., Baucau, Atapoepoe, and Manatuto are targets for 3 Darwin-based B-24s.

Timor Sea Gus W. Darnell (U.S. tanker, 7,247 tons) sunk by enemy action at 11-00 S, 125-00 E.

24 N.E.I. Borneo-Halmahera: Enemy AK/AP sunk and 3 luggers damaged off NE Borneo by patrolling B-24s. Three FVs employing rockets destroy beached cargo vessel in the Talaud Is. Four of 5 enemy planes which cause damage on Morotai runways during night are shot down by U.S. fighter patrols. PT 363 destroyed by shore fire off Halmahera I.; all personnel but 1 rescued by PT 362; 13 wounded.

Banda Sea Area: In Ceram-Ambon area, Laha personnel and supply areas, Ceram I., bombed by 33 B-25s (XIII Bomber Command); 24 tons of napalm incendiaries and 9 tons of fragmentation clusters dropped with good effect. Enemy AK beached at Talaud Is. destroyed by 3 Venturas with bombs and rocket fire. Atamboea and Manatuto, Timor I., hit by 2 B-24s and 1 Beaufort; fires result. Enemy village on Trangan I. raided by single RAAF B-25.

25 N.E.I. Lolobata runway, Halmahera I., raided by single B-24. Three Darwin-based B-24s and 1 Beaufort drop more than 5.5 tons of bombs on coastal villages on Timor I. In Ceram-Ambon area, Kairatoc town and supplies at Haroekoe receive 22.7 tons of magnesium incendiaries from 23 B-25s (XIII Bomber Command); explosions and fires caused. Three enemy schooners sunk and 2 more probably off S Celebes by 5 B-25s.

New Guinea Six B-24s loose 24 tons of bombs on enemy gun positions in Wewak area. During last four days, approximately 135 bombers and fighters attack enemy villages, bivouacs, and shipping in DNG and

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Bismarcks-Solomons Rabaul is target for 8 B-25s and 40 F4Us which hit supplies and demolish 14 buildings. Kavieng and Borpop airfields attacked by 18 B-25s, 30 F4Us, and 2 Venturas. Targets of opportunity on Bougainville strafed by 20 F4Us.

26 N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Strong Japanese unit lands on Morotai I., according to Tokyo; bitter fighting reportedly takes place around airfield installations. Total of 16 B-25s, 8 P-38s, 4 P-40s, and 1 B-24 attacks enemy airfields on Celebes and Halmahera Is.; Langoan, Galela, Djailolo, and Lolobata are main targets hit. Five near misses scored on 4-ship convoy off N Borneo by 2 patrolling B-24s. Morotai again raided before dawn by 3 enemy planes which cause minor damage.

Banda Sea Area: In Ceram-Ambon area, 16 B-25s with 25 tons of bombs and 8 P-38s with Diesel fire bombs cause damage at Halong seaplane base and at Haroekoe and Kairatoc airfields. Timor villages bombed by 4 Darwin-based B-24s. Lingat village, Timor Is., hit by single Beaufort.

New Guinea Sagan airfield in McCluer Gulf area hit with fragmentation clusters dropped by 12 A-20s.

27 N.E.I. XIII Bomber Command aircraft attack Ceram and Boeroe airfields, dropping 23 tons of bombs on Liang, Laha, and Namlea; excellent results attained. Galela airfield, Halmahera I., bombed by single B-24. Two B-24s attack shipping off N Celebes and NE Borneo, sinking 1 small vessel and damaging a schooner. Radar installations and buildings at C. Lore, Timor I., attacked by 4 RAAF B-25s.

New Guinea Villages, gun installations, and MT in Wewak area attacked by an unreported number of Beauforts.

Bismarcks-Solomons Operational command is relinquished by 40th U.S. Div and assumed by 5th Australian Div.

Supply dumps at Tobera and Rabaul attacked by 7 Beauforts from Goodenough I.; fires result; Matupi I. defenses hit by an unreported number of B-25s. Buildings and MT in Rabaul area raided by 16 New Zealand F4Us and 2 B-25s. Ten B-25s hit Kavieng airfield with bombs and rocket fire. 14 F4Us and 2 Venturas hit New Ireland personnel areas. Bougainville covered by 18 F4Us.

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N.E.I. Celebes-Halmahera: Halmahera airfields attacked by 23 P-40s, 4 P-38s, 6 P-47s, 1 B-24, and an unreported number of B-25s; 1 grounded bomber at Galela destroyed; supply dumps at Lolobata and Galela exploded. One of 3 enemy planes raiding Morotai I. during early morning hours is shot down by P-38s; AA fire downs another enemy raider from formation of 4 over island.

Banda Sea Area: Laha and Kairatoe airfields hit with more than 16 tons of bombs by 16 B-25s and 3 P-38s; E Ceram targets covered by 12 RAAF P-40s; 4 barges in Ceram-Ambon area sunk by 2 B-25s. One lugger and 7 barges destroyed near Maomere, Flores I., by 4 RAAF B-25s. Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., bombed by 6 P-38s. Single Beaufort bombs village in Banda Is. while Ventura raids another enemy village in Aroe Is. In SE Timor, Soc village bombed and lugger off coast sunk by 4 Dutch B-25s.

New Guinea Wewak targets attacked by 14 Beauforts while 6 A-20s hit enemy defenses on Kairiru I. Personnel areas on Waigeo I. off NW tip of the Vogelkop attacked by 8 B-25s.

Bismarcks-Solomons In Rabaul area, Tobera airdrome attacked by 9 B-24s while 7 more B-24s escorted by 8 P-47s bomb Vunakanau runways; approximately 50 tons of bombs dropped and good results attained. Enemy personnel buildings and MT on Gazelle Peninsula effectively attacked by 103 Marine and New Zealand F4Us. Fourteen New Zealand F4Us and 10 Venturas bomb enemy barracks at Kavieng; New Ireland buildings and bridges hit with success by 8 B-25s and 15 F4Us.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: Sixteen P-40s bomb warehouses and supplies on Halmahera I., causing fires and explosions; 1 grounded plane at Djailolo destroyed; Lolobata and Hatetabako airfields hit by 17 B-25s, 10 P-38s, and 28 RAAF A-20s and P-40s. At night, airfields on Halmahera and Celebes Is. harassed by 14 B-25s; warehouses and schooner off NE Celebes strafed by 4 Beaufighters. Two B-24s attack enemy shipping N of Borneo, sinking 2 small AKs and probably sinking a large AK; same planes also strafe Kudat airfield. Kendari and Boroboro airfields, Celebes I., raided before dawn by B-24 which drops 6 100-lb. bombs and 120 beer bottles; in daylight attack, 11 B-24s unload 24 tons of bombs on Kendari, causing large explosion. Four enemy planes raid Morotai, damaging Pitoe and Wama airstrip, and destroying 2 Venturas

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and 5 P-47s; 21 more P-47s reported damaged.

Banda Sea Area: Namlea airfield, Boeroe I., hit by 6 P-38s. Coastal vessel set on fire N of Koepang, Timor I., by 2 Dutch B-25s; single B-24 bombs Bacau town, 1 RAAF B-24 hits Atapoepoe village. Gun positions on Ajoe Is. raided by Ventura; Beauforts bomb enemy village in the Banda Is.

New Guinea Six B-24s release 18 tons of bombs on enemy installations in Wewak area. Ammunition dumps and supplies on Kairiru I. bombed and strafed by 6 A-20s. In DNG area, Uтарom bivouacs hit by 24 RAAF P-40s.

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N.E.I. Borneo-Celebes-Halmahera: In SW Celebes, 18 B-24s with approximately 110 tons of bombs strike Malimpoeng airfield and Pare Pare town, heavily damaging enemy barracks and buildings and destroying 3 grounded bombers. Halmahera airfields and installations attacked by 24 B-24s, 41 A-20s, 33 B-25s, and 12 P-38s which crater runways and start fires with more than 150 tons of bombs; Galela, Djailolo, Lolobata, and Hatetabako rendered unserviceable. Galela and Hatetabako airfields also hit by 33 RAAF P-40s. Four enemy planes strike Morotai I., destroying 7 grounded planes and damaging 21; several persons injured. Two small enemy vessels sunk and 2 damaged off NW and NE coasts of Borneo by 3 B-24s. Enemy AK damaged in Brunei Bay, N Borneo, by patrol planes.

Banda Sea Area-Lesser Sunda Is.: Nine schooners off Ambon I. damaged by 2 B-25s; enemy barracks in S Tanimbars bombed by single Beaufort. On Timor I., 2 B-24s attack administration buildings at Baucau while 4 Dutch B-25s concentrate on Lahane village. One lugger and 2 barges destroyed and jetties damaged by 4 RAAF B-25s in sweep over Flores I.

New Guinea Five B-24s unload 19 tons of bombs on enemy villages in Wewak area; coastal installations on Kairiru hit by 6 A-20s.

Bismarcks-Solomons During month, approximately 1,795 sorties are directed against New Britain and 1,423 against New Ireland; B-25s carrying 5" high-explosives and equipped for night flying are replacing SBDs; sorties against Solomons decreasing. Total of 20 enemy planes reported airborne in New Britain area.

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- 1     U.S. International Civil Aviation Conference opens in Chicago under chairmanship of Adolf A. Berle, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State.
- Yugoslavia Communique released by the Yugoslav Legation in Cairo states that all Yugoslav armed forces in Middle East are to be recalled to Yugoslavia to join Marshal Tito's National Army of Liberation and that all other citizens fit for military service will be conscripted.
- The Free Yugoslav Radio announces that Premier Ivan Subasitch of the Yugoslav Government in London and the National Committee of Liberation of Marshal Tito have agreed to form a "united national government within the shortest time."
- 2     U.S.-Bolivia-Argentina U.S. State Dept. proceeds with arrangements to ship Australian wheat to Bolivia in order to make up for drastic cut in Argentina's wheat exports to Bolivia.
- Canada Gen. Andrew G. L. McNaughton, former commander of Canadian forces in Europe, appointed Minister of National Defense following resignation of Col. J. L. Ralston in protest against Government's failure to alter policy of no conscription for overseas service.
- Germany Appeals appearing in local newspapers urge men over 60 years of age to volunteer for Volkssturm duty.
- Hungary Minister President Franz Szalasi is formally designated head of State, or "Fuehrer of the Nation," and provisionally empowered to exercise authority of Regent.
- Lithuania-U.S.S.R. P. Zadeikis, Lithuanian Minister to Washington, complains that Soviet domination has succeeded Lithuania's enslavement by the Axis.
- Japan-India Subhas Chandra Bose, leader of "Free India" government, confers with Japanese officials in Tokyo. Japan pledges all possible assistance to his forces.
- 3     Iran-U.S.S.R.-Great Britain British Government informs U.S.S.R. that it considers latter's action in Iranian oil controversy not consonant with Teheran Agreement.
- Spain Generalissimo Francisco Franco states that Spain has never been Fascist or Nazi and has never been allied with the Axis powers.

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- 4      U.S.S.R.-Switzerland U.S.S.R. rejects Swiss proposal for re-establishment of diplomatic relations after lapse of over 20 years.
- Rumania Most of the military men and Juliu Maniu, leader of the Peasant Party, are dropped from Cabinet as result of its reconstitution following mass demonstrations against Sanatescu Government. Premier Sanatescu temporarily takes over the Ministry of War.
- Belgium Posters appearing in Brussels and other Belgian cities demand the resignation of the Government and establishment of Allied military control over civilian affairs.
- 5      Hungary Col. Gen. Janos Voeroes, Chief of the Hungarian Army General Staff, urges Hungarian troops to come over armed to the Russians, to whom he himself fled after having been betrayed to the Gestapo by the Szalasi clique.
- 6      Great Britain Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East, assassinated by Jewish terrorists in Cairo.
- Italy Leaders of Sicily's independence movement warn that if the United States and Britain continue attacking the Sicilian separatists, the movement is likely to turn Communist.
- Bulgaria-Japan Bulgaria breaks off diplomatic relations with Japan.
- Russia In a Soviet anniversary address, Premier Stalin refers to Japan as an "aggressor" nation.
- 7      U.S. Running for a fourth term, President Roosevelt polls over 53% of the popular vote in the national election, winning some 3,000,000 more votes than Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican candidate.
- U.S.-Guatemala United States recognizes the Guatemalan government that overthrew Provisional President once on 20 October 1944.
- France A pardon is granted by General de Gaulle to Maurice Thorez, French Communist leader convicted in 1939 of desertion from French Army and now in Moscow.
- Germany Berlin announces that a V-2 robot bomb more powerful than the V-1 long-range rocket bomb is being used against England.
- Greece It is announced that the Government has ordered ELAS and EDES, the country's largest guerrilla groups, to disband by 10 December 1944.
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- 8 Argentina A government decree sets up system providing for strict control of Axis-owned firms in Argentina.
- 9 Iran Premier Mohammed Maraghei Said and his Cabinet resign after series of violent Russian press and radio attacks on his refusal to consider granting oil concessions to the Soviets until after the war.
- 10 Great Britain-Italy British Minister Harold MacMillan succeeds Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson as president of Allied Commission for Italy.
- China Chen Kung-po, Mayor of Shanghai and former President of the Legislative Yuan of the Nanking Government, is named acting President of the puppet government of China at Nanking upon death of President and Premier Wang Ching-wei, 62, in a Japanese hospital.
- 11 U.S. National War Labor Board rules that it cannot recognize a wartime strike as legal.
- Brazil President Vargas declares that Brazil will not disarm when the war is over.
- France The French Provisional Government is offered a seat on the European Advisory Commission in a joint note from Great Britain, the U.S.S.R., and the United States.
- Sweden-Germany The Swedish Government strongly protests announcement of the German High Command extending naval action area in the Baltic zone to include most of Baltic Sea except Swedish territorial waters, thus cutting off Swedish shipping from Finnish and Russian ports.
- Germany New Nazi law states that it is the duty of all members of the armed forces to act in the spirit of the National Socialist philosophy and to support it at all times.
- Hungary According to a new decree, the State will take ownership of Jewish possessions, using the proceeds to help defray war expenditures. Jews must report their property to the Finance Directorate within 8 days.
- Finland President Mannerheim announces selection of Juho K. Paasikivi, former Premier, to form a Cabinet to replace the administration of Urho J. Castren, resigned.

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12 U.S.: Outlawing of international cartel system urged by war mobilization subcommittee of Senate Military Affairs Committee.

El Salvador Judge Miguel Tomas Molina, who was to have become Provisional President when Col. Aguirre forced the resignation of Gen. Menendez, sets up government-in-exile in Guatemala.

Great Britain-France British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declares that "establishment of a strong French Army as soon as possible is absolutely necessary to balance and sanity in Europe," and urges French people to support General de Gaulle.

Germany Heinrich Himmler reads proclamation, said to be written by Hitler, which contains declaration that the German people are prepared to defend "every house and every street" against enemy penetration, and which explains Hitler's failure to deliver traditional broadcast on anniversary of Munich Putsch by saying that his work at headquarters is too urgent to permit such appearances.

Italy Booming all references to the monarchy, crowd estimated at 80,000 hears Communist and Socialist leaders at huge Rome rally.

15 U.S. Proposal to ratify treaties by a majority vote of the House and Senate is opposed by Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Greece U.S. Ambassador to Greece is informed by Chief of the Foreign Office that the Regency no longer exists and that Greek Government decrees are forwarded to London for the King's signature.

16 U.S. James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, warns that manpower shortages must be remedied in certain areas lest lack of particular materials and weapons prolong the war.

U.S.-China Donald M. Nelson and thirteen American industrial experts arrive in Chungking as advisers to China's new War Production Board.

Belgium Communist Cabinet Ministers Dispy and Marteau, as well as Minister de Man, representing the resistance, resign in dispute concerning disarming of all but the authorized forces--a move insisted upon by Premier Pierlot. At same Council meeting, the rule prohibiting employees of the Belgian

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Government from being members of the Communist Party is annulled.

Poland According to an announcement made by the Polish Committee of National Liberation, 365 estates have been divided up into 12½-acre plots for distribution among landless peasants, and 340 more estates are in process of division.

U.S.S.R. Article by Col. A. Galin in the "Information Bulletin" published by the Soviet Embassy in Washington states that the U.S.S.R. has no desire to intervene in the political affairs of any countries and that its foreign policy is based on the following principles: peaceful relations with all states irrespective of their political systems; economic and political cooperation with all states on the basis of sovereign equality and independence of the contracting parties and the co-existence of two systems; alliances with any state with the purpose of protecting both partners from acts of aggression; categorical renunciation of imperialist expansion at the cost of other nations; non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states; strengthening of the coalition of freedom-loving nations in the fight against Fascist aggressors.

17 Argentina Decree requiring all citizens from ages of 12 to 50 to undergo military training, establishing an independent air force, and providing for nation's complete mobilization in time of war is promulgated by Minister of War and Vice President Juan Peron.

El Salvador National Assembly enacts decree submitted by President Aguirre ousting entire Supreme Court and other important federal judges. (The bench had ruled Aguirre's Government illegal.)

18 Belgium The National Union of Resistance Groups orders its members to disarm.

Foreign Minister Spaak announces that Belgium has renounced her pre-war policies of neutrality and independence in favor of a regional security pact within the framework of a world peace plan.

19 U.S.-Palestine Program adopted by International Conference on Palestine in Chicago includes following points: unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine; abandonment of the 1939 White Paper; establishment of United Nations funds for resettlement.

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of homeless Jews; provision by the U.S. of shipping necessary for resettlement.

Bolivia President Villarroel declares nation-wide state of siege following unsuccessful attempt by revolutionaries to overthrow his government.

20 France Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain, Pierre Laval, and others of the Vichy regime are reported to have set up a "government-in-exile" at Sigmaringen in South Germany.

China Chiang Kai-Shek reshuffles Cabinet posts, replacing Gen. Ho Ying-chin as Minister of War by Gen. Chen Cheng and Finance Minister H. H. Kung by O. K. Yui, as well as making additional changes. Dr. Kung is still vice-president of the Executive Yuan and Gen. Ho remains Chief of Staff of the National Military Council.

21 U.S.-Great Britain-Netherlands-France President Roosevelt informs U.S. representatives in Colombo, New Delhi, Chungking, Kunming, and Canberra that the U.S. Government expects to be consulted about any arrangements concerning Southeast Asia's future that may be made among the British, Netherlands, and French governments.

Ireland Program of unqualified cooperation in security and trade matters with Britain is advocated by leaders of the United Ireland opposition party.

France In a speech before the Consultative Assembly, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault declares France will never join an exclusive western European bloc because France has "political and moral interests far to the east."

Switzerland-Germany The Swiss Minister to Germany asks that no more Allied notes warning the Germans not to do particular things or threatening individual Germans on account of war crimes be given him for delivery, as they hurt his relations with the German Foreign Office and are not taken seriously, anyway.

Yugoslavia Marshal Tito grants a general amnesty to common soldiers who are present or former members of Gen. Mikhailovich's Chetniks or the Croat Regular Army or Slovene home defense units provided they give themselves up by 4 January 1945.

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- 22 U.S. Congress of Industrial Organizations adopts resolution making the Political Action Committee its permanent political instrument.
- 23 Canada Government orders 16,000 drafted men made available at once as overseas reinforcements. Air Minister Charles G. Power resigns in protest against this departure from the practice of sending only volunteers out of the country. Public demonstrations against conscription occur in Quebec.
- Rumania-Russia A note addressed by the Rumanian Government to the Control Commission points out that if the three Soviet divisions which it is proposed to station in Rumania's industrial areas should stay there long the Rumanians would consider it a breach of the armistice terms.
- 24 U.S. A report made public by the Senate Military Affairs Committee reveals that there are now 11,859,000 men and women in the armed forces of the United States, more than 8,000,000 of whom are in the Army.
- Argentina Attitude of the Argentine Government is criticized in report of Inter-American Committee for the Political Defense of the Hemisphere as helpful to totalitarian elements. Argentina's shifts on continental solidarity have "finally brought about the definite separation of that government from other . . . American nations."
- Poland Jan Kwapinski, Socialist Deputy Premier of the Polish Government-in-exile, is empowered to form a new Cabinet following resignation of Premier Mikolajczyk.
- Yugoslavia-Russia It is announced in Moscow that Premier Stalin has approved the agreement reached by Premier Ivan Subasitch of the Yugoslav Government-in-exile and Marshal Tito's National Committee of Liberation regarding formation of a unified Yugoslav Government which would be a federation of the provinces of Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Montenegro.
- 26 Great Britain-U.S. London announces command shift in Mediterranean theater as Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, promoted to Field Marshal, succeeds Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson as supreme commander and Gen. Alexander's former post as Commander in Chief of Allied forces in Italy goes to Lt. Gen.

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Mark W. Clark, who has commanded U.S. Fifth Army. Gen. Wilson has been appointed head of the British Joint Staff Mission in Washington, succeeding the late Field Marshal Sir John Dill.

Belgium Several persons are killed in a demonstration against the Picrlot government.

Italy Premier Bonomi presents his own and his ministers' resignations to Crown Prince Humbert.

27 U.S. Resignation of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, due to illness, is announced. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Under Secretary of State, has been nominated to succeed him.

U.S.-China Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, now in Chungking, is appointed U.S. Ambassador to China, succeeding Clarence E. Gauss.

28 U.S. Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal state that they have found no evidence to justify a court martial of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commanders at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

Great Britain-Italy A Rome report declares that the British Government has expressed itself as opposed to giving Count Carlo Sforza the foreign affairs portfolio in any new Italian Government, as it considers him politically "unreliable."

France Government decree nationalizes coal mines in northern France.

29 U.S.-Vatican City Opposition to establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican is expressed by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Poland Jan Kwapinski, designated Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's successor as premier of the Polish Government-in-exile, has abandoned his attempt to form a Cabinet without the cooperation of the Peasant Party and a new government is formed by Tomasz Arciszewski, whom Moscow newspapers attack as "one of the worst enemies of the U.S.S.R."

Poland-Russia In reporting a speech by Osobka-Morawski, head of the Lublin Committee, the Moscow press for the first time refers to the Committee of the National Liberation as a "Government."

30 U.S.-Great Britain New Anglo-American lend-lease agreement covering period from surrender of Germany to the

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30 defeat of Japan is announced. In this "second phase" of the  
Cont war, aid to Britain is reduced 43%, to an annual rate of  
\$5,500,000,000.

Italy Crown Prince Humbert asks Premier Bonomi, who  
submitted his resignation on the 26th, to form a new Cabinet.

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