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1 Burma-India: In N Burma, Myitkyina and Kamaing are immediate objectives of Allied forces. Fighting is in progress in and around Myitkyina, with Galahad (U.S. Marauder) units approaching the town from the NW, Chinese 42d Regt (14th Div) and 150th Regt (50th Div) moving up from the S, Chinese 89th Regt (30th Div) attacking town from SW, and Chinese 88th Regt (30th Div) fighting in W part of town. Present enemy strength at Myitkyina estimated at 2 bns. In Mogaung Valley, Chinese 22d and 38th Divs moving in on Kamaing have cut Kamaing-Manyaseik road 6 mi. NW of Kamaing and Kamaing-Mogaung road at Seton, 6 mi. SW of Kamaing. On W flank, elements of Chinese 65th Regt, 22d Div, are moving on Kansai from Mansum. Other Chinese units of 22d and 38th Divs approaching Kamaing from the N are about 12 mi. N of the town.

On British 33d Corps front, 7th Div N of Kohima and 2d Div S of the town report only minor skirmishes. Japanese appear to be abandoning their positions N and E of Kohima for others to S and SE; Aradura spur, 3 mi. S of the town, remains in enemy hands. Continuing regrouping of forces, British 114th Brig relieves 33d near Naga village. British 23d Brig is active against enemy supply lines S of Jessami.

On 4th Corps front, British 48th Brig is expanding its position at N end of Ningthoukhong, about 6 mi. S of Bishenpur.

Monsoon weather greatly curtails air activity. Supporting ground forces in Myitkyina area, 15 P-40s drop 4.5 tons of bombs, probably wrecking gun positions. Thirteen A-36s and 2 P-51s strike at bridges and river craft in Myitkyina-Kamaing area, while 2 P-40s strafe rail targets at Pinbaw. Seven B-25s of SAF attack bridges, probably damaging 1 SW of Meza and hitting both approaches of another SSW of Budalin. Tiddim road receives direct hit at Milestone 120 during raid by 3 SAF B-25s, 1 of which is missing. Fifty-four Hurrifomber sorties are flown against enemy positions and defenses in Yaingangpokpi, Bishenpur, Kohima, Jessami, and Moirang areas. Targets near Kohima strafed by 22 Hurricanes and truck park between Ukhrul and Tamu by 2 more.

Burma-China: Salween: Heavy rainfall limits ground operations and grounds planes. Chinese 87th Div and 9th Div (less 26th Regt) now across Salween R. in area just S of Burma Road and 2 mi. S of Pingka, respectively.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Three Japanese columns driving southward from Yochow area toward Changsha capture Changshow

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on the E, Pingkiang in center, and are in vicinity of Kwei-ji, on Hankow-Canton RR, on W; at Pingkiang, column splits to, continue SE and SW.

Meanwhile, other enemy columns are active W of Tungting Lake, apparently as a diversion for Changsha drive, heading toward Changteh and capturing Ansiang; from latter, Japanese are pushing W.

HONAN: Fighting in Honan Province is of a local nature, with Chinese reporting gains in some sectors.

Nine P-51s strike at village 5 mi. E of Pingkiang with good results and inflict numerous casualties on Japanese along road to Pingkiang. Eight B-25s, 12 P-40s, and 2 P-51s attack Chengchow, concentrating on RR yards and storage areas. Nine P-38s bomb docks at Kiukiang and PG offshore and seriously damage barracks 5 mi. S of Kiukiang with strafing. Fort Bayard docks successfully bombed by single B-25. Changsha bombed by 7 enemy planes.

2 Burma-India: On 4th Corps front, British 48th Brig occupies N half of Ningthoukhong. Local gains made in Imphal area. In Arakan sector, elements of 6th WIA Brig are moving to reinforce Mowdok.

Adverse weather again grounds many planes of strategic and tactical air forces. Four B-24s raid Tiddim road, scoring direct hits with half-ton bombs at and near MS 87. Trucks and tanks along the road bombed and strafed by 2 Hurribombers, 6 Hurricanes, and 1 Beaufighter. Eleven Hurribombers hit enemy positions near Bishenpur.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 198th Div continues active against villages in Mamien Pass area. Kaitou, 28 mi. NNE of Tengchung, falls to elements of Chinese 2d Div; other units of the div are attacking Chiaotou, 32 mi. NNE of Tengchung. About 20 mi. NE of Tengchung, Chinese 130th Div captures several small villages. Chinese 36th Div is driving on Watien.

China: Total of 87 P-40s and P-51s operates against targets E of Tungting Lake; Tsungyang and Tungcheng hit as well as troops, supplies, MT, and sampans. Chengchow RR yards attacked for 2d successive day; 11 P-40s destroy 2 locomotives, 5 trucks, and 1 grounded aircraft; 7 of 10 intercepting planes shot down. Yangtze R. shipping from Kichun to Wuhu is target for 3 B-24s which sink 3 barges (100-200 ft. each).

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3 Burma-India: In N Burma, stiff fighting continues at Myitkyina, with American and Chinese forces making slight gains. Chinese continue advance down Mogaung Valley. Japanese are attacking road block at Seton, SE of Kamaing, without success; elements of 114th Regt, 38th Div, are now 5 mi. E of Kamaing. Slight gains registered by British near Kohima and SW of Bishenpur.

Ten A-36s, in support of ground forces, strafe gun positions at Myitkyina. Sixteen B-25s of SAF unload 21.5 tons of bombs on Tiddim road at MS 87. Trucks and villages along the road strafed by 20 Hurricanes and 2 Beaufighters. Twenty-three Hurribombers concentrate on enemy positions and guns near Palel, Bishenpur, and Moirang. In 22 sorties, Hurricanes strafe troops, stores, bashas, and trucks in 4th and 33d Corps areas.

Burma-China: Salween: P-40s, in 3 missions, support ground forces and raid bridges at Watien and Tatangtzu.

China: HUMAN-HUPEH: Stiff fighting continues N and NE of Changsha, with enemy making gains. West of Tungting Lake, Chinese report recapture of Ansiang, following successful counterattack W of that town.

Six B-25s and 21 P-51s and P-40s damage a number of buildings and start fires at Pingkiang. During strafing sweep N of Tungting Lake, 15 P-40s damage barges, inflict heavy casualties on Japanese, and kill many horses. Four P-40s wreck grounded plane at Fort Bayard and sink 2 junks and damage 2 others in Hong Kong Gulf.

4 Burma-India: Minor action continues on 33d Corps front near Kohima. Kohima-Jessami road cleared of enemy to point 3 mi. E of former. On 4th Corps front, successful patrolling reported by British NE of Imphal; skirmishes occur NW of Bishenpur and at Ningthoukhong, S of Bishenpur.

In Mogaung-Myitkyina area, 38 P-40s wreck a bridge, damage supplies and gun positions, fire buildings, and severely damage Waingmaw town with depth charges, bombs, and strafing. Twelve P-40s bomb and strafe Hopin and 2 neighboring villages. Five P-38s destroy a number of barracks at Haka village. Hurribombers, in 34 sorties, hit Bishenpur and Kohima areas. Forty Hurricanes sweep over battle areas, strafing troops, villages, bashas, and communications.

Burma-China: Salween: Hpimaw, NW of Lushui, falls to

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Chinese 11th Group Army guerrillas operating on extreme N flank of Salween front. Chinese 130th Div moving southward toward Tengchung crosses Shweli R. 14 mi. NE of Tengchung and destroys a bridge 13 mi. NNE of that town. About 20 mi. NNE of Tengchung, Chinese 116th Div makes progress and 130th Div is attacking Chiangtso. P-40s, in 5 sorties, bomb AA positions and targets in Watien area.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Japanese driving on Changsha continue to fan out S, E, and W from Pingkiang and are reported held by Chinese 6 mi. S of Sinshih, on Hankow-Canton RR. Japanese land about 10½ mi. N of Yiyang, S of Tungting Lake, and are moving toward Yiyang, Chungking reports. To the NW, Chinese are attacking Kungan.

Airfields at Linfen, Hotsin, and Puchow effectively strafed by CACW planes on rcn. Two B-24s sink 250-ft. vessel during South China Sea sweep. Six P-40s sweep NE French Indo-China, strafing locomotives and rolling stock.

5 Burma-India: Chinese make small gains in and around Myitkyina against continued determined resistance. On Mogaung Valley front, Chinese troops now hold Tumbonghka, 10 mi. SE of Kamaing; enemy attempts to reduce road blocks 6 mi. SE and same distance NW of Kamaing are frustrated by elements of 38th and 22d Divs, respectively; on W flank, Kansai has fallen to units of 22d Div; main Chinese southward advance on Kamaing continues. British units in Fort Hertz Valley are attacking in Tiangzup area from newly established bridgehead across Tiang Hka.

On 33d Corps front, British advance slightly in Kohima area. To the S, in 4th Corps sector, local actions reported NE of Imphal and along Palel-Tamu road; at Ningthoukhong, British 48th Brig is consolidating its positions. British 71st Brig, 26th Div, has moved from Goppe Bazar to Bawli Bazar, on Arakan front.

Ground forces at Myitkyina supported by 66 Allied aircraft which drop 13 tons of bombs and several depth charges with generally good results. Loilaw and Mohnyin areas receive 7.5 tons of bombs from 15 P-40s. Twelve Vengeances drop 6 tons on village near Mohnyin. Strategic Air Force bombers are also active in N Burma: 9 B-25s with 11 P-40s as escort destroy or damage 10 buildings at Bhamo with 17.5 tons of bombs, while 4 B-25s escorted by 4 P-51s strike at bridge near Myitkyina without success, but damage track.

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Japanese Hq at Kangpokpi and positions near Kohima hit by 47 Vengeances and 54 Hurribombers with 40 tons of bombs and strafed by 12 Hurricanes. Northeast of Imphal, 6 Hurribombers raid enemy camp. Sixteen Hurricanes and 2 Spitfires damage Mayu river craft and trucks and stores along Tiddim road.

Burma-China: Salween: Lashio bombed by 18 B-24s escorted by 12 P-40s; serious damage and numerous large fires reported. Seven B-24s strike at Namhkam, considerably damaging stores and barracks. Twelve P-40s support ground forces near Watien and Lameng.

Thailand: B-29s of 20th Bomber Command, on their 1st mission, attack Bangkok in force; of 98 dispatched, about 85 strike at target, bombing RR shops by radar through 7/10 to 10/10 overcast; photographs reveal that 3-4 direct hits severely damage boiler shop of Makasan RR workshops, near miss damages workshop, RR sidings and rolling stock considerably damaged, and scattered hits scored among public and residential buildings within city.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Threat to Changsha increases as Japanese columns drive to within 20 mi. of the town. Enemy forces enter Yuankiang, on S shore of Tungting Lake, and converge with units which landed N of Yiyang yesterday in drive on Yiyang. Chinese report landing of enemy troops at Yingtien, on Siang R. N of Siangyin. Northwest of Tungting Lake, Kungan falls to Chinese.

HONAN: Japanese armd units launch drive from Taying, about 80 mi. W of Loyang on Lung-Hai RR.

Eight P-40s strafe tanks and trucks near Taying. Twenty-nine P-40s raid barges on Tungting Lake near Yuankiang, firing 16. Japanese planes raid Sian, causing but minor damage.

- 6 Burma-India: Chinese make limited gains in S portion of Myitkyina and repulse counterattacks SW of the town. In Mogaung Valley, Chinese 22d Div tightens ring around Kamaing: elements moving S have captured Pakhren Sakan, 8 mi. NW of Kamaing; on W flank, patrols are moving toward Lonkin from newly captured village 3 mi. to N, and other units are now 5 mi. W of Kamaing.

In 33d Corps area, British 2d Div S of Kohima clears all of Aradura spur except crest; 7th Div continues to move E from Kohima against light resistance from withdrawing Japanese.

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Enemy activity increases on 4th Corps front. British 63d Brig is forced to withdraw from positions 5 mi. SW of Bishenpur by Japanese armed with flame throwers and supported by heavy arty fire. British 32d Brig is unsuccessful in attacks, yesterday and today, on small village NW of Bishenpur. During night, 48th Brig repulses enemy attack on its positions at Ningthoukhong and starts mopping up party of Japanese infiltrating into Potsangbam area.

Nine B-25s of SAF and 12 P-40s attack Waingmaw, S of Myitkyina, starting numerous fires with 11 tons of bombs and strafing. Forty-four P-40s, 21 A-36s, and 7 P-51s damage stores, gun sites, and barracks at Myitkyina and RR tracks and gun positions at Pidaung with numerous depth charges and 5.5 tons of bombs. In Mogaung-Mohnyin-Kamaing area, 26 P-40s, 3 A-36s, and 1 P-51 release 9 tons of bombs and 32 depth charges on enemy positions, gun sites, and rail targets. Trackage, rolling stock, and buildings at Kadu destroyed by 7 P-40s. SAF B-25s are also active against rail and road targets: 12 score 5 hits and several near misses on Tiddim road at MS 87; 4 others score direct hits on RR from Kawlin to Kanbalu and from Mawhun to Mohnyin; total of 23 tons of bombs used. Hurribombers, in 34 sorties, raid Bishenpur, Kanglatongbi, and Ukhrul regions. Forty-three Hurricanes and 2 Spitfires strike at positions and communications in 4th and 33d Corps and Arakan sectors. During sweep over Meiktila airfield, 18 P-38s destroy 2 airborne planes for loss of 2.

Burma-China: Salween: Fighting reported near Chai Kung Tang, Lameng, Lungling, and Hsiangta. In Chiangtso area, NNE of Tengchung, Chinese 53d Army is on the defensive; Hq now 18 mi. NE of Tengchung. Hq of Chinese 71st Army is 6 mi. SE of Lungling.

China: HUNAN: Stiff fighting reported near Changsha as Japanese continue to close in on the town from several directions.

HGNAN: Japanese continue southwestward drive from Taying.

Five B-25s bomb Pailuchi airfield, considerably damaging it. Ankiang accurately bombed by 6 B-25s and 10 P-51s; 2 of 7 interceptors shot down. Twenty-two P-40s sweep Tungting Lake and area to SE, reporting 2 motor launches sunk and many damaged; 225 Japanese and over 200 horses killed. Rail and road targets in Chengchow area strafed by 9 P-40s. Two others sink 1 junk and damage others off Kwangchowwan.

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Indian Ocean: SS Helen Moller (British cargo ship, 5,259 tons) sunk by SS at 04-28 S, 74-45 E.

7 Burma-India: Small gains are made by Chinese fighting in S and SW portions of Myitkyina. Japanese 53d Div is believed to have moved into Mogaung Valley; Hq reported to be at Pahok, 14 mi. W of Mogaung. Enemy village 5 mi. SW of Kamaing has fallen to elements of Chinese 65th Regt, 22d Div.

On 33d Corps front, British 2d and 7th Divs make further gains to S and E: advancing S along Kohima-Imphal road, 2d Div reaches Phesama, 3 mi. S of Kohima; on Kohima-Jessami trail, 7th Div has occupied Chakabama, 6 mi. ESE of Kohima, and Kezoma, 7 mi. SE of Kohima. British 268th Brig, now under command of 33d Corps, is made responsible for defense of Kohima.

On 4th Corps front, British 5th Div launches offensive in Kanglatongbi area, N of Imphal, to open Imphal-Kohima road from the S, making some progress. From positions 5 mi. SW of Bishenpur, British 63d Brig withdraws to Bishenpur. Northwest of Bishenpur, another attack on village by British 32d Brig is unsuccessful, although enemy positions are penetrated initially.

SAF bombers continue active against rail targets: in 2 attacks on Wuntho-Shwebo area, total of 12 B-25s drops 26 tons of bombs, scoring 18 direct hits; 3 others damage bridge N of Kyungon with near miss; rolling stock, locomotives, and factory strafed. Diverted by weather from Wuntho, 5 B-25s drop 15 tons of bombs on Kalembo. Area S of Myitkyina raided with unobserved results by 8 P-40s. Eleven Vengeances release 5.5 tons of bombs on Kadu; similar force raids troops and supplies at Humine, NW of Thaungdut, with 5.5 tons. Ningthoukhong and Taphema hit by total of 36 Hurribombers. Thirty-three Hurricanes and 4 Spitfires are active against trucks, stores, and bashes along Tiddim and Imphal-Kohima roads and Mayu R.

Burma-China: Salween: In Mamien Pass area, Chai Kung Tang is now surrounded by Chinese 198th Div. Chinese 2d Div is active in Chicotou and Kaitou areas; elements of 28th Div make gains NW of Lameng; 88th and 87th Divs are closing in on Lungling. Six B-25s successfully attack installations at Namhkam, while 4 others damage Lashio bridge approaches.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Chinese report that Japanese units

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from Yingtien are within 6 mi. of Changsha from N; others advancing down Hankow-Canton RR are $9\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N; from Pingkiang, enemy troops reach Kukang, about 12 mi. NE of Liuyang, and region about 23 mi. N of Liuyang, Japanese are attacking Siangyin and Yiyang. To the NW, bitter fighting is reported in Nanhsien area.

HONAN: Japanese columns are moving SW from Lushan, as well as from Taying; fighting reported in Sunghsien and Yenling areas.

Fourteen Allied fighters raid Yangtze R. area in support of ground forces. Total of 3 B-25s, 15 P-40s, and 4 P-51s strikes at rail and road targets, including RR yards at Chengchow, locomotives near Linfen, tank concentrations at Taying, and cavalry concentrations at Kiaotow with generally good results. River craft along Siang and Mi rivers damaged by 9 P-40s. Two P-40s raid Nadzuong carbide mines, NE French Indo-China; buildings and rail targets damaged with rockets. Two B-25s, while sweeping S China coast, sink 85-ft. schooner.

8 Burma-India: Chinese are making rapid strides down Mogaung Valley: in 22d Div sector, 64th Regt moving S from Pakhren Sakan has now reached road block 6 mi. NW of Kamaing held by 65th Regt; in 38th Div sector, further enemy attacks on road block at Seton are beaten off by 112th Regt. On 33d Corps front, British 2d Div continues southward advance down Kohima-Imphal road; 4th Brig is in contact with Japanese near Viswema, 8 mi. SSE of Kohima. British 5th Div, on 4th Corps front, is moving N along Imphal-Kohima road toward Safarmaina, 17 mi. N of Imphal. On Bishenpur-Silchar trail, British 32d Brig is now concentrated N of Kungpi.

In 2 attacks on Tiddim road, 9 SAF B-25s with 13 tons of bombs score 4 direct hits at Khualvum and 3 in Tonzang area. Eight P-51s and P-40s bomb enemy positions and bridge in Mogaung area. Twelve Vengeances drop 6 tons of bombs on stores at Humine. Tamu and Ukhrul hit by 12 Hurribombers each. Twenty-six Hurricanes and 4 Spitfires raid targets along Tamu-Sittaung and Tiddim roads and bashas at Buthedaung and Kwazon.

Fifteen enemy fighters strafe Bishenpur area and destroy 1 Hurricane in the air.

Burma-China: Salween: Chenanso, on Burma Road SW of Lameng, falls to regt of Chinese 37th Div; Tapa, 2 mi. S,

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is under attack. Chinese 88th Div is now at N gate of Lungling.

China: HUNAN: Japanese are completing encirclement of Changsha. Siangyin falls to enemy troops.

Thirty Allied fighters support troops in Yellow R. area. Shasi and Ichang hit by total of 17 P-40s which concentrate on warehouses and military installations with bombs and rockets; considerable damage reported. Six Allied fighters successfully raid rail targets in Loyang area and cavalry units at Nanyang. Two B-24s sink 250-ft. AK and damage a large one off S China coast.

9. Burma-India: On 33d Corps front, fighting continues near Viswema against stiffening enemy resistance; Japanese suffer heavy casualties in an unsuccessful counterattack. Continuing along Kohima-Jessami trail, 161st Brig, 7th Div, occupies Kekrima, 10 mi. SE of Kohima. In 4th Corps sector, scattered fighting is in progress N of Imphal; 2 enemy attacks on Safarmaina repulsed. Japanese in Palel-Tamu area heavily attack British 23d Div positions near Tengnoupal, making some gains.

Japanese positions and supplies in Myitkyina area receive 6 tons of bombs from 25 P-40s. Mogaung is target for 16 P-51s and 3 P-40s which damage buildings and trucks; near miss scored on RR bridge near Myitkyina. Southwest of Mohnyin, 4 P-40s drop depth charges on rolling stock and bashas. With 10 tons of bombs, 5 B-25s of SAF score 5 direct hits on Tiddim road near Khualvum. Tiddim road also raided by 3 Hurricanes and 1 Beaufighter. Hurribombers, in 66 sorties, attack Kohima, Tuphema, Imphal, Somra, and Kabaw Valley areas. Twelve Hurricanes damage river craft and villages along Mayu R.

Burma-China: Salween: Indecisive fighting is in progress W of Tatangtzu and in vicinity of Watien and Pingka. Along Burma Road, elements of Chinese 87th Div capture Tapa; 2 regts of same div are storming N gate of Lungling, while 88th Div has penetrated S portion of the city; Burma Road now blocked 3 mi. SW of Mangshih by 1 bn of Chinese 9th Div; Hsiangta, 8 mi. E of Mangshih, is invested by other units of 9th Div.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Japanese are now at N gate of Changsha and the town is under arty fire. Fighting is in progress in outskirts of Yiyang. In Hupeh Province, Chinese report capture of half of Nanhsien.

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HONAN: Sunghsien falls to enemy troops.

P-40s, in 95 sorties, strafe Siang R., destroying 1 steamboat and a number of motor launches and sampans; installations along shore damaged; 15 of the planes bomb cavalry concentration at Kiaotow. Yuankiang twice raided by total of 10 B-25s and 10 P-51s; center of town reported considerably damaged. Five B-25s escorted by 12 P-51s raid Siangyin and destroy 3 of 12 interceptors. Eleven P-38s effectively bomb villages NE of Changsha, while 10 others damage Pingkiang and neighboring villages with bombs and strafing. Ichang and installations along river twice hit by total of 16 P-40s; 1 flight intercepted by 10 enemy planes, of which 2 are shot down for loss of 1 P-40. MT in Loyang and Loning areas hit by 2 P-40s. Four B-25s successfully bomb Hankow and Wuchang airdromes. Ground support in Yellow R. area furnished by 32 Allied fighters.

Single P-38 destroys 110-ft. barge and 25-ft. tug near Hongkong Harbor, while 1 B-24 sinks 2 120-ft. vessels off S China coast. Swatow docks bombed through overcast by 2 B-24s sweeping S China coast; same planes sink large ship and probably a 400-ft. AK.

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Burma-India: In Mogaung Valley, Kamaing, now in state of siege, is being shelled from Zigyun, just across Mogaung R.; much Japanese equipment is captured by Chinese closing in on the town.

Little change occurs on 33d Corps front: S of Kohima, British are held up by strong enemy opposition at Viswema; in 7th Div sector, Japanese are contacted near Kekrima and Kidema by 161st and 114th Brigs, respectively. Elements of British 23d Brig attack Kharasom without success.

On 4th Corps front, fighting continues N of Imphal in Kanglatongbi area with British registering small gains. Clashes occur in Imphal-Ukhrul sector. British 80th Brig advancing NE along Iril R. valley is now in vicinity of Molkon, 22 mi. NNE of Imphal. British 32d Brig captures feature NW of Bishenpur after unsuccessful attempts on June 5, 6, and 7. In Palel-Tamu area, 23d Div counterattack to regain ground lost to Japanese near Tengnoupal yesterday is ineffective.

Adverse weather prevents all but 2 of 24 SAF B-24s from attacking Chauk with 69 tons of bombs; Yenangyaung is alternate for 15 of the bombers and Lanywa, near Chauk, for 6. Japanese positions at Myitkyina receive 4.5 tons of bombs

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from 22 P-40s; rolling stock near Myitkyina raided by 2 P-51s. In Mogaung area, 8 P-40s, 4 A-36s, and 2 P-51s bomb enemy positions, villages, and gun sites. Four A-36s damage tracks at RR bridge 6 mi. ESE of Nanti. Twenty-four Vengeances concentrate on Tamu area with 12 tons of bombs. Eighty-three Hurribombers release 20 tons of bombs near Imphal and Kohima, while 40 Hurricanes strafe same areas. Sixteen Hurricanes and 1 Beaufighter raid bashas and communications along Tiddim road and Mayu R.

Burma-China: Salween: Lungling, except for small pocket at W gate, now occupied by Chinese 88th and 87th Divs. Fighting continues in Mamien Pass area, N of Lameng, and at Hsiangta.

China: HUNAN-HUPEH: Fighting for Changsha continues; to the E, enemy troops are closing in on Liuyang. Chinese are attacking Ichang, on Yangtze R.

Seventy-two P-40s, in 6 missions, sweep Siang R. N of Changsha, damaging installations along the river, destroying numerous troop-laden river craft, and inflicting heavy casualties; about 1,000 Japanese reported killed during a single mission. Twelve B-25s and 7 P-51s successfully raid villages near Changsha and sink 12 30-ft. motor boats on Siang R., while 24 P-38s bomb villages NE of Changsha. Three B-25s and 6 P-51s kill 150 Japanese and 75 horses on Changsha-Pingkiang road. Rail targets in Loning-Linfen areas raided by 14 P-40s and 2 P-51s, respectively; at latter, 2 locomotives and truck destroyed and 4 grounded aircraft damaged. Seven P-40s bomb tank concentration near Lingpao with good results. Hankow and Wuchang airfields bombed at night by 7 B-25s. Three B-24s sink 250-ft. AK and damage 2 other AKs off S China coast. Barges at Hon Gay and rail targets at Lang Son are French Indo-China objectives for several P-40s.

Sixteen enemy bombers raid Lingling airfield, damaging 4 grounded aircraft. Suichwan airfield is target for 10 enemy bombers; P-38 and small petrol dump destroyed.

- 11 Burma-India: Following mortar and arty preparation, Allied troops launch coordinated attack on Myitkyina, overrunning several strongpoints in S portion of town and N of the town. On Mogaung-Valley front, siege of Kamaing continues; Chinese are now within 3 mi. of the town from the NW and E; just S of Kamaing, 3d Bn of 113th Regt, 38th

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Div, is crossing Mogaung R. British make little progress in clearing Kohima-Imphal road: on N, Japanese resistance continues strong near Viswema; on S, only minor gains are made near Kanglatongbi, N of Imphal. British forces advancing NE of Imphal toward Ukhrul have inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese in clashes during past few days. In Bishenpur area, 48th Brig positions at Ningthoukhong heavily shelled by Japanese. British 23d Div frustrates strong enemy attacks near Tenghoupal. On Kaladan front, British units are forced to withdraw from Mowdok.

Mogaung and Myitkyina areas attacked several times by total of 52 P-40s, 20 A-36s, and 5 P-51s, which drop 15.5 tons of bombs and 46 depth charges on gun emplacements, troop concentrations, and bridges; 2 RR bridges near Namti and another near Mogaung damaged. Twelve Vengeances with 6 tons of bombs score direct hit on river bridge N of Tonzang, while similar force probably damages another N of Tamu with 6 tons. Thirty-six Hurribombers strike in Imphal area, concentrating on positions and supplies with 8.5 tons of bombs and strafing. Twenty-two Hurricanes and Spitfires strafe troops, transportation facilities, gun positions, and river craft in Arakan, Mayu, Tiddim road, and Tamu areas.

Burma-China: Salween: In Mamien Pass area, Japanese attempts to relieve their beleaguered forces at Chai Kung Tang are unsuccessful. Chinese 2d Div fighting at Chiaotou is being relieved by 36th Div, except for 1 regt which remains at Watien. Along Burma Road, regt of Chinese 39th Div reaches point 4 mi. N of Lameng; fighting for Hsiangta continues; Japanese pocket in Lungling, although small, is reported resisting stubbornly.

China: CHEKIANG: Japanese drive westward along Hangchow-Nanchang RR from Kinkwa to capture Tangki, Chungking reports. Forty-two P-40s and 5 P-51s attack Siang R. and Tungting Lake targets, including bridgehead 15 mi. N of Changsha, islands at Siang R. delta, and river craft; 1 100-ft. boat, 4 supply boats, and 40 sampans and barges fired; many casualties inflicted. Fortifications and barracks at Ichang bombed by 14 P-40s. Eight B-25s and 5 P-40s raid Lingpao area, concentrating on tanks, armd vehicles, and cavalry. Eleven P-38s destroy a number of buildings at Anking and destroy 2 of 5 interceptors. Lanchi and neighboring villages raided by 10 P-40s and 4 P-51s; considerable damage and numerous fires reported. Ten P-40s strafe small craft on

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Lao Dao R. and military installations, including enemy Hq, along shore. Three B-24s sink 600-ft. AK and damage cruiser off S China coast.

Enshih and Liangshan airfields each raided by 8 enemy bombers; P-51 damaged at latter.

- 12 Burma-India: Attack on Myitkyina continues, with Allied troops registering only slight gains. Chinese in Mogaung Valley are now within 1 mi. of Kamaing from NW; the town is being shelled from here. In N sector of Kohima-Imphal road, British are still held up near Viswema; attack on Kidema, 9 mi. SSE of Kohima, by elements of British 7th Div fails. British 5th Div moving up Imphal-Kohima road from the S make some progress in Kanglatongbi-Safarmaina area. Elements of 80th Brig are astride Japanese line of communication about 25 mi. NE of Imphal; enemy convoy moving eastward is successfully raided. In Bishenpur area, 3 Japanese companies participate in tank and arty supported attack on Ningthoukhong which penetrates British lines; counterattack restores positions.

In support of troops in Mogaung area, 28 A-36s, 12 P-40s, and 8 P-51s start fires with 15 tons of bombs. Six B-24s of SAF straddle Tiddim road at MS 87 with 9.5 tons of bombs. Twenty-three Vengeances release 17 tons of bombs on 2 villages N of Moirang. Imphal-Moirang-Kingthoukhong areas hit by 33 Hurricanes, 17 of them dropping bombs and remainder strafing positions and gun sites. Sixteen Hurricanes and Spitfires raid trucks, AA positions, and bashas in Arakan, Tiddim road, Tamu, and Homalin areas.

Burma-China: Salween: Activity on Salween front hampered by heavy rain. Hongmoshu falls to Chinese 39th Div CT.

China: CHEKIANG: Japanese continue westward drive along Hangchow-Nanchang RR and capture Lungyu, Chinese report.

Japanese held villages NE of Changsha and military installations and river craft on Siang R. raided by total of 2 B-25s, 39 P-40s, and a number of P-51s; heavy casualties inflicted and villages and installations considerably damaged; 90 supply boats sunk and 25 more as well as numerous small craft damaged. Twelve P-40s and 19 P-51s concentrate on Tungting Lake, damaging many supply boats. Kwangshan hit by 13 P-40s and 10 P-51s which fire

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installations and inflict casualties. Seven B-25s and 15 P-40s strike at troops concentrated in village S of Loyang and near Lingpao. Lanchi area is target for 18 P-40s which damage warehouse, docks, installations, and river craft. Along Yantze R., 8 P-38s fire installations, while 2 B-24s damage 2 AKs. In night attack on Wuchang, Hankow, and Pailuchi airfields, 6 B-25s damage installations; 15 enemy planes wrecked at last target.

13 Burma-India: Heavy but indecisive fighting continues at Myitkyina; elements of Chinese 88th Regt seize portion of rifle range, while 42d and 150th Regts eliminate strong-points with flame throwers; strong enemy counterattack is repulsed during night. Chinese in Mogaung Valley continue assault on Kamaing and are blocking trails 4 mi. SW of the town. In Fort Hertz Valley, British report successful engagement with Japanese at Nsozpup. British 5th Div continues slow advance up Imphal-Kohima road; advance elements now at MS 113, about 1 mi. N of Safarmaina. In Bishenpur area, 32d Brig seizes enemy position near Kungpi, 4 mi. WSW of the town. Japanese arty shells British positions near Tengnoupal.

Poor weather cancels most air activity. Mogaung area bombed by 4 P-51s. Eleven Hurribombers hit enemy positions near Imphal, while 20 Hurricanes and 2 Spitfires raid stores and transportation facilities along Tiddim road and in Chin Hills.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 9th Div captures Hsiangta, 8 mi. E of Mangshih. Japanese positions in Kaitou and Watien areas bombed and strafed by P-40s.

China: Forty-two P-40s and 2 B-25s successfully raid targets in Changsha area and Tungting Lake, including troops, radio station, and shipping; about 150 boats sunk near Yiyang. Four B-25s and 7 P-51s attack Liuyang, killing about 200 Japanese; pontoon bridge, wrecked and another damaged. Eighteen B-25s and 52 fighters bomb RR yards at Wuchang, reporting considerable damage; 2 of 8 interceptors shot down for loss of 1 P-40. Pailuchi airfield raided by 2 B-25s. Five others with 8 P-40s escorting strike at Shasi warehouses and factories. Barracks area at Loyang heavily damaged by 4 B-25s and 8 P-40s. Four B-24s raid shipping off Hongkong and Shanghai, sinking 250-ft. AK and damaging 2 other AKs.

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Enemy planes bomb Yushan, Kienow, and Hengyang airfields; Kienow runway hit with 19 bombs.

14 Burma-India: Chinese and American troops continue attack on Myitkyina, but make only local gains. Kamaing is still under siege, with 5 Chinese Regts (64, 65, 149, 113, 112) encircling the town; 66th and 114th mopping up in Nanyaseik area and moving S toward Mogaung, respectively. During night, Japanese reinforcements, believed to be elements of 151st Regt, 53d Div, move N to Mogaung. In N sector of Kohima-Imphal road, British 2d Div attack forces Japanese to withdraw from Viswema positions; Kidema, 9 mi. SE of Kohima, occupied by elements of 7th Div. British 5th Div attacking N up Imphal-Kohima road clears 2 road blocks near MS 113, N of Safarmaina. South of Bishenpur, Japanese shell Potsangbam; more than 2 enemy companies seen moving W from Ningthoukhong. Fighting reported in Tengnoupal area.

Continuing bad weather limits air missions. Five B-24s of SAF straddle Tiddim road with 15 tons of bombs. Ten U.S. fighter bombers raid targets near Mogaung, damaging RR bridge approach and tracks. Six others damage RR bridge 10 mi. NW of Myitkyina airfield. Thirty Hurricanes, 18 of them with bombs, raid enemy camp, positions, and trucks near Kohima. Imphal area and Tiddim road are targets for 20 Hurricanes which concentrate on tanks and bridges.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 198th Div captures Chai Kung Tang, last important enemy position in Mamien Pass area. Japanese, in considerable strength, advance on Lungling from Tengchung and are being engaged NW of Lungling by Chinese 87th Div. Other enemy units are attempting to regain Hsiangta.

China: HUNAN: Japanese are now in SE suburbs of Changsha. Other enemy units are driving toward Liling, 45 mi. SE of Changsha.

HONAN: In vicinity of Peking-Hankow RR, Junan falls to Japanese.

P-40s, in 43 sorties, raid troops, villages, and shipping near Lanchi, Liuyang, Chuliangkiao, and NW of Changsha; 60 troop and supply boats sunk and 30 sampans and many small craft damaged, and hits scored on large supply barges; heavy casualties inflicted on enemy cavalry units near Liuyang.

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15 Burma-India: On Mogaung Valley front, elements of Chinese 65th Regt, after wide encircling move S of Kamaing, are 8 mi. S and 11 mi. SW of the town; remainder of Regt is patrolling in Lonkin area. British 2d Div continues S from Viswema on Kohima-Imphal road to MS 64, 10 mi. S of Kohima, after repairing a bridge. From Kidema, 7th Div is pushing SE rapidly. Fighting continues in Safarmaina area with British making little progress against determined resistance. Southwest of Bishenpur, 32d Brig is unsuccessful in attempt to reduce enemy position NW of Laimanai. Area between Potsangbam and Ningthoukhong flooded by heavy rains. Air activity virtually ceases due to adverse weather. Twelve Hurribombers raid enemy positions near Imphal, while 10 Hurricanes strafe same targets.

China: HUNAN: While battle for Changsha rages, other enemy units have surrounded and are attacking Ningsiang, NW of Changsha, and Liuyang, to the E; others continue southward toward Liling.

HOWAN: Japanese moving S along Peking-Hankow RR reported just N of Suiping.

Twenty-four B-24s attack Canton area, considerably damaging military stores and warehouses with 31 tons of bombs. Enemy shipping on Siang R. N of Changsha raided by 15 P-40s. Nine P-40s bomb and strafe Chuchow and targets in the area, killing 130 Japanese and 60 horses. Ten P-40s damage rail and road targets in Loyang area. Six P-40s fire 100-ft. junk off French Indo-China.

16 Burma-India: Kamaing, under siege for past week, falls to Chinese 22d and 38th Divs; considerable equipment captured. Mogaung is next big Chinese objective and advance on this town has started. On Assam front, British 2d Div continues down Kohima road: 6th Brig, after clearing road block at MS 64, continues southward, leaving 5th Brig in Viswema area and 4th near Kigwema. During night, advance British units infiltrate into Mao Songsang and occupy Tuphema. East of the road, British 7th Div makes progress, with 114th Brig moving SE of Kohima and 161st advancing E along Jessami trail to area generally 15 mi. SE of Kohima. No important gains reported by British 5th Div fighting N of Safarmaina. Heavy rains continue to hamper troops on 4th Corps front.

Continuing poor weather grounds most planes. Twenty A-36s and 8 P-40s and P-51s bomb and strafe Myitkyina area, starting 3 large fires.

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Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 2d and 36th Divs capture Chiaotou, 32 mi. NNE of Tengchung; 2 regts are pursuing retreating Japanese. Elements of Chinese 28th and 39th Divs are attempting to reduce enemy stronghold at Shungshan, 4 mi. W of Salween and just N of Burma Road. At Lungling, airfield and area around city now free of Japanese, but resistance continues in W part of city proper. Chinese 88th Div now deployed in Lungling, 1½ mi. E, and 7 mi. NE; 87th Div troops are holding ground 2½ mi. N of Lungling and opposing Japanese from Tengchung; elements of 28th Div fighting 6 mi. NE of Mangshih.

China: HUNAN: Chinese continue to hold out at Changsha, but lose Liuyang, about 35 mi. to the E. Street fighting is in progress at Ningsiang, NW of Changsha.

HONAN: Chinese report gains in fighting near Sunghsien: enemy now pushed back to that city and fighting is in progress in suburbs. On Peking-Hankow RR, Kioshan falls to Japanese.

CHEKIANG: Japanese driving W along Hangchow-Nanchang RR capture Chuhsien, about 40 mi. from Kinkwa.

Two B-24s sweep S China coast, sinking a tug and a barge.

17 Burma-India: Indecisive fighting continues at Myitkyina. Chinese in Mogaung Valley are mopping up around Kamaing and nearing Mogaung; advance units are within 2 mi. of the town on NW. Bulk of Japanese forces are believed to be withdrawing southward from Tiangzup. British 2d Div, with 6th Brig in advance, reaches MS 65 on Kohima-Imphal road. Collapse of Japanese Assam-Manipur offensive grows more imminent as British activities against lateral supply lines E of Kohima-Imphal road become more widespread: from Kohima-Jessami trail, 23d Brig columns are moving S in Phakekedzumi-Jessami area to cut supply lines; farther S, elements of 161st Brig, 7th Div, are astride supply line from Kharasom to Taphema; in Imphal-Ukhrul sector, activities of 80th Brig in Iril R. valley NE of Imphal are temporarily halted by torrential rains. Main force of Japanese 31st Div is believed to be withdrawing southward from Kharasom to Ukhrul. On 4th Corps front, heavy rains limit activities N of Safarmaina and in Bishenpur area to minor skirmishes; in Palel-Tamu area, British clear 3 bunkers near Tengnoupal, but are unsuccessful in attack to NW.

Mogaung bombed and strafed by 8 A-36s. Total of 60

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Hurribombers successfully attack bunkers NE of Palei, Kohima road near Maram, and positions and troops SW of Jessami; 20 Hurricanes strafe last area. Thirty-eight Hurricanes and 7 Spitfires raid troops, transportation facilities, and supplies in 4th and 33d Corps area, along Tiddim road, and at Safarmaina. Spitfires pursue 21 enemy fighters from Palei to Bishenpur where they shoot down 6 of the enemy planes.

Burma-China: Salween: Two regts of Chinese 36th Div are advancing on Watien from Chiaotou, while 2d Div remains at latter. In Lungling area, Chinese situation is deteriorating rapidly; Japanese take the offensive, pushing 71st Army (including 87th and 88th Divs and 84th Regt of 28th Div) back to general line 6 mi. NE of Lungling with main strength at Hwangtsaopa, 7 mi. NE of Lungling.

China: HUNAN: Chungking reports that beleaguered Chinese at Changsha still hold the town. Siangtan, about 25 mi. SW of Changsha, captured by Japanese units which have by-passed Changsha.

HONAN: Japanese moving down Peking-Hankow RR reported S of Suiping. Fighting is in progress near Chowkiakow, about 45 mi. NE of Suiping.

Twenty-two B-25s and about 100 fighter bombers and fighters are active over wide area on Hengyang-Yangtze R. front, raiding troops, transportation facilities, and installations; among areas hit are Lilang, Chuchow, Shanglishih, Fenglinpu, Changsha, Yiyang, and Lanchi; numerous casualties inflicted on Japanese, installations considerably damaged, many small craft destroyed or damaged, and 2 enemy planes shot down; 1 P-40 lost. Military installations at Ichang hit by 7 P-40s.

18. Burma-India: On Assam front, elements of British 5th Brig, 2d Div, reach point just N of Maram, 16 mi. S of Kohima. No change reported in Safarmaina area. In Palei-Tamu sector, British repulse arty supported attack on positions near Tengnoupal.

Weather again cancels most air missions. Twenty-three A-36s, 8 P-40s, and 6 P-51s drop 10 tons of bombs in Myitkyina-Mogaung area in support of ground forces.

Burma-China: Salween: From Chiaotou area, regt of Chinese 2d Div moves W to take village N of Ku Tung Kai. Chinese 36th Div advances from N and E to outskirts of Watien. In area 18 mi. NE of Tengchung, 2 enemy held villages fall

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to 116th and 130th Divs. Chinese continue to withdraw in Lungling area and are now 8 mi. NE of the city. Elements of Chinese 28th and 39th Divs are engaged in stiff fighting at Lameng.

China: HUNAN: Changsha, Hunan Province capital and objective of previous Japanese attacks earlier in the war, falls at last into enemy hands. South of Changsha, other Japanese columns are fanning out over wide area.

Yochow is target for accurate attack by 24 B-24s; numerous fires result. Four B-25s and 40 P-40s concentrate on troops, military installations, and shipping on lower Tungting Lake and along Siang R. from Changsha to delta; fuel dump fired, many supply boats damaged, and 175 Japanese and 20 horses killed; of 12 intercepting aircraft, 4 are shot down for loss of 1 P-40. Ten P-51s seriously damage village 10 mi. E of Changsha. Four P-40s bomb military stores and factories at Shasi. Six others strafe Sinsiang airfield and rail targets in Loyang area.

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Burma-India: Fighting at Myitkyina continues brisk and indecisive; American patrol destroys RR bridge 13 mi. W of town. On Mogaung Valley front, 1st Bn of Chinese 114th Regt crosses Mogaung R. to effect junction with British 77th Brig SE of Mogaung. Tiangzup falls to British units in Fort Hertz Valley. On Assam front, British 33d Corps Hq is moved from Dimapur to position near Kigwema, 5 mi. S of Kohima. British 2d Div makes rapid progress down Kohima-Imphal road; 5th Brig, after clearing 2 road blocks near MS 80, occupies Maram, hastily evacuated by Japanese, and continues to MS 82, just S of Maram. Small-scale actions W and NW of Bishenpur fail to alter situation materially. Skirmishes reported near Tengnoupal and about 15 mi. E of Kanglatongbi.

Enemy troop train near Pinbaw hit by 8 P-51s and 4 A-36s which destroy locomotive and 10 rolling stock and strafe troops. Mogaung and Myitkyina raided by 6 A-36s and 3 P-40s, respectively. Five Vengeances attack bridge near Tamu, probably damaging approaches with 4 tons of bombs. Enemy village N of Moirang receives 5 tons of bombs from 11 Vengeances. Forty-six Hurribombers strike at enemy positions near Imphal and Kharasom and at Mawlaik town. Fifty-two Hurricanes and 8 Spitfires strike bridges, tanks, and troops along Tiddim road and in Mawlaik and Kharasom areas.

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Burma-China: Salween: Several enemy positions near Chiangtso, 20 mi. NE of Tengchung, reduced by 116th and 130th Divs. Following withdrawal from Lungling, Chinese have regrouped and concentrated their forces SE of the city. Chinese 2d Army Hq and 2 regts of 76th Div now 6 mi. SE of Lungling. Fifteen P-40s bomb and strafe Salween targets in support of ground forces.

Thailand: Four B-25s bomb RR bridge at Kenghluang through overcast which obscures results.

China: HUNAN: Chinese are counterattacking in rear areas and report recapture of Ningsiang, NW of Changsha.

HONAN: Japanese are now in Chowchiakow where street fighting is reported.

Fourteen B-25s and 134 fighter bombers and fighters attack targets in Changsha area and along Siang R. from Chuchow N to Tungting Lake; over 200 vessels, including a double-decked steamer and several of 150 ft., reported damaged or destroyed, a number of villages fired, and casualties inflicted on Japanese cavalry column; 3 enemy planes shot down for loss of 1 P-38. Three B-25s and 13 P-38s damage PG at Anking and shoot down 1 of 11 planes engaged; 2 P-38s lost. While sweeping Peking-Hankow RR, 18 P-40s damage approaches to 2 RR bridges at Yencheng and destroy 24 trucks, 20 of them loaded with gasoline.

Indian Ocean: SS Garcoet (Dutch cargo ship, 7,118 tons) sunk by SS at 00-11 S; 56-00 E.

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Burma-India: Tenth Air Force and Third Tactical Air Force placed directly under Air Commander, Eastern Air Command.

West of Kamaing, Chinese 66th Regt patrols from Lonkin contact units of British 14th Brig 17 mi. S of Lonkin. In Mogaung area, entire Chinese 114th Regt is now in contact with British 77th Brig 3 mi. SE of the town. On Assam front, British 2d Div makes substantial gains down road toward Imphal; 4th Brig passes through 5th and, after overcoming opposition at MS 82, continues southward to MS 88, 23 mi. S of Kohima. East of Kohima-Imphal road, British 7th Div continues to move S and is now E and SE of Maram. Farther E, British 23d Brig is pursuing retreating Japanese toward Ukhrul and has reached Chakyang and Tusom Khulen. Northeast of Imphal, 80th and 100th Brigs continue active against enemy positions and supply lines. Japanese shell Ningthoukhong

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and Potsangbam, S of Bishenpur.

Eight A-36s and 3 P-40s destroy numerous buildings and damage bridge in Kyitkyina area. Two B-25s of SAF damage river bridge S of Meza with 3 tons of bombs and strafe rolling stock. Hurricanes, in 25 sorties, strafe widespread targets in battle areas.

Burma-China: Salween: Watien, 22 mi. NNE of Tengchung, falls to Chinese 36th Div; Japanese are being pursued S toward Chiangtso and W across Shweli R. Chinese 116th and 130th Divs are attacking Chiangtso, 20 mi. NNE of Tengchung, from N, E, and S; West of Shweli R., Ku Tung Kai is captured by 4th Regt of Chinese 2d Div; 1 bn occupies village 17 mi. NNW of Tengchung. Shungshan, 4 mi. W of Salween R., is under attack by Chinese 28th Div, reinf.

Lungling attacked by 24 B-25s which cause considerable damage. Japanese column near Tengchung raided by 4 P-40s and an estimated 500 casualties inflicted.

China: HUNAN: Liling, about 45 mi. SE of Changsha on RR to Nanchang, falls to Japanese.

CHEKIANG: Chinese report recapture of Chuhsien on Hangchow-Nanchang RR.

Liling twice bombed by total of 26 P-51s and 5 P-40s which cause considerable damage and destroy 10 sampans. To the NW, unspecified number of P-40s raid Chuchow and strafe barges loaded with horses; 1 P-40 lost. Eight B-25s and 61 fighter bombers and fighters, in 9 missions, attack shipping, villages, and roads from Chuchow area N to vicinity of Yiyang; numerous large river craft, including ferries, double-decked troop boats, steamers, and supply boats, damaged or destroyed; about 200 70-ft. boats damaged by single mission; casualties inflicted. Supply lines in Pingkiang area successfully bombed and strafed and an enemy plane shot down by 9 P-38s. Yangtze R. shipping E of Kiukiang hit by 3 B-25s and 10 P-38s; 3 power boats (60-70 ft.) sunk and another damaged; 125-ft. power boat left in sinking condition. On Yellow R. front, 18 P-40s bomb RR yards at Lohochai, leaving target in flames; 75 trucks and 6 barges destroyed or damaged in the area. While sweeping Hainan I. area, 3 B-24s sink 400-ft. AK and damage another AK.

21. Burma-India: On Mogaung Valley front, Chinese 112th and 113th Regts are closing in on Mogaung from the N. Just S of Mogaung, British 77th Brig and Chinese 114th Regt are

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blocking roads and RRs, while units of British 14th Brig are active against Japanese along RR SW of Mogaung. On Kohima-Imphal road, British 2d Div overcomes resistance at MS 88; advance units continue to MS 102, 33 mi. S of Kohima and only 10 mi. from British 5th Div's positions on the road N of Safarmaina. Fifth Div clears enemy position N of Safarmaina. Japanese are active in Bishenpur area, laying mines and cratering Silchar trail W of Bishenpur and attacking, without success, British position about 3 mi. NW of the town. Hq of Japanese 33d Div believed to be at Laimanai, about 4 mi. W of Ningthoukhong. British report successful ambush in Palel-Tamu area.

Forty-three P-40s and 3 A-36s bomb and strafe Mogaung area, considerably damaging buildings. Myitkyina hit by 19 A-36s, 4 P-40s, and 2 P-51s; several buildings destroyed or damaged. Single B-25 successfully raids rail targets near Mohnyin. Twelve Vengeances damage river bridge SE of Tamu with 9 tons of bombs, while 4 others together with 8 Hurricanes bomb and strafe Buthedaung. Bishenpur-Kanglatongbi area raided by 29 Hurribombers. Thirty-seven Hurricanes and 8 Spitfires strike at supplies, communications, and positions in Tiddim road, upper Chindwin, Churachandpur, Imphal, and Kohima areas.

Andaman Is.: Carrier-based planes of Allied Eastern Fleet attack Port Blair, destroying 1 radar station and damaging another, wrecking 2 grounded aircraft, and considerably damaging military and industrial installations; AA fire destroys 1 Allied plane. In night attack on Port Blair, 3 B-24s of SAF release 5 tons of bombs on airfield, despite poor weather which prevents 9 others from reaching target; bursts observed near runway; 1 B-24 lost.

Burma-China: Salween: Chiangtso falls to 116th and 130th Chinese Divs. General Chinese offensive southward toward Tengchung is under way. Japanese force further withdrawal of elements of Chinese 87th Div from area N of Hwangtsaopa, 7 mi. NE of Lungling. Southeast of Lungling, Chinese 88th Div is being reinforced by elements of 76th Div. Supporting ground forces, 12 P-40s raid trucks and troops near Tengchung.

China: HUNAN: Japanese capture Siangsiang, about 45 mi. SW of Changsha on RR line leading W from the town. Other enemy forces are moving S along both sides of Siang R.

HONAN: Chinese report recapture of Sunghsien. On Siang R. S of Changsha, Siangtan and Hengshan areas

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raided by 2 P-51s and 9 P-40s, respectively; 2 80-ft. barges sunk, large river steamer left smoking, and other shipping and cavalry units strafed. Rail targets in Lang Son area, French Indo-China, raided by 2 P-40s.

22 Burma-India: Chinese register slight gains at Myitkyina. On Mogaung Valley front, Chinese and British troops continue to clear enemy pockets near Kamaing, Nanyaseik, and Mogaung.

With junction of 4th and 33d Corps at MS 109, entire road from Dimapur to Imphal is open for traffic. Elements of Japanese 15th and 31st Divs are thereby cut off from main forces in Ukhrul area, and isolated British forces at Imphal are relieved. Sixth Brig, 2d Div, following rapid southward advance from MS 102, effects the junction with 5th Div. Speed of 2d Div advance, during past few days, has surprised Japanese using delaying tactics and forced them to retire in confusion. In Kohima area, 268th Brig reverts to British 21st Div. From Ukhrul, enemy troops are withdrawing steadily to SE. Hq of Japanese 31st Div now at Lungshong, about 5 mi. SE of Ukhrul. Patrolling and skirmishes reported in Palel-Tamu area and on Arakan front.

Five P-40s bomb buildings at Mogaung. Villages between Imphal and Palel receive 6 tons of bombs from 24 Hurribombers. Hurricanes, in 42 sorties, strafe river craft and villages along Mayu R., supplies and MT at Churachandpur, and trails and huts in Imphal-Ukhrul-Tamu area.

Burma-China: Salween: Attack on Shungshan by Chinese 28th Div, reinf by 1 regt of 39th, continues. In Lungling area, enemy positions 3-4 mi. E and SE of the city are under attack by 88th Div and elements of 76th and 39th; NE of Lungling, units of 87th Div seize village 8 mi. from the city. In other sectors, Chinese are shifting their troops: 198th Div is relieving 2d at Chiaotou; 2d is concentrating at Ku Tung Kai; 130th is concentrating around Chiangtso, while 116th is about 7 mi. to the S.

China: HUNAN: Allies wreck and abandon Hengyang airfield, 14th Air Force fighter base, as Japanese threat to it becomes imminent. Japanese are reported to have occupied the airfield shortly afterwards.

Four P-40s probably destroy 3-decked steamer loaded with troops on Siang R. near Chuchow. On Yellow R. front, 14 P-40s strafe road from Hsuehchung to Lohochai, destroying 22 trucks and inflicting casualties. Thirteen B-24s attack Bakli Harbor, Hainan I., sinking 1 (350-400 ft.), probably another, and damaging a 250-ft. naval vessel.

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Burma-India: Battle for Mogaung starts with Japanese suffering heavy casualties and losing considerable equipment. Elements of Chinese 114th Regt are fighting in S part of town, while remainder of Regt and 113th Regt are active around Mogaung. British are eliminating enemy pockets along Kohima-Imphal road. Columns of 23d Brig continue to harass Japanese retreating southward toward Ukhrul, while 80th Brig is active against supply trail W of Ukhrul. Hq of Japanese 31st Div moves from Lungshong to Maoku, about 4 mi. SE of former. Enemy positions 2 mi. SE of Palel unsuccessfully attacked at night. Patrol clashes reported on Arakan front.

Single B-25, 7 A-36s, 60 P-40s, 27 P-51s, and 2 P-47s bomb and strafe N Burma targets, including Myitkyina, Mogaung, Waingmaw, Mawhun, village 5 mi. E of Taungni, Namkwi, and Loilaw; 33 tons of bombs dropped on positions, guns, petrol dumps, and rail targets. This is first time P-47s have operated in this theater. Forty-eight Hurribombers raid villages near Moirang, dropping 12 tons of bombs and strafing. Sixteen Hurricane sorties are flown against MT along Tiddim road and village near Buthedaung.

Burma-China: Salween: Except for small encircled pockets, Japanese stronghold in Shungshan area now held by Chinese 28th and 39th Divs. Indecisive fighting is in progress E and NE of Lungling. Chinese 9th Div is reducing enemy positions S of Hsiangta.

China: Twelve B-25s and about 70 fighter bombers and fighters attack shipping, troops concentrations, and military installations along Siang R., particularly in area between Hengyang and Siangtan, taking heavy toll of enemy sampans, river steamers, and smaller craft; numerous casualties inflicted on cavalry units; villages again damaged; half-ton bombs dropped on Hengyang runway.

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Burma-India: U.S. troops make slight gains N of Myitkyina. Fighting continues in and around Mogaung, with Chinese 113th and 114th Regts and British 77th Brig participating. Reduction of enemy pockets on both sides of Kohima-Imphal road continues. Four enemy attacks on 100th Brig position about 22 mi. SW of Ukhrul are beaten off. Japanese seize position about 3 mi. W of Bishenpur. In Palel-Tamu area, British are again unsuccessful in effort to take position about 2 mi. SE of Palel; fighting reported about 6 mi. SW of Tengnoupal.

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Indaingyi, near Kalembo, is target for 4 escorted B-24s of SAF; clouds obscure target and 12-ton bomb load is believed to have fallen near MS 120 on Tiddim road. Nineteen A-36s and 55 P-40s and P-51s concentrate on Mogaung-Myitkyina-Pinbaw area, dropping 11.5 tons of bombs and strafing; villages and communications damaged. Four P-38s strike in upper Chindwin area, concentrating on river craft and villages with rockets. Fifty-two Hurricanes, 36 of them using 9 tons of bombs, attack positions, personnel, and mules in Palel and Ukhrul areas and raze village near Yaingangpokpi. Supply dumps at Churachandpur and river craft and huts in Mayu sector strafed by 17 Hurricanes.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese continue drive on Tengchung: E of Shweli R., 1 regt of 53d Army is closing in on village 11 mi. ESE of Tengchung. Fighting continues in Shungshan area where Chinese, despite heavy casualties, are closing in on strongly fortified positions. In Lungling area, indecisive engagements continue NE and SE of the city.

China: HUNAN: Japanese make progress in southward drive to encircle Hengyang, junction of Hankow-Canton and Hunan-Kwangsi RRs, and advance units are now near the town. Hengshan, N of Hengyang, falls to enemy troops. Other Japanese forces driving E along Nanchang RR line from Liling occupy Pingsiang, about 55 mi. SE of Changsha.

In night attack on Hankow, 20 B-24s accurately bomb docks, causing much damage. On Siang R. front, 8 P-38s successfully bomb village E of Hengyang, while 21 P-40s strafe cavalry units in Hengyang area, killing a number of Japanese and horses. Eleven P-38s bomb pontoon bridge and buildings along Tungcheng-Fingkiang road, reporting good results. On Yellow R. front, 4 B-25s and 10 P-40s knock out span of bridge N of Chengchow.

25 Burma-India: Southern portion of Mogaung now held by Chinese 114th Regt; 113th Regt continues active N of the town. Coordinated Allied attack on Myitkyina results in slight gains in NW portion of town. Elimination of enemy remnants along Kohima-Imphal road continues. Hq of Japanese 31st Div believed to be at Kamjong, about 10 mi. SE of Moaku. Local actions continue along Silchar track W of Bishenpur: British recapture position lost to enemy yesterday and repulse attacks on others. Japanese position 2 mi. SE of Palel falls to British who hold it against determined counterattacks.

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Japanese MG positions, trucks, and buildings in Myitkyina-Mogaung area hit by 21 A-36s, 28 P-51s, 20 P-40s, and 4 P-47s; 10.5 tons of bombs and a number of depth charges dropped; targets also strafed. Two B-25s with 3 P-47s escorting render rail bridge S of Mohnyin unserviceable, while 2 others wreck S span of Namkwin RR bridge and destroy bridge between Mohnyin and Hopin. Four Vengeances bomb enemy village in Lemro R. area. Sixty-nine Hurricanes, 36 of them using 9 tons of bombs, raid enemy positions and communications in Palel, Bishenpur, Tamu, Ukhrul, and Imphal areas.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 53d Army makes progress in drive on Tengchung: 1 regt of 116th Div now 10 mi. S of Chiangtso. Encircled Japanese are still offering strong resistance in Shungshan area. Elements of Chinese 1st Div cross Salween and are advancing down Burma Road to reinforce troops in Lungling area. Confused fighting is in progress NE and E of Lungling. Chinese 9th Div completes reduction of enemy positions S of Hsiangta, captures village 3 mi. W. of the town, and is advancing toward Mangshih.

China: HUNAN: Japanese reach outskirts of Hengyang. Fifty-six P-40s and P-51s successfully bomb and strafe targets on Hunan front, including towns, villages, roads, and shipping; sampans and trucks destroyed or damaged and heavy casualties inflicted on Japanese. Two B-25s start fires at Ichang. Chengchow area bombed by 6 B-25s and 7 P-40s which damage a bridge and down 6 of 10 intercepting planes. Seven B-25s and 16 P-40s raid Shayang storage area, starting fires visible for 50 mi.

26 Burma-India: Mogaung falls to Chinese 114th Regt and British 77th Brig. Chinese 22d Div continues southward drive from Kamaing. At Myitkyina, Chinese 150th Regt reduces strongpoint in SE part of town, while U.S. troops make local gains N of town. Japanese capture 100th Brig position about halfway between Imphal and Ukhrul. Another attack on newly-captured British position 2 mi. SE of Palel is unsuccessful.

North Burma targets hit by total of 20 A-36s, 38 P-51s, and 62 P-40s with about 40 tons of bombs: 103 of the planes strike at Myitkyina, considerably damaging defense positions and buildings; 13 raid Mogaung with unobserved results; 4 hit supplies and rail targets in Mohnyin area. Vengeances,

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in 15 sorties, release 11 tons of bombs on fuel dumps at Tamu and positions NE of Kyauktaw. In Moirang-Bishenpur area, 18 Hurribombers strike at village and gun positions. Sixty-one Hurricanes strafe enemy positions and communications in Manipur and Mayu areas.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 198th Div is moving from Chiaotou to Chiangtso. Eight B-25s damage military installations at Tengchung. Six others strike in Tingka-Mangshih area, destroying 1 span of bridge near former. Lungling-Tengchung areas strafed by 27 P-40s. Japanese planes, in night raid on Lungling airfield, slightly damage runway and destroy 1 grounded fighter.

China: Fourteen B-24s attack Hankow, accurately bombing dock and warehouse area; considerable damage and large fires reported. Twenty-four B-25s and over 150 fighter bombers and fighters continue pounding of enemy concentrations, river and road communications, and installations on Hunan front with good results; 3 100-ft, double-decked troop boats sunk; 2 others, large ferryboat, and numerous sampans damaged; trucks and warehouses damaged or destroyed; heavy casualties inflicted; 7 enemy planes shot down for loss of 2 P-40s.

27 Burma-India: Hq of Japanese 31st Div believed to have moved about 4 mi. S from Kamjong to Chassud. Indecisive fighting continues several mi. W of Bishenpur and SE of Palel.

Forty-eight Hurribombers attack enemy positions and dumps in Palel area, bridges near Kalewa, and village in vicinity of Bishenpur; 12 tons of bombs dropped and targets strafed. Hurricanes, in 62 sorties, strafe transportation facilities and troops in Somra, Ukhrul, Palel, Tamu, and Mayu areas. Single P-40 wrecks bridge near Myitkyina.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese are converging on Tengchung: elements of 2d Div now $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NW of the city; 388th Regt, 130th Div, is about 11 mi. ESE of Tengchung; remainder of 130th Div and 116th Div generally about 8 mi. N of the city. Chinese 198th Div, except for 1 regt, now at Chiangtso; remaining regt of 198th Div is at 54th Army Hq at Watien. Japanese in Sungshan area unsuccessfully attacked by 1 bn of 1st Div. Enemy attacks in area 6 mi. SE of Lungling are beaten off. Elements of Chinese 76th Div fighting near Mangshih.

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China: HUNAN: Street fighting reported at Yiyang, NW of Changsha.

Eight B-25s, 46 P-40s and 6 P-51s continue offensive against enemy concentrations, river and road communications, and military installations on Hunan front, striking in Anjen, Yuh sien, Hengyang, Hengshan, Liling, Pingsiang, Siangsiang, Chuchow, and Kwei ji areas; villages, docks, river craft, and cavalry units hit.

Four B-24s sink 2 AKs (350-400 ft.), probably sink another vessel, and damage a 3d in Formosa Strait.

28 Burma-India: From Mogaung, elements of Chinese 114th Regt move SW along RR to point 1 mi. SW of Loilaw; units of 113th Regt clearing enemy from area just N of Mogaung. Japanese 18th Div has been virtually annihilated in the Mogaung Valley. Enemy troops are believed to be retreating to prepared positions in Traungni-Sahmaw area, 15 mi. SW of Mogaung. Hq of Japanese 31st Div now just S of Nampesha, about 5 mi. SW of Chassud. Minor skirmishes and patrolling reported in Bishenpur, Imphal-Ukhrul, Palel-Tamu, and Arakan sectors.

Twenty A-36s, 39 P-40s, and 13 P-51s strike in N Burma, 41 of the planes at Myitkyina and remainder at Mogaung, Mawhun, Meza, and Naba; troops, buildings, dumps, guns, and rail targets hit. Twenty-six Vengeances with 19 tons of bombs attack 3 bridges near Tamu, scoring 1 hit and several near misses, and raid targets on lower Kaladan. During 72 Hurribomber sorties, 18 tons of bombs are released on enemy positions in Palel, Chassud, and Bishenpur areas and on communications and dumps near Kalewa. Sixty-five Hurricanes strafe troops and river and road targets along Burma-India border and in Arakan and Mayu areas.

Burma-China: Chinese drive on Tengchung continues: advance units now within 5 mi. of the city from NW and NE; other units are closing in from ESE and W. In Lungling area, Chinese 88th, 87th, and 1st Divs make slight gains.

China: HUNAN: Besieged Hengyang reported still in possession of Chinese. Chungking announces successful counterattacks by Chinese on Changsha-Nanchang RR and recapture of Pingsiang.

KWANGTUNG: At southern end of Hankow-Canton RR, Japanese are reported to have launched northward offensive from Canton, Samshui, and Tsengshing.

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Eighteen B-25s and 42 P-40s strike in Hengyang-Tungting Lake area at enemy forward positions, supply areas to rear, and communications; Pingkiang, Liling, and Hengshan effectively bombed; 2 100-ft. boats, 1 65-ft. boat, 1 50-ft. launch, and 50 large sampans sunk in Siang R.; other shipping damaged; gun emplacement wrecked; heavy casualties inflicted.

29 Burma-India: On 33d Corps front, mopping up along Kohima-Imphal road is completed; scattered enemy groups remain E of the road, particularly in Shorbung area. British 2d Div assumes responsibility for Kohima-Imphal road, with sectors assigned as follows: 4th Brig (MS 79 to MS 94); 6th Brig (MS 94 to MS 110); 5th Brig (MS 110 to MS 124). Since 25 June, Japanese have lost 142 men in fighting 2 mi. SE of Palel; weak enemy raid on bridge near Palel is ineffective. Patrolling continues on Arakan front, despite jungle growth and flooded trails.

Four A-36s and 12 P-51s and P-40s bomb and strafe Myitkyina, concentrating on buildings, foxholes, trenches, and gun positions. Six B-24s of SAF damage storage area at Kaing, near Kalewa, with 21.5 tons of bombs. Myitnge and Budalin bridges bombed and strafed by 11 P-38s; near misses scored on latter. Nine Vengeances raid Rathedaung and bridge SE of Tamu; bridge partially wrecked. Forty-seven Hurribombers attack enemy positions near Palel, Yaingangpokpi, and in Naga Hills, dropping 11 tons of bombs and strafing. Hurricanes and Spitfires, in 42 sorties, raid camps, troops, MT, and river craft in battle areas.

Burma-China: Salween: Chinese 36th Div is now 3 mi. NNW of Tengchung; 2d Div is within 4 mi. of the city from the W; 130th and 116th Divs are 7-11 mi. from Tengchung; 53d Div Hq now 9 mi. N of the city. Wrecked bridges over Shweli R. hamper movement of Chinese. Japanese counterattacks in area 6 mi. SE of Lungling force Chinese to withdraw slightly.

China: HUMAN: Chinese fighting to rear of forward lines report that Japanese are driven out of Yiyang. Japanese assault on Hengyang continues.

KWANG-TUNG: Japanese columns continue northward drive from Canton area and are approaching Tsingyun.

CHEKIANG: Lungyu, lost to Japanese on 12 June, is recaptured by Chinese, Chungking announces.

Sixteen B-25s and over 60 P-40s bomb and strafe usual

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Hunan targets; among areas hit are Chaling, Yuhsien, Hengyang, Hengshan, Liling, Changsha, Liuyang, and Yiyang; good results reported. Five P-40s successfully raid rail targets near Yellow R. bend.

Three B-24s attack Takao Harbor, Formosa, seriously damaging installations. Single B-24 sinks 250-ft. enemy ship 30 mi. W of Hainan I.

P-40s, in 2 missions, raid rail targets near Phu Lang Thuong, French Indo-China.

Indian Ocean: SS Nellore (British cargo ship, 6,942 tons) sunk by SS at 05-58 S, 72-52 E.

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Burma-India: Activities on all fronts limited to skirmishes and patrolling.

Eight P-40s raid Myitkyina, bombing MG nests and foxholes and strafing small boats. Three B-24s of SAF, in night attack on Mandalay, hit RR yards; Monywa and Pakokku are alternates for 2 other B-24s. Seven P-38s unsuccessfully raid Myitnge bridge, while 2 others, diverted by heavy AA fire, hit Mandalay. Sixty-six Hurribombers attack villages in Palel, Tamu, Moirang, and Chassad areas. Thirty-three Hurricanes and 14 Spitfires operate against troops, trucks, and bashas in battle areas. Throughout the month, small groups of Beaufighters have operated against communications, particularly in central and S Burma.

Burma-China: Salween: Investment of Tengchung continues, with 5 Chinese divs moving in from several directions. Indecisive fighting continues in Lungling area. Chinese troops on Salween front have been supplied with food and ammunition by air drops throughout the month.

China: HUNAN: Stiff fighting continues in Hengyang town; 3 enemy divs reported participating.

HONAN: Japanese now hold entire Peking-Hankow RR and are reported restoring portions at both ends of gap.

CHEKIANG: With recapture of Tangki by Chinese, reported by Chungking, all territory lost to Japanese in their westward thrust along Hangchow-Nanchang RR is regained.

Forty-one B-25 and 94 P-40 sorties are flown over Hunan front, during which targets from Tungting Lake S to Yuhsien are bombed and strafed; trucks and shipping damaged, as well as installations at Yuhsien, Hengshan, Hengyang, Liling and Pingsiang.

Barracks and military installations at Hanoi, French

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Indo-China, bombed by P-40s which also strafe and damage
4 100-ft. barges at Cat Bai I.

Kurile Is.: See Section VI, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS,
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- 1 Caroline Is.: Weather prevents all but 1 of 34 B-24s from attacking Truk; 3 of the planes, operating singly, raid Tol (Truk), Satawan, and Alet. Truk also hit during night, by 3 B-24s. Allied heavy bomber inflicts heavy casualties on Japanese working on Woleai airfield.
- Marshall Is.: Wotje harassed by 12 SBDs, 2 Venturas, and 28 F4Us; 4.3 tons of bombs dropped and 4 islands strafed. Twenty-one SBDs and 12 F6Fs release 6.5 tons of bombs on Taroa and strafe some areas. At Jaluit, Jabor town receives 3 tons of bombs from 2 Venturas.
- 2 Caroline Is.: Sixteen B-24s strike at Dublon I., Truk, causing large fires and explosions with over 40 tons of bombs; 10 of 20-40 intercepting enemy planes downed. U.S. search plane sinks 7,000-ton AK at Truk with half-ton bombs and strafes other shipping, setting 2 small AKs on fire; Eten airfield and Moen and Dublon seaplane bases also strafed. Nine B-25s hit Ponape with 6 tons of bombs.
- Marshall Is.: Mili bivouac area receives 8.5 tons of bombs from 9 SBDs and 8 F4Us. Fifteen SBDs and 12 F4Us and F6Fs harass Taroa, dropping 7 tons of bombs on runway and AA battery. At Wotje, 22 F4Us, 12 SBDs, and 3 Venturas concentrate on radar, seaplane base, and beached ship with 7 tons of bombs.
- 3 Caroline Is.: Truk is target for 38 B-24s which unload 79 tons of bombs on Dublon airdrome and Eten seaplane base, causing large fires; 7 of 15-20 intercepting enemy fighters shot down for loss of 1 B-24.
- Marshall Is.: Taroa and Reuter islands are Maloelap targets for 12 SBDs and 8 F6Fs; storage area and piers hit with 5 tons of bombs and strafed. Twenty-five F4Us and 2 Venturas harass Wotje with 3.3 tons of bombs and strafing, 2 magazines destroyed.
- Nauru I.: Eleven B-25s release 11 tons of bombs on AA positions at Nauru and start fires near radio tower. While on photo mission over Nauru, 2 Venturas lightly bomb runway.
- 4 Caroline Is.: In pre-dawn attack on Truk, 17 B-24s release 40.5 tons of bombs on runway, Eten and Moen and on warehouses at Dublon, destroying a searchlight, probably

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an AA position, and causing a number of fires and explosions; 2 interceptors fail to damage B-24s. Truk also hit at night; 13 B-24s release 37.5 tons of bombs on Uman I. and on airfields at Moen and Param. Ponape is alternate target for 2 B-24s which hit old airfield and Langar I. with 5.5 tons. U.S. search plane attacks convoy about 60 mi. SW of Truk, sinking 1 auxiliary vessel and badly damaging another.

Marshall Is.: Mili harassed during day and at night by 15 SBDs, 7 F4Us, and 6 F6Fs with about 4 tons of bombs. At Wotje, 7 SBDs, 3 Venturas, 4 F6Fs, and unspecified number of F4Us drop 4.2 tons of bombs on seaplane base, barracks, and beached ships and strafe AA positions. Six SBDs and 4 F6Fs raid Taroa gun positions, dropping 3 tons of bombs and strafing.

Nauru I.: Thirteen B-25s fire barracks and hit AA positions at Nauru with 7.3 tons of bombs.

- 5 Caroline Is.: Ponape targets receive 6 tons of bombs from as many B-25s. With $3\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs 2 B-24s harass 2 islands in Truk Atoll before dawn.

Marshall Is.: Four Venturas drop depth charges on Jaluit.

Ocean and Nauru: New radio station at Nauru I. and boat basin at Ocean I. lightly bombed by 3 Venturas; intense AA fire met at each target.

- 6 Marianas Is.: Five B-24s escorting photo planes lightly bomb Guam.

Caroline Is.: Ponape AA positions receive 6 tons of bombs from 6 B-25s. Two B-24s harass Truk in early morning, dropping $3\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs on Faleu and Tonelik islands.

Marshall Is.: Two F6Fs strafe seaplanes in Emidj Lagoon, Jaluit Atoll, probably destroying 4. Mili runway hit with 6 tons of bombs dropped by 12 SBDs and 8 F4Us; intense AA fire seriously damages 1 SBD.

Nauru I.: Two B-25s hit AA position and phosphate plant at Nauru with 6 tons of bombs. Two Venturas also raid Nauru, concentrating on barracks area.

- 7 Caroline Is.: Faleu and Tonelik islands, Truk Atoll, again harassed before dawn by 2 B-24s with $3\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs. Of 48 B-24s scheduled to bomb Truk, only 10 reach target;

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Eten, Uman, and an unidentified island receive 30 tons of bombs; at Eten, large fire and explosions result and 3 of 20-25 interceptors are downed. Ponape airfields and town receive 2.5 tons of bombs from 5 B-24s. Pakin lightly bombed by 2 Venturas.

Marshall Is.: Twenty-two F4Us damage Wotje targets with 2.5 tons of bombs and strafing. Taroa defenses and runway receive 8.5 tons of bombs from 7 SBDs and 4 F6Fs. Eight F4Us and 11 SBDs cause fire and explosion at Mili with about 3 tons of bombs.

Nauru I.: AA battery at Nauru receives 6 100-lb. bombs from 2 Venturas.

8 Caroline Is.: Of 38 B-24s setting out for Truk, only 18 reach target and drop $44\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs on Param and Dublon; 1 of 15-20 interceptors shot down. Satawan is alternate target for 5 B-24s with $11\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs. Truk also hit at night; 11 B-24s release 16.5 tons of bombs on Moen, Fefan, Tol, and other islands. In daylight and night attacks on Ponape, total of 5 B-25s and 4 B-24s drop almost 11 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: Twenty-three SBDs and 13 F6Fs, in 4 flights over Taroa, release $9\frac{1}{4}$ tons of bombs on NE-SW runway and coastal defenses and strafe pier area. Wotje AA positions are targets for 20 F4Us which drop 3 tons of bombs and strafe, causing 2 large explosions. With 4.5 tons of bombs 9 SBDs and 8 F4Us concentrate on Mili coastal and AA guns; 1 F4U lost to AA fire. Seven SBDs and 4 F6Fs harass Jaluit with 1.5 tons of bombs and strafing.

Ocean and Nauru: Ocean I. lightly raided by 2 Venturas and Nauru by 5 others; bombs aimed at barracks and gun positions.

9 Caroline Is.: Palau Is. bombed several times during day by total of 16 B-24s which concentrate on Peleliu airfield, destroying 22 planes on the ground and 2 in the air; 1 B-24 missing. Truk hit during daylight by 25 of 40 B-24s scheduled to strike; over 51 tons of bombs released on Moen, Dublon, Eten, and Mesegon; 1-2 of 25-30 intercepting aircraft shot down for loss of 1 B-24; Alet I. also hit by some of the planes. In night attack on Truk, 1 squadron of B-24s concentrates bulk of 12 tons of bombs on Moen; no

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opposition met. Langar I., Ponape, and Woleai raided by single B-24s. U.S. search plane probably destroys radio station and gun positions at Alet I.

Marshall Is.: Taroa NE-SW runway, AA positions, and installations dive-bombed and strafed by 11 SBDs, 16 F4Us, and 7 F6Fs; 2 F4Us lost to moderate AA fire. Six SBDs and 4 Venturas raid Jaluit supplies and Jabor and Kubbenbock islands. Wotje harassed by 16 F4Us and 7 SBDs which drop 3 tons of bombs on NE-SW runway and heavily strafe several islands.

Nauru I.: Twelve B-25s strike at Nauru, concentrating 6.6 tons of bombs on defenses. Single Ventura later bombs boat basin.

10 Caroline Is.: Truk airfields hit at night by 1 squadron of B-24s; bombs dropped on Param, Eten, and Moen, causing several fires. Ponape is alternate for 2 B-24s which bomb town and gun positions.

Marshall Is.: AA positions at Jaluit bombed by SBDs and F6Fs. Twenty F4Us raid Wotje, dive-bombing and strafing buildings and gun positions. Twenty-six SBDs, 18 F4Us, and 8 F6Fs concentrate on Taroa defenses with 8 tons of bombs and strafe Taroa and neighboring islands. With 6 tons of bombs SBDs and F4Us raid Mili coastal guns.

Ocean and Nauru: Six Venturas raid Ocean I., concentrating on gun positions and barracks; 2 of the planes continue to Nauru where they strafe the boat basin.

11 Marianas Is.: Pre-invasion softening up of Marianas starts with surprise aerial assault on Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Rota by 212 U.S. carrier-based fighters of Task Force 58; 124 enemy planes downed, about 75% of them in the air; AA fire destroys 1 enemy plane at night; U.S. combat losses are 11 fighters.

Caroline Is.: Dublon, Eten, and Moen are Truk targets for 27 B-24s which drop approximately 59 tons of bombs, destroying a number of buildings; 1 of 15-20 intercepting fighters destroyed; Satawan is secondary target for 2 B-24s. In night attack on Truk, squadron of B-24s concentrates on airfields at Dublon, Moen, and Param with 16.5 tons of bombs. Peleliu airfield, Palau Is., raided by 4 B-24s during day and by similar force at night; 13 tons of bombs destroy ammunition dump and cause numerous fires and explosions; of 11 fighters intercepting during daylight mission. 1 is shot

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down for loss of 1 B-24.

Marshall Is.: With 3 tons of bombs, 3 Venturas raid Mili AA positions.

Nauru and Ocean: Thirteen B-25s concentrate on AA positions at Nauru with 6.5 tons of bombs, causing fires visible for 20 mi.; 1 B-25 lost to heavy AA fire. Prior to B-25 raid, 2 Venturas drop 2 tons on Ocean and Nauru islands.

12 Marianas Is.: U.S. planes of Task Force 58 intensify attacks on islands in Marianas group; 16 enemy planes shot down over Tinian and Saipan; in addition, enemy convoy is intercepted while attempting to escape from Saipan and 10 vessels are sunk and 10 damaged; ships sunk include 1 large AO, 3 corvettes, 1 DD, and 5 AKs; damaged vessels consist of 5 corvettes left smoking and dead in water, 2 medium AKs on fire, and 3 medium AKs dead in water; 2 AKs and 1 small AO sunk at and near Saipan increase enemy shipping losses for the day to 13 vessels sunk; U.S. losses for the day limited to 8 aircraft.

Caroline Is.: In midday attack on Truk, 39 B-24s release about 97 tons of bombs on Dublon I., wrecking a number of buildings and causing large fires and explosions; 6 of 20 intercepting enemy fighters shot down. Earlier in the day 6 B-25s hit Ponape gun positions with 6 tons of bombs. Single B-24 bombs an unidentified island in Palau group at night.

Marshall Is.: Wotje bombed by 116 F4Us which concentrate on coastal guns and strafe neighboring islands. Seven SBDs, 12 F4Us, and 4 F6Fs release 3 tons of bombs on Maloelap and strafe target.

Nauru and Ocean: Nauru and Ocean islands raided early in the morning by total of 4 Venturas; about 3 tons of bombs released on barracks and gun positions at former.

13 Marianas Is.: U.S. BBs, cruisers, and DDs of Task Force 58 join with aircraft of this force in pre-invasion assault on Marianas, in effort to knock out enemy defenses on Tinian and Saipan and to support mine-sweeping and underwater demolition operations initiated today; at Saipan, targets include gun installations on coast, seaplane base, Tanapag Harbor, Maniagassa I. (NW of Tanapag Harbor), Charan-Kanoa, and Garapan; at Tinian, gun installations along

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coast are heavily hit; numerous explosions and large fires observed; no enemy fighter opposition met; weak fire from enemy 3-in. guns is quickly silenced.

Pagan also hit by U.S. carrier aircraft which destroy 3 enemy planes.

U.S. fighters from Task Group 58.1 (20 VFs and 1 VFN accompanied by single SB2C) fly 350 mi. to attack 6-ship enemy convoy N of Ulithi; hits and near misses start fire on large DD, medium DD, and leave 5,000-ton AK burning fiercely; convoy thoroughly strafed. Other U.S. planes, from Task Group 58.4, damage an AK 130 mi. NW of Saipan and another 95 mi. NW of that island; both vessels are abandoned by their crews. In addition, enemy convoy crippled yesterday is again hit with following results: 1 vessel previously reported damaged is sunk, another is completely wrecked although still afloat, and a 3d AK is left dead in the water and apparently abandoned.

Caroline Is.: Truk targets undergo 2 daylight attacks and 1 before dawn by total of 60 B-24s from central and SW Pacific bases; Moen, Eten, Dublon, Param, Fefan, and Tsis receive total of about 160 tons of bombs; fires and explosions result at airfields and among installations. Interception made during each attack by 1-15 fighters, of which 4 are shot down; 2 more enemy planes probably wrecked on the ground. Ponape is alternate for 2 B-24s which concentrate on Jokaj AA installations with 4 tons of bombs. Four B-24s start large fire at Satawan airdrome with 11 tons of bombs, while 6 others concentrate on Woleai airfield with 17 tons, probably destroying 2 grounded aircraft. Despite poor weather, 2 B-24s bomb Yap I. at night, starting large fire at airfield.

Marshall Is.: Maloelap AA positions harassed from early morning through afternoon by 14 SBDs, 12 F4Us, and 8 F6Fs with 4.5 tons of bombs. At Wotje, 20 F4Us and 1 Ventura release 6 tons of bombs during day. Twenty-four SBDs and 8 F4Us hit coastal defense guns at Mili with 6 tons. With 1.5 tons, 7 SBDs and 9 F6Fs raid Jaluit heavy AA battery.

Nauru and Ocean: Ocean I. barracks and AA positions receive 3 tons of bombs before dawn from 4 Venturas, 2 of which continue to Nauru where barracks are lightly bombed.

Kurile Is.: U.S. Pacific Fleet task force, comprising 2 CAs, 2 CLs, and 9 DDs, bombards Matsuwa through heavy fog which obscures results; photographs taken subsequently show 2 hangars and 2 buildings damaged and numerous hits on and near runway and along beach. This is the first surface bombardment of Matsuwa.

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14 Marianas Is.: Pre-invasion bombardment of Marianas continues. U.S. warships further damage Saipan defenses and support underwater demolition and mine-sweeping operations. No obstacles or mines found. Throughout the night, cruisers and DDs group maintain harassing fire.

Caroline Is.: At Ponape, 6 B-25s release 5.75 tons of bombs on Jokaj gun positions.

Marshall Is.: Heavy AA battery at Jaluit receives 4.5 tons of bombs from 10 SBDs and 7 F4Us. Seven SBDs and F6Fs lightly bomb Taroa coastal guns; same target strafed during day by 4 F4Us. Wotje receives 3 tons of bombs aimed at AA positions and beached ship from 7 SBDs and 8 F6Fs; 16 F4Us, in 3 waves, strafe Wotje. Seven SBDs and 4 F6Fs score hits on Mili magazines with 5.5 tons of bombs.

Ocean and Nauru: Ocean I. again hit before dawn by 4 Venturas which drop 3 tons of bombs on barracks and AA positions. Fourteen B-25s strike at Nauru AA positions with 7.9 tons; barracks at same target lightly bombed by 2 of the Venturas from Ocean I. mission.

15 Japan: Formation of China-based B-29s from 20th Bomber Command attacks Yawata, important industrial center and site of Imperial Iron and Steel Works, on Kyushu I.; bombing reported successful, causing large fires and explosions; enemy fighter opposition ineffective, but AA fire downs 1 B-29; another attacker missing.

Bonin-Volcano islands: U.S. carrier-based planes attack Chichi Jima and Haha Jima in the Bonin group and Iwo Jima in the Volcano Is., concentrating on airfield, barracks, and fuel stores; 47 Japanese planes destroyed, 33 of them while attempting interception off Chichi Jima and 14 on ground at Iwo Jima; in addition, 2 interceptors at Iwo Jima probably downed and 4 seaplanes at Chichi Jima damaged. Offshore at Chichi Jima, attacking planes sink 1 medium AK and damage 4 small AKs and 6 smaller craft; near the Bonins, a medium AP is damaged by aircraft and subsequently sunk by a U.S. DD. U.S. losses limited to 4 planes.

Marianas Is.: U.S. Marines invade Marianas, landing on Saipan I. at Charon-Kanoa on SW coast. Four assault RCTs of 2d and 4th Marine Divs from NT&LF (Northern Troops and Landing Force) land abreast on broad front, initial wave hitting beach at 0843. On L flank, 2d Marine Div debarks, using 6th Marines on L and 8th on R, while on R flank, 4th Marine Div

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employs 23d Marines on L and 25th on R. Fourth Div makes slow progress against heavy arty, mortar, and small arms fire at beach, but 2d Div advances rapidly, gaining 500 yds. before meeting more than weak opposition. By nightfall, Marines have established front 10,000 yds. wide and 1,500 yds. deep, landed tanks, arty, and reserves, and established the 2 div CPs ashore; Japanese remain at Afetna Pt. between the 2 divs, and small-scale fighting is in progress in town of Charon-Kanoa.

Simultaneously with main landing at Charon-Kanoa, a feint is made toward Tanapag Harbor to the N to indicate landing at this point; reserves of 2d and 4th Marine Divs employed in this maneuver are subsequently landed at Charon-Kanoa.

Prior to landing, naval bombardment of beach areas is continuous from dawn until H-hour except for period from 0700 to 0727, during which air strike is made by 60 VFs, 51 VSBs, and 54 VTBs. At H-hour, while leading wave of boats is approaching beach, 48 VFs and 24 VTBs strafe beaches to point 100 yds. inland. Enemy coastal positions are rendered untenable and most of the Japanese forced inland. In addition to above air strikes, small groups of planes are active before and after H-hour in effort to neutralize inland guns on Saipan and Tinian and to prevent enemy reinforcements from reaching beaches.

Japanese offer stiff resistance, following landing of initial wave of Marines, with arty, MGs, and mortars, causing heavy casualties and retarding landing and unloading operations. Enemy fire continues throughout the day, and several determined counterattacks are made. Light aerial attack on U.S. shipping is ineffective.

Caroline Is.: Thirteen B-24s attack Truk before dawn, dropping 26 tons of bombs on important islands and airfields. In a 2d attack on Truk, 27 B-24s release 43 tons of bombs at noon; of 10-15 interceptors, 1 is shot down; weather prevents other B-24s from reaching target. Single B-24 raids Ponape before dawn, hitting Jokaj AA guns with 2 tons. During night, 4 B-24s drop over 5 tons on Yap I., while another raids Palau targets.

Marshall Is.: U.S. planes harass Jaluit, Taroa, Wotje, and Mili throughout the day, concentrating on coastal defense and AA guns: 8 SBDs and 8 F4Us strike at Emidj with 4 tons of bombs, 14 SBDs and 8 F6Fs release 6 tons on Taroa, while 8 F4Us strafe same target, 28 F4Us and 4

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Venturas hit Wotje with 10.5 tons, 7 SBDs and 4 fighters drop 1.5 tons on Mili, and 2 PBVs raid personnel areas at Mili, Jaluit, and Taroa during night; 1 F4U lost to AA fire at Wotje.

Ocean and Nauru: Ocean and Nauru islands lightly bombed by 2 Venturas.

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Marianas Is.: During day, U.S. Marines on Saipan consolidate and expand beachhead, gain control of lagoon and pier, and clear beaches. Enemy arty fire at beach is virtually silenced, but 4th Marine Div is held up by mortars and arty about 1 mi. ESE of Aginan Pt. Second Marine Div, to the N, makes slight gains. Landing of 27th Inf Div, USA, starts at night with debarkation of RCT 165 in vicinity of Charon-Kanoa.

U.S. destroyer transport intercepts 5 small enemy AKs heading for Saipan from the N and sinks all of them.

Heavy surface units of U.S. task forces shell Guam for 2 hours.

Caroline Is.: Dublon is Truk target for 36 B-24s which explode fuel tanks and fire barracks with about 89 tons of bombs; ineffective interception made by 20 fighters, 1 of which is destroyed by enemy bomb.

Marshall Is.: Seventeen SBDs, 15 F4Us, and 4 F6Fs crater AA and coastal guns at Mili with 9 tons of bombs. At Wotje, 7 SBDs and 4 F6Fs raid torpedo storage area with 3 tons of bombs and strafe AA positions. Taroa coastal defense positions receive 2.5 tons of bombs from 6 SBDs and 4 fighters.

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Marianas Is.: In a determined effort to drive U.S. forces on Saipan into the sea, Japanese launch strong counter-attack against 2d Marine Div center before dawn, following mortar and arty preparation; Marine lines are pushed back, but Japanese suffer heavy casualties and lose 31 tanks. At 0730, U.S. troops attack, moving in an easterly direction across S Saipan with 2d Marine Div on L (N), 4th Marine Div in center, and RCT 165 of 27th Inf Div (attached to 4th Marine Div) on R (S). Determined opposition from Japanese troops and arty is met on right and center. By nightfall, however, beach is extended from 200 to 1,200 yds. and U.S. troops are within 300 yds. of Asilo airfield on the R. By 1530, CP of NT&LF is established ashore. Except for 1 RCT,

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entire 27th Inf Div is now on Saipan.

U.S. ground forces are supported throughout the day by air, naval, and arty bombardment. Several enemy planes raid U.S. vessels off Saipan, firing 1 LST.

Caroline Is.: Thirty-three B-24s attack Truk, dropping 55 tons of bombs on Dublon, Eten, and Param; huge explosion and scattered fires result; of 25 intercepting enemy planes, 12 are shot down for loss of 2 B-24s. At Ponape, 6 B-25s release 6 tons of bombs on Jokaj gun positions and Metalanim harbor area.

Marshall Is.: Three Venturas raid Jaluit, concentrating on Enybor and Sydney pier with 3.5 tons of bombs.

18 Marianas Is.: Continuing the assault on Saipan, RCT 165, with 1 Bn of 105th in support and another covering R flank, captures Aslito (renamed Isely) airfield by 1015; Seabees begin to repair field at once. In other sectors of the front, U.S. lines are improved. Enemy arty fire is effectively neutralized by Allied arty.

Early in the morning, Japanese attempt to strike in rear of U.S. forces by landing reinforcements S of Garapan is frustrated by U.S. landing craft which sink 13 of the barges.

Caroline Is.: Eighteen B-24s unload 36.5 tons of bombs on Truk, despite poor weather which forces 19 others to abandon mission. Barracks at Satawan hit by 2 B-24s. Five B-24s and 6 PB4Ys, in 2 flights over Ponape, drop 8 tons of bombs on gun positions and waterfront; 1 warehouse destroyed.

Marshall Is.: During 4 flights over Taroa, 13 SBDs, 8 F4Us, and 8 F6Fs release 5.5 tons of bombs on gun positions and coastal defenses and strafe installations and small craft. Two Jaluit missions are flown by total of 10 SBDs, 8 F4Us, and 2 Venturas, during which gun positions receive over 5 tons of bombs. At night 2 PB4Ys continue to harass personnel.

Nauru I.: Ten B-25s strike at Nauru, dropping 10 tons of bombs with unreported results.

19 Marianas Is.: Fighting continues on Saipan as U.S. forces extend their holdings in S portion of the island. Attack begins at 0730, with RCT 165, 27th Inf Div, pushing

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forward rapidly against light resistance to E coast at S Magicienne Bay and elements of RCT 105, 27th Inf Div, attempting to clear Japanese hill position to the S. Marine action is light, resulting in reduction of enemy pocket on boundary between 2d and 4th Divs. At end of day, U.S. line runs in southeasterly direction from S of Garapan on W coast to S shore of Magicienne Bay on E coast; except for Nafutan Pt. on SE tip and large pocket E of Lake Susupe, southern portion of Saipan is now in Allied hands. Arty support of U.S. ground forces continues effective.

Corps arty opens fire on Tinian.

Philippine Sea: First Battle of Philippine Sea opens as huge force of Japanese carrier-based planes strikes at Task Force 58 W of Saipan. Although attack lasts for several hours, only 3 U.S. vessels are damaged and these superficially. One BB is slightly damaged by bomb hit and 2 CVs by near misses. Japanese lose 402 aircraft; of these, U.S. fighters destroy 369 in the air and 15 on the ground at Marianas airfields, while ships' AA fire accounts for the remaining 18. Only 27 U.S. planes lost in combat. Rota and Guam are raided by U.S. fighters to prevent attackers from landing at these bases.

Caroline Is.: Thirty-nine B-24s pound Dublon and Eten islands, Truk Atoll, with 116 tons of bombs, causing a number of large fires and explosions. In a 2d attack on Truk, 14 B-24s bomb Moen airfields, leaving some air strips unuseable and starting large fire. Single B-24 hits Ponape with 3 tons of bombs. During night, 1 B-24 harasses Dublon, while another sinks medium AK N of Palau Is.

Marshall Is.: Wotje receives about 6 tons of bombs during 3 strikes by total of 23 F4Us. Seven SBDs and 8 F6Fs concentrate on Taroa gun positions with 6 tons; 1 SBD lost to AA fire. Mili is target for 10 SBDs and 8 F4Us which release 5 tons.

Nauru I.: Eleven B-25s strike at Nauru, damaging gun positions and buildings with 11 tons of bombs.

20 Marianas Is.: As result of attacks by 2d and 4th Marine Divs and 27th Inf Div (less RCT 106 and 2d Bn, 105th Inf), slight gains are made and S portion of Saipan, except for Nafutan Pt. and pockets E of Lake Susupe, is virtually secured; front lines remain generally the same. Main landing of RCT 106 on Saipan today, entire 27th Inf Div is ashore;

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RCT 106 is placed in reserve. Isely airstrip and another just N of Charon-Kanoa now ready for emergency use. Anti-boat and beach mines discovered about 1,000 yds. N of C. Obiam, SW Saipan, are being removed.

U.S. surface vessels and planes bombard airfields on Tinian; 1 torpedo bomber and 2 fighters lost.

Philippine Sea: U.S. search planes sight strong Japanese naval task force, including 6 CVs, 6 cruisers, and 4 BBs, about 670 mi. W of Saipan. In just 13 minutes, full strength formations of U.S. planes are launched from carriers of Task Force 58 located about 270 mi. to the E; by 1842 K, the planes reach the enemy force, now 35 mi. farther W, and start attack during which Japanese fleet sustains following losses:

Sunk

1 Hayataka class CV
2 DDs
2 AOs

Probably Sunk

1 Hayataka Class CV
1 CVL

Damaged

3 AOs
1 Shokaku Class CV
2 CAs
1 CVL
1 BB
1 CL
2 DDs

In addition, 26 Japanese planes are shot down. Ninety-five U.S. planes are shot down or lost due to forced landings on water.

Caroline Is.: Seventeen B-24s unload 33.9 tons of bombs on Truk airfields, starting several fires in dispersal area. During night, Dublon and Woleai are each bombed by 2 B-24s; weather prevents 6 others from reaching 2d target. Nine B-25s hit Ponape at noon, releasing 9 tons of bombs on Jakaj

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gun positions. Same target later receives 9 more tons from 3 B-24s.

Marshall Is.: Gun positions and coastal defenses at Mili, Taroa, and Wotje raided during day by total of 70 U.S. planes: at Mili, 20 SBDs and 15 F4Us release 10.75 tons of bombs; 6 tons dropped on Taroa by 14 SBDs and 8 F6Fs; 1 Ventura and 12 F4Us drop 2.3 tons and strafe Wotje; 1 F6F lost at Taroa.

21 Marianas Is.: Attack by 27th Inf Div for Nafutan Pt. on SE tip of Saipan starts at 0730, with 3d Bn, 105th Inf, leading assault and RCT 165, 4 bns strong, following 2 hours later; an attempt is made to converge on Nafutan Pt. from W and N, but only slight gains are registered because of mountainous terrain and stubbornly resisting Japanese firing from numerous caves and pillboxes. In 2d and 4th Marine Div sectors, patrolling to front of lines to distance of 800-1,500 yds. evokes no reaction from the enemy.

U.S. transports off Saipan and positions along the shore ineffectively raided by about 12 enemy planes, in largest single night raid. Allied ships also receive sporadic arty fire.

Philippine Sea: At dawn, U.S. planes of Task Force 58 set out to attack remnants of Japanese fleet, but fail to locate target. Task Force 58 retires at 1923 K.

Caroline Is.: At Truk Atoll, Moen airfields damaged by 16 B-24s with 40 tons of bombs; attack opposed by 5 enemy fighters and moderate AA fire. Nine B-25s again hit Jokaj gun positions, Ponape, with 9 tons of bombs. U.S. search plane sinks 50-ft. boat near Losap Atoll.

Marshall Is.: Twenty-two F4Us concentrate on Wotje gun positions with 5.5 tons of bombs and strafing. Taroa defenses receive 6 tons of bombs from 14 SBDs.

22 Marianas Is.: In N and central sectors of Saipan front, U.S. 2d and 4th Marine Divs attack at 0600, following 10 minutes of preparatory fire by 18 bns of arty; to the N, Marines seize important approaches to Mt. Tapotchau, while other Marines in the center drive to Laulau on E coast at N shore of Magicienne Bay. In southern sector, RCT 105, 2 bns strong, takes over front lines at Nafutan Pt., containing enemy forces here. First Bn, 106th Inf, mops up enemy

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remnants in rear area W and N of Lake Susupe. Remainder of 27th Inf Div reverts to NT&LF reserve.

Caroline Is.: B-24s strike at Yap airfield with about 33 tons of bombs, starting large fires and destroying at least 12 enemy planes on the ground. Woleai runway receives 18 tons of bombs from 6 B-24s. Four B-24s raid Sorol, dropping 4 tons of bombs and strafing; pier wrecked and fires started at radio station. Single B-24 bombs buildings at Ulithi. Param airfield is Truk target for 13 B-24s which release 28.5 tons of bombs; 9 interceptors and meager AA fire fail to down any B-24s. At night, 2 B-24s raid Dublon, Truk, while another bombs Koror I., Palau Is. Jokaj gun positions, Ponape, again hit; 2 B-24s drop 4 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: Continuing neutralization of Marshalls, 14 SBDs and 8 F6Fs hit Taroa coastal defenses and AA positions with 12 tons of bombs, while 3 flights of F4Us lightly bomb and strafe AA positions at Wotje.

23 Marianas Is.: U.S. line on Saipan is reorganized for concerted northerly assault on Japanese garrison by the 3 divs abreast, scheduled to start at 1000: 27th Inf Div (less 2d Bn, 105th Inf) moves into sector between 2d and 4th Marine Divs, relieving elements of 4th Marine Div; 2d and 4th Marine Divs are on L and R, respectively. Following $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of preparatory fire by arty, naval vessels, and aircraft, 2d and 4th Marine Divs attack on schedule, making but slight progress. In central sector assigned to 27th Inf Div, the designated line of departure is found to be about 500 yds. in advance of actual positions held by elements of 4th Marine Div which are being relieved, and Japanese holding this area resist stubbornly with MG, mortar, and rifle fire, holding 27th Inf Div to slight gains amounting to 500 yds. in center and 100 yds. on the R. Enemy tank-supported attack against elements of RCTs 106 and 165 is repulsed during night. BLT 2/105 passes to NT&LF control with task of eliminating Japanese resistance in Nafutan Pt. area.

At night, Japanese planes, in 2 light attacks on U.S. shipping off Saipan, slightly damaged 1 LST, 1 LCT, and 2 PCs and cause a few casualties. Enemy batteries on Tinian fire sporadically on Saipan and shipping offshore during night, damaging another LST.

U.S. carrier-based planes attack Pagan and Rota with highly successful results. At Pagan, 4 small AKs and 1 sampan are sunk and 2 small AKs and 12 sampans damaged; wharf and fuel dump destroyed and airfields and

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buildings damaged; 4-6 enemy planes wrecked on ground and 6 shot down for loss of 1 F6F. At Rota, attacking planes sink 1 medium AK and hit airfield and buildings. Guam also hit by U.S. carrier-based planes against considerable fighter opposition; 3 interceptors shot down for loss of 2 U.S. planes.

Caroline Is.: Yap, Woleai, and Sorol attacked for 2d successive day by B-24s from SW Pacific. At Yap, 30 B-24s unload 45 tons of bombs, hitting AA positions and wrecking 2 parked planes; 10 interceptors down 1 B-24. Six B-24s release 18 tons of bombs on Woleai runway, while 2 others hit Sorol with 3 tons. Fourteen B-24s strike at Truk, dropping 35 tons of bombs on Moen airfields, another raids Falas with 2.5 tons. At Ponape, single B-24 drops 2.5 tons on Jokaj gun positions.

Marshall Is.: Fourteen SBDs and 8 F6Fs release 6 tons of bombs on AA positions at Taroa. Wotje harassed throughout the day by 1 Ventura and 29 F4Us; coastal and AA guns hit with 10 tons of bombs and thoroughly strafed. Taroa and Wotje raided at night by 1 F6F.

24 Volcano Is.: Strong force of U.S. carrier-based fighters from Task Group 58.1, in a surprise sweep against Iwo Jima, shoots down 114 Japanese aircraft for loss of only 5 fighters. Enemy planes are caught, many loaded with torpedoes, apparently assembling for heavy assault in Saipan area. Of the 114 enemy planes destroyed, an entire flight of 12 is shot down while pursuing U.S. fighters to carriers. Two more attempts to raid U.S. task group are broken up during late afternoon 60-70 mi. from the naval force. While retiring from target at night, the task group is shadowed by about 8 enemy aircraft which drop flares but fail to attack.

Marianas Is.: Following air, ground, and sea preparation, U.S. troops on Saipan launch coordinated attack at 0800. Marines advance fairly rapidly, particularly in 4th Div sector where a 4,000-yd. gain is made against light opposition. In central sector, terrain confronting 27th Inf Div consists of a valley bounded on the W by steep cliffs of Mt. Tapotchau and on the E by hills honeycombed with caves; the valley is exposed to enemy enfilading fire from the dominating positions on either side, and much of it is inaccessible to protective Allied arty fire. Twenty-seventh Inf Div, with RCT 106 on L flank and RCT 165 on R, advances very slowly due to necessity of maneuvering to eliminate strongpoints

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tenaciously held by Japanese, many of them lodged in caves. Third Bn, RCT 106, after an advance of 500 yds. up the valley, is forced to withdraw with heavy casualties and is replaced during afternoon by 1st Bn of RCT 106; 2d Bn, RCT 165, is also forced to withdraw. By nightfall, however, U.S. positions are improved and the enemy valley strongpoint partially surrounded. BLT 2/105, attached to the Garrison, attacks at Nafutan Pt. at 0800 but makes little progress.

Major General Sanford Jarman, USA, assumes command of 27th Inf Div, relieving Major General Ralph C. Smith, USA.

U.S. carrier-based planes bomb Tinian runways, setting 5 enemy bombers on fire, and sink enemy 4,000-5,000 ton AK at Rota. First P-61 night fighters are launched during evening.

Caroline Is.: Fifteen B-24s attack airfields at Moen, Truk Atoll, dropping 37.5 tons of bombs; all B-24s return despite intense AA fire and efforts of 5 interceptors. Truk and Palau harassed by flights of 1-2 B-24s. At Ponape, 2 B-24s and 9 B-25s damage Jokaj gun positions with 10.4 tons of bombs.

Marshall Is.: Twenty F4Us raid Wotje AA positions; 1.3 tons of bombs dropped and installations heavily strafed; 1 F4U lost to ground fire.

25 Marianas Is.: At 0730, U.S. troops again make coordinated attack on Saipan, following 15-min. arty preparation. Against light opposition, 4th Marine Div on the R occupies entire Kagman Peninsula. On the L, 2d Marine Div seizes Mt. Tapotchau, commanding the entire island, and elements of the div enter S portion of Garapan town. In the center, 27th Inf Div continues to use maneuvering tactics in effort to reduce strong Japanese valley position about 1,700 yds. SE of Mt. Tapotchau. Supported by point blank arty fire, gains of 600-1,000 yds. are made by the div against continued bitter resistance. On SE Saipan, 2d Bn, 105th Inf, makes slight gains against Japanese holding out at Nafutan Pt.

Enemy positions at Sunharon harbor, Tinian, shelled during evening.

Guam and Rota heavily hit by U.S. carrier-based aircraft. At Guam, 10-12 parked planes are wrecked on Orte airfield, while another is destroyed and 8-12 are damaged at Agana airfield; both airfields damaged by bombing; coastal defense guns at Orte Pt. pounded; in Apra harbor, small tug and 2

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sampans are destroyed and previously damaged AK is further damaged; fuel tanks at Apra harbor are exploded. At Rota, 2 grounded aircraft are destroyed and fires started among buildings and revetments. Enemy offers no opposition to attacks.

Caroline Is.: Yap is target for 21 B-24s which bomb airdrome, firing 1 plane on ground; 8 of 25-30 interceptors destroyed for loss of 1 B-24. Two B-24s raid Sorol. Truk and Palau harassed by 1 and 2 B-24s, respectively.

Marshall Is.: During 2 strikes on Taroa, 14 SBDs and 4 F6Fs release 6 tons of bombs on coastal and AA guns. Twenty-three F4Us harass Wotje, dropping 5.5 tons of bombs on gun positions.

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Marianas Is.: U.S. positions on Saipan considerably improved, covering about half the island by nightfall. Second Marine Div leads off attack at 0730, with 27th Inf Div attacking later in the day; 4th Marine Div, now well in advance, awaits the straightening of U.S. lines. Second Marine Div gains about 800 yds. during day. Twenty-seventh Inf Div continues efforts to reduce Japanese valley strong-points against stiff resistance and over difficult terrain. On Div L, all 3 bns of RCT 106 are committed, but make little progress in face of severe MG and rifle fire; 2d Bn is pushed back during morning. On R of Div sector, the 3 bns of RCT 165 with 1st Bn of RCT 105 attached gain about 2,000 yds. and are mopping up Japanese units in Div zone.

On SE Saipan, 2d Bn of RCT 105 makes limited gains against Japanese remaining at Nafutan Pt. during day. At night, Japanese, about 400 strong, infiltrate U.S. lines; about half of this force is killed and elimination of remainder is in progress.

Group of Japanese snipers raids Isley airfield, destroying a P-47 and damaging 2 others. Thirteen of the snipers are killed.

Continuous pre-invasion bombardment of Tinian starts, with U.S. arty, air, and naval forces participating.

Caroline Is.: Param airfield, Truk, receives 25 tons of bombs from 10 B-24s; 1 of 4-5 interceptors shot down. Nineteen B-24s start fires at Yap with 27 tons of bombs and shoot down 7 of 25-30 intercepting planes. Sorol and Palau each raided by single B-24s; 2 B-24s strike at Woleai airfield.

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Marshall Is.: Gun positions at Mili, Taroa, and Wotje raided during day by total of 52 U.S. planes: 14 SBDs and 8 F4Us concentrate on 1st with 6.5 tons of bombs; 14 SBDs hit Taroa with 4.5 tons; 4 B-24s and 12 F4Us release 3.4 tons on Wotje; in addition to gun positions, storage area at Mili and radio station at Wotje raided.

Kurile Is.: U.S. naval task force, consisting of 2 CAs, 1 CL, and 9 DDs, bombards Kurabuzaki on S tip of Paramushiru, sinking or damaging several fishing craft. Heavy fog obscures other results. Enemy planes are unsuccessful in attempts to locate the task force.

27 Marianas Is.: Second Marine and 27th Inf Divs open attack on Saipan at 0630. On the L, 2d Marine Div makes deeper penetration into Garapan town and gains control of Mt. Tapotchau where an OP is established. In the center, 27th Inf Div, with only 3 assault bns committed, makes slow progress against Japanese valley stronghold still covered with enemy enfilading fire. RCT 106, with 2d Bn of RCT 165 attached, drives Japanese from 2 hill positions in hand-to-hand fighting, following U.S. arty barrage; 2d Bn of RCT 106 is unable to move from behind 3d Bn of same RCT and remains in position. On the R, 4th Marine Div, with RCT 165 (less 2d Bn) and 1st Bn of 105th attached, delays attack until 0730 because of heavy sniper fire near supporting arty; rapid advance against light resistance results in gap between 4th Marine and 27th Inf Divs; 3d Bn of 24th Marine Regt closes this gap late in afternoon. Gain of 2,000 yds. is made in 4th Marine sector during day. U.S. line now stretches from Garapan on W coast to point about 700 yds. NE of Hashigoru village on E coast, with southward bend in center about 2,000 yds. deep and 2,000 yds. wide.

On SE Saipan, Nafutan Pt. falls to 2d Bn, 105th Inf, at 1845 and all organized resistance ends. Remainder of enemy force which infiltrated during night of 26/27 is killed during day.

Rota thoroughly strafed by formation of 41 P-47s. Softening up of Tinian continues. U.S. carrier-based planes drop 37 tons of bombs on runways at Guam; night fighter downs 1 of about 8 enemy planes later spotted by the task group.

Caroline Is.: Nineteen B-24s attack Yap town and air-drome with 28 tons of bombs, hitting power plant and destroying 2 parked planes; interception made by 27 planes, of which

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2 are shot down. With 7.5 tons of bombs, 5 B-24s attack installations at Sorol. Woleai and Ifalik raided by 3 B-24s. Six B-25s strike at Ponape, releasing 3.6 tons of bombs on airfield and gun positions.

Marshall Is.: U.S. planes, in 55 sorties, raid gun positions and coastal installations at Mili, Taroa, and Wotje: 15 SBDs and 12 F4Us strike at Mili with 10 tons of bombs, 14 SBDs drop 6 tons on Taroa, and 14 F4Us release 3.4 tons on Wotje. Two F4Us lost at last target.

Nauru I.: In night attack on Nauru, 16 B-25s drop 9.6 tons of bombs on AA positions; 1 attacker downed by accurate ground fire.

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Marianas Is.: Battle for Saipan continues with 2d Marine and 27th Inf Divs attacking at 0630; 4th Marine Div remains in positions to await advance of 27th Inf Div. U.S. forces are slowed by terrain as well as continued strong resistance and gains for the day are limited to 300 yds. in 2d Marine Div sector on L and 600 yds. in 27th Inf Div area in center. Japanese are infiltrating into positions on the 2 hills captured yesterday.

Major General George W. Griner, USA, takes command of 27th Inf Div, replacing Major General Sanford Jarman who becomes Commanding General, Saipan Garrison Force.

Softening up of Tinian continues. Rota and Pagan hit by U.S. planes; during morning and evening attacks on former, airfield is probably left unserviceable and 3 enemy planes are destroyed in revetments.

Caroline Is.: Forty B-24s attack Yap, unloading almost 56 tons of bombs on town area, bivouacs, and airdrome; large fires and explosions result in vicinity of 10-12 parked planes; 8 of 29 interceptors shot down. Continuing neutralization of Truk airfields, 16 B-24s strike at Moen, damaging strips and dispersal areas with 45 tons of bombs; 1 of 5 interceptors believed destroyed. Five B-24s hit Sorol with 6.5 tons of bombs and another strafes same target. Three B-24s strike at Woleai with 5.5 tons of bombs. Peleliu airfield and other Palau targets harassed before dawn by 2 B-24s and at night by similar force. Single B-24, in night raid on Ponape, bombs Jokaj AA positions and Narlap, N of Ponape.

Marshall Is.: Thirty SBDs and 37 fighters raid enemy AA guns and coastal defenses during day. Sorol receives 8.5 tons of bombs, Mili hit with about 4 tons, and Wotje

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gets 1.4 tons; last target also strafed.

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Marianas Is.: Second Marine Div on L flank of Saipan front attacks at 0700, advancing 500-1,000 yds. on R flank during day. In 27th Inf Div sector, attack is started at 0730 by 1st and 2d Bns of RCT 106 which make little progress because of heavy MG fire; at 1400, the 3 bns of RCT 106 launch coordinated attack, registering gain of 1,000 yds.; 3d Bn of RCT 106 then reverts to Div reserve because of severe casualties sustained during past 3 days' fighting. Meanwhile, RCT 105 with 2-bn strength recaptures 1 of the 2 bitterly contested hills captured during 27 June and is attempting to secure the other.

U.S. planes attacking Tinian score hits on 8 guns. Rota airfield reported unserviceable by attacking P-47s which fire fuel dumps near airfield.

Marshall Is.: Japanese gun positions are again targets for U.S. planes: 12 F4Us drop 4.2 tons of bombs on Wotje, 14 SBDs hit Taroa with 6 tons, and 10 SBDs and 8 F4Us concentrate on Mili with 9 tons.

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Marianas Is.: During the day, U.S. troops on Saipan, with strong air, naval, and arty support, increase their holdings to a little more than half of the island. While 4th Marine Div remains in position on the R, 2d Marine Div on L and 27th Inf Div in center attack at 0700. Second Marine Div gains about 200 yds. on R flank. In 27th Inf Div sector, RCTs 106 and 105, with total of 3 bns abreast, push N and E over rough terrain and against considerable resistance for gain of 600 yds. Second Bn, 165th Inf, also attacks at 0700 and seizes last of the 2 hills which RCT 105 attempted to take yesterday; 3d Bn of 106th Inf, in Div Reserve, is mopping up in vicinity of this hill..

Since U.S. landing on Saipan, Japanese planes have raided Allied positions and shipping offshore almost daily, causing but little damage and few casualties. The raids, although numerous, have been on a small scale, and a number of the attackers have been shot down.

To date, enemy dead on Saipan number 5,692, including civilians; 220 prisoners have been taken and 4,866 civilians interned.

U.S. planes and naval vessels continue to bombard Tinian in preparation for landing; airfields are reported

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cratered. Throughout the night, enemy airfields and AA batteries on Guam are subjected to naval bombardment; no return fire received.

Caroline Is.: At Truk Atoll, 14 B-24s unload 34.5 tons of bombs on AA positions and dispersal areas at Moen airfield, causing large fires. Five PB4Ys raid Ponape, dropping 2 tons of bombs on town and gun positions.

Marshall Is.: Gun positions at Mili, Taroa, and Wotje hit by total of 55 U.S. planes during day: 14 SBDs and 16 F4Us raid Mili with 12.5 tons of bombs, 14 SBDs release 6 tons on Taroa, and 11 F4Us hit Wotje with 1.5 tons.

PBYs, in small groups, have flown numerous night missions against personnel areas during month.

Nauru I.: Twelve B-25s damage gun installations at Nauru with 6 tons of bombs; 1 B-25 lost to heavy AA fire.

Kurile Is.: Small groups of B-24s of 11th Army Air Force and Venturas of Fleet Air Wing 4 make frequent raids on Kuriles during June, attacking almost daily during latter part of month; targets include Shimushiru, Matsuwa, Paramushiro, and Shimushu.

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1 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Third Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, advances from position about 500 yds. E of Tekessi R. mouth to N bank of Jaba R.; no resistance encountered. Thirty-six P-39s attack scattered targets along N and E coast, causing fires in Tonolei stores area and explosions at Arigua Plantation; Bonis bombed by 3 SBDs.

New Britain-New Ireland: Allied scouting parties meet enemy troops at Ulamona, near Ubili, but find no Japanese on Lolobau I. To date, enemy casualties in New Britain are reported at 4,307 killed and 432 captured.

Four B-24s raid Rabaul before dawn. Three B-24s and 24 B-25s drop 25 tons of bombs on defense and supply areas at Tobera and SE Rabaul, while 46 fighter bombers attack Talili Bay targets. Duke of York I. and C. St. George hit by 5 B-34s, 12 TBFs, and 12 SBDs.

New Guinea: U.S. patrols continue to meet enemy resistance in Drindaria R. area, SE of Aitape; 10 P-39s support ground forces, strafing enemy positions along river. Japanese troops killed in Aitape sector total 818.

Twelve Beauforts, 7 B-25s, and 77 A-20s release 68½ tons of bombs on Wewak villages, causing many fires. An unstated number of P-39s and P-47s strike Hansa Bay targets and escape trail along Sepik R.

Dutch New Guinea: In Hollandia operations, 2,579 Japanese are reported killed and 551 captured; 1,453 enemy killed and 6 prisoners taken in Wakde area.

Armed vehicles, supplies, and enemy troops in Maffin Bay sector are bombed and strafed by an unreported number of B-25s and P-47s, while 13 A-20s attack villages about 35 mi. E of Maffin Bay. Nineteen A-20s, with P-38s covering, attack Ransiki airfield, on W coast of Geelvink Bay, setting 8 grounded planes on fire.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Reinforcement and consolidation of Allied positions in Mokmer area continues. Troops of 186th Inf Regt, 41st Inf Div, clearing out enemy pockets of resistance on high ground N of Mandon and W of Bosnek, are supported by 32 B-24s, which unload 92 tons of bombs on enemy positions in area and on Mokmer airfield. Ten B-25s maintain air cover for beachhead throughout day and sink 2 troop barges near Noemfoor I. U.S. DDs shell enemy concentrations and rolling stock in vicinity of Parai and sink 3 troop-carrying barges E of Bosnek.

N.E.I.: Larat airfield, Tanimbar Is., bombed by 4 B-25s, which destroy a gun position. Of 12 B-24s dispatched to bomb Laha airfield, Ambon I., only 5 break through overcast and hit target, 3 unload bombs on island, and 2 raid

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Leftoear and Namlea airfields, in Kei Is. and on Boela I., respectively.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Elements of 3d Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, make unopposed landing on S bank of Jaba R.; abandoned pillboxes and dugouts found. Buka and Kara airfields attacked by 34 P-39s.

New Britain-New Ireland: Allied rcn party lands on Dyaul I. and inspects recently demolished radar station; no enemy troops met.

Before dawn, 4 B-25s harass Rabaul targets. Forty-eight fighter bombers attack Vunakanau Plantation, causing huge fires. Gun positions and buildings at Tobera hit by 16 SBDs, while 24 B-25s strike Nordup area, E of Rabaul. Two F4Us and 5 Venturas raid Kavieng and Namatanai gun positions.

New Guinea: Australian troops land on Karkar I. without opposition. Natives report Japanese evacuated island 20 Mar.

Eight Tadji-based P-39s dive-bomb and strafe gun positions at Suain Village, E of Aitape. Ten Beauforts and 5 B-24s drop bombs in vicinity of Wewak.

Dutch New Guinea: Detachment of Allied troops lands on Jarsoen I., about 30 mi. E of Wakde; another party puts ashore on Vandoemoear I., just E of Sarmi; no opposition encountered at landings.

Enemy bivouacs in Maffin Bay area bombed and strafed by 18 B-25s with good results. Twenty-two B-25s drop 20 tons of bombs on Timoeka and Kokenau airfields, causing fires. An unreported number of B-25s raid targets on Noemfoor I.

Schouten Is.: Biak: A reinf rifle co, 163d Inf Regt, 41st Div, lands on Owi I., about 4 mi. S of Bosnek; no resistance met. Allied troops repulse enemy counterattack by about 100 Japanese N of Mandon, killing 75. Adverse weather hampers air operations; however, 1 sq of B-24s bombs designated targets behind enemy lines with good results. U.S. DDs shell Mokmer airfield area, destroying 2 guns, a bomber, and fuel dumps. Late in the afternoon, 21 Japanese fighters and dive bombers attack Allied beachhead, causing some damage; AA fire from shore and ships downs 7 attackers and probably 3 others.

N.E.I.: Liang airfield, Ambon I., bombed at night by 9 B-24s.

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3 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Company D, 3d Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, lands 1 mi. S of Mupeka R. mouth; enemy arty fire from area 3,500 yds. S causes no damage. In 48 sorties, U.S. and RNZAF fighter bombers attack targets from Porton to Komai and Kara, exploding ammunition dump and destroying AA position and 5 motor transports.

New Britain-New Ireland: Four B-24s raid Rabaul in early hours; daylight strikes are prevented by overcast. Fighter bombers raid Kavieng, while fighters sweep E New Ireland coastal targets.

New Guinea: Allied patrols encounter arty fire near Yakumul, SE of Aitape.

Thirty-nine P-47s attack Hansa Bay targets, setting supply dumps on fire and destroying a jetty with 24 tons of bombs. Eight Beauforts, 79 A-20s, and 4 P-39s drop 63 tons of bombs on bivouacs, stores, and buildings in Wewak area and on Kairiru I.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied patrols clash with enemy troops in W perimeter of Maffin Bay sector. Eight B-25s and 28 P-47s, cooperating with ground troops, bomb and strafe enemy positions along Woske R.

Thirty-two B-24s, unable to reach Biak because of inclement weather, unload 92 tons of bombs on Sarmi targets, starting many fuel fires; 23 P-40s returning from Biak strafe supply dumps along the Orain R., while 8 more bomb Sarmi area, hitting trucks. Finding Babo airfield cloud-covered, 21 B-25s bomb and strafe Timoeaka airfield and nearby villages; an unreported number of P-38s detailed for cover reach target area, shooting down 11 and probably 3 more of 20 interceptors; 1 A-20 missing. An unreported number of A-20s strike Ransiki airfield, S of Manokwari, destroying 4 grounded planes, while other A-20s hit Kamiri airfield, Noemfoor I., destroying unserviceable aircraft. Villages from C. D'Urville to Sawar strafed by 16 P-47s. Sersoi airfield, Japen I., bombed by 6 B-24s.

Schouten Is.: Biak: The same reinf rifle co of 163d Inf, which landed on Owi I., less 1 rifle platoon, lands on Woendi I. Allied troops resume W advance over difficult terrain, N of Bosnek. Eleven B-25s, 12 A-20s, and an unreported number of B-24s operate in support of ground forces. Japanese troops killed in Biak operations reported at 897; only 4 prisoners taken.

Allied shipping and beach positions attacked by 10-20 dive bombers, which cause some damage and several casualties;

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AA fire destroys 1 bomber, while 8 more are shot down by P-40s. Over Owi I., 6 enemy fighters are shot down by P-47s.

4 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Two companies of 3d Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, supported by Btry A, 247th FA Bn, cross Maririci R. and sweep down shoreline of Empress Augusta Bay, capturing or destroying defensive installations and supplies. In Laruma Valley, patrols of 1st Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, reconnoitering Japanese trail block near Kakavaropaia, about 9,000 yds. N of Blue Ridge, draw MG fire. Targets in SE Bougainville hit by 58 P-39s with 12 tons of bombs; fires started in truck park at Komai. Tonolei Harbor area raided by 8 P-38s; 22 canoes off Fauro I. sunk by 8 F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Four B-25s raid Rabaul area; daylight attacks cancelled because of weather.

New Guinea: U.S. outpost at Yakumul is attacked by 400-500 enemy troops, using mortars and MG fire; after killing or wounding 95 Japanese, U.S. force withdraws by barges to positions along Drinumor R.

Eight Beauforts, 77 A-20s, and an unreported number of P-47s and P-39s drop 58½ tons of bombs on enemy personnel and supply dumps in Wewak area and on Kairiru I., starting many fires and destroying bridge over Anumbe R. Hansa Bay targets strafed by 9 P-47s.

Dutch New Guinea: Six B-24s bomb Japanese troops and stores in Maffin Bay sector, causing fires. PTs shell Sarmi beach and buildings W of Maffin Bay. Forty-eight A-20s strike shipping off Manokwari with 42 tons of bombs, destroying 5 luggers and a floatplane. Ten B-24s attack enemy task force, N and E of Manokwari, sinking 2 DDs and damaging 2 cruisers.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied ground forces continue converging movement toward Mokmer airdrome; units on inland track reach point about 3,400 yds. NE of airdrome; other units meet stubborn resistance about 1,500 yds. W of Ibdi.

Twenty-four B-24s fail to locate enemy shipping N of Biak; on return trip, 16 of these drop 27 tons of bombs on Borokoe gun positions and revetment areas; 2 hit Namber airfield, Dutch NW Guinea; 6 engage in combat with 10-14 enemy fighters, shooting down 1 and 3 more probably. Enemy torpedo bombers make an unsuccessful attack on U.S. shipping E and NE of Biak; 4 P-47s escorting naval vessels

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shoot down 4 and probably another of 42 reported enemy attackers. In a second attack, 10-20 Japanese planes dive-bomb and strafe U.S. DDs off Bosnek, inflicting slight damage to one and causing several casualties.

5 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Third Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, moves S to Mawaraka; patrols push 400 yds. further S without enemy contact; an enemy trail block is located approximately 1,200 yds. inland. Following arty fire, troops of 1st Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, move to Kakavaropaia and take enemy trail block in upper Laruma Valley. Thirty-eight P-38s bomb N Buka airfield and Komai area, starting fires in supply areas and devastating S part of vehicle park. Toma, Fauro I., raided by F4Us; gun positions in SE Empress Augusta Bay hit by 3 SBDs and 3 TBFs.

New Britain: Rolling stock in Rabaul area, supplies at Vunapope and Rataval, and barge concentration at Vulcan Crater attacked by force of 27 B-25s, 12 TBFs, 16 SBDs, and 11 P-38s; 1 B-25 lost.

New Guinea: Seventeen P-39s dive-bomb and strafe enemy troops in Yakumul area. Eight Beauforts and an unstated number of B-24s and A-20s hit Wewak-Boram targets, while P-39s raid Sepik R. area.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied troops in Maffin Bay sector repulse 2 attacks on E perimeter. Enemy casualties reach 1,632; 13 prisoners taken. In night raid, 2 enemy planes drop 12 bombs on Wakde airfield, destroying 6 grounded planes and causing casualties.

Forty-five A-20s bomb and strafe Babo airfield and vicinity, destroying 5 planes on ground and a number of buildings and warehouses.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Units of 186th Inf push W and gain positions overlooking Mokmer airdrome; other forces, advancing along coastal road, meet determined resistance NE of Parai. In attempt to force enemy from ridge positions, DDs shell coastal targets and 10 B-24s drop 27 tons of bombs on defense area. Two enemy fighters raid Allied positions at beachhead but cause no damage.

6 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Following reconnaissance of Mawaraka area in which 27 Japanese are killed and 1 captured, Fiji troops withdraw to Torokina by water. On road between

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Empress Augusta Bay and Kahili, a Japanese arty convoy with 12 or more guns is strafed by 37 P-39s; 6 vehicles probably hit and explosions caused; same planes also destroy NE pier at Kahili and huts in Tsirogei area.

New Britain-New Ireland: Fifteen B-25s, 9 TBFs, 13 SBDs, and 7 P-38s raid supply dumps at Talili Bay, Rataval, Vulcan Crater, and Nordup Plantation; 5 B-34s damage piers at Ataliklikun Bay. Supply barges off Duke of York I. hit by B-34s and P-38s. PTs strafe Tabar I., wrecking many houses. Coastal targets at Lossuk Bay, SE of Kavieng, shelled by LCIs.

New Guinea: Eleven Beauforts bomb supply dumps in Wewak area, while P-47s and P-39s strafe villages along Sepik R.; other strikes cancelled because of weather.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied scouting party lands 2,000 yds. SW of Sarmi Pt. in Maffin Bay sector; no Japanese met. First Inf and 6th Engineers relieve elements of 158th Inf near Arara.

Forty-three A-20s bomb and strafe Manokwari jetties and harbor area, sinking a sea truck and 11 barges and luggers; same planes hit Kamiri airfield, Noemfoor I., further damaging 3 grounded planes.

Schouten Is.: Biak: U.S. troops advancing W along inland track NE of Mokmer meet little resistance; coastal column continues to encounter determined resistance NE of Parai. U.S. surface units shell enemy targets in Mokmer area. Enemy troops and defenses bombed and strafed by 35 B-25s and a sq. of B-24s with good results.

N.E.I.: Dili airfield, Timor I., bombed by B-25s.

7 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Patrols of 1st Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, start operations along Kakavaropaia-Igiaru-Vivei trail. Widespread targets attacked by 50 P-39s; Monoitu Mission raided by 7 P-38s.

New Britain: Air strikes against Rabaul curtailed by adverse weather.

New Guinea: Allied troops establish defenses on W bank of Drinumor R., W of Yakamul; patrolling is in progress. Australian troops advancing W along coast reach point about 30 mi. from Hansa Bay.

Forty-four A-20s and 8 Beauforts attack Wewak targets, setting stores on fire, while P-39s harass villages in Sepik R. area. Hansa Bay targets bombed by 12 P-47s.

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Dutch New Guinea: Allied arty shells Japanese bivouacs near Maffin airdrome. Eleven B-25s bomb and strafe supply dumps along Orai R. near Sarmi Village, causing fires.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Moving in a SW direction past E end of coral ridge that runs parallel with shoreline from about 8 mi. E of Bosnek to just E of Mokmer airdrome, 186th Inf troops, with 2d Bn of 162d Inf, attached and divisional arty support by-pass main Japanese defense line and seize Mokmer airdrome and beach area; intense enemy arty, MG, and rifle fire received from ridges but only a few enemy troops encountered. Second Bn, 162d Inf, wipes out several pillboxes along beach S of coastal ridge and moves SE to join other troops of 162d Inf which are moving amphibiously to Parai to avoid enemy roadblock in defile; this roadblock prevents advance of other units moving W from Ibdidi on coastal road. U.S. surface units, 11 B-25s, and an unreported number of B-24s cooperate with ground troops.

8 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Thirty-two P-39s bomb houses and supply areas in NW Bougainville and Buka, causing fires and explosions. Kahili raided by F4Us, which set trucks ablaze; 1 F4U lost. Monoitu Mission hit by 6 P-38s.

New Britain-New Ireland: Twenty-four B-25s and 23 P-39s drop 18 tons of bombs on Rataval supply dumps; strikes against other Rabaul targets prevented by weather. Five Venturas raid Namatanai area, destroying buildings at Rabulut Plantation and bridge over Puk R.

New Guinea: First Bn, 127th Inf, relieves 1st Bn, 126th Inf, S of Drinumor R.; extensive patrolling in this area is in progress.

Fourteen Beauforts and 35 A-20s attack supply centers and troop concentrations in Wewak area. Coastal positions from Aitape to Wewak and islands offshore strafed by PTs, which set fuel dumps and 4 barges on fire.

Dutch New Guinea: In Maffin Bay sector, units of 158th Inf attack to SW and W of Allied perimeter; only slight resistance met. Enemy villages inland from Maffin Bay bombed by an unreported number of P-40s. Two enemy aircraft bomb Wakde airfield before dawn, destroying 10 grounded planes.

Ten B-24s escorted by P-38s attack task force of 2 CLs and 5 DDs about 100 mi. NW of Manokwari; 4 DDs reported sunk and the 5th damaged; 5 of 10 covering enemy fighters destroyed; 3 B-25s missing. During night, U.S. naval task

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force encounters 5 Japanese DDs about 45 mi. NW of Manokwari; after pursuing DDs for almost an hour, U.S. ships abandon chase; 1 DD probably damaged by long-range fire. Thirteen B-24s attack Nabire airfield, cratering runway. Kamiri airfield, Noemfoor I., bombed and strafed by 24 A-20s, which cause fires.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied infantry units supported by tanks and naval gunfire destroy a large number of AA positions, mortars, pillboxes, and ammunition dumps in Mokmer area, but Japanese continue to hold positions in controlling terrain and prevent the opening of main coastal road. By nightfall, gap of 1,800 yds. remains between 2d Bn, 162d Inf, and the rest of 162d Inf troops advancing W from Parai, while a space of 200 yds. exists between 162d Inf troops moving E from Parai and W from Mandon. Troops of 163d Inf secure the trail over ridge to Mokmer which protects 186th Inf supply line. Twenty-nine B-25s and 21 B-24s, in 2 waves, drop 62 tons of bombs on enemy troops and equipment in Sorido Village with excellent results. Two Japanese planes bomb and strafe Owi I.; no damage reported.

9 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In 48 sorties, U.S. fighter bombers and F4Us attack widespread targets, razing buildings in Buka Passage, Kieta, and Kahili areas and scoring direct hit on a pumping station used to irrigate Japanese gardens.

New Britain: Supply centers at Rataval and Talili Bay attacked by 17 SBDs, 10 TBFs, 23 B-25s, and 9 P-38s, which drop 46 tons of bombs, causing fires. Five B-34s attack Ataliklikun Bay area, damaging or wrecking piers and buildings.

New Guinea: Enemy bivouacs in Wewak-But area attacked by 36 A-20s, 22 B-24s, and 13 Beauforts, which drop 69½ tons of bombs and strafe targets with good results. Nightingale Bay and Suain Village strafed by P-39s, Beaufighters, and 9 A-20s.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. 158th Inf troops with tank support clear out enemy pillboxes, E of Tirfoam R. Enemy patrols attempt to penetrate Allied perimeter during night but are unsuccessful.

Japanese shipping off Manokwari attacked by 17 A-20s, which sink 2 sea trucks and 6 small vessels.

Schouten Is.: Biak: U.S. troops secure coastal area from Parai to Mokmer airfield; pillboxes in area and Japanese in caves being mopped up by combat patrols with tank support; an enemy unit estimated at 1 company, armed with 8-10 MGs, opens fire on Allied troops from ridge NE of Parai; 162d

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Inf troops, using pincer movement, destroy enemy roadblock and open up coastal road from Parai to Mokmer. Enemy planes make unsuccessful night raid on Allied positions near Parai jetty.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Thirty-two P-39s and 26 F4Us drop 20 tons of bombs on Buka area, starting fires in supply dumps NE of airfield and near Kirimana bridge.

New Britain-New Ireland: Over 500 enemy troops reported to be holding defense positions in Wide Bay area.

Supplies and defense positions at Rapopo and Rataval attacked by total of 24 B-25s, 8 SBDs, 11 TBFs, and 20 P-39s with 33 tons of bombs. Twelve P-38s raid storage tunnels at Keravia Bay with undetermined results. Buildings on SW coast of New Ireland hit by 5 B-34s, while 6 fighter-bombers strike Kavieng.

New Guinea: Australian troops moving W along coast toward Hansa Bay reach Suara, about midway between Albert Harbor and Dogumor Bay; no enemy resistance encountered.

Military installations at Boroi and lower Ramu R. targets W of Hansa Bay bombed by P-47s. Japanese defense positions and personnel on Muschu I. and along coast from But to Nightingale Bay hit by 8 B-25s and 57 A-20s; Brandi Plantation bombed by 9 Beauforts. Six Beaufighters attack bivouacs at Suain Village, W of But, while P-39s strafe an enemy camp at Matapau.

Dutch New Guinea: Manokwari shipping attacked by 10 B-25s, which sink a sea truck, 6 luggers, and a barge. Seventeen A-20s bomb and strafe Babo airfield, destroying a grounded fighter and hitting warehouses in area. Six P-40s shoot down single enemy fighter over Japen I.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Four LCTs and 2 LCMs land aviation engineers with airdrome repair equipment at Parai jetty; movement overland to Mokmer airdrome is in progress. Troops of 186th Inf force reduction of fire from enemy positions to W of Mokmer; 162d Inf units move W from Mokmer Village to support R flank in airdrome area, while 1st Bn clears out enemy mortar positions and mops up snipers along Parai-Mokmer road. PTs strafe 8 barges off NE coast of island.

N.E.I.: Twelve B-25s drop 14 tons of bombs on Atamboea, N coast of Timor I., starting fires in barracks area.

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11 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Forty-four fighter bombers are active over a variety of targets, strafing barges in Tonolei Harbor and Tenekau Bay, and causing fires and explosions in Tsirogei area.

New Britain-New Ireland: Six B-24s drop 24 tons of bombs on Rapopo runway, while 190 bombers and fighter bombers attack gun positions S and SW of airfield, silencing at least 5 guns with 87 tons of bombs. Buildings from Borpop to C. St. George bombed by 5 B-34s. Targets in Fangelawa Bay bombarded by U.S. DDs.

New Guinea: Three B-25s and 67 A-20s attack Wewak targets, dropping 42 tons of bombs on troops and stores at Brandi Plantation and on Mischu I. Hansa Bay and Nightingale Bay areas glide-bombed by P-47s, while P-39s strafe Suain Village. But and Boram areas bombed by 5 Beauforts.

Dutch New Guinea: In Maffin Bay area, units of 158th Inf destroy several field guns and wipe out an enemy defense position along Tirfoam R. Elements of 6th Inf Div arrive in Toem-Arara area.

Coastal targets in Geelvink Bay area strafed by 5 A-20s; 1 large barge sunk.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Troops of 186th Inf and 162d Inf move N and W of Mokmer airdrome toward Borokoe airfield; units of 186th Inf move 1,000 yds. W against negligible resistance, while 162d units supported by tanks meet stubborn opposition to their attempt to dislodge Japanese from pillbox entrenchments along ridge 800 yds. W of Mokmer. Along the Parai-Mokmer road, Japanese troops in Mokmer Cave (East Cave) area are interrupting main Allied supply line; U.S. DD shells this area, forcing enemy into caves so that supplies can be brought into airdrome area. Units of 163d Inf block trails from Ibdidi to beachline. In support of drive for Borokoe and Sorido airfields, 5 B-24s and an unstated number of A-20s bomb and strafe the airfields and targets in vicinity, while 10 B-25s attack coastal villages. Two enemy planes raid Allied positions, causing casualties. Four fighters hit Allied DD off Mokmer, causing slight damage.

12 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Buka targets and pier at Kahili hit by 44 P-39s; AA fire destroys 1 P-39. Tonolei Harbor area strafed by F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Six B-24s bomb Tobera and Rapopo airfields, while 16 SBDs, 12 TBFs, 22 P-39s, and 10

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P-38s drop 33 tons of bombs on Ralum supply area. Five B-34s raid SE coast of New Ireland, setting buildings on fire.

New Guinea: Australian patrols reach Dagoi, about 4 mi. SE of Bogia and 12 mi. from Hansa Bay, which is the next major objective of Australians.

Wewak area attacked by 56 A-20s and 12 P-47s, which drop 45 tons of bombs and heavily strafe bivouacs and gun positions. Targets W of Wewak in Anumbe R. Valley raided by 8 Beauforts and P-39s. PTs cooperating with Beaufighters shell C. Mom.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. patrols find 71 dead Japanese on trails in Toarim R. area. Enemy defense positions in Maffin Bay area shelled by DDs and raided by 4 dive-bombing P-47s.

An unreported number of B-25s attacks shipping off Manokwari, sinking 4 sea trucks, 3 luggers, and probably a 2,000-ton AK. Moemi airdrome bombed and strafed by A-20s, which start many fires. Enemy planes make night raid on Wakde airfield, damaging 9 grounded planes and causing some casualties.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Troops of 162d Inf continue to clear out enemy pillboxes and caves interlining ridges N of Mokmer airdrome, silencing fire on Mokmer airdrome area so that engineering repair work on field is started. Patrols of 186th Inf penetrate Borokoe and Sorido airdrome areas without contacting Japanese troops. U.S. DDs shell enemy pockets between Parai and Ibd; 163d Inf patrols mop up enemy troops in ridge area N of Parai. Allied positions in vicinity of Mokmer attacked by enemy planes; 7 torpedo bombers and 1 fighter are shot down by 16 P-47s.

13 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Forty-three U.S. fighter bombers drop 14 tons of bombs on supply dumps in Buka area.

New Britain-New Ireland: In a 15-minute attack, 93 Allied bombers drop 54 tons of bombs on Rapopo and Tobera gun positions, destroying at least 2 guns. Tobera runway attacked by 6 B-24s without success. Six B-25s cause huge explosion at Praed Pt., while 6 B-34s set buildings on fire at C. Gazelle and destroy jetty at Kabanga Bay. Allied fighters raid Kavieng airfield, and shoot down 1 enemy fighter.

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New Guinea: Enemy concentrations at Yakamul, Charov, and Marubian villages bombed and strafed by 23 B-25s and 31 A-20s, which achieve good results with 109 tons of bombs. Seven P-39s hit bivouacs along Harech R., while 6 Beauforts and 15 Beaufighters attack enemy personnel at Nyaparake, Sauri, and in Dandriwad R. area. Condor Pt. shelled by PTs.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied patrols operating E from Maffin Bay to Kediri report seeing only 2 Japanese.

Thirty-four P-47s attack Sarimi area, bombing Orai R. bridge and setting stores on fire.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied troops continue advance W of Mokmer airdrome; enemy pillboxes and MG fire stops advance after 100-yd. gain; L flank forces advance to Borokoe Village, meeting no opposition. PTs and a DD bombard caves and gun positions near Bosnek Village, closing road to enemy trucks. Approximately 700 troops of Japanese 219th and 221st Inf Regts land in Korim Bay and Wardo areas.

N.E.I.: Oil installations at Boela, Ceram, bombed by a DD, which sets fire to fuel tanks and scores possible hits on power house; AA battery returns fire.

14 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Twenty-eight P-39s attack various targets, damaging pier at Kieta, destroying huts in Monoitu area, and starting fires at Bonis.

New Britain-New Ireland: Total of 87 bombers and fighter bombers makes night attack on Rabaul targets, destroying many buildings and several gun positions; in another attack, 2 floatplanes and installations in harbor hit by F4Us. Fighter bombers again raid Kavieng airfield.

New Guinea: Australians moving up coast from Alexishafen pass Bogia and reach Potsdam Harbor without contacting enemy troops.

Enemy troops, villages, and trails SE of Aitape attacked by 70 A-20s, 7 B-25s, 6 P-39s, 2 P-47s, and 18 Beaufighters. Villages in Sepik and Ramu R. valleys strafed by P-39s, while 5 Beauforts raid supplies at C. Mom.

Dutch New Guinea: The 20th RCT relieves 158th RCT in Tor R.-Tirfoam R. area; the 158th RCT bivouacs in E part of Toem-Arara perimeter, preparing for operations against Noemfoor I. The 63d RCT, 80th FA Bn, and remainder of 6th Inf Div arrive in Maffin Bay area. The 51st FA establishes its position on E bank of Tor R. In Hollandia area near Arso, Allied patrols find about 400 enemy dead from disease, starvation, and air attacks.

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Fuel dumps and supplies in Maffin Bay area bombed by an unreported number of P-40s. Babo airfield on SW coast hit by 26 A-20s, which set fire to fuel dumps and several unserviceable planes. Two squadrons of B-24s unload 44 tons of bombs on Kamiri airfield, Noemfoor I., causing fires and explosions.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Japanese West Cave positions are being enveloped by Allied infantry units; on N flank enemy maintains stubborn resistance.

N.E.I.: Halong seaplane base and barracks area, Ambon, bombed at night by 8 B-24s with unobserved results. Twelve B-25s drop 15 tons of bombs on Lautem airfield, Timor I., making runway unserviceable.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: N Solomons area, including New Georgia, Treasury, Bougainville, Green and Emirau islands, is transferred from command of Pacific area to command of the SW Pacific area; the islands are placed under the command of Commanding General, XIV Corps. Buka and Bonis areas bombed by 8 P-39s; enemy gardens sprayed with diesel oil by TBFs.

New Britain-New Ireland: Eight B-25s raid Rabaul and Kavieng targets. Total of 120 planes, including B-25s, TBFs, SBDs, P-38s, and P-39s, attacks Rapopo and Tobera AA positions with 99 tons of bombs; 1 TBF lost. Rolling stock in Rabaul area strafed with good results by 20 F4Us. Buildings in Namatanai area bombed by 3 B-34s.

New Guinea: Total of 58 A-20s, 4 B-25s, 6 P-39s and 5 Beaufighters releases 44 tons of bombs on camps, villages, and trails in area from E of Aitape to Dagua; all targets heavily strafed. Motor transports from Yakumul to But raided by 2 B-25s. Beaufighters cooperating with PTs attack shore batteries at Nightingale Bay and hit 3 barges off Kairiru and Muschu islands.

Dutch New Guinea: Troops of 1st Inf move W to Unnamed R., while 1st FA Bn occupies positions on E bank of Tor R.

Glide-bombing P-47s set fire to buildings and fuel dumps in Maffin Bay, concentrating on area between Woske and Orari rivers and on Foe Moe Plantation. Eleven A-20s covered by P-38s attack shipping off Manokwari, sinking a barge and lugger and damaging an AK. Twelve B-24s drop 30 tons of bombs on Namber airfield, Noemfoor I., causing fires.

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Schouten Is.: Biak: Enemy attacks on R flank of Allied line NW of Mokmer airdrome repulsed; 3 enemy tanks destroyed and 160 Japanese killed. Allied naval fire silences guns and mortars harassing motor supply lines. Allied casualties to date are reported at 159 killed, 1,053 wounded, and 9 missing; Japanese dead total 1,304 with 5 prisoners taken. Commanding General, 1st Corps, Sixth Army, takes command of Biak operations.

N.E.I.: Lautem airfield, Timor I., bombed by 5 B-24s.

16 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Widespread targets on Bougainville and Shortland islands hit by 6 P-38s and 8 P-39s.

New Britain: Before dawn, 4 B-25s start fires in Rabaul Town. Total of 73 planes, including TBFs, SBDs, P-38s, P-39s, B-24s, and B-25s, unloads 56 tons of bombs on installations in Rabaul area, demolishing many buildings and 2 warehouses; 1 SBD lost; 22 F4Us attack motor transport area, destroying 4 trucks and damaging others; 1 F4U lost.

New Guinea: Australian patrols reach Condor Pt. at NW tip of Hansa Bay without meeting enemy troops. Reports indicate that main force of Japanese troops evacuated Hansa Bay area about a month ago and that the rearguard had withdrawn a few days before arrival of Australians.

Bivouac areas, villages, and supply dumps W of Dagua bombed and strafed by 58 A-20s and 3 B-25s; coastal targets attacked by 12 P-39s and 13 Beaufighters, which destroy 2 barges and damage 9 others off Muschu I. Broken Water Bay targets hit by P-47s.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied patrolling of Tor-Tirfoam area is increasing in intensity.

Fuel stores at Sarimi bombed by P-47s with good results. Jefman and Samate airdromes near Sorong attacked by 2 groups of B-25s escorted by P-38s; 40-50 enemy planes destroyed on ground and in air. Twenty-one A-20s raid MacCluer Gulf shipping, sinking 2 barges and leaving others in flames; warehouses and buildings at Kokas Village effectively hit by same planes.

Schouten Is.: Biak: First Allied planes land on Owi I. airfield. Units of 186th Inf attack W of Mokmer, clearing out pockets of resistance.

17 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: U.S. fighter bombers on

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patrol raid targets of opportunity; enemy gardens again sprayed with diesel oil.

New Britain-New Ireland: Gun positions between Tobera and Rapopo receive 90 tons of bombs from 110 assorted bombers. Five B-24s drop 15 tons of bombs on Vunakanau airfield. In sweep over Rabaul area, 15 F4Us wreck 5 trucks; 1 F4U lost to AA fire. Kavieng raided by F4Us, while 6 SBDs hit targets on Selapiu I.

New Guinea: Intensive patrolling continues throughout Aitape area.

Enemy camps in Wewak vicinity attacked by 59 A-20s and 5 B-25s with 62 tons of bombs. Broken Water Bay villages raided by 16 P-47s, while 10 Beauforts with P-39s raid Suain Village and targets along Dandriwad and Danmap rivers. Barge hideouts off Kairiru I. hit by 8 Beaufighters. PTs attack targets in Wewak area, quieting guns and strafing 9 trucks.

Dutch New Guinea: Presence of elements of 223d Inf and 224 Inf from 36th Japanese Div. with supporting troops and arty in Maffin Bay area is established. Allied patrols report that Japanese are setting up defensive positions 600 yds. S of Maffin Village.

Thirty-one B-25s with P-39s escorting attack shipping off Sorong, sinking 2 AK/APs of 3,000 tons each, 3 small AKs, and 3 luggers; 2 AK/APs of 1,500 tons each and 3 luggers damaged; no enemy interceptors met. Otawiri and Babo airfields bombed and strafed by 24 A-20s; AA fire downs 2 A-20s.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied troops continue to capture and knock out enemy defense and gun positions N and NW of Mokmer airdrome.

N.E.I.: Four B-25s raid W coast of Arce Is., causing casualties and sinking a barge and lugger.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: U.S. arty shells enemy trail block in upper Laruma Valley. Trails leading to Mosigetta area and camp fires along Tavena and Maririci rivers shelled by LCIs; coastal targets strafed by fighters.

New Britain-New Ireland: Four B-25s raid Vunakanau airfield, starting fires. Sixty-three assorted planes wreck 20 or more buildings in Matupi-Lakunai area. Motor transports in Rabaul area strafed by 12 F4Us. Seven B-34s destroy buildings at C. St. George, Borpop, and Namatanai, while Emirau-based aircraft drop 25 tons of bombs on Kavieng runway.

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New Guinea: U.S. PTs land scouting parties at Bam and Blupblup islands, W of Hansa Bay. Enemy casualties in Aitape area reach 1,063.

Total of 58 A-20s, 7 B-25s, 24 P-47s, 10 P-39s, 8 Beauforts, and 11 Beaufighters releases 93 tons of bombs on coastal installations, bivouacs, stores, and barges in Wewak area with good results; Suain Village and Dandriwad R. area are main targets. Three U.S. DDs shell 33 enemy gun positions in Wewak area.

Dutch New Guinea: Two U.S. DDs shell enemy fortifications on Lone Tree Hill in Maffin Bay area.

Adverse weather prevents air attacks.

Schouten Is.: Biak: U.S. 34th Regt, 24th Div, arrives in vicinity of Mokmer airdrome area. Reports of Japanese casualties state that 1,820 have been killed and 6 captured.

19 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Numa Numa area receives 18 tons of bombs from 14 B-34s; all targets heavily strafed.

New Britain-New Ireland: Twenty-five B-25s, 51 SBDs, and 12 P-38s unload 70 tons of bombs on Rabaul targets, starting fires and wrecking buildings; F4Us sweep same area, setting 11 trucks on fire. Eleven B-25s attack personnel and defense positions in S Wide Bay area, probably destroying a radar station and causing fires. Emirau-based fighters again raid Kavieng.

New Guinea: Supply dumps and bivouacs in Wewak area raided by 10 Beaufighters, 16 Beauforts, 24 A-20s, 2 B-25s, and 4 P-39s. Three U.S. DDs and 1 British warship bombard targets in same area.

Dutch New Guinea: Intensive patrolling in Tor-Tirfoam R. area is in progress.

Kamiri and Moemi airdromes on Noemfoor I. and SW coast of Geelvink Bay, respectively, attacked by 24 A-20s. Thirty-three A-20s hit Manokwari area, setting small craft on fire; 2 A-20s lost.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Troops of 41st Inf Div outflank enemy positions along ridges overlooking Borokoe airdrome from the N, thus opening the way for coastal assault.

N.E.I.: Cape Chater airfield, Timor I., bombed by 12 B-25s, which cause fires and explosions in dispersal area.

20 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: In Americal Div sector,

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3d Bn, 164th Inf, is active in the upper Reini-Tekessi area. Coastal targets on Buka I., strafed by FAUs.

New Britain-New Ireland: Gun positions, S of Rapopo, hit by 101 assorted planes with 95 tons of bombs. Eleven FAUs sweep Rabaul area, damaging trucks; 1 FAU lost. Kavieng raided by FAUs, while 5 B-34s raze houses along SW coast of New Ireland.

New Guinea: Allied patrols report that enemy activity is increasing throughout area inland from Yakamul.

Enemy bivouacs in Suain area effectively bombed by 11 Beauforts, while 11 Beaufighters raid trails in Harech Valley and barge hideouts near Kairiru I. Sixty A-20s led by 6 B-25s continue attacks on enemy concentrations in Suain area with excellent coverage of targets. Moemi, Brandi, and Dagua in Wewak area raided by P-39s and P-47s.

Dutch New Guinea: Troops of 6th Inf Div start push W of Tor R.; strong enemy positions met 1 mi. S of E end of Maffin airdrome; ground troops are given air support by P-47s. The 20th RCT in Tirfoam R. area prepares for attack against Lone Tree Hill. Lone Tree Hill is bounded on E by Snaky R., on N by Rocky Point, and to W by Maffin airdrome. Third Bn establishes positions on E bank of Snaky R., while 1st Bn and a platoon of C Co, 44th Tank Bn, establishes perimeter to S of coral road, which runs between Lone Tree Hill and Hill 225. Patrols from 3d Bn advance to W bank of Snaky R.; 75-mm arty fire, probably from Hill 225, is encountered. Japen I. is reported free of enemy troops.

Five barges and 2 luggers off Japen I. destroyed by A-20s. Twenty-five B-24s release 68 tons of bombs on Kamiri airfield, Noemfoor I., starting fires in bivouacs and dispersal area.

Schouten Is.: Biak: In a combined tank and infantry attack, units of 41st Div and 34th Regt, 24th Div, push W from Mokmer airdrome and capture Borokoe and Sorido airdromes, Sorido Village, and block the Sorido-Korim Bay trail.

21 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Smoke screen is laid for landing of force of 3d Bn of Fiji Inf Regt, Co E of 129th Inf, and Btry C of 6th FA Bn at mouth of Jaba R. Twenty FAUs attack coastline at Buka Passage and Matchin Bay, setting fuel drums ablaze, destroying buildings, and sinking small craft off Matzungan I.

New Britain-New Ireland: Major air strikes against

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Rabaul targets are cancelled because of weather conditions. Vanakanau and Duke of York I. bombed by 5 B-24s and 4 B-34s, respectively.

New Guinea: Australian patrols from Hansa Bay area reach mouth of Ramu R. without meeting enemy troops.

Bivouacs and motor transports in Suain area bombed and strafed by 18 Beauforts, 1 Beaufighter, and 20 P-39s. An unstated number of P-39s raid enemy positions S of Yakumul.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. ground troops advance to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. of E edge of Maffin airdrome; enemy defense positions in area shelled by DDs. First Bn, 20th RCT, moves to SE base of Lone Tree Hill; tanks clear out 2 pillboxes and an MG position. One company of 3d Bn advances on Lone Tree Hill but is forced by heavy MG, mortar, and sniper fire to retire to base at E bank of Snaky R. During night, 6th Div arty shells enemy concentrations at Rocky Pt. and Lone Tree Hill. Elements of 6th Eng Bn attempting to cut road along beach to base of Rocky Pt. encounter intense rifle and MG fire.

Villages along Mamberano R. in vicinity of Cape d'Urville bombed and strafed by 31 B-25s. E coast of Geelvink Bay raided by A-20s; no signs of enemy activity noted. Twenty-eight B-24s unload 84 tons of bombs on Kamiri and Kornasoren airdromes, causing large fires and explosions.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied ground troops are consolidating their positions in vicinity of Mokmer, Borokoe, and Sorido airdromes. Units of 34th Regt moving N of Sorido Village meet weakening enemy opposition; units of 41st Div engage in clearing out caves N of Mokmer. During night, Japanese troops make 3 counterattacks N of Sorido Village but are driven back. Enemy force of 109 attempting to evacuate West Cave positions is wiped out while trying to pass through 186th Inf positions to N.

N.E.I.: Four B-25s sink a small coastal vessel off W coast of Timor I.

22 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Troops of 3d Bn, Fiji Inf Regt, move S along shore of Empress Augusta Bay and establish bivouac about 1,200 yds. N of Mawaraka. Scattered targets strafed by 4 B-34s and F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Twenty-four B-25s, 18 SBDs, 12 TBFs, and 10 P-38s attack supply dumps at Nordup Plantation, starting large fires with 66 tons of bombs. Ralum supply base receives 10 tons of bombs from 22 SBDs. Twenty-four F4Us score hits on Kavieng runway.

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New Guinea: Enemy bivouacs and stores between Aitape and Boram attacked by 22 A-20s, which drop 26 tons of bombs. Thirty-three Beauforts release 24 tons of bombs on bivouacs inland from Suain. Gun positions, bridges, and barges along coast at Boram, Suain, and Moemi bombed and strafed by P-47s and P-39s.

Dutch New Guinea: Units of 20th Inf continue encircling movement around enemy positions $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E of Maffin airdrome; 79 Japanese reported killed. Ten A-20s bomb and strafe enemy camps in area, starting many fires. At dawn, 18 P-47s dive-bomb and strafe enemy positions on Lone Tree Hill; div arty opens fire; K Co spearheads advance of 3d Bn to top of hill; intense enemy arty and mortar fire encountered; L Co of 20th RCT attempting to attack hill from SE encounters stiff resistance in village at base of hill; heavy mortar fire is concentrated on village by M Co. Simultaneously, 1st Bn attacks through defile to S of hill; marshy ground prevents tank support; heavy enemy fire stops advance. In the meantime, 2d Bn fills in breach between 1st and 3d Bns, then the column moves along outer edge of plateau to Rocky Point and up N edge of hill to join 3d Bn; only sniper fire encountered. Japanese counterattack against 3d Bn perimeter is repulsed. Throughout night, enemy arty and mortars fire on Allied positions from Hill 225.

Shipping in Sorong area, between Sansapor and Sele Strait, attacked by unstated number of B-25s; targets on Salawati I. attacked by same planes; 1 B-25 lost. Kamiri and Namber airfields; Noemfoor I., raided by 10 A-20s; intense AA fire met.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Mokmer airfield reported operational.

23 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Fiji patrols report that approximately 150 Japanese hold a strong defensive position near Mawaraka. Allied aircraft over trail in Mosigetia area observe enemy force of about 200 moving toward Mawaraka; arty fire concentrated on this force with good results. Under supporting fire from U.S. LCIs, Fiji troops are withdrawn from Mawaraka area. Allied casualties in this operation are 4 killed and 17 wounded; Japanese casualties are undetermined. Third Bn, 164th Inf, moves to bivouac area 500 yds. E of mouth of Reini-Tekessi rivers, making contact with enemy who holds trail block on a steep narrow ridge. Coastal targets strafed by patrolling F4Us.

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New Britain-New Ireland: Before dawn, 4 B-25s raid Rabaul area; 1 B-25 missing. Twenty-four B-25s, 42 SBDs, 12 TBFs, and 14 P-38s unload 81 tons of bombs on gun positions in Rapopo area, causing large explosions. Six B-24s drop 10 tons of bombs on Tobera runway. Raluana Point area strafed by fighters, which hit trucks and AA positions. Four B-34s raid Duke of York I., razing buildings.

New Guinea: Supply dumps at C. Mom in Wewak area glide-bombed by 16 P-47s. Six Beaufighters and 18 Beauforts bomb and strafe enemy troops in Harech R. area near Yakamul. Aitape area patrolled over by P-40s. Muschi and Kairiru islands attacked by 21 A-20s, 2 Beaufighters, and 12 P-39s, which hit bridges, trucks, and barges.

Dutch New Guinea: Enemy troops with bayonets attack hilltop positions but fail to penetrate Allied perimeter. An unreported number of A-20s and 20 P-47s attack enemy defense positions E of Maffin airdrome.

Despite inclement weather, Kornasoren and Kamiri airfields, Noemfoor I; are raided by A-20s, which hit dispersal areas and destroy at least 1 gun position.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied troops clear an enemy strongpoint N of Mokmer airdrome. Patrols probing $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi. NW of Sorido Village meet no resistance. Japanese troops are reported to be using boats on Korim R. in order to reach the center of the island.

N.E.I.: Four B-25s attack Japanese shipping off Watobela I. between Ceram and Kei islands, setting a small AK and 2 sea trucks on fire; 1 B-25 lost to AA fire from AK and shore.

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Solomon Is.: In Mawaraka area, enemy concentrations and pillboxes shelled by LCIs and arty fire with good results; Japanese positions N of Torokina in upper Laruma Valley also hit. Scattered Bougainville targets again strafed by F4Us.

New Britain-New Ireland: Targets S of Vunapope receive 55 tons of bombs from 30 SBDs, 12 B-25s, 18 F4Us, and 14 P-38s. Five B-24s raid Tobera, while 11 B-25s hit Nordup Plantation, razing buildings. Six barges in Nadadukudu Bay are destroyed by 4 B-34s and an unreported number of F4Us; supply dumps and trucks in Kavieng area are also hit.

New Guinea: Total of 33 Beauforts, 11 Beaufighters, and 28 P-47s drops $34\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs on bivouacs and installations NW of Wewak with good results. Supplies and troop concentrations

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in Wewak-But area receive 20 tons of bombs from 36 A-20s and 3 B-25s; 12 P-39s raid tracks inland from But, while 8 P-47s glide-bomb C. Mom and 6 Beaufighters strafe trucks and barge hideouts along coast.

Dutch New Guinea: I and K Companies, 1st Inf Regt, make amphibious landing W of Rocky Pt; 6th Rcn Troop in amphibious tanks covers landing; heavy MG and arty fire encountered at landing is neutralized; 1 LVT carrying wounded is sunk about 175 yds. off Rocky Pt. by enemy 75-mm fire. Allied arty shells suspected enemy bivouacs and communications along Woske R. and coastal road N of Maffin airdrome. Japanese action on Lone Tree Hill is limited to rifle, knee mortar, and hand grenade fire, which is being reduced by MG and 60-mm mortars. Nine A-20s strafe enemy troops in Maffin Bay area.

Noemfoer I. airfields are targets for 31 A-20s, which bomb and strafe runways and supply dumps. Sixteen B-24s attack Jefman airfield near Sorong, leaving several grounded planes burning; no enemy interceptors met. Shipping and coastal villages near Kokas raided by 4 A-20s.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Allied troops mop up isolated enemy pockets of resistance N and W of Borokoe and Sorido airdromes; 12 B-25s assist ground forces by bombing caves and other assigned targets.

N.E.I.: Seven B-25s drop 9 tons of bombs on gun positions at C. Chater airfield, Timor I.

25 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Sixteen F4Us sweep Bougainville area, setting huts on fire.

New Britain: Rabaul area raided before dawn by 4 B-25s; during morning, 18 SBDs, 14 P-38s, and 12 B-34s drop 33 tons of bombs on Vunapope gun positions; rolling stock in Rabaul area strafed by F4Us. Enemy positions in Wide Bay area attacked by 24 B-25s and 8 F4Us with 17 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Enemy groups reported to be moving W along Sepik R. S of Torricelli Mountains.

In Wewak area, bivouacs at Dagua and But are attacked by 36 A-20s and 18 P-39s; bridges and villages NW of Wewak glide-bombed by 20 P-47s; barge hideouts and motor transports hit by 13 Beaufighters. Thirty Beauforts and 23 A-20s attack barracks and supplies at Suain Village; 37½ tons of bombs dropped and excellent results obtained. Muschu and Kairiru islands raided by 14 P-39s.

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Dutch New Guinea: Second and 3d Bns, 20 Inf Regt, break enemy resistance on Lone Tree Hill top. I and K Companies, 1st Inf Regt, from positions W of Rocky Pt. force enemy withdrawal from N portion of hill with heavy mortar fire. Barracks area and Hq building on upper Tor R. attacked by 12 B-25s and 31 A-20s with 40 tons of bombs. Enemy positions along Woske R. bombed and strafed by 42 P-47s and 15 P-40s. Japanese casualties reach a total of 3,487 dead and 630 prisoners taken.

Forty-four B-24s pound Noemfoor I. targets with 96½ tons of bombs, causing fires and explosions. Kamiri stores hit by 7 P-40s.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Attack by 186th Inf Regt supported by tanks crushes final heavy Japanese resistance on ridges N of Mokmer. Enemy planes make 2 raids on Mokmer area, causing several casualties.

26 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Targets of opportunity attacked by 32 F4Us; 13 P-38s drop 13 tons of bombs on Tenekau, S of Numa Numa.

New Britain: Three B-25s raid Rabaul and Kavieng. Sixteen F4Us and 24 SBDs hit supplies at Nordup Plantation, starting fires. Targets in Wide Bay area raided by 24 B-25s and 2 B-34s, which wreck 7 barges.

New Guinea: Four B-25s and 36 A-20s raid supplies along Wewak coast; trails and camps inland from Dagua attacked by 24 A-20s, 19 P-39s, and 2 B-25s with 28½ tons of bombs; C. Mon hit by 6 B-24s. Twenty-nine Beauforts drop 20 tons of bombs on bivouacs and supplies at Suain Village with good results. U.S. PTs set an ammunition dump on fire on Muschu I., and destroy 15 barges offshore.

Dutch New Guinea: I and K Companies, 1st Inf Regt, join L Co on Lone Tree Hill top. Elements of 3d Bn, 63d Inf Regt, relieve 2d and 3d Bns, 20th Inf Regt, on hilltop. Enemy counterattacks against E end of Maffin airfield repulsed by Allied ground troops with arty support. Enemy positions in Maffin area raided by 3 B-24s, 12 P-47s, and 2 P-38s; bivouacs along Woske R. hit by A-20s.

Ransiki airfield, S coast of Geelvink Bay, attacked by 15 B-24s, which start fires in dispersal areas with 60 tons of bombs. Villages in Keawkwa area, S coast near Timoeke, bombed and strafed by 10 Beauforts. Twelve B-25s hit town area at Manokwari and small naval craft offshore. Near Sorong, 12 P-38s strafe a 3,000-ton AK/AP, leaving it

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badly damaged. Sereoi airfield, Japen I., hit by 4 B-24s. Forty-seven B-24s heavily bomb Noemfoor I. airfields, while 4 A-26s, 7 A-20s, and 2 B-25s bomb roads and villages and small craft offshore.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Troops of 163d. Inf, supported by 146 FA Bn, launch attack against Ibdl pocket; both flanks gain high ground but are stopped by enemy MG and mortar fire. Twenty-two A-20s bomb enemy positions and inland trails in Korim Bay area. Enemy planes drop 3 bombs on Owi I.

N.E.I.: Seven B-25s and 3 Beaufighters bomb C. Chater airfield, Timor I., with unobserved results.

27 Southwest Pacific: An announcement from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters discloses that the Fifth and Thirteenth Army Air Forces have been joined into a single command known as the Far Eastern Air Force, which will be commanded by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, formerly head of the Fifth AAF. Maj. Gen. Ennis Whitehead is the new commander of the Fifth AAF.

Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Scattered targets again strafed by F4Us on routine missions.

New Britain-New Ireland: Rabaul targets hit by 4 B-25s. Gun positions in Ralum area bombed by 93 bombers and fighter bombers with 80 tons of bombs. Thirty-six F4Us destroy warehouses at Keravat, while 2 B-34s raid plantations along coast of St. George's Channel.

New Guinea: Sepik R. mouth, about 70 mi. SE of Wewak, is reached by Australian patrols; no resistance encountered. Australians capture large quantities of supplies and equipment in Hansa Bay area. To date, 1,098 Japanese are reported killed in Aitape area.

Scattered targets in Wewak area and nearby islands hit by 4 B-25s, 36 A-20s, 28 P-39s, and 16 P-47s. Enemy bivouacs and supplies at Yakumul receive 47½ tons of bombs from 23 Beauforts and 24 A-20s.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied patrols locate strong enemy defense positions on coral cliffs E of Maffin airdrome. I and K Companies, 1st Inf Regt, established on beach W of Rocky Pt., extend their beachhead W to Maffin airdrome. Roads and villages near Sarimi hit by 12 P-47s and 1 B-24. In Maffin operations, 2,566 Japanese reported killed.

Eighteen P-40s raid villages between Iram and Hollandia. Moemi, Ransiki, and Waren airfields, on S coast of Ceelwink Bay, raided by 12 B-24s, 11 B-25s, and 9 A-20s, respectively. Four squadrons of B-24s attack Jefman airfield near Sorong, causing fires and explosions. Seven A-20s, 19 P-40s, and

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4 P-47s hit gun positions and supplies on Noemfoor I. Babo dispersal areas bombed by 20 B-24s; observation of results prevented by clouds.

Schouten Is.: Biak: Troops of 162d Inf Regt, using grenades, gasoline, and phosphorus shells, clear out West Cave and surrounding area; 125 dead Japanese found. Enemy occupied villages and trails near Sorido strafed by 4 P-40s. Two enemy planes raid Mokmer airfield but cause no damage.

N.E.I.: Nine B-25s drop 16 tons of bombs on Lautem airfield, Timor I.

- 28 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Elements of 182d Inf relieve 3d Bn, 164th Inf in Reini-Tekessi area; arty fire causes enemy withdrawal from trail block. Sixteen P-38s and 22 B-25s unload 49 tons of bombs on Erventa I., S of Kahili; Fauro I. raided by 18 F4Us.
- New Britain-New Ireland: Three B-25s raid Rabaul. Tobera gun positions hit by 59 bombers with 60 tons of bombs, while stores at Vunapope receive 30 tons of bombs from 39 bombers. Fifteen F4Us bomb 6 trucks and jetties at Liguana Bay; 1 F4U lost. Twelve F4Us bomb Kavieng airfield.
- New Guinea: Thirty-two Beauforts, 24 A-20s, and 3 Beaufighters bomb and strafe enemy headquarters at Yakamul and other targets along coast. Total of 3 B-25s, 36 A-20s, 20 P-47s, and 4 P-39s attacks Wewak personnel area, Boiken Village, and Kairiru and Muschu islands.
- Dutch New Guinea: Third Bn, 64th Inf Regt, moves down ridge between Lone Tree Hill and Hill 225, mopping up scattered enemy remnants. Twelve P-47s attack assigned targets in Maffin area.
- Enemy installations and camps in vicinity of Kamiri airdrome bombed by 15 P-47s; other airdromes on Noemfoor I. hit by 16 P-40s. Nine A-20s strike Kokas Village, causing fires and explosions near seaplane base. Samate airdrome, Salawati I., hit by 10 B-24s with 39 tons of bombs.
- Schouten Is.: Biak: Organized enemy resistance on S coast of island is ended but mopping up of isolated groups continues. Inland trails and caves N of airfields attacked by 9 A-20s and 16 P-40s.
- N.E.I.: Eight B-25s bomb C. Chater airfield, Timor I., causing explosion.

- 29 Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Six TBFs attack Japanese positions in upper Reini R. valley with good results. Various

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Bougainville targets strafed by 34 F4Us.

New Britain: Six B-25s raid Rabaul targets before dawn. Installations in Ralum area attacked by 108 bombers and fighter bombers with 83 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Units of 32d Inf Div are reinforced by 112th Cav Regt and 148th FA at Aitape. Allied patrols clash with enemy troops near Yakumul. Three U.S. DDs shell enemy positions E of Aitape.

Seventy A-20s drop 34 tons of bombs on enemy camps in Yakumul area. Supply dumps along coastal road near Suain Village hit by 8 Beauforts. Twenty-one P-47s and 2 P-39s bomb supplies and bridges near Wewak; 8 Beaufighters cooperating with PTs sink a barge, explode an ammunition dump, and wreck 2 bridges in same area; PTs sink 3 loaded barges off mouth of Anumbe R. and 2 others off Muschu I.

Dutch New Guinea: Allied troops consolidate positions on Lone Tree Hill top. Thirty Allied planes bomb and strafe area between Lone Tree Hill and Sarimi Village.

Enemy concentrations in upper Tor R. Valley attacked by 17 P-40s, while villages W of Sarimi are hit by 7 A-20s. Fifteen A-20s strike gun positions and buildings at Moemi and Waren airfields with good results. Twenty-two B-24s hit Babo, cratering runway with 33 tons of bombs.

Schouten Is.: Biak: The 34th Inf Regt receives orders from Commanding General, Sixth Army, to prepare to move on 24 hours' notice to reinforce troops in Noemfoor area. Enemy casualties total 2,878 killed; 15 prisoners taken. Japanese bivouacs in Korim Bay area and trails leading from Sorido Bay to NE coast raided by 14 P-40s.

N.E.I.: Doka Barat airfield, Aroe Is., strafed by 3 B-25s; 1 B-25 hits MG position on S coast.

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Solomon Is.: Bougainville: Nine B-25s and 14 P-38s bomb Erventa I., while 17 B-34s and 27 TBFs attack Mosigetta area; Buka targets hit by 20 F4Us.

Throughout the month, 148th Regt, 37th Div, has sent uneventful weekly patrols to C. Moltke and Kurairo Mission areas. From 15-30 June, elements of 145th Regt, have maintained force of 1 bn in upper Laruma Valley as trail block on Numa Numa trail; this force has received support from Btry C, 135th FA Bn; from positions near Hill 205. On several occasions, U.S. LCIs and PTs have shelled Teop I and various Bougainville targets. During month, Japanese casualties reported at 69 killed, 1 captured, and 195 found dead; Allied casualties are 9 killed and 26 wounded.

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New Britain-New Ireland: Gun positions at Tobera attacked by 6 B-25s and 18 SBDs. Kabaira Bay targets hit by 12 F4Us; 1 F4U lost. Twenty-four SBDs and 13 F4Us strike plantation area on NW coast of New Ireland. Kavieng raided by 10 F4Us.

New Guinea: Total of 36 A-20s, 8 P-47s, 3 B-25s, 2 Beauforts, and 4 Beaufighters bombs and strafes bivouacs, bridges, and barges, along coast near Wewak; 2 Beaufighters and 2 P-39s cooperate with PTs, attacking barge hideouts in same area. Enemy troops SW of Nyaparake bombed by 12 Beauforts and 6 Beaufighters.

Dutch New Guinea: U.S. troops are in complete control of Lone Tree Hill top. Approximate U.S. casualties to date are 150 killed and 450 wounded. In the Lone Tree Hill-Hill 225-Maffin airdrome areas, 942 enemy are killed; and an estimated 400 more buried in caves. Allied patrols reach mouth of Woske R. without encountering enemy troops.

On Noemfoor I., 15 B-24s bomb supplies and bivouacs at Kamiri, while 19 more B-24s hit Namber dispersal areas and 1 B-24 raids C. Keretabari near Kornasoren airfield. Targets in vicinity of Kamiri airdrome raided by 15 A-20s, 7 P-47s, and 4 P-39s.

Schouten Is.: Biak: The 162d and 186th Inf Regts take up defensive positions on second ridge line N of airdromes; patrols are active on trails leading to Korim Bay area. The 163d Inf Regt is encountering strong enemy resistance in Ibdi area; pounding of enemy pockets by mortar and arty fire continues.

N.E.I.: Dili airfield, Timor I., raided by 4 B-25s.

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1 U.S.: Secretary of State Cordell Hull states that "in every practicable way" small nations will be kept on an equality with all other nations in the proposed international congress. He cites the Philippines as an example of U.S. policy and adds, "The principle of sovereign equality of all peace-loving states, irrespective of size and strength, as partners in a future security will be the foundation upon which the future international organization will be constructed."

Cuba: Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin is elected president over Cuban Government candidate Dr. Carlos Saladrigos, indicating that free voting was permitted.

Russia-Spain: Izvestia reports that members of the Spanish "Blue Division," which fought against Russia on the Eastern Front, were recently decorated in the German Embassy in Madrid; representatives of the Falange as well as Nazi leaders attended this ceremony.

Yugoslavia: In a radio address to Yugoslavs, King Peter II announces that Dr. Ivan Subasich has been appointed to form a new government that represents all parties in Yugoslavia, who are "actively resisting the enemy."

2 U.S.-Great Britain-Russia: American Flying Fortresses from Italy bomb enemy objectives in Rumania and land for the first time at new American air base in the Ukraine. The establishment of bases in Russia for "shuttle bombing" makes possible the coordination of Red Army and Anglo-American air attacks against Nazi targets.

French North Africa: By formal ordinance, the French Committee of Liberation changes its name to the Provisional Government of the French National Republic.

5 U.S.-Italy: In a radio broadcast, President Roosevelt warns the people of U.S. not to overemphasize the military significance of the fall of Rome. He refers to the task of the Allies in assisting Italy "to reform on democratic lines" and in providing food supplies, as a "form of relief that will pay dividends by eliminating Fascism and ending Italian desires to start another war of aggression in the future."

Portugal-U.S.-Great Britain-Germany: The Portuguese Government agrees to stop further shipment of wolfram to Germany and to suspend operation of the mines; Prime Minister Salazar had requested that Germany be permitted to receive the

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estimated 900-ton output of German-owned mines or, at least, the 100-tons not shipped under last year's agreement; this request was not acceptable to American and British officials. Since Portugal supplied approximately two-thirds of Germany's wolfram requirements in 1943, the Portuguese embargo is considered an important diplomatic victory for the Allies.

Italy: Following the capture of Rome by the Allies, King Vittorio Emanuele III gives up his royal power to Crown Prince Umberto, who is named Lieutenant General of the Realm.

6 U.S.-Great Britain-Germany: The Gripsholm docks at Jersey City, N.J., exchanging 810 German prisoners of war and 90 civilians for 51 American prisoners, 37 Canadian prisoners, and 43 American civilians, and 900 British prisoners and 21 British civilians.

U.S.-France: Gen. Charles de Gaulle expresses his regrets that Gen. Eisenhower's proclamation to the French people seemed "to foreshadow a sort of taking over of power in France by the Allies' military command." He declares that France is ready to do her part to defeat Germany but that it is "in full sovereignty that she intends to wage war."

U.S.-Ecuador: The U.S. Government extends full recognition to the government of Ecuador, which is now organized under Dr. Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra.

Middle East: UNRRA publicizes a description of 6 refugee camps in Egypt, Palestine, and Syria, housing approximately 40,000 refugees, who were forced out of coastal and island areas of Yugoslavia and Greece by military operations.

7 Italy: The Vatican announces its determination to maintain its neutrality regardless of what military authorities actually control Rome. The statement adds that the Holy See will continue official contacts with every nation, including Germany, Japan, and other occupied countries.

8 Finland: The Finnish Government suppresses the pro-Allied newspaper Svenska Pressen, indicating subservience to German pressure.

Italy: Crown Prince Umberto requests Ivanoe Bonomi, pre-Fascist Italian Premier, to form a new cabinet representing all parties.

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U.S.-Yugoslavia: At the request of the U.S. Department of Justice, the name of Sokitch is removed from the United Nations' preferred list; Sokitch, the official Yugoslav public relations' agent in New York, distributed bulletins and communiques which often attacked Marshal Tito's Partisans.

Russia-U.S.-Great Britain: Pravda describes the Allied invasion of France "as one of the most important events of the year" and reminds the people that Adolf Hitler in 1942 had boasted that he would not tolerate any invasion but, if landings were made, the Allies would not hold out on the Continent for more than nine hours.

Greece: Premier George Papandreou appoints a new Greek cabinet; eight new members take the oath of office; the EAM and the Communist Parties refuse to cooperate with the new government until the King has promised not to return to Greece before a plebiscite is held.

9 France-U.S.: Gen. Dwight E. Eisenhower calls on the French people to help in the liberation of their country from "Nazi tyranny". He promises that "when victory is won... the French people will be free to choose at the earliest possible moment, under democratic methods and conditions, the government under which they choose to live."

Italy: Premier Ivanoe Bonomi forms a new cabinet; all six parties are represented; Count Carlo Sforza and Benadetto Croce are included as Ministers without Portfolio; former Premier Badoglio is excluded because of past association with Fascism.

10 Argentina: At ceremony inaugurating the Chair of National Defense at University of La Plata, Col. Juan D. Peron, Minister of War, maintains that "efficiency of diplomacy depends upon the armed might behind it."

France-U.S.: Gen. Charles de Gaulle expresses his regret that no agreement has been reached with the Allied Governments for civil administration in France. He declares that the issue of French invasion currency "without agreement or guarantee from the French authority" could lead to serious difficulties.

Germany: Registration of all males who have reached the age of 16 and females who have become 17 since 30 Jan 1943, and mothers with children more than 2 years old if there is an unemployed female living in the same house is ordered, indicating that no sizable labor reserves remain in Germany.

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- 12 Greece: The cabinet of the Greek Government of National Unity under Premier Papandreou votes unanimously that King George II must not return to Greece until a plebiscite is held. King George II agrees to the views of the cabinet; this development is expected to assist in persuading the EAM and the Communist Parties to participate in the new government.
- 13 Belgium: Premier Hubert Pierlot of the Belgian Government-in-exile announces that King Leopold has been transferred from his palace in Laeken near Brussels to the Reich. King Leopold, a prisoner of war since May 1940, has consistently refused to cooperate with occupying authorities.
- Germany-England: Germans strike at southern England with their "secret weapon," a jet-propelled pilotless plane, which uses 1-ton bombs that explode on contact; these robot bombs cause casualties and destruction but are not invulnerable to AA fire and to fighter planes.
- Russia: Pravda publicizes a statement of Premier Joseph Stalin, which declares that the Allied landings in France were a brilliant success and that "the history of wars does not know any such undertaking so broad in its conception, so grandiose in its scale, and so masterly in execution."
- Turkey-Great Britain-Germany: Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioglu of Turkey resigns; his resignation is considered to result from British protests and President Inonu's disapproval of recent action in permitting 15 German naval vessels to pass through the Dardanelles. Newly-appointed Foreign Minister Shukru Saracoglu states that Turkey's "might and right would not be used against her ally Great Britain, and her friends, Russia, and the United States."
- Vichy France: Two violent pro-Nazis, French Labor Chief for the Reich Deat and the head of the Quisling militia Darnand are appointed as Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Interior in the Vichy Cabinet, a move to curb spreading of patriot resistance.
- Sweden-Germany-U.S.: U.S. Office of War Information announces that Sweden has agreed to reduce exports of ball bearings to Germany by 50%.
- 14 Great Britain-Italy: Prime Minister Churchill makes strong protest against the formation without Allied approval of the new Italian Cabinet appointed by Premier Bonomi of Italy.
- U.S.: President Roosevelt signs a resolution of Congress which extends until 7 Dec the time limit of the statute of

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limitation for trials of Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. H.E. Kimmel, pre-war Pearl Harbor Commanders.

- 15 U.S.: President Roosevelt issues a statement in which he proposes an international organization to maintain "conditions of stability and well being necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations." His proposals include: a world council of Russia, Great Britain, China and U.S. with a "suitable" number of smaller nations to sit in on a rotating basis; a world assembly of the 35 United Nations and such nations as show a proper attitude towards peace and cooperation; and an international court of justice. He does not advocate an international police force but states that the nations should maintain adequate forces to meet the needs of preventing war and that these forces should be "available for joint action when necessary."

Finland-U.S.: U.S. receives sum of \$148,445.06 from Finland; this sum represents the semi-annual payment of interest and annuity on money borrowed after the first World War.

- 16 Finland-U.S.: Minister of Finland, Mr. Hjalmar J. Procope and three members of the Finnish Legation are requested to leave U.S. at the earliest possible moment because of activities on their part which are "inimical to the interests of the United States."

Turkey-Germany-Great Britain-U.S.: After 3 months of negotiations between Turkey and the Allies, the Turkish Government agrees to reduce shipment of strategic materials to Germany and her satellites immediately to 50% of Turkey's 1943 exports and also to reduce the remaining 50% by the extent to which the Allies replace Germany as a source of supply.

U.S.: Allied Headquarters in London report that prompt medical care and new drugs saved 99% of Americans wounded on Normandy beachhead. Records of World War I show that 11% of wounded receiving medical attention died.

- 17 Iceland: Iceland is proclaimed a republic; Althing (Iceland's Parliament) elects Svein Bjornsson, who had served as regent under King Christian of Denmark, the first president.

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Italy: The new cabinet of Ivanoe Bonomi is approved by the Allied governments; it assumes all responsibilities that were undertaken by Marshal Badoglio's government in regard to carrying out the terms of the Italian armistice and pledges to make no change in position of the monarchy.

Poland-U.S.: Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolajczyk returns to London after visit to Washington where he discussed general European and Polish problems with President Roosevelt. In a letter to Mr. Mikolajczyk following visit, Mr. Roosevelt states, "Their steadfast determination to be free again and the indomitable spirit of their fighting men constitutes the best possible pledge that Poland shall assume her rightful place among the nations of the world."

18 Yugoslavia: Negotiations between Premier Ivan Subasich and Marshal Tito are concluded; a joint statement says that discussions were held "in a spirit of mutual efforts toward strengthening the fight of the people of Yugoslavia and the aim of achieving the broadest possible unity of all national forces."

Czechoslovakia-Russia: The Czechoslovakian Government-in-exile discloses an agreement with Russia for the printing of currency to be used by the Russian Army in its invasion of Czechoslovakia; the full sum printed by Russia is to be repaid to the Czechoslovakian Government after the war.

Germany-England: Germany continues to hurl robot bombs across the English Channel. German Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels informs Berlin that "England is trembling... London is ablaze", but the British remain comparatively calm; there is nothing like the disruption of workday routine that occurred in the 1940 bombardment.

U.S.: The Army and Navy announce the establishment of a security board to maintain the nation's military strength and to improve the efficiency of tactics and equipment in the post-war world.

19 U.S.-Russia: After an inspection tour of Soviet factories, Eric Johnston, President of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, tells a press conference in Moscow that Russia will buy "billions of dollars" worth of American goods in the post-war period. He discusses trade relations with Foreign Trade Commissar Anastas Mikoyan, who says that Russia may need long term credits of 10-25 years to finance planned purchases.

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22 U.S.: President Roosevelt signs the "GI Bill of Rights" for benefits to veterans of present war. The provisions of the bill include: educational aid for 4 years up to \$500 a year with subsistence of \$50 a month for single veterans and an additional \$25 for dependents, unemployment compensation at rate of \$20 a week for 52 weeks with adjusted compensation for self-employed veterans, job placement and hospitalization, and guarantees of 50% of loans up to \$2,000 for purchase of homes, farms, and business properties.

Guatemala: President Ubico suspends constitutional guarantees of freedom of the press, speech, and assembly on grounds of Nazi-Fascist activities in Guatemala; widespread protests are made by university students and labor elements.

23 France-U.S.: In response to General de Gaulle's inquiry regarding administration of liberated areas in Normandy, President Roosevelt points out that a civil administration "cannot well be set up in a battle zone" and says that more of France must be freed before the problem of civil administration can be settled.

Bolivia-U.S.-Great Britain: The U.S. Government, 17 other American Governments, and the British Government extend formal recognition to the Bolivian Government which was set up 20 Dec 1943. The State Department announces that the elimination of Fascist elements, the deportation of Axis leaders, and the cooperation with the United Nations in supplying needed materials for waging war furnishes evidence of the pro-Allied sentiments of the Bolivian Government.

24 U.S.-China: Vice President Henry Wallace concludes his visit to China. According to a Chungking broadcast, Mr. Wallace and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek are agreed that peace in the Pacific depends upon: demilitarization of Japan, collaboration between China, U.S., Russia, and the British Commonwealth, and the recognition of fundamental rights of dependent Asiatic peoples to self government.

26 France: The governments-in-exile of Belgium, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Luxembourg give official recognition to the de Gaullist Committee as the "Provisional Government of the French Republic."

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- 27 Finland-Germany: The Finnish Government decides to continue military collaboration with the Reich against Russia; an announcement following the visit of German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop states that "complete agreement and understanding were reached on all points between the Finnish and German Governments.
- 28 Ecuador-Argentina: The Ecuadorian Government extends recognition to the Farrell Regime in Argentina as the legal continuation of the government of former President Ramirez.
U.S.: President Roosevelt signs a bill making legal a Civil Service Bureau rule, which gives preference to war veterans, veterans' widows, and wives of disabled veterans.
- 29 U.S.-Philippines: President Roosevelt signs two resolutions of Congress in regard to the Philippines. The first resolution provides for granting independence as soon as the Japanese are driven from the islands and constitutional functions are restored, and for the acquisition of bases, which are necessary for the mutual protection of U.S. and the Philippines. The second resolution provides for an economic commission to consider proposals for the economic and financial rehabilitation of the Philippines.
- 30 U.S.-Finland: The U.S. Government severs diplomatic relations with Finland. Secretary of State Cordell Hull points out that Finland's recent agreement with Germany for military assistance deprives Finland of free action and reduces her to the condition of a "puppet of Nazi Germany." The Swiss Government is requested to represent American interests in Finland.

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