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" In addition to the specific information and intelligence entered herein and obtained by analysis of radio addresses and traffic as well as breakdown of codes and analysis of the results which was subsequently disseminated to the parties concerned and interested, this unit supplied general enemy intelligence by conference, to task-force and submarine commanders, prior to departure. This unit also produced and disseminated daily, such intelligence as:

New calls and changes in calls of enemy parties, units and vessels.

Identification of calls and addresses.

Estimated location and strength of enemy land and sea forces.

Estimation of projected movements and campaigns.

Bearings and positions of enemy vessels and units by D/F.

Translations of enemy dispatches containing estimated positions, D/F fixes and sightings of our forces.

~~SECRET~~ The intelligence entries were disseminated to all parties interested and concerned, including forces at sea, whether so indicated or not.

All information and messages are paraphrased from the originals.

REVIEWER'S NOTE:

It appears that this file was created and established by the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Area (JICPOA) in 1945.

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PREWAR

- cipher - first recoveries made Sept. 1941
- cipher - first recoveries made March 1941
- cipher - first recoveries made June 1941

During September - October 1941, it was ascertained that the CINC SECOND FLEET was organizing a task force comprising units approximately as follows below:

SECOND FLEET  
THIRD FLEET (including FIRST BASEFORCE, SECOND BASEFORCE,  
FIRST DEFENSE DIV.)

COMBINED AIRFORCE  
DESRON THREE  
AIRRON SEVEN  
SUBRON FIVE  
BATDIV (of 3 units - possibly)

The COMBINED AIRFORCE is assembled at TAKAO with indications that some components have been transferred to HAINAN.

It is believed that THIRD FLEET UNITS are moving toward TAKAO.

There is also believed to be concentrated in the MARSHALLS:

AIRRON TWENTY FOUR  
1 CARDIV (at least)  
1/3 of the submarine fleet (probably)

Intelligence was received from the British Consul that from a usually reliable source, it is learned that the Japanese, in order to establish positions between Kankok and SINGAPORE, will attack the KRAKOW ISTEMUS from the sea on 1st December. It is believed they will proceed direct from HAINAN and FORMOSA and will make the main landing at SONGKHLA and there will be no ultimatum or declaration of war!



1941

~~SECRET~~  
December 7

Attack on PEARL HARBOR, general quarters.  
MIDWAY being bombed.

1047, HEEIA obtained bearings on COMCARDIV  
THREE AND continued taking bearings on  
JAPANESE transmissions.

1250, continued taking bearings on 4302 Kc.,  
6 units on this circuit with YOKOHAMA AIR  
controlling. These units are believed to be:  
YOKOHAMA AIR  
SAIPAN AIR  
SEVENTEENTH AIRCORPS  
KAMOI AIRCORPS  
6-RASA  
6-TENA

December 8

SAIPAN is broadcasting traffic on 4870 Kc.  
to HIKU-8, FOURTH FLEET CofS, and COMMANDER  
SAIPAN AIRFORCE.

GUAM reported all codes destroyed.

December 9

0400, HEEIA on 7151 getting mostly 2-KANA CALLS  
and handling 4-character NICORI, code.

2135, JAPANESE RADIO reported HMS REPULSE  
and HMS PRINCE OF WALES torpedoed and sunk  
off DAVAO, P.I.

December 10

0430, NAVY YARD airraid alarm sounded.

~~SECRET~~ CIPHER ~~SECRET~~ (effective 4th Dec. 1941-  
27th May 1942. First recoveries made about  
this time. .

December 11

Secretary of the Navy, FRANK KNOX, in company  
with Admiral BLOCH visited the office.

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1941

December 12

1130, DT being set up navy oper-  
ators are operating under Army orders.

December 14

JAPANESE have set up an airbase in the GILBERTS,  
with YOKOHAMA AIR set up there.

2100, Cable Company reports MIDWAY air raid.  
alarm sounded.

December 17

Message intercepted on 7730 Kc. in plain  
JAPANESE,

"Today at 1100 hours 50 minutes, a number  
of enemy ships 115 miles from KAMONO CAPE  
bearing 225, (TARUMI) from MUNU"

December 18

Location Report on Japanese Vessels:

EASTERN MARSHALL AREA  
(INCLUDING JALUIT)

AIRRON TWENTYTHREE  
AIRRON TWENTYFOUR  
FOURTH FLEET UNIT  
SUB UNIT  
(THIRD FLEET CALLS)

MID PACIFIC AREA

FLEET Units  
SUBFORCE Units  
DESRON SIX  
CRUDIV EIGHT  
SUBRON (---)  
NO. TWO STRIKING FORCE

SAIPAN AREA

FOURTH FLEET (units of)  
CINC COMBINED FLEET  
COPS FOURTH FLEET  
FLEET (unit)

TRUK AREA

FOURTH FLEET Secretary

YOKOSUKA AREA

THIRD FLEET UNITS

OMINATO AREA

CINC FIFTH FLEET

The JAPANESE have established a seaplane base  
at BORNEO and GREENWICH.



1941

December 20

Reported preliminary investigation on  
the system.

December 27

1200, JALUIT is the communication center for  
all submarines operating in the MANDATES  
and the EASTERN PACIFIC.

JALUIT service call and the Submarine calling  
and transmitting procedure sent to interested  
parties.

December 28

2020, WAILUPE reported that PALAO is broad-  
casting to COMBINED FLEET ON 6385 Kc. Inves-  
tigating and checking this revealed it to be  
HIYO, a SUBDIV commander operating between  
HAWAII and the West Coast of the U.S.

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1942

~~SECRET~~  
January 14

New ~~system~~ system in effect 1st January.

1918, the ~~calls~~ calls for shore stations have changed.

HONI New call for SAIPAN

NIKA New call for TOKYO

MUTU New call for THAILAND RADIO (believed)

The main weather cipher table ~~now~~ now 95% complete and we are reading 80% of all JAPANESE weather traffic.

January 29

1210, it is indicated that 2 ships left DAVAO at 1230 17th January transporting 18 planes of one type and 9 of a second type for CARDIV TWO.

February 4

There are indications that the MA CAMPAIGN FORCE is directed toward JAVA.

February 10

0030, sent the following to interested parties:

"On 12th February, 5 unidentified ships will sail in a convoy from YOKOSUKA for TRUK via CHICHIJIMA and SAIPAN 1 or more will go on to KWAJALIEN and they will be escorted as far as CHICHIJIMA".

February 12

CARDIV THREE (Less HOSHO) is to depart 15th February for Davao.

February 18

Informed parties that as from 12th February the external characteristics of the ~~system~~ system were changed ~~system~~

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0007



February 22

Disseminated information regarding area designators and other plans in ALEUTIANS.

February 26

Disseminated information that a convoy will leave KURE at 0700 today passing through points (K) (B) (S) (F) and will arrive at DAVAO on 3rd or 4th March. Speed is 13 kts. Passengers include 950 ARMY personnel and 30 for the weather station. Cargo includes Base gear, bombs, communication outfit.

February 28

0130, intercepted and disseminated:

COMCARDIV THREE message to THIRD FLEET - RYUJO position today at 0800 is 07-00 N, -10-00E, course 173, speed 20.

March 1

New Orange weather code ~~XXXX~~ in effect, however few stations using it, probably as distribution is not yet complete and this office still reading majority of Orange weather. Indications Wake occupied with construction activities. CRUDIV SEVEN, DESRONS TWO, FOUR AND FIVE IN CELEBES-JAVA area. SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU in YOKOSUKA area.

March 2

The Commander of an AIR GROUP in the MARSHALLS has directed a subordinate to transfer seventeen planes (probably 4-engine bombers) from one base to another base in the MARSHALLS on 3 March and until a pending offensive operation has been completed. Indications civil engineering units in MARSHALLS engaged in replacement work and also in new construction.

March 3

Indications that at least five JAPANESE SUBMARINES will commence operations in INDIAN OCEAN shortly, and will probably base at PEMANG. AIRRON TWENTY TWO, CRUDIV SEVEN, DESRON FIVE, KAMIGAWA MARU (XCV) active in JAVA area. CARDIV ONE and TWO plus RYUJO in JAVA-CELEBES area

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0008



March 4

CINCPAC informed orally that an air attack may be expected as COFS SIXTH FLEET, COFS COMBINED FLEET, COFS SUBFORCE, COMSOUTHSEAS-AIR AND YOKOHAMA AIR were sent force and direction of wind in OAHU and 2 other areas from TOKYO.

March 5

T.I. shows evidence that a SUB is at or in vicinity of FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS and suggests the possibility of refueling operations for flying boats.

March 6

JAPANESE making every effort to locate U.S. FORCE at MARCUS ISLAND on 4th, so far this force has not been located. Apparently some portions of installations ashore at MARCUS are not usable.

March 7

Indications intensified patrols and searches both air and surface noted in Marshalls area, and extending as far as the MARIANAS. CINC FIFTH FLEET in command of forces in vicinity MARCUS ISLAND and his title is probably COMMANDER NORTHERN FORCE.

March 8

Strong indications that submarine base or group will be established in NEW BRITAIN area. There are indications that JAPANESE have occupied SALAMOA and LAE. Enemy forces included 4 DESTROYERS or CRUISERS. It is believed KAKOI sighted an ALLIED ship or plane at O200/ZED/7. It is probable that submarines will base on New Britain in near future.

March 9

It is evident that there is construction activity at Rabaul. It is probable that both ships of Carrier Division Five will proceed to the CELEBES. It is indicated that an AIRCRAFT TENDER is proceeding in a northerly direction from 32N, 149E. *(Shokaku & Zuikaku)*



March 10

~~SECRET~~

It is indicated that the JAPANESE have sighted a U.S. force consisting of one carrier, two cruisers and five destroyers at 0135/Z/10 in the NEW BRITAIN AREA.

It is evident that the movement of aircraft from SOUTHERN EMPIRE to YOKOSUKA AREA continues.

March 11

It is indicated that JAPANESE forces in the JAVA-CELEBES Area include CARRIER DIVISION TWO, and CRUISER DIVISIONS FOUR, FIVE and SEVEN.

CRUISER DIVISION SIX LOCATED in TRUK-NEW BRITAIN area.

March 12

Everything points to a concentration in CHICHIJIMA AREA of CARRIER DIVISION FIVE, part or all of CRUISER DIVISION FOUR, at least several BATTLESHIPS and many units of FIRST FLEET.

March 13

Surface and air searches and patrols are being conducted from bases in JAPAN and SAIPAN-CHICHIJIMA area in an effort to locate an ALLIED FORCE believed to be north of WAKE on March 10. It appears that results of the searches are negative to date, but every effort will be made to locate and attack this force using all available aircraft.

An air base has been established at POKAAKU (TAONGI ATOLL) in the MARSHALLS.

March 14

Noted first mention of RYUKAKU <sup>(Shoho)</sup> as a carrier.

There are indications that part of CRUISER DIVISION FIVE and DESTROYER SQUADRON FOUR will return to the KURE - SASEBO area.

March 15

Disseminated the information that CARDIV FIVE (less 1 unit) but plus PLANE GUARDS will arrive YOKOSUKA on the 16th and depart on the 17th to arrive STARING BAY March 24th.

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March 16

~~SECRET~~

New ORANGE weather cipher system ~~is~~ in effect today. however as many stations are still using the Maru and Patrol Boat ciphers, about 30% of the weather is still being read.

Enemy convoys enroute TRUK - NEW BRITAIN are using STEFFEN STRAIT (NORTHWEST NEW IRELAND) as rendezvous.

March 17

To interested parties:  
Position of the KAGA at 0800, 17th, 05-06N, 128-00E;  
Course 020, speed 16.

At 0032, A MALAY FORCE COMMANDER said: "This force will leave LINGAYAN on the 17th and will proceed to YOKOSUKA arriving there on the 25th, via TAKAO and SASEBO".

March 18

It is indicated that air searches from WAKE, MARSEALLS and MAKIN extend to 600 miles and some air searches from the EMPIRE extend to 700 miles.

There is no indication of an immediate major offensive action except in the MALAY area.

March 19

There are increasing indications of offensive operations from the MALAY PENINSULA

March 20

The derivation of the new ~~ORANGE~~ system was discovered today and approximately half of all weather traffic can now be read.

During the past few days the majority of the weather stations were using ~~ORANGE~~ system which resulted in a decrease in weather reading to about 25%.

CARDIV FIVE is enroute KENDARI.

March 21

There is no information regarding the large invasion force in vicinity of AUSTRALIA although AKAGI, CARDIVS TWO and FIVE plus part of BATDIV THREE are in the general CELEBES area.

There are indications that some of the aircraft now enroute to the MARSHALLS are destined for WAKE.

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March 22

Informed interested parties:  
From an unidentified call: "MIZUHO will leave  
DAVAO 1200, 22nd for YOKOSUKA, arriving there  
in the morning of the 28th."

~~SECRET~~

There are indications of an increase in move-  
ment of aircraft to the MANDATES from JAPAN  
in the near future.

March 23

It is indicated that the KAMIGAWA MARU  
(Seaplane tender) is enroute to the EMPIRE.

There is continued concern over activities  
of the ALLIED submarines in EMPIRE waters  
resulting in increased air patrols.

March 24

There are indications that ANDAMAN ISLAND  
has been occupied.

There is one JAPANESE SUBMARINE returning  
from the West Coast of the U.S. and is now  
to the ~~Westward~~ of OAHU.

March 25

There are continued indications of offensive  
action by the JAPANESE in the INDIAN OCEAN area.  
The CINC SECOND FLEET is in immediate command  
of the forces in this area. The forces in this  
area will be augmented by cruisers and destroyers.

March 26

The AKAGI, CARDIVS TWO and FIVE in CELEBES area.  
the RYUJO is operating in the MALAY area. The  
KAGA is at SASEBO.

March 27

A seaplane base is being established at PORT BLAIR  
in the ANDAMANS, there are also indications that  
SUBMARINES may be expected in that area.

March 28

The ENEMY may be expected to base surface craft in  
the ANDAMANS as well as submarines and seaplanes.  
Air searches are now conducted from that place.

Repair and refitting of units of FOURTH FLEET now  
at or enroute to bases is being expedited.

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0012



March 29

There are indications that ~~the~~<sup>CV</sup> AKAGI may be in TRUK area shortly.

It is indicated that the BIHORO AIR, GENZAN AIR, AIRRON ELEVEN and TWO SUBRONs are now conducting patrols from PENANG and ANDAMAN Islands.

March 30

At 0734 G.C.T. the ( ) will sail from ENIWETOK on the 30th for YOKOSUKA, and will rendezvous at 24-00N, 150-00E on the 5th of April.

Except for normal air patrols and searches the EAST INDIES areas are quiet.

There are strong indications of enemy advance into the NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA shortly.

March 31

The TAICHU AIR GROUP may be expected in the MARSHALLS - NEW BRITAIN area shortly.

There are strong indications that the forces in the MALAY area have commenced a new offensive movement. The units involved are SUBRONs TWO and FIVE, shore based air in MALAY and SECOND FLEET units including part of CRUDIV FIVE, SEVEN and DESRON FOUR.

April 1

Air strength in the NEW BRITAIN area expected to be greatly strengthened in the immediate future.

The forces in the MALAY area are being augmented by SECOND FLEET units, and there is increased air activity from MALAY into the INDIAN OCEAN indications.

April 2

The air forces in the NEW BRITAIN area have been reorganized and additional aircraft will be supplied from the MARSHALLS and PHILIPPINES.

The MARSHALLS air forces are likewise being reorganized with the command probably at JALUIT.

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April 3

The Shoho RYUMAKU will be in the MARSHALLS soon.

Occupation of NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA continues and there are indications that the enemy may be expected in the area from SORONG to HOLLANDIA shortly.

There is also an indication of consolidation of gains in the NEW BRITAIN area and further advance into the SOLOMONS.

April 4

Traffic shows that the Commander of the MARSHALLS AREA AIR FORCE is now at KWAJALEIN in connection with the reorganization of the air forces in this area.

One SEAPLANETENDER or CONVERTED CARRIER is indicated enroute from RABAU to JAPAN.

April 5

Indications that supply vessels are being routed between RABAU and TRUK.

Forces in the MALAY AREA include part of CARRIER DIVISION THREE, CRUISER DIVISION SEVEN, DESTROYER SQUADRON THREE, SUBMARINE SQUADRONS TWO and FIVE plus SHORE BASED AIR SQUADRONS operating from the MALAY PENINSULA.

April 6

Indications that CARRIER previously reported enroute from RABAU to JAPAN is now approaching YOKOSUKA and that there are possibly two other vessels engaged in FERRYING AIRCRAFT and aircraft supplies to the MARSHALLS - NEW BRITAIN area.

April 7

Indications that two AUXILIARY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS are now enroute from the MANDATES to JAPAN.

April 8

The first mention of the R.Z.P. campaign was observed today.

The IENJO MARU transporting TAINAN AIR EQUIPMENT and KIYOSUMI MARU (SEAPLANE TENDER) are enroute to RABAU.

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April 9

There are strong indications that CARRIER DIVISION FIVE plus SORU are in the BAY OF BENGAL.

There are indications that the period of reorganization and replenishment of supplies is ending with a consequent increase of JAPANESE operations expected.

April 10

The GOSHU MARU (AIRCRAFT TENDER) is indicated at MALOELAP.

HOSHIO and TWO CONVERTED CARRIERS ferrying aircraft to NEW BRITAIN and MARSHALLS are now near YOKOSUKA.

April 11

The NOTORO is indicated enroute to SINGAPORE.

One or more auxiliary AIRCRAFT CARRIERS now in YOKOSUKA area expected to return to MANDATES shortly with PLANES and equipment.

April 12

Substitution table was discovered today for ~~SECRET~~ cipher period in effect 10th April to 1st October.

There are indications that additional planes have arrived in the ANDAMANS area.

April 13

~~SECRET~~ system changed on 4th April.

Observed indications that the ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU are engaged in the current operations.

The RYUKAKU <sup>Shoho</sup> will be used to train personnel for participation in the (SHIKI) campaign, after her return to TRUK.

April 14

The RYUKAKU <sup>Shoho</sup> will depart for TRUK on the 20th and should arrive there on the 25th. She has on board:

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0015



April 14

18 type "Ø" dive bombers (9 for TAINAN AIR)  
2 type --- dive bombers  
- type diesel dive bombers (shipboard type)

Indications that units of TAINAN AIR CORPS  
are now enroute RABAUL via KENJO MARU.

April 15

0800, 16th G.C.T. It is indicated that the  
RYUJO plus 2 other units are on their way to  
KURE via (PALAU?), estimated arrival about  
22nd.

Distribution of the new general weather code  
~~SECRET~~ is apparently nearing completion as  
the use of ~~SECRET~~ and ~~SECRET~~ has been gradually  
decreasing, resulting in now reading only about  
20% of all weather traffic.

April 16

0044, 17th, CARDIV THREE and CRUDIV SEVEN sailed  
from SINGAPORE at 1700, 15th. Expect to arrive  
at KURE between --- and 1800 on the 22nd.

All indications point to withdrawal of heavy  
FLEET UNITS from BAY OF BENGAL to JAPAN for  
operations to SOUTHEASTWARD in immediate future.

The <sup>Shoho</sup> RYUKAKU is expected in TRUK next week.

April 17

Two unidentified ORANGE war vessels left  
SINGAPORE 1200, 16th escorting a convoy of 11  
ARMY vessels and intend to rendezvous with 5  
more from BANGKOK at a point 15 miles south of  
PEROKONDURO light at 1200, 19th. The convoy  
will arrive AMOY about the 26th, thence SHANGHAI  
about 28th and DAIREN on the 3rd or 4th of May.  
Speed is 8 knots.

There are indications that the NEW GUINEA OCCUPA-  
TION FORCE has occupied SERUI ROADS (JAPEN ISLAND).



April 18

~~SECRET~~

At 0630 (I) April 18, ALLIED AIRCRAFT were first reported by an ENEMY vessel.

ALLIED SURFACE CRAFT reported in vicinity of 35N, 150E. An intensive search is being conducted by all units in YOKOSUKA, CHICHIJIMA, MARIANAS, and MARSHALLS areas, including search by submarines.

April 19

Sent to interested parties the following messages:

"0630, 19th, CRUDIV FIVE (less NACHI) departing at 1100 for TRUK. Estimated arrival 24th. --- and ---- will join at 1200 20th at 24-10N, 138-40E!"

"2345 19th, (RYUKAKU?) will be in a position 34-40N, 130 (140?)E at 1200 19th, speed 22 knots."

The air strength in the MARSHALLS is being concentrated in the WAKE area.

April 20

CARDIV FIVE is now proceeding to TRUK.

There are indications of lessened intensity of search for units involved in attacks on TOKYO as some enemy air and surface groups are resuming normal employment.

April 21

~~SECRET~~

It is apparent that major fleet operations in the INDIAN OCEAN have been completed and impending operations will start from the EMPIRE.

There are strong indications of an impending concentration in the TRUK area.

CINC SECOND FLEET has completed his duty in the EAST INDIES and MALAY AREA and has been given a new task.

April 22

MALAY and BAY OF BENGAL AREA activities greatly reduced with departure of HEAVY UNITS. With the exception of SECRE BASED AIR and SUBMARINES no large scale offensive action in the immediate future is expected from EAST INDIES AND MALAY AREA.



April 23

~~SECRET~~

Disseminated the line-up for the SHIKI CAMPAIGN also the anchorage assignments for CARDIV FIVE at TRUK.

There are indications that the ENEMY AIR BASE at KCEPANG will be moved.

April 24

KASUGA MARU (converted carrier) is departing JAPAN shortly for the MANDATES.

Some units of forces operating in NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA are now enroute to SASEBO.

Units of GUNBOAT DIVISION EIGHT enroute TRUK from SASEBO.

April 25

Shoho RYURAKU enroute YOKOSUKA but will return to TRUK shortly.

ATAGO is now in YOKOSUKA and expects to depart for TAKAO area soon.

April 26

There are continued indications that CARDIV FIVE and CRUDIV FIVE (less NACHI) and DESTROYERS will operate to southward of TRUK.

Air reinforcements are expected for NEW BRITAIN area in the immediate future from MARIANAS and MARSHALLS.

April 27

Operations orders of MANDATES FORCE disseminated.

Air and surface activity in Northeast JAPAN is back to normal while activity in the CAROLINES, MARSHALLS and NEW BRITAIN area is increasing.

April 28

There are indications that a BATTLESHIP unit is in the TRUK area.

Three BATTLESHIPS of BATDIV THREE are in the NAVY YARD until the middle of MAY.

April 29

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0018

April 29

The MARSHALLS Air Force is searching to 600 miles from MALOELAP and KWAJALEIN.

The concentration south of TRUK includes the following:

CARDIV 5  
CRUDIV 5 (less NACHI)  
RYUKAKU

April 30

Recovered and disseminated RZP OCCUPATION FORCE OPERATION ORDER #1:

X-5 Day, Rendezvous with SAIPAN BASEFORCE off DEBOYNE.

X-7 Day, 2 marus depart RABAUL rendezvous with above.

Call assigned: "MO" Force.

Forces mentioned:

DEBOYNE DET.  
RODNEY DET.  
SAMURAI DET.  
KASUGA MARU (details of schedule given)

Evaluation of Pacific Situation:

Major operations in the INDIAN OCEAN are complete and 2 CARDIVS and CRUDIV SEVEN have returned to the PACIFIC from the BAY OF BENGAL.

There are no indications of large scale operations from JAVA, BALI or TIMOR.

Campaign now underway involves SOUTHEAST NEW GUINEA and the LOUISADES..

The following forces are involved:

CARDIV FIVE	FIFTH AIR ATTACK CORPS (Est. 65
CRUDIV FIVE	heavy VB; 16 VP and VF)
CRUDIV EIGHTEEN	AIRTENDERS
DESRON SIX	RYUKAKU
GUNBOATDIV EIGHT	TRANSPORTS
SUBRON(ONE)	

It is believed that AUSTRALIA will not be involved except for submarine operations.

Much interest was shown in PALMYRA, SAMOA, CANTON and the HAWAIIAN area.

Interest in the ALEUTIANS has been recently shown and a raid on them is considered probable at a later date.

~~SECRET~~

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May 1

~~SECRET~~

Informed interested parties that accurate indications of movements in and out of PEARL HARBOR were being obtained by ENEMY interception of PLANE conversations.

Orders to CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE and FOURTH FLEET indicate objective of the "MO" CAMPAIGN will be to restrict enemy fleet movements, by means of attack on outlying units at various areas along the North Coast of AUSTRALIA.

LINE-UP OF FORCES TO BE ENGAGED IN "MO" CAMPAIGN.

<u>STRIKING FORCE</u> CARDIV FIVE CRUDIV FIVE	<u>CINC FOURTH FLEET</u> FORCES AVAILABLE CRUDIV EIGHTEEN <del>RUKAKU</del> <i>Shoho</i> DESRON SIX SUBRON -- GUNBOATDIV EIGHT AP's - AUXILIARIES FIFTH AIR ATTACK 65 VB-landbased 16 VP (-) VF (-) AIRTENDERS
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It is suggested that "MO" is PORT MORESBY which will be the principle objective.

The following forces, less units now in home yards are immediately available for other action:

BATDIV ONE BATDIV TWO CRUDIV SIX CRUDIV FOUR	KAGA SORYU ( ) DD's ( ) CV's (in Yard on 2-3 day availability)
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May 2

Operation against SOUTH EAST NEW GUINEA and outlying islands believe started under command CINC FOURTH FLEET with CARDIV FIVE, CRUDIV FIVE, CRUDIV EIGHTEEN and DESTROYERS.

May 3

Information that TRUK anchorages are assigned to:  
 KAGA CARDIV TWO (FLAG)  
 HIRYU CRUDIV EIGHT (FLAG)  
 KONGO KIRISHIMA (or HIEI)

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May 4

KIRISHIMA indicates that she will be docking and unable to participate in the forthcoming campaign.

It is estimated that "X" DAY, is the 10th of May.

It is indicated that the striking force objective is to wipe out PORT MORESBY.

The attack is to be launched from the SOUTHEAST.

As a defense against another attack on TOKYO certain units were ordered to initiate "Radio-Deception" measures.

1840, 3 (or 4) vessels due to arrive at KWAJALEN ON the 5th (or 6th) will then proceed to a point bearing 90° from WAKE ISLAND thence to South at 12 knots between 0400-2100.

May 5

CRUDIV SEVEN and part of another CRUDIV in EMPIRE with early operations indicated.

CARDIV FIVE and CRUDIV FIVE with ENEMY forces to south of RABAU.

May 6

KASUGA MARU expected to arrive BUKA 1500, 7th.

CINC SECOND FLEET believed to be in EMPIRE waters with CRUDIV SEVEN and DESRON FOUR.

May 7

There is a campaign underway for eventual occupation of NAURU and OCEAN Islands, with air searches from MAKIN.

Informed BELCONNEN CARRIER leaving the Islands bears 233° from OAHU.

The ENEMY CARRIER is homing planes and by good D.F. fix is in 09S, and 166E at 1218 G.C.T., 7th.

The above mentioned carrier is probably the SHOKAKU.

The ENEMY has located our TASK FORCE and broadcast an accurate composition, position, course and speed.

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May 7

Planes available tomorrow:

SHOKAKU	18 VF	19 DB	14 VB
ZUIKAKU	19 VF	14 DB	12 VB

May 8

Following from intercepted and translated dispatches sent to interested parties:

Battle Report -- Both SARATOGA and LEXINGTON sunk. SHOKAKU out of action.

SHOKAKU ordered to TRUK (indications that emergency repairs will be made at RABAU).

SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU have available as of 9th, A.M.:

- 24 Medium bombers
- 9 Dive bombers
- 12 Torpedo bombers

SHOKAKU is now withdrawing to the North. Her planes have been taken over by the ZUIKAKU.

MORESBY OCCUPATION postponed, the "MO" STRIKING FORCE will cover the occupation of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.

The AKAGI is to sail from YOKOSUKA on 15th May; HIRYU, HIEI, KONGO to depart SASEBO on 21st May. (Destination so far unknown).

May 9

Obtained and disseminated details of the SHOKAKU's route to YOKOSUKA, arriving there A.M. 17th.

MARSHALLS airforce planes ordered to RABAU.

Air arm of the EAST INDIES FORCE will be prepared to attack at dawn.

There are indications that operations involving CARRIERS and BATDIV THREE will start from EMPIRE about 21st.

May 10

Units of MARSHALLS air force totaling about 50 planes expected to move to NEW BRITAIN area at once.

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May 11

The KONGO will be ready for sea May 19th.  
The KIRISHIMA will be ready on May 22-23.  
The MIEI will be ready on May 21st.

The occupation of NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS postponed until Z-1 DAY, and CRUDIV FIVE is to return to JAPAN.

The occupation force for NAURU and OCEAN to depart RABAU today and to arrive by the 15th.

May 12

ZUIKAKU said she has only 24 planes available including those from the SHOKAKU, and she requested cancellation of the operation.

Evidence is shown that the RYUKAKU was sunk by 7 torpedoes and 13 bomb hits.

May 13

Intercepted the following:  
( ) is proceeding to KURE via route and times.

May 12, 1900, 08-05N, 148-55E, course 330.  
May 13, 1800, A point 70 miles bearing 115 from OMIYASHIMA. (OMIYASHIMA believed to be GUAM).  
May 17 - 1000, E.T.A. Entrance to INLAND SEA.

May 14

The --- MARU will proceed at once to the area West of CHICHIJIMA to refuel the SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU.

--- MARU reports he departed escort point at 0820 on course 153, speed 14.5 knots.  
On arrival at position 21-31N, 138-10E, will alter course to 135°.  
(This is the --- MARU proceeding to fuel the SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU).

The JAPANESE have recovered 3 of our torpedoes which had been fired at an auxiliary vessel on the 8th of May.

The GOSHO MARU is to go from INUEJI to SAIPAN to join the occupation force. The THIRD AIR-FORCE will require it for equipment and advance to MIDWAY ground crews.

Mention of "K" campaign connected with the MIDWAY movement.

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May 14

An unidentified originator said:  
"We are arranging for military equipment,  
shells and bombs which will be required at  
TRUK during the forthcoming operations."

May 15

Found reference to a "KISKA OCCUPATION FORCE".

Operation orders were sent for a campaign to  
start from some place in NORTHERN JAPAN.

First recoveries made on Cipher ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
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Nearly all Orange weather traffic is now being  
sent in ~~XXXXXX~~ system and weather reading has grad-  
ually dropped to about 10% during the past 30  
days.

May 16

The following intercepted and sent to parties  
concerned:

"ENEMY (US) striking force sighted in vicinity  
of OCEAN ISLAND".

"Cease (or delay) OCEAN ISLAND occupation and  
operate against ENEMY CARRIER".

"CRUDIV SIX will proceed to MAIZURU and after  
docking return to TRUK". After completion of  
repairs CRUDIV SIX will be assigned OCEAN ISLAND  
OCCUPATION FORCE".

"SECOND FLEET OPERATION ORDER:-- Change date of  
departure for SAIPAN to 'Date in June'".

May 17

The "A" force will be in TRUK for a period of  
about 2 weeks.

After refueling at TRUK the "MO" Force will  
return to YCKOSUKA.

CRUDIV FIVE has been assigned to the SECOND FLEET.

A DESDIV IN DESRON ONE has been assigned to the  
NORTHERN FORCE.

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May 18

Dispatches containing the following were deciphered and disseminated:

"On the day of attack we will endeavor to be at a point 50 miles Northwest of MIDWAY and move pilots off as quickly as possible. We plan to attack roughly from the Northwest. From 'N-2 DAY' to 'N-DAY' you are requested to furnish us with weather reports up to within 3 hours of take-off time".

"That part of the ammunition requested, which is destined for MIDWAY is to be sent to IMIEJI".

Certain MARUS and PATROL BOATS were assigned to patrol various areas in the ALEUTIANS.

"In the forthcoming joint Army-Navy operations (orders) strike the "TENDERS" from the SCREENING FORCE totals and add to the "DETACHED-FORCE" (totals). ---- (vessel) will depart KURE 23rd May and load 5 TORPEDO BOATS at JALUIT and WAKE. After occupation of MIDWAY transport them to that place."

Message dated 15th May:  
SUNTA and FLORES occupied without opposition.

May 19

ATAGO and TAKAO arrived KURE on the 17th. CRU-DIVE FIVE less NACHI and a DESDIV of DESRON ONE departed TRUK on the 27th and are scheduled to arrive YOKOSUKA on the 22nd. The Captain and 122 crew members of the RYUKAKU are aboard.

SHIRERETSU MARU will be used for patrol in the ALEUTIANS.

MYOKO and HAZURO will fuel and provision on arrival YOKOSUKA.

"DESTROYERS assigned to the "NORTHERN FORCE" will arrive at OMINATO and join 2nd Section of CRUDIV FOUR. ----- For your information our movements are as follows: Depart OSOC, 22nd, arrive forenoon 25th".

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May 20

An unidentified originator said:

"Enemy aircraft action in the Northern AUSTRALIA area make the 'Seaborne' invasion of MORESBY impossible within a reasonable length of time. Proceed immediately to investigate a land invasion route."

Submarines are expected to become active in the HAWAIIAN area shortly.

Two CRUISERS of CRUDIV FOUR expected to operate with forces NORTH JAPAN.

May 21

From a message it was learned that the destination of CRUDIV FIVE is changed to KURE and expects to arrive there 0700, 22nd, also that the ZUIKAKU is short the following:

20 VF  
14 VB  
17 VTB

From another message:

"Since CARDIV FIVE is unable to participate in the forthcoming campaign, it is requested that 12 or more "carrier VB's" be placed in the NISEIN. Since ZUIKAKU will take part upon completion... (break) .... (something about pilot replacements, interpreted to mean that the campaign cannot wait for the ZUIKAKU, but will get underway at once .. .....ZUIKAKU joining later."

All indications are that the ZUIKAKU will be a part of the "NORTHERN FORCE" rather than MIDWAY.

Informed interested parties that ALLIED plane "contact" reports to MORESBY are being retransmitted by the JAPS a few minutes later".

May 22

BIHORO AIR is advancing to some place in the KURILES or NORTHERN JAPAN.

A BATTLESHIP of BATDIV THREE engaged in exercises on the 21st.

It is indicated that replacement planes arriving in the ZUIKAKU up to the 28th.

(NOTE: Fixes ZUIKAKU in EMPIRE up to that date). 24

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May 22

A ship of the KISKA Occupation Force is to arrive at OMINATO at 1100 the 23rd.

The following intercepted:

"Please arrange to have 2 guns of the 8, "TEN CM" type which were captured at WAKE, loaded on a TENDER for transportation to MIDWAY".

May 23

Two cruisers of CRUDIV FOUR left KURE for OMINATO.

A unit of the SECOND FLEET is arriving SAIPAN on the 24th -- something about aerial pictures of MIDWAY.

The following deciphered and translated:

"COMCRUDIV FOUR, COMCARDIV THREE, 2 CRUISERS, and ....(various unidentified units) will hold a conference regarding forthcoming operations at 1300 --(date)--on board the NACHI".

"---- (vessel) is to load:

11000(?) tons fuel oil  
60 tons miscellaneous stores  
1500 tons (---) fuel

then proceed to a rendezvous in position 28-30N, 138-00E, at 1200 on the 28th."

It is apparent that the entire ORANGE "Radio Intelligence" organization is concentrating on the HAWAIIAN and ALASKAN areas and that it is obtaining results!

CARDIV THREE and 1 DESDIV (less 1 DD) left TOKOYAMA for OMINATO.

NOTE: From various fragments, it is believed that the date of commencement of operations, i.e.; date of departure from OMINATO is to be 26th or 27th.

May 24

It is indicated that preparation of the airfield and the storing of as much fuel as possible is underway at WAKE.

CRUDIV EIGHT two BATTLESHIPS of BATDIV THREE and a DESDIV departed INLAND SEA.

SUPPLY VESSELS will commence moving to TRUK and SAIPAN shortly.

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May 25

The KERUSHIMA was instructed to rendezvous as soon as possible with CRUDIV EIGHT and the KONGO who were departing BUNGO channel at 0800, 22nd on course 140, speed 16 for ----

"SEVEN VESSELS are assigned to CINC SECOND FLEET as supply ships for the 3rd phase of the COMBINED FLEET campaign."

A conference of senior officers has been arranged to be held at YOKOHAMA from the 26th to the 27th in order to discuss details of the forthcoming campaign.

One CV plus possibly one XCV, 2 CA's, 3 DESDIVS, 1 SUBRON, SMALL CRAFT and TRAIN expected to depart OMINATO area shortly with probable destination WESTERN ALEUTIANS. These forces are to be supported by about 30 HEAVY BOMBERS from NORTHERN KURILES.

May 26

The following were translated today:

"In case the FOURTH FLEET is assigned the mission of supply, after the occupation of MIDWAY, it is requested that arrangements be made for the MORESBY FORCE to be used as a unit for the maintenance of supply lines".

"COMMANDER FIRST ---- of the "OCCUPATION FORCE", utilizing part of ---- and ---- will occupy MODUNG EASTERN ISLAND".

NOTE: See entry on May 20.

"Referring to the request for information for an overland route to PORT MORESBY: The MAMBARE-YARUDA road begins in MAMBARE BAY and river valley and passes through TONA (LONA), YODDA and KOKODA then shunts MOUNT SEVEN to the South and passes over a range of mountains about 2300 meters high ....this area is now under study .... thence passes through LALOKI River Valley .... an extension of BROWN River .... and on to MORESBY.

Forty years ago a road was built for hauling of ore from the mines at YODDA. There is no other road running across the island. Even though (although) this would be a difficult road for a campaign, we are studying its possibilities for use as a 'supply route' following the occupation of MORESBY".

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May 27

The system garbage table and method of solution plus examples, was sent to interested parties.

CARDIV 3 and 1 DESDIV (less ----) arrived OMINATO.

COMDESRON 4 sent the following to a task force, of the SECOND FLEET.

Schedule of escort:

- May 28 Depart at 11 kts to South of (TENIAN)
- June 1 Rendezvous at (grid posit)
- June 6 1900, arrive MIDWAY.
- May 26 1400 ----- and ---- depart.
- May 30 Load fuel and stores at WAKE.
- May 31
- June 6 1200, rendezvous with escort. (See above)

At 1500, 27th ---- (tanker) was ordered by COMDESRON ONE to rendezvous with his forces at 1050 on ---- (date), at a position bearing 180, distance 74 miles from OTCHISHI ZAKI, COMDESRON ONE was on course 90, speed 10 to a point bearing 180, 17 miles from ERIMO MISAKI, thence on course 80.

May 28

1036/28th an unidentified originator, requested the engineering equipment (enemy) now on WAKE and on ----, also the enemy engineers, numbering 60, be placed at his disposal and sent to him for use in constructing an air base on MIDWAY.

The COMDR. KAZUKI DETACHMENT will command the SECOND COMBINED LANDING FORCE, ---- and will occupy EASTERN ISLAND (MIDWAY).

The ---- Mary, will depart SASEBO when ready and proceed to 27-00N, 170-00 E for operation with a (Task ?) Force.

May 29

At 0900/15 May Comdr. YOHOSUKA LANDING FORCE moved his flag to the BRAZIL MARU.

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May 30

The NACHI is operating with two units of Cruiser Division Four in Northern waters. There are indications that Cruiser Division Eight and one ship of Cruiser Division Five is in the Striking Force. Following is believed location of other units:

CruDiv Six in Empire.  
CruDiv Seven at Sea.  
CruDiv Eighteen in Truk area or enroute Japan.  
ASHIGARA enroute Empire from East Indies.  
NATORI in Java vicinity.

May 31

A conference regarding air operations of the "Striking Force" scheduled to be held at 0830, 26th on the AKAGI gives a clue that the probable organization of that Force will be:

CARDIV ONE	CRUDIV EIGHT
CARDIV TWO	KIRISHIMA
KAGA	
AKAGI	
SORYU	
HIRYU	

There are indications that the submarines connected with the forthcoming campaign have been given the "go ahead" signal.

Estimated locations of Desrons are as follows:

- 1st in Northern Waters.
- 2nd recently in Saipan area and may be headed East.
- 3rd is probably in Empire Waters.
- 4th is with striking force.
- 5th, part in Indies, 1 Desdiv with Air Tenders.
- 6th is between Truk and Empire.
- 10th - carrier plane guards.

Weather reporting vessels are to eastward of Marshalls and in Kamchatka area.

June 1

first recoveries (effective 28th May to 14th August) made today.

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June 2

(new general weather code) went in effect as of 1 June, and about 10% of all weather being read.

Indications that 2 cruisers of CRUDIV 6 are enroute to Truk Area.

ASHIGARA arriving EMPIRE.

June 3

Aircraft operations from HOROMUSHIRO.  
SUBRON 8 active in Australian Waters.  
SUBRON 1 in ALEUTIANS.

Indications of heavy convoy movements in INDIES area.

COMMANDER 5TH FLEET in charge NORTHERN FORCE.  
COMMANDER 1st AIR FLEET has striking force.  
COMMANDER 2ND FLEET in command forces recently leaving Saipan bound Eastward.

June 4

Indications DesDiv 34 in MARSHALLS.

KAMIKAWA MARU in Truk Area.  
KAMOI apparently at JALUIT.

June 5

Indication SHIRETOKO will depart soon for MARSHALLS.

COMCARDIV 3 in active charge NORTHERN AREA.  
FUJIKAWA MARU in YOKOSUKA area.  
There is one division of SUBRON 1 in EMPIRE the remainder are in the NORTH.

June 6

The FIRST AIR "COMMAND" shifted from the AKAGI to the KAGA indicating that the former is lost.

Information on forces not involved in MIDWAY ACTION:  
A unit of CRUDIV 6 is apparently departing EMPIRE for MANDATES. 1 desdiv of DESRON 6 at TRUK.

June 7

There are indications that MARCUS is being used as refueling point for aircraft enroute to MANDATES.

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June 8

TOKYO commenced "RADIO DECEPTION" and is attempting to give the impression that a large fleet is maneuvering.

COMMANDER SECOND FLEET at 0200/Z apparently headed toward MANDATES.  
CRUDIV 7 at 0800/Z/7th was probably enroute to the MARSHALLS.

June 9

It appears that TRUK is the destination of the withdrawing CINC SECOND FLEET with the remainder of his forces.

CINC COMBINED was D/F'd in general area 32N, 162E.

June 10.

The ZUIKAKU is believed at sea joining forces retiring to the west.

All surface forces engaged in Midway and Dutch Harbor operation are indicated as returning to the EMPIRE.

June 11

Indications CRUDIV 5 less NACHI may go to MARSHALLS. MINDIV 16 is moving from Saipan to Truk.

BATDIV 3 is still at sea possibly joining with CAR-DIV 3 destination unknown.

June 12

There are indications that CINC SECOND FLEET is in the CHICHIJIMA area.

It is believed that the ZUIHO and CRUDIV 8 will operate with BATDIV 3.

June 13

The NAGARA is believed arriving at CHICHIJIMA area. CRUDIV 7 and the repair ship AKASHI are in the TRUK area. Some units of DESRONS 2 and 4 are apparently with this Crudiv.

CRUDIV 5 is now in the Marshalls and is possibly scheduled for operations further south.

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June 14

0950, 14th, from NORTHERN FORCE COMDR.  
"Attack enemy at MAZAN BAY, using planes  
from BASE AIR UNIT and blank air unit."

The enemy transports observed off MIDWAY are  
believed to have reached TRUK in company AIRRON 7  
and DESRON 2.

There is a marked increase in Radio Intelligence  
traffic from MARSHALLS.

June 15

There are indications that BATDIV 3, NAGARA,  
KAMIKAWA MARU are in the northwest Pacific.

June 16

There are definite indications that the YOKOSUKA  
LANDING FORCE is now in the SAIPAN area will  
move north to the EMPIRE.

There are indications that the TAKAO, ATAGO, NACHI,  
TONE and CHIKUMA are in the NORTHERN AREA.

June 17

DESDIV 8 is probably about to move from TRUK to  
EMPIRE.

June 18

Units of 1ST FLEET are believed returning to port  
after screening the returning MIDWAY FORCE.

It is believed that CRUDIV 7 will proceed to the  
EMPIRE probably after completion of emergency  
repairs at TRUK.

June 19

Part of DESRON 6 is indicated as moving from  
JAPAN to the TRUK AREA.

Submarines are believed operating as far east  
as KODIAK.

June 20

BATDIV 3 is believed to be in the NORTH PACIFIC.  
CRUDIV 5 is enroute to or in the same area.

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June 21

The KAMIKAWA MARU is believed to be in the vicinity of the KURILES.

There are indications that the KIYOKAWA MARU may carry planes and supplies from vicinity of SASEBO to the RYUJO which is indicated as in the HOROMUSHIRO AREA.

MARSHALLS and TRUK apparently continue to receive air reinforcements.

June 22

It appears that the FUJIKAWA MARU is scheduled for RABAUL. There are indications that some TRANSPORTS involved in the MIDWAY CAMPAIGN may be diverted to the same area.

It is believed that CARDIV FIVE is not in company with the RYUJO.

June 23

SUBRON FIVE is expected to depart the MARSHALLS for the EMPIRE shortly.

Units of the FIRST FLEET are believed leaving the INLAND SEA, probably for operations in the vicinity of HONSHU.

DESDIV THIRTY FOUR is in the MARSHALLS.

June 24

There are definite indications that a detachment of seaplanes is based on a tender in the vicinity of KISKA.

It is expected that the ASHIGARA will leave the EMPIRE shortly for the INDIES.

The KAMIKAWA MARU is believed to be in the vicinity of KISKA.

Part of CRUDIV SIX is in the TRUK AREA.

Units of SUBRON EIGHT which were recently active in AUSTRALIA are now near the MARSHALLS. It is believed that their ultimate destination is JAPAN.

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June 25

The original plans for the resumption of the MORESBY CAMPAIGN were to start about the 15th of June. The "objective" being PORT MORESBY. This was to be primarily a land operation and although increased activity is expected in the vicinity, no carriers or units of the FIRST FLEET or the SECOND FLEET, excepting CRUDIV SIX, or other large sea forces, will be involved.

There are indications of future movement of auxiliary vessels into the RABAUL AREA.

It is believed that units of the FIRST FLEET arrived in TOKYO BAY from the INLAND SEA.

Definite indications place the NOTORI enroute to SAIPAN from TRUK.

The ZUIKAKU is indicated in the vicinity of NORTH HONSHU.

June 26

CINC FOURTH FLEET, parts of CRUDIV SIX, CRUDIV EIGHTEEN and DESRON SIX are indicated in the TRUK AREA.

CINC SECOND FLEET which is indicated in the CHICHIJIMA AREA, appears to be reorganizing his force.

The FUJIKAWA MARU is indicated as being in the RABAUL area.

Traffic routing indicates that one division of SUBRON SEVEN is in the EMPIRE.

June 27

DESRON THREE is engaged in escorting in the KYUSEU AREA.

There are indications that AIRRON SEVEN which is now in the TRUK AREA, may go to the EMPIRE shortly. It is indicated that the KAMOI is operating with AIRRON SEVEN.

From traffic routing it is indicated that increasing activity in the New Britain area may be expected.

June 28

It is believed that all four operating CARRIERS (ZUIKAKU, RYUJO, ZUIHO and JUNYO) are in the NORTH HONSHU - HOKKAIDO AREA.

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June 28

One CRUISER of CRUDIV SIX is believed to be proceeding from the EMPIRE to TRUK, joining other units of the same division in that area.

June 29

There are indications of a southward movement by some of the forces in the NORTH HONSHU - HOKKAIDO AREA.

Activities in the Rabaul area are increasing.

The JUNYO is believed returning to the INLAND SEA.

There are indications that SUBRON ONE units may operate from the MARSHALLS SHORTLY.

AIRRON SEVEN is indicated as moving from TRUK to CHICHIJIMA.

June 30

During the month of June, first recoveries were made in ~~SECRET~~ (effective from the 1st of March to the 1st of October).

During June ~~SECRET~~ recoveries made and read solid. (This code effective since the first of February).

First recoveries made of ~~SECRET~~ and read solid during June.

There are definite indications that Japanese army forces are established both on ATTU and KISKA.

Part of DESRON ONE is in the ATTU - KISKA vicinity.

There are indications that CRUDIV EIGHTEEN will shortly operate in the NEW BRITAIN AREA.

July 1

~~SECRET~~ (new weather cipher) - discovered method of use and a minimum can now be read - which brings up the total percentage of reading of ORANGE weather.

Decrypted traffic indicates the KAMIGAWA is departing the ALEUTIANS for the EMPIRE, leaving a detachment at KISKA.

There are indications that increased activity in the TULAGI AREA may be expected shortly.

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July 2

Four units of SUBRON SEVEN are enroute from TRUK to the EMPIRE.

Dispatch indicates that repairs to the SHOKAKU are nearing completion.

CINC FOURTH FLEET who is now at TRUK is indicated as possibly leaving for NEW BRITAIN shortly.

Forces in the TRUK AREA include 2 cruisers of CRUDIV SIX, with 2 others probably proceeding to that area, CRUDIV EIGHTEEN, DESRON SIX, GUNBOAT DIVISION EIGHT AND about 3 AV.

July 3

There are indications of CONVOY movements from the FORMOSA AREA to PORT ARTHUR.

One unit of CRUDIV SEVEN is believed still under repairs at TRUK.

Forces in the ALEUTIAN AREA include part of DESRON ONE, NACHI, possibly ABUKUMA and SUBRON TWO; the KAMITSU MARU (AR) is in the vicinity of KISKA.

July 4

There are indications that the SHOKAKU is at sea.

There is increased activity in the MARSHALLS.

The KENJO MARU is indicated enroute from the EMPIRE to the EAST INDIES.

July 5

It is believed that all of CRUDIV SIX is now in the TRUK AREA.

Traffic associations indicate that DESDIV THIRTY FOUR is active with air units in the MARSHALLS.

Part of DESRON FOUR is now arriving in the INLAND SEA.

July 6

The FUJIKAWA, KIYOKAWA and NOTORO (all maru AV's) are believed to be in the NEWBRITAIN AREA.

The SHIRETOKO is enroute to the MARSHALLS.

At least two SUBDIVS are indicated in the MARSHALLS.

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July 7

A greater number of light forces on escort duty indicate increased anti-submarine activity.

There are indications of an offensive against OCEAN and NAURU shortly.

Decrypted traffic indicates that the SHOKAKU and JUNYO are engaged in tactical exercises in EMPIRE WATERS.

BATDIV THREE is believed at sea in the vicinity of NORTH HONSHU.

July 8

One or both units of CRUDIV SEVEN are arriving in EMPIRE PORTS escorted by DESTROYERS of DESRON TWO.

The GOSHU MARU is indicated as enroute to the MARSHALLS.

Part of SUBRON ONE is definitely in the MARSHALLS AREA.

July 9

The FUJIKAWA MARU escorted by a unit of DESDIV THIRTY FOUR is indicated as enroute to SAIPAN from the NEWBRITAIN AREA.

There are indications that part of DESRON TWO may go to the KISKA AREA.

CINC FIFTH FLEET, probably in NACHI, is believed at HORONUSHIRO.

One SUBDIV or SUBRON SEVEN is indicated as returning to the TRUK AREA from the EMPIRE.

July 10

BATDIV THREE is believed enroute to YOKOSUKA.

Part of DESRON SIX is indicated between RABAUL and TULAGI.

There is increased air activity at PALAU.

By decrypted traffic, the CHIYODA escorted by units of DESRON ONE is in the KISKA AREA.

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July 11

Gradual increased proficiency has increased traffic reading to about 25% of all ORANGE weather.

There are indications of an interchange of air units between NEW BRITAIN AREA and MARSHALLS. Movement of air units from the INDIES to RABAU is also indicated.

It is believed that the HIYO is fitting out to join CARDIV FOUR.

CARDIV FOUR with CRUDIVS FIVE and EIGHT may be enroute to YOKOSUKA.

July 12

---- MARU (probably supply ship for SIXTH BASE FORCE, reported he was aground in 11-27N, 155-55E. (Thought to be RONGELAP ATOLL).

CARDIV FIVE is indicated as leaving OMINATO AREA probably for the INLAND SEA.

A SALVAGE UNIT is believed to be enroute YOKOSUKA to the KISKA AREA.

Most of DESRON THREE is in HONSHU PORTS.

July 13

DESDIV THIRTY FOUR working with AIR FORCE in RABAU AREA by traffic associations.

The KAMOI is believed returning to the MARSHALLS from the EMPIRE.

A SUBDIV is expected to operate in the NEW BRITAIN area shortly.

CRUDIV EIGHTEEN is indicated in the vicinity of RABAU.

The NATORI is located in the EAST INDIES AREA.

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July 14

Traffic analysis shows evidence that an air base has been established on GUADALCANAL.

One division of SUBRON SEVEN arriving in SAIPAN AREA from EMPIRE.

There is an indication that the ATAGO may be in the KURE Yard.

July 15

Traffic shows evidence that there is an aircraft assembly plant at KAVIENG.

The ZUIKAKU is indicated as enroute to YOKOSUKA AREA. The RYUJO remains in the vicinity of NORTHERN HONSHU. The ZUIHO may be in the JAPAN SEA. The SHOKAKU is indicated in the KYUSHU AREA. The JUNYO is probably in the INLAND SEA. The KASUGA MARU is believed in the YOKOSUKA AREA.

There are indications of increased air activity in the MALAY - ANDAMAN AREA.

July 16

A part of DESRON TWO is in the YOKOSUKA AREA. This DESRON is employed in escorting from JAPAN to NORTHWARD.

DESRON FIVE is indicated in the vicinity of AMBON.

The KOTOKU MARU (AP) is in the NEW BRITAIN AREA.

There are indications that the MYOKO may move to the NEW BRITAIN AREA shortly.

July 17

There is some evidence that new CARDIVS ONE and TWO are being formed.

SUBRON SIX is indicated enroute from YOKOSUKA to TRUK.

There are indications that the CHOKAI will go to NEW BRITAIN AREA. The JUNYO is possibly enroute to the MARSHALLS. Part of DESRON FOUR may be scheduled for operations in the INDIES.

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July 18

There are indications that the ZUIKAKU will proceed to SINGAPORE shortly.

CRUDIV SEVEN is believed enroute to the JAVA AREA with about 2 DESDIVS.

A SUBDIV of SUBRON SEVEN arrived at TRUK.

The SHIRETOKO appears at or enroute to WAKE.

July 19

Two BATTLESHIPS of BATDIV THREE believed arriving in the INLAND SEA.

There is an indication that the flag of the FIRST AIR FLEET shifted from the KIRISHIMA to the ZUIKAKU.

DESRON THREE appears scheduled for a move to SINGAPORE.

The FUJIKAWA MARU is expected to go to the ALEUTIAN AREA shortly.

July 20

The CHIYODA is probably enroute to HONSHU from the KISKA AREA.

There are indications that the ZUIKAKU has left JAPAN for SOUTH.

CRUDIV SIX is believed at KAVIENG.

ARMY FORCES are believed moving from DAVAO to the NEW BRITAIN area, screened by units of DESRON FIVE.

July 21

There are strong indications that CARDIV FIVE is in the vicinity of SOUTH KYUSHU; the RYUJO and the JUNYO are possibly in the same area.

CRUDIV EIGHTEEN is near SALAMAUA, possibly with a convoy.

The FUJIKAWA MARU is apparently enroute to the NORTHERN AREA with a part of GENZAN AIR.

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July 22

The ISUZU is enroute to the EAST INDIES.

There are indications that sub chasers are being sent to the KISKA AREA.

Part of SUBRON SIX may proceed to RABAUl shortly.

July 23

One Division of SUBRON SEVEN is enroute to the RABAUl AREA.

One Division of DESRON TWO is escorting to the RABAUl AREA.

The GOSHU MARU is in YOKOSUKA.

July 24

SUBRON TWO is withdrawing from the ALEUTIAN AREA.

Two divisions of SUBRON SEVEN may be scheduled for the NORTHERN AREA.

The CHOKAI is in the SAIPAN AREA, enroute to NEW BRITAIN.

Part of DESRON THREE is in the MALAY AREA.

July 25

The CHOKAI is in the TRUK AREA.

Part of DESDIV THIRTY FOUR has returned to the MARSHALLS.

The BRAZIL MARU is enroute to TRUK.

July 26

SUBMARINES in the NEW BRITAIN and AUSTRALIAN waters include one division each of SUBRONS SIX and SEVEN, two divisions of SUBRON THREE and possibly one division of SUBRON EIGHT.

The MISAWA AIR is believed going to RABAUl.

The KAMIKAWA MARU is indicated in the TRUK AREA.

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July 27

The ISUZU is in the vicinity of AMBON.  
The KASHIMA has arrived in the INLAND SEA.  
CRUDIV SEVEN and units of DESRON THREE are in the MALAY AREA.  
SUBRON TWO is making a southward sweep, enroute from the ALASKAN AREA to YOKOSUKA.

July 28

The HAGURO and MYOKO are in the vicinity of HONSHU.  
A DESDIV of DESRON FOUR is on escort duty in the YOKOSUKA AREA.  
The AZUMA MARU is shown as enroute to the MARSHALLS.  
The NOTORO is in the KOREA AREA.  
The KENYO MARU is enroute to TRUK from RABAUl escorted by destroyers.

July 29

The CHOKAI is believed in the RABAUl AREA.  
The KAMOI is enroute from YOKOSUKA to the MARSHALLS.  
The CHITOSE is in the TAKAO AREA.  
Movements of supplies to the KISKA AREA continues.

July 30

The major portion of the JAPANESE HEAVY UNITS is in the EMPIRE WATERS, with CARRIER GROUPS conducting exercises.  
The KAMOI is in the approximate position 33N, 151E.  
There are indications of further advances to the SOUTHWARD and WESTWARD in the SOLOMONS - NEW GUINEA AREA.  
DESRON SIX and CRUDIV EIGHTEEN are still in the SOLOMONS AREA.  
There are no changes in the composition of forces in the ALEUTIAN AREA.

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CRUDIV SEVEN (two heavy cruisers), plus part of DESRON THREE is in the INDIAN OCEAN.

Several auxiliaries are in the vicinity of PONAPE.

The KIYOKAWA MARU is in the RABAU AREA.

The BRAZIL MARU is in the TRUK AREA.

August 1

Carriers and plane groups have been holding extensive exercises and drills lately and it is believed that the carriers have now practically completed the training of new pilots and are about ready for new offensive operations.

With the exception of the above, all major combatant vessels are believed to be in the EMPIRE.

It is indicated that SUBRON EIGHT is due for overhaul at KURE.

One division of SUBRON SEVEN is in the KISKA AREA, with another division enroute there.

August 2

There are indications that three DESTROYERS are returning to YOKOSUKA from the KISKA AREA.

The NARUTO (AV), escorted by one destroyer is in the vicinity of KAVIENG.

The HOSHIO is in the HONSHU AREA.

August 3

Additional air strength is moving toward the RABAU AREA from the MANDATES.

CRUDIV SIX, CRUDIV EIGHTEEN and DESRON SIX are indicated in the NEW BRITAIN - SOLOMONS AREA.

There is a possibility that one ship of CRUDIV SIX was damaged recently and will be repaired at TRUK.

SUBMARINE LOCATIONS - two squadrons in EMPIRE, one in ALEUTIANS, one plus in NEW BRITAIN - SOLOMONS, and one near SAIGON.

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August 4

Traffic analysis shows the composition of CARDIV ONE to be:-

ZUIKAKU  
SHOKAKU  
ZUIHO

There are indications of increasing air and submarine activity in the MALAYA - BENGAL areas.

The CARRIERS remain in HOME WATERS, probably in port.

The KASHIMA is at the KURE navy yard.

CRUDIV EIGHT units are probably under overhaul in the EMPIRE.

August 5

Estimated location of CRUISERS:

CRUDIV FOUR, CRUDIV FIVE, CRUDIV EIGHT - HOME WATERS.

CRUDIV SIX - TRUK - RABAU area.

CRUDIV SEVEN - two units BAY OF BENGAL, one unit now at TRUK, probably leaving shortly for JAPAN.

CRUDIV EIGHTEEN - SOLOMON ISLANDS.

KASHIMA - KURE.

ASHIGARA and ISUZU - INDIES.

KASHII - SINGAPORE AREA.

CHOKAI - NEW BRITAIN AREA.

August 6

One HEAVY CRUISER leaving TRUK for the EMPIRE, probably with the AKASHI (AR) and destroyers.

The BRAZIL MARU is in the SAIPAN ZONE.

The SENDAI is in the vicinity of SINGAPORE.

August 7

An urgent message from TULAGI states:  
"Enemy landing in progress".

CINC FOURTH FLEET ordered the following units to proceed to TULAGI:

2 subdivs of SUBRON THREE  
1 unit of SUBRON SEVEN

Battleships and carriers remain in HOME WATERS.

One DESDIV of DESRON TEN is expected to depart the INLAND SEA for the NEW BRITAIN AREA shortly.



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An urgent message from TULAGE stated;

" Enemy landing in progress."

CINC FOURTH FLEET ordered the following units to proceed to TULAGE:

2 SUBDIVS of SUBRON THREE  
1 unit of SUBRON SEVEN

August 8

It is indicated that DESRON SIX has 1 DESDIV on the RABAU area and another in the vicinity of TRUK.

August 9

The commander, ELEVENTH FLEET and the commander SIXTH AIR ATTACK CORPS have arrived at RABAU.

There is evidence that considerable personnel and equipment reinforcements are en route to the RABAU/SOLOMONS area.

August 10

It is suspected that CRUDIV FIVE will leave empire waters for NEW BRITAIN soon, also that one unit of SUBRON TWO is leaving KISKA for YOKOSUKA.

August 11

NACHI is believed to be in the KURILES en route to KISKA.

Air reinforcements are being moved from Japan to RABAU.

August 12

The "R" area defence force speaks of the "R 2 J OCCUPATION FORCE" proceeding to "R A F" (BUNA/GONA is suspected.)

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AUGUST 13

The Kamitsu Maru (XAV) is believed to be en route to the Kiska Area.

Units of SubRon 1 are moving south (probably to the New Britain Area) via Saipan and Truk.

AUGUST 14

DesDiv 17 is en route to Rabaul from Truk.

CruDiv 7, the Kagu Maru and destroyers of DesRon 3 are still in the Indies.

AUGUST 15

Code groups DOG 1 changed to DOG 2.

CarDiv 2 (Hitaka, Hayataka, Zuiho) will operate off Marcus Islands, and requested shore facilities made available.

The D.E.I. Force is now detached from the ( ) Force and has been assigned to the "Outer South Seas Force", and will load supplies at Base 10 and proceed to operate under CinC 8th Fleet.

AUGUST 16

Kisaratsu Air Group located at Marcus Island.

The Kamikawa and Hikawa Marus are enroute to Truk and part of DesDiv 4 left there for Rabaul.

AUGUST 17

( ) reported to CruDiv 18 (or Division 18) that the Buna Airport will be ready for use on the 16th.



AUGUST 18

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The ATAGO, CHIYODA and 4 or 5 destroyers are in Truk Area.

AUGUST 19

All carriers indicated in Empire waters with CARDIV TWO in YOKOSUKA vicinity. CHITOSA is at YOKOSUKA and expected to move South soon.

AUGUST 20

Codes (effective as from August 15) made first recoveries today.

AUGUST 21

Estimate of Forces in New Britain Area.

3/4 Heavy cruisers  
CRUDIV EIGHTEEN  
2 Light cruisers  
2 DESDIVS of DESRON SIX (remainder en route)  
Units of DESRON TEN  
2 SUBDIVS of SUBRON SEVEN  
SUBRON SIX  
(2 SUBDIVS of SUBRON ONE en route)

AUGUST 22

Disposition of Carriers.

SHAKAKU en route TRUK from Empire  
ZUIKAKU en route TRUK from Empire  
HITAKA  
HAYATAKA Empire believed departing for TRUK shortly  
ZUIHO  
RYUJO in home yard  
HOSHO in home waters  
KASUGA MARU en route TRUK  
CHIKUMA TRUK Area

AUGUST 23

Traffic analysis shows evidence there are 15/20 DDs and 20 SS operating in the KARAU-SOLOMONS Area.

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✓ Codes (effective as from Aug 15) made first recoveries today.

Aug. 22

The following ship movements were read from dispatches and sent to interested parties;

---(Vessel) will depart PALAU on 21st arrive Saipan on the 27th,

----(vessel) departed RABAUL on the 22nd for TRUK

----(vessel) will depart PALAO(?) on the 23rd and arrive SOERABAYA on the 26th.

Aug. 23

Traffic analysis shows evidence there are 15/20 DDs and 20 SS operating in the RABAUL-SOLOMON area.

Aug. 25

~~SHOTOKO~~ (effective since Aug. 15th) first recoveries made during the present period.

Aug. 26

The entire ORANGE system of encyphering weather code (XXXX) was changed with the results that on the 25th, only about 10% was read. This new method has been determined today which increased our total weather reading to about 20%.

Sept. 2

Vessels movements read from traffic and sent to interested parties.

SHOTOKO MARU will depart for WOTJE

YAKKAIZAN MARU Departs for JAEUIT at 1200

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---(vessel) expected about 0800 as relief for #3 KOTOBUKI MARU.

1600, today the TATEYAMA MARU will arrive, pilot it through the channel.

0600, tomorrow the SUENKUNI MARU will arrive via the KIIYO channel. from JALUIT.

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(NOTE)::The KIIYO channel is in KWAJALIEN ATOLL, which fixes the refered to port nearby.

(effective since June 17) read solid today

Sept. 3

An unidentified originator,  
"Today's disembarkation point is to be  
"changed to a point 4 miles East of RABI

Another originator's message read;  
"When the mountain jungle becomes safe  
"build your encampments and defenses and  
"endeavour to maintain communications.  
"Inform me when you have decided upon your  
"position. A (large) troop reinforcement  
"will arrive on the 12th.

The addressee of the above message sent the following.  
"Left port yesterday at 1400, no enemy  
"vessels in bay."

Sept 4

The reinforcements mentioned above are revealed by the following despatch to the same party; Patrol boats may either carry 200 men each or a total of 200.

"Sept. 4th YAYOI  
" " 5th " " again  
" " 6th TENRYU and 3 "Patrol-boats"  
" " 7th " " " ARASHI  
" " 8th TATSUTA " HAMAKAZE

"The ships will enter the anchorage and  
"untill the ARMY arrives on the 12th, the  
"Landing-Force" will seek coverage in the  
"mountains."

(Note) The area refered to is the MILNE BAY area

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The party addressed in the last message replied with the following 2.

"I request you to anchor at a point 6  
" miles east of RABI we will sight you from  
" the shore. If this is impossible -----.

" Can all hands be accomodated when the  
"TENRYU arrives today, request to be inform-  
"ed her arrival time. The enemy is preeeing  
" and add is needed."

CINC EIGHTTH FLEET replied to the above;

"Relief force about 200 men under YASUDA  
" will land the night of the 5th, and a  
" Naval Landing Party about 2 "Battalions"  
"will land on the 10th night.. Get your  
"forces together. organize a position and  
" make a stand."

Sept 9

OKI DETACHMENT to COMDESRON THREE.

"  
" there are 65 men in 6 boats East of MUFU  
" POINT, Lat 08-17 S. Lo. 159-23 E. Desire  
"more night landings from "Destroyers".

Sept.11

Traffic annalysis shows evidene that the  
YOKO MARU a survey ship is associated with KISKA  
suggesting that survey work is taking place.

Sept.12

An unidentified originator reported the  
following vessel will depart on the 13th for (R Y I)  
which is in the GILBERTS-ELLICE area and apparently  
a more important place than APEMAMA as it has an area  
designator.

"MARSHALL DEFENSE ORDER # 156;  
"HIDACHI MARU  
"KATORI MARU (has #6 YOKOSUKA LANDIG FORCE)  
"UJIMA MARU  
"SHOOTOKO MARU  
"The #3 SHONAN MARU and #3FUMI MARU will  
2escort

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Sept. 13~~SECRET~~

This message was disseminated (see MARSHALLS DEFENSE ORDER #156, 12th Sept.);

"( ) MARU, UKUSHIMA MARU, SHOCTAKU MARU  
"escorted by YUZUKI, #3 FUMI MARU, #3 SHO  
"NAN MARU, expect to arrive TARAWA Sept.  
"15th, 0600.  
"COMSUNCHASERDIV 63, will assign berths and  
"provide "Anti-Sub" patrol to Eastward.

Sept. 16

The (---) MARU departed JALUIT and expects  
to arrive TARAWA 17th, 0800.

Sept. 19

The arrival and departure schedule of the DAIDO MARU from the 19th to the 24th calling at OCEAN ID. IMIEJI, and TARAWA, was read and sent to interested parties.

The following complete operation order was read and sent to the parties interested.

DAIDO MARU to load at MALOELAP and arrive at TARAWA 24th A.M. (see above entry) then transfer stores destined for (P) to the SHIRETOKO MARU.

#3 FUMI MARU after loading stores at (P) will proceed in company with DAIDO MARU, but leaving her en route and go on to MAKIN to take up duties as "Aircraft Tender" to TAKAI AIR, at MAKIN.

YUZUKI load stores at MALOELAP and arrive TARAWA 23rd.

When the KATAI MARU arrives at JALUIT the KATORI MARU will embark the "Landing Force" and large boats and proceed to WOTJE and MALOELAP. When this duty completed, proceed to (P) and act as screen for ( ) vessel.

#7 TAKUNAN MARU will escort KATORI MARU to MALOELAP then return to original assignment.

KATAI MARU will proceed to JALUIT and transfer "Landing Force" for WOTJE and MALOELAP to the KATORI MARU, then go to GREENWICH.

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( ) MARU escort KATAI MARU as far as (P)

#3 SHONAN MARU and #3 TAMA MARU will escort  
( ) VESSEL from JALUIT to (P).

#7 KYUU MARU cancel escort orders and proceed  
to TARAWA

HIDACHI MARU after loading will proceed to (P)  
escorted by UKUSHIMA MARU

SHOOTOKU MARU after loading proceed to SAIPAN.

An unidentified vessel reported his arrival at  
KUSAIE at 18th 1300, and will depart on 27th.

A message was addressed to CINC COMBINED  
FLEET and others reporting

" Enemy landed over 2000 troops and 20  
" "Anti-Aircraft" and "Field Guns" ...  
" from COMDR. GUADALCANAL.

Sept. 21

MARSHALLS DEFENSE FORCE Despatch # 166  
gave the complete schedule of operations for  
occupation of MAKIN and TARAWA, including  
strength of forces and their equipment and  
names of transporting and escorting vessels  
with dates of arriving and departing each  
place, commencing 24th and continuing through  
the 28th, when "Mopping Up" operations were  
scheduled to be completed.

The operation order entered on the 19th  
pertains to preliminary movements for this  
"Campaign".

Sept. 27

Unidentifies reported departing KAVIENG  
on Oct. 2nd 0800, for YOKOSUKA.

CCFS EIGHTH FLEET sent;

" We are sending you food and stores by  
" Submarine."

(NOTE) this refers to a request for supplies  
made by COMDR. TANAKA Company. made on 26th.

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Sept. 28~~SECRET~~

Read the "STRIKING FORCE" Battle Report #1  
the pertinent parts as below;

" Carried out scheduled air attack. and  
 " shot down about 30 enemy planes, inflicted  
 " considerable damage to equipment, but the  
 " details not yet clear.  
 " Even after the attack the enemy seemed able  
 " to use the air field.  
 " From 0400 to 0730, over 100 enemy planes  
 " attacked, over 50 of which we shot down,  
 " we recieved many hits from shipbased  
 " bombers but managed to avoid all torpedoes.  
 " As it is impossible to continue on  
 " account of the fires the flag was  
 " shifted to the NAGARA and a retreat was  
 " ordered, in company with 6 DDs.  
 " With the remainder of the force, attacked  
 " enemy "Striking Force", and considerably  
 " damaged a CV of the HORNET class with 2  
 " torpedoe hits.  
 " 1430 we sustained great damage from  
 " very heavy attack by shipboard bombers  
 " The battle was terrific, attacks continued  
 " untill about 1600, we retired to North-  
 " West deploying for attack.  
 " The main enemy force consists of;  
 " 3 HORNET type CVs  
 " 2 unknown tyoe CVs  
 " 6 CAs  
 " A number of DDs.  
 " The fires on the HIRYU have diminished  
 " somewhat, but still not controlled and  
 " she lies in the enemy track. If the fires  
 " could be extinguished she may get away.  
 " The SORYU and KAGA both sank, the AKAGI  
 " is burning fiercely and do not expect to  
 " get it controlled. It is not possible to  
 " get her underway, she is escorted by 2 DDs

Scheduled movements of 2 vessels in the  
Gilberts were read and sent to interested parties.

Sept. 29

Captured weather c de books made available  
today have made it possible to now read 85% of  
all Orange weather intercepted.

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The GURAMBUSA section COMDR, TANAKA, is expecting supplies to be landed on the beach by "Submarine, and reported making beacon fires on the beach last night and that he will do so again tonight, He also gave instructions for communication by radio.

Sept. 30

CofS, ELEVENTH AIR FLEET, sent the following information to COMBINED FLEET, BUAER, etc, on Aug. 11th.

" With regards to the defensive strength of  
 " the enemy's converted carriers, it has  
 " been determined that # 6 "Ordinary" bombs  
 " can inflict vital damage, therefore in  
 " case of attack by an enemy striking force  
 " at a time when no "Shipbased" "Bombers  
 " are available, as an effective measure  
 " the "ZERO" fighter can carry 2, # 6 type  
 " "Ordinary bombs for dive-bombing.  
 " You are instructed to start training,  
 " and make preparations toward carrying this  
 " out as soon as possible."

Oct. 1

1130, The F.C.C. reported that at 2100 30th Sept. the call ROHIYO was fixed by several FCC stations on the Pacific coast and on HAWAII and placed in SANTA CRUZ IS. F.C.C. said ROHIYO is definitely an army station.

(NOTE): The station ROHIYO is known to be the HAKKAISAN MARU and on OCT. 1st was in the GILBERTS.

Traffic analysis shows evidence that the damaged XCV OTAKA is in SAIPAN and that the damage is great enough to necessitate the transfer of survivors to JAPAN by other vessels.

( ) (effective Oct. 1st) substitution table recovered.

Oct 3

First code group for

recovered.

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( ) vessel sent to KAIUN MARU, KYUEI MARU and HAIKKAISAN MARU at 1100 2nd Oct.  
"At 1000 2nd Oct this ships position was 03-37 N.  
"171-30 E. Course 160 speed 9.5 Kts.

( ) sent his position as follows;  
"At 1235, position by observation; 07-30-N.  
" -69-30 E.

Oct. 4

Translated battle report sent by EIGHTH FLEET:

" In the battle on the night of the 8th.  
" the EIGHTH FLEET, sank 4 CA, Damaged  
" 3 CA, sank 1 CL, and sank 4 DDs.  
" The lookout at "HUNTER" saw most of the  
" cruisers blow up and sink to the Southward.  
" On the morning of the 9th our torpedo at  
" attack sank one more CA.  
" Our lookout station reported on the 9th  
" Morning that there was at anchor at TULAGI  
" and steaming Southwest the following force;  
" 1 CA, 2 CLs, 13 DDs, 19 APs.  
" During the night battle the EIGHTH FLEET  
" suffered only minor damage.

Unidentified originator said (see last entry of Sept. 29th)

" At 1800 on the 3rd, the Sub reached the  
" coast at KORAMBUSU, a boat was sent in  
" but was unable to establish contact.  
" Today the 4th we will try again from a p  
" position 2000 metres off the cape to  
" establish communications. we cannot use  
" the Subs boat as it is damaged.

The HAKKAISAN MARU reported he would be ready to depart at 1530 the 2nd course 320 speed 10, and at 1300 same day will rendezvous at 02-40 S 175-00 E. if agreeable to ---(vessel)

Oct. 5

---(vessel) requests permission to depart RABAU and will pass through the following points on the dates mentioned: 6th, 02-20 S 150-00 E. 7th, 20-00 N 153-20 E. 8th, 33-00 N 155-00 E. 9th, 1700, estimated arrival at PONAPE.

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Disseminated the following translation of a captured document;

EIGHTH BASEFORCE, Secret Order No.1, 28 April.

"Main points in the defense and the future policy in the TULAGI area:

"In the future occupation of TULAGI and adjacent vital localities, the principle points in the defense of these areas is as follows;

"(1) The object of strongly occupying TULAGI and GAVUTU is:-

"(a) It will be the farthest advanced base for conducting operations in the CORAL SEA and against NEW CALEDONIA and NEW HEBRIDES, (this is the most important point).

"(b) In holding TULAGI we can keep control of the sea area to the SouthEast of the SOLOMON IS. and the Ocean Area East of the NEW HEBRIDES. It will also be a supply base and rendezvous for Forces in operations against AUSTRALIA, NEW-ZEALAND, FIJI, NEW CALEDONIA and the CORAL SEA.

"(c) After occupying TULAGI, the Southeast part will be the residence of Government officials while conducting our governing policy and carrying out our "Operations",

"(2) With referenxe to defense, besides establishing the Commander of the "Occupation-Force" at TULAGI, note the following;

"(a) The entire FLORIDA Id. will be occupied as soon as possible and "Lookout" stations will be successively established in all strategic positions there and on the Islands around TULAGI, GUADALCANAL, SAN CRISTOBAL, MALAITA, ISABEL Etc. In the attacks, arrangements and preparations will be made beforehand to ensure cooperation between "Air" and "Sea" forces during the invasion.

"(b) All defenses in the "Air" "Sea" and "Land" including the "Patrol Plane Base" at GAVUTU shall be made sufficiently strong.

"(c) Captured shipping will be used to the utmost.

"(3) The "Governing Policy" will be administered by the EIGHTH BASEFORCE as follows;

"(a) Evacuate all "White" missionaries.

"(b) Germans who remain in the area, even though friendly, will be kept under strict surveillance and the possession of "Radios" by "White People" will be strictly prohibited.

"(c) All produce and war materials will be computed at local headquarters and such items as are not needed for conduct of the war shall be reported. Full details of siezed vessels will be listed as, wood or metal hull, size, motive - power, horsepower, speed, condition Etc.

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"(d) Endeavour to utilize influential persons  
 "in the community, The old TULAGI government off  
 "officials(excepting White People), missionaries  
 "and others. All documents and papers, literature  
 "etc. which are of no use to the "Guard Force"  
 "shall be collected and forwarded at once.

Oct. 8

The SIXTYFOURTH Defense Force at WAKE reported,  
 "8 out of the 18 enemy bombs dropped, exploded  
 " on land causing damage as follows;

" 1 man killed, 1, P.O. slightly wounded.  
 " A section of the "Airgroup" Transmitter  
 "Building was destroyed.  
 "1, plane shot down in flames.  
 " It is believed 1 enemy plane was shot down  
 " or damaged.

(Note):: The above refers to the Army raid  
 on WAKE. The Message was sent on June 28.

This message from BANIKA ID. Lookout Sta. was  
 translated and disseminated.

" The lookout is on a small island to the  
 " Southwest of RUSSEL ID. using the house  
 " of a former(white) resident.  
 " We have investigated the Island and the s  
 "surrounding area and have not found any  
 " enemy troops.  
 " About 2 planes usually patrol from sunrise  
 " to sunset and a few B-17s occasionally  
 " fly over.

Oct 10

CRUDIV EIGHTEEN sent to SASEBO FIFTH Special  
 Landing Force;

"The Sub. (I-1) expects to arrive 1900 the  
 "13th, Have 80 men loaded in 2 landing  
 "barges at that time, Communicate by flashing  
 "light.

SECRET 0057



Oct. 11~~SECRET~~

The Commander NORTHERN FORCES in his battle report #11 sent on the 10th July reported:

"July 10, Landing of KISKA "Reinforcement Force" completed, Many enemy air attacks during this "period."

Then followed a daily account of air raids in which only slight damage was caused.

" July 5th 0256, while DESDIV EIGHTEEN (less the KAGERO) were on "Anti-Sub" duty and at anchor at 1500 Mtre.  $\phi$  360 from LITTLE KISKA HEAD, received a submarine attack and the ARERE was instantly sunk and the SHIRANUKI and KASUMI were badly damaged.

" 1250, the NENOHU was instantly sunk while cruising in (grid position) 36 men were saved remainder killed.

" July 6th--10, DESDIV TWENTY ONE (less NENOHU and HATSUSHIMO) at (grid position) were attacked by a Sub but avoided the 4 torpedoes and definitely sank the Sub with Depth charges 1425, SC 26, definitely sank a SUB with depth charges 13 M. East of little KISKA HEAD.

" 1600, INAZUMA was attacked by a SUB but avoided the torpedoes and definitely sank the SUB in (grid Position)

" July 8th 1016, SC 27, attacked a SUB 5500 Mtres.  $\phi$  ---rfrom LITTLE KISKA HEAD and definitely sank it.

" It appears that the enemy SUB forces disposition in the ALASKA sector has subsided.

Oct. 12

The FIFTH GASEBO special landing force awaiting evacuation from GOODENOUGH Id. received a despatch directing him to prepare to evacuate by landing barge to BUNA. He replied urging CRUDIV EIGHTEEN to abandon that plan owing to the many dangers and difficulties.

ORANGE intercepted a message from our forces on GUADALCANAL giving position of the Japanese striking force to our "Taskforces" at sea.

Translated and sent to interested parties, a complete "Operation Order" # 16 of the MARSHALLS AREA DEFENSE FORCE which covered the recent activities in the GILBERTS and showed evidence that the YOKOSUKA Force was a raider unit, while the relieving force is a "Defense Force"

~~SECRET~~

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Oct. 13

Several ORANGE messages were recovered which gave sightings and contacts of our forces engaged in current operations. These sent to parties interested.

Oct. 14

Intercepted and read many ORANGE intelligence despatches giving disposition of our units and forces also several tactical despatches showing positions and movements of the JAPANESE forces, were recovered and all sent to interested parties.

Oct. 15

2 CVs are now operating in general vicinity 12 S. 164 E. using Call SOU4 on 7635 KC for homing planes and HENI6 on 7110 for communicating with planes.

( ) vessel, reported his schedule;  
Oct. 17, 0500 arrive off UJAE  
" 18, 0730, arrive LAE Id. (MARSHALLS)  
" 19, 0900, Depart LAE Id.  
" 20, 0500, Arrive KWAJALIEN.

JAP originator on GUADALCANAL has been sending frequent messages giving strength and disposition of our air forces in the SOLOMON area.

Oct. 16

An unidentified originator on GUADALCANAL continues to give fairly accurate data on our plane strength in that area.

Oct. 17

Recovered and sent to interested parties MA arra operation order #187 of the 17th Oct. giving changes in #Patrol Boat areas.

MIWASAKI MARU 03-23 S. 170-00)E.  
HAKKAIZAN MARU 04-00 S. 175-00 E.  
TAKEURA MARU 04-40 S. 175-00 E.  
#3 RYUJUN MARU 05-20 S. 175-00 E.

~~SECRET~~

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The FIFTH SASEBO SPECIAL LANDING FORCE, sent another message (see entries of 12th and previous) asking for more provisions to last at least 20 days and said that if the supplies were to be sent by Sub. that his radio batteries would only last till the end of the month.

Oct. 18

The Commander of ( ) unit will arrive at -- --N-GU. (believed to be TASSAFARONGA) at 2130 and at will bombard GUADALCANAL airfield, withdrawing at 2220.

Another message to the FIFTH SASEBO S.L.F. informed them that the SUB commander considered it too dangerous to navigate GOSCHEN STS. and has a plan for the SUB and landing barges to go via DAWSON Channel to the north of NARMANBY ID. thence Eastward to WELIE ID. where themen may be transferred to surface vessels to the Eastward of the Island.

COMDR. FIFTH SASEBO replied to the above reporting that 2 VF and 4, VB patrolled the area all day the 16th and severely attacked him killing several of the natives by strafing. He is endeavouring to make freinds with them in order to obtain emeny intelligence. He also reports ther is very little level land in the vicinity and it is all swampy and dense forrest mostly impassable with only a few bad roads and the coast is surrounded with reefs with no place for a vessel to moor.

Oct. 19

Guadalcanal continues to transmit frequently movements and positions of our surface and air units. They have apparently an efficient communication system between TULAGI and GUADALCANAL as one of our units was sighted entering there at 1600 and GUADALCANAL transmitted the contact at 1615.

COMDR. FIFTH SASEBO L.F. (see entry 18th et ante) requested that if SUBS were to be used for evacuating the force 3 should be used. also sai next time supplies were dropped by air, as much as possible should be dropped at each time and the best place to drop was 2 KM West of the Sunken motor launch, same place as was used on the 23rd Sept. Also said the Seaplane should land near that place.



~~SECRET~~Oct. 20

R.I. shows evidence that the 32nd BASEFORCE has arrived or will be arriving at RABAU

An unidentified originator reported arriving at APEMAMA and at 1300 completed disembarking a landing force.

Oct. 21

T.I. show indications of a regrouping of forces in the RABAU area and a heavy volume of intelligence reports from SUBS.

Oct. 22

A message broadcast from JALUIT to SUBFOR stated " Y " DAY, delayed (advanced-?) one day.

Unidentified originator on Sept. 4th said "We captured the 2 NEW ZEALAND radio operators " who had escaped from APEMAMA."

MARSHALLS DEF. FOR. reported the ( ) MARU was engaging an enemy "DD" in 04 S 175 E. and ordered air and surface units to attack. Time was 22nd 0700.

(NOTE) The above mentioned MARU is believed to be the HAKKAISAN MARU and as she has been silent since 0600 it is believed she is finished.

COMDR. FOURTH FLEET on May 11th said the OKINOSHIMA was hit by 2 torpedoes and unable to proceed but being towed. The Chief of the NINETEENTH SQDN. shifted his flag to the YUZUKI. 41 were killed, 71 wounded.

Unidentified reported the OCEAN ID. runway is East and West 1200 Mtre. extends 120 Mt. to the SE. and 800 MT. to the NW. the width is about 100 Mt.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~Oct. 23

The SASEBO FIFTH S.L.F. reported to EIGHTH BASEFORCE that he was attacked by an enemy force of about 100 men and 2 of his commanding officers were killed. The enemy were later repulsed.

At 2230 intercepted the following:  
 "Army transport NIKKI MARU en route to  
 "RABAU will pass through the points at 1200  
 "(dates not recovered but considered to be  
 "24th and 25th). ( )-50 S. 151-( )E.  
 "03-10 S. 155-07 E. The #2 FUMI MARU will  
 "escort and the " R O " AIRDET will furnish  
 "coverage.

Intercepted 4 despatches from unidentified originators directing different forces including the "Outer South Seas Force", certain SUB. units and the Sub. I-1, to operate against U.S. forces in the solomons on " Y "DAY.

The SASEBO FIFTH S.L.F. again reported contact with the enemy twice since this morning and that 2 landing barges approached from the direction of RABI and landed on the coast along DAWSON STRAITS.

Oct. 24

24th 0520, SASEBO FIFTH S.L.F. reported he had taken a Southerly course from WELLE ID. and was able to land on the SE. coast of FERGUSON Id. before daylight, and asked for a search plane to be used in case communications were lost.

A number of messages were intercepted, read and disseminated, which refer to operations against the GUADALCANAL airfield and also speaking of landings at the airfield and proceeding to the enemy base.

(NOTE) It is believed that the forthcoming operations will include army units.

In a message dated Aug. 30th The SIXTH BASEFORDE COMDR. requested details concerning the MAKIN raid regarding the characteristics of the enemy force and general intelligence regarding Submarine transports. Also said, " send the prisoners and captured equipment to KWAJALIEN.

~~SECRET~~

0062



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~~SECRET~~

Oct. 25

Japanese planes reported contacting a U.S. force of 1 CV and 15 other units giving positions courses and speeds.

The FUMI MARU # 2, (see entry of Oct. 23rd) reported at 251400 that she made rendezvous with the NIKKI MARU north of KAVIENG and is now escorting her via STEFFEN DTRAITS passing through 03-( ) 151-00 at 1200 the 26th and expects to arrive RABAUl early the 27th.

At 1520 the 26th it was reported a vessel (believed to be in CRUDIV SIX) had been bombed by B-17s and was burning in position 8-10 South 160-15 East.

An attack force was ordered to join another force (giving course and speed) and proceed to attack the enemy CV in (grid) position.

Evidence is shown that the GILBERTS patrol force has been reenforced with DDs and that attempts to reenforce KISKA with air strength is indicated for the near future.

Oct. 26

An unidentified source (believed a carrier) reported

" This unit has lost 8. VB and 5 VT...

" Position at 2200 26th 06-35 South(--)-05  
"East.

An unidentified originator at 0605 26th gave the position course and speed of a U.S striking force at 0510 said part of his force plus another force were proceeding to attack the enemy force of 1, BB 3 CA, 11, DDs

Positions and strength of U.S forces were frequently sent out by various units with orders to attack and destroy.

An unidentified originator reported he had been sighted at 2300 and shortly after was attacked by planes and received 1 torpedoe hit causing no damage.

~~SECRET~~ 0063

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Believed from a Carrier; ; ; ;  
this unit has lost 8, VB and 5VT, etc., , position at  
2209 06-35 S, ----05 E. (this for 26th.

SECRET

~~270020/26th~~ ~~270115/26th~~

270020, This unit proceeding to attack  
270115, we are on course 120 speed 20 proceeding to ( 0

0605/26th, Unident orig gave position course and speed of  
enemy(US) striking force at 0510 and said part of  
his force and another force were proceeding to  
attack enemy force of 1, BB 3 CA 11 DD

Several messages to forces and units directing them to  
locate and destroy the enemy forces and particularly the CV.

1235/26, a plane reported position of enemy CV (believed) in  
grid posit. 08-23 S 166-37 E (approx)

1115/26 a Sub unit was ordered to/a position to attack  
enemy CV another was directed to another posit to expedite attack  
on a BB to the west of INDESPENSIBLE STRAITS. expedite move

LLL%?"

1115/26, an orig sent several messages giving position of an  
enemy CV homing planes and at 1330 said 3VBs and 5VF took off  
9Eis0

1110/26, someone said; Report up to 1000.. North of ----is  
one enemy CV burning fiercely and sinking. end SW of ----are  
2 BB 3 CA and 12/13 DDs and AUXs

140826/26 force at 1300 was on course 140 from --- speed ---  
another force was at 1300 X striking force was proceeding  
from 1000 pos. on course 120 speed 20 and main body of  
enemy force of 2 BB 2 CA 8 DD was west of indispensible-straits  
in grid pos. --- on course --- speed 18.

2017/26 a subforce was directed at 2200 to change  
patrol station to (P) line arriving at ~~1600~~ 0330/27 and  
at 1600/27 shift to (Q) station for surface patrol.  
(NOTE)

one-point of (Q) line is in Long. 163 E.

sighted  
Unidentified said he was ~~attacked~~ at 2300 and shortly later  
attacked by planes and had one torpedo hit causing no damage.

SECRET

20 Oct.

0064



~~SECRET~~

27-28-29

Reading and sending to CINCPAC and other interested parties  
a heavy file of traffic from operations off STA. CRUZ Is.

Digest,

ARMY detachment apparently still aboard the TSUGARU  
TAKAO airgroup indicates at TRUK ZUIHO included in forces  
North of TRUK

*act*  
NOV 27th

DIGEST

Increased air activity in the GILBERTS

*act*  
Nov. 28th

DIGEST

FLAGSHIP COMB FLT. believed in vicinity TRUK. part of  
FOURTEENTH airgroup at MAKIN KAMOI indicated in the SOLOMON  
area.

*act*  
Nov. 29th

Digest. D.F shows a minimum of 12 SUBS in the SOLOMON-area  
CINC EIGHTH FLEET in vicinity of BUIN also indications  
that the tanker that refueled the carriers is returning to TRUK

(cont)

26/10/

~~SECRET~~

30th Oct.

~~SECRET~~

Aug 17th  
6th Baseforce reported to multiple addrees;;;  
sent

The MAKIN detachment transmitted a message saying at 0905  
saying all hands had been killed, then went off the air.

30th 1700  
A submarine reported he expects to arrive SHORTLANDS  
anchorage Nov. 1200.

*tops making frequent reports  
of air strength in Solomon  
these few days.*

31st

At 310946 Z, A landing will be made in the vicinity of KOII  
POINT from 5 DDs at between 2030 and 2100 on 2nd Nov.

(may be bombardment)

Indications that forces in southeastern area being  
reorganized for next move in naval operations.

1605/ 30 THE HAYSUYAKI WILL ARRIVE OFF THE HARBOR AT L( )

1900 /31st.

Sendai Maru 1100, Completed duty at SHORTLANDS  
and departed 1100/31st Oct. for Rabaul through

7 3.7D 7M S 15-20 E/ ---- 152----E  
ETA Nov. 2

DIGEST 31st: Indications of continued landing attempts  
on GUADALCANA from light forces

DIGEST::: evidence of continued convoy movements from OAIAC  
to RABAU AND FROM RABAU to SHORTLANDS

~~SECRET~~

0066



1 Nov.

~~SECRET~~

1st Nov.

A message of 19th July 1942

From (Unident)  
To Tokyo Gen Staff, Naval

In regards to ( ) and your order re executing the (MO) Campaign as conferences between the Army and Navy have not been completed. The Navy believes further conversations with the Commander 8th Fleet, who will be in charge of the operation are necessary.

2, This Msg. ( ) furthermore regarding whether or not it was decided to attack by land, the navy who have no more directive than a mouse does not yet consent and also believe that this same operation will depend upon the result of study (RI)

(see entry on may 20th and may 26th)

*f. ~~As~~ continues to report air ship points*

DIGEST

~~Indications of continued landing attempts on GUADALCANAL~~  
by night forces.

Indications that CINC SECOND FLEET in vicinity 03: South 163 East. evidence of continued convoy movements into RABAU from the North.

~~SECRET~~

0067

~~SECRET~~

Nov. 2nd

Digest.  
FLAGSHIP EIGHTH FLEET in vicinity of NEW GEORGIA

TWO MARUS in 10 N 175E and 07 N. 172 East are regularly reporting weather.

~~SECRET~~

0068



Nov. 3rd

~~SECRET~~

A message from an unidentified originator said

" When will the landing barges arrive at shortlands expedite reply

Another originator replied in a manner to indicate that ~~the same~~  
communications with the army have been lost

DIGEST:::::

DESRON THREE and SEAPLANETENDIV ELEVEN still in the SOLOMONS

CINC-EIGHTH FLEET & ELEVENTH AIRFLEET ~~are~~ in same area

CINC COMBINED believed in vicinity of TRUK

MITSUBISHI MARU (XAV) in vicinity of SHORTLANDS.

~~SECRET~~

0069

4th Vov/

~~SECRET~~

In view of dispatches being originated and urgency of precedence it is suggested that a landing in the vicinity of TASSAFARONGA is imminent.

DIGEST:::::  
SANYO MARU & NISSHIN in SOLOMONS  
COMDESRON THREE in SHORTLANDS.vicinity.

Nov, 5tj

DIGEST:::  
increased SUB activity in the SOLOMONS noted.

~~SECRET~~

0070



NOV 6th

~~SECRET~~

DIGEST:S::::::::::

It IS INDICATED THAT DESRON THREE IS INVOLVED IN

MOVEMENTS OF ARMY UNITS TO GUADALCANAL Movements of air units & air base facilities from RABAUl to SEORTLANDS indicated probable locations of major fleet flagships..

combined fleet truk rabaul area

first empire

second truk

first air truk

fourth truk

fifth northerh area

subforce truk

eleventh air rabaul

MEM

Nov. 6th 1850, an unidentified originator sent ;;

In connexion with the attack on GUADALCANAL TOMmorrow Nov. -7th request weather reports from 0400 on in the sane manner as ww were sent on tye 31st of last mnth.

~~SECRET~~

0071

~~SECRET~~

Nov 7

7/2140

Guadalcanal

Relief force

said most of unfavorable  
weather (or Battle Damage) cancelled  
attack on Guadalcanal scheduled  
for this date. X

DIGEST:::: SENDAI MARU en rte RABAU to TRUK area  
GOSHU in SOLOMONS  
indications of convoy movement from PALAO to RABAU  
DESRON ONE still in NORTHERN area.

~~SECRET~~

0072



Nov. 8

~~SECRET~~

Declassified

Eleventh Air sent to Miyake  
anti air unit that an air  
unit will depart — on 11 Nov  
via Army Transports to Guadal  
& land as expeditiously as possible

DIGEST::: indicated reorganization of NAVAL AIR GROUPS  
Indications army air units being used to replace naval units in  
Indies

040551 / directed a sub to proceed  
quickly to attack enemy in  
vicinity of N DENI + VANIKORO Id.  
(Cila Cruz)

~~SECRET~~

0073

Nov 8th

~~SECRET~~

~~Fragment~~

an unidentified originator at 081830 sent a dispatch in 3 parts containing the following fragments. in part one. Major Unit operation order N. ---- Army ---type planes proceeding to Guadalcanal on "ZED DAY", --- ---- to be carried out in following manner, ---- area force and 11th AIRFLEET on "Z#3DAY" (do something in connexion with) ---- ~~base~~ AIRBASE on GUADALCANAL

~~SECRET~~

0074



~~SECRET~~

The GUADALCANAL RELIEF FORCE at 0615 8th reported on

losses sustained on a (CL-?) and a landing on GUADALCANAL at TASSAFARONGA (SEE entries on Nov 4-7-6) saying eight round trips were necessary with the available barges to land #--- unit and army troops and embark army wounded. at 0020 the ESPERANCE landing was completed and two enemy planes were over the anchorage but owing to the weather he was not discovered.

(NOTE) apparently the landing referred to was completed although the scheduled attack was cancelled.

CINC CONB FLEET originated a message at 081830 containing COMB FLT OPORD #----- in three parts

- (1) on "Z-DAY", (tentatively set as -----) it has been decided to send an army force against GUADALCANAL
- (2) Details of joint Army/Navy action have been settled and unit commanders will operate as follows:  
SOUTHEASTERN FORCE, ELEVENTH AIR FLEET, from "Z-3DAY" operate against or in connexion with GUADALCANAL AIR BASE (blanks) outer SOUTHSEAS FORCE provide surface escort and patrols for the convoy. From "Z-3DAY", and until arrival of the convoy at GUADALCANAL, patrol vicinity of "O 1" and "K", sectors

On "Z", dDAY", (blanks) all aircraft will be under command of "Striking Force". (Blanks) Striking Force will operate against GUADALCANAL from "Z-1DAY",

- (3) (still working on part 3)

DIGEST:::--OTAKA--in vicinity of KAVIENG with plane reinforcements some indication that FIRST FLEET units may be moving to Southern

~~SECRET~~

0075

19 NOV 1942



Nov. 10th

~~SECRET~~

A check on a book of captured documents shows that up to 20th May-1942, the Japs have only lost ~~one~~ no more than one cruiser and that one by no means certain (JINTSU) the above was concluded by analysis of orders to Officers and orders of the day. put out by the KURE NAVY YARD COMMANDANT.

DIGEST:::::

There are indications shown of increased activity in the ALEUTIANS

AIR searches in the MARSHALLS are extended to 750 miles.

DIGEST:

~~SECRET~~

10 NOV 1942

0076



~~SECRET~~

Toe -2 On 29 July at 29140  
From Chief of Combined staff Southern armies

"re the 9 men who claimed to be members of the SOVIET ship  
"PERIKOZU which took refuge at NATSUNA Id. after being attacked  
on the 18th of last Dec. as an unknown supply ship in the South  
China Sea, who continued to BORNEO for Liason ???, and who were  
forwarded by the army unit at that place, as a result of investigation  
it is definite that the people under guard at your place are a part  
of the crew of the SOVIET ship which met with disaster.

As it is considered important to dispose of this incident in  
accordance with ---- policy, return these people to  
NATSUNA ID. without delay. I wish to send a guard (for them)  
request your opinion re the above immediately.

P.S. regarding details please communicate with navy base #10 direct;

Jap weather reports from LAE KAVIENG LORENGAU AND RABAUL  
MEREMEREM GIVING UPPER AIR and predictions for next 24 hours  
were read and sent to our forces within an hour of being  
transmitted by the Japs

ELEVENTH airfleet on Nov 1st at 0725 sent the following to

Operation order no. 10

orders to ----

Pt. 1; The first air attack force (less ---) will move up  
to KAVIENG and take part in attack in the MORESEY area

Pt. 2; --- (believed to be ships and rear echelon) --- from  
YOKOSUKA to SAIPAN and after destruction of the enemy air force  
will move up to RABAUL.

NOTE

( 2nd and third parts still being worked on)

Location of the AKATSUKI forces today

#6167 at RABAUL

# 6168 at UJINA

#2940 at "

# 2942 at MANILA

Digest::: there is evidence of renewed interest in KILME ATTU  
indications 22nd a5th and 26th AIRPLOTS are active in the SOLOMONS  
SEA LANETENDIV ELEVEN & CHOKAI ALSO present.

~~SECRET~~

11 NOV 1942

0077



~~SECRET~~

NAWE -3 (unident)  
mostly unreadable but believed to say "ZED DAY" postponed until  
tomorrow the 14th.

~~Announcement~~ FOURTH FLEETV 130409 Msg # 130144  
"ZED DAY postponed until 14th November.

Unident;; to OUTER SOUTH SEAS FORCE at 130300  
"OUTER SOUTHSEAS FORCE CFCRD NO. 123,  
"---- and ----leave SHORTLANDS between 0300 and 0500 and cov r  
" arrival of convoy at GUADALCANAL with surface gunfire attacks "  
" on GUADALCANAL airfield.  
"-----  
"Airforce provide aircoverage for convoy and operate as directed  
by Comdr. SOLOMONS DEFENCEFORCE

DIGEST::: IT is indicated that CINC COMB. is in 04 N, 155 East.

~~SECRET~~

12 NOV 1942

0078



~~SECRET~~

Sent to interested parties many  
intercepted messages showing  
damage to Jap ships & losses  
also contact reports on our  
force points etc + upper air  
& aircraft weather —

DIGEST:::: commanders second fleet and eighth fleet in SOLOMONS  
CINC COMB FLEET still in TRUK area CDR FIRST AIRFLEET still unlocated

130035 COFS second fleet to unidents  
#4--- will be carry out attack on GUADALCANAL on Nov. 14th.

~~SECRET~~

13 NOV 1942

0079

OCEAN

~~SECRET~~

2/16 Unidentified aircraft.

2/20 4 Eng. VP at 00102.

2/23 1 VP seen.

4/28 MUTE3 Marshalls force Opord #93. Comdr. Jaluit defense force will escort occupation force to Ocean island departing Jaluit May 3.

5/7 R.I. Early occupation of Ocean and Nauru islands indicated.

5/11 SOKA3 Occupation forces to get underway 17 May.

5/19 RAT06 RY occupation force disbanding.

5/21 CSWP Communication with Ocean island still effective 5/18.

6/27 GRAYBACK Union jack flying at Ocean island. May 17-18.

7/7 R.D. Indications of offensive against Ocean and Nauru shortly.

7/8 T.I. Indication that the Ocean Nauru occupation is underway.

~~SECRET~~

0080



~~SECRET~~

OCEAN (BANABA OR PAANOPA) ISLAND

Was reported to lie about 3 miles farther southward than its charted position, which, for its southern extremity, is 0°53'S., 169°35'E.

The island, about 6 miles in circumference, is surrounded by a fringing reef which dries and extends out about 100 yards from the shore. Its center, about 265 feet high and nearly flat, descends fairly regularly to the coast. Cliffs from 12 to 30 feet high surround the island except in a portion of Home Bay.

The wreck of the steamer Ocean Transport lies on the edge of the reef just clear of the boat channel in Home Bay. A breakwater is being built from the wreck to the shore.

Winds

Easterly winds are predominant throughout the year.

Current

The current usually sets westward fairly strongly, but from December to March it frequently sets eastward.

Caution

Vessels should not approach the island within 2 miles after dark.

Mooring buoys

There are two large mooring buoys in Home Bay for the use of large vessels.

There is a smaller mooring buoy between the two large buoys and closer inshore. It provides a much better mooring for a vessel not exceeding 265 feet in length.

Vessels moored to these buoys should be prepared to proceed to sea on short notice in the event of an unfavorable change in the weather.

There is no anchorage for large vessels at Ocean Island

~~SECRET~~

NAURU

~~SECRET~~

- 1/9 3 VBH flew over Nauru.
- 5/7 R.I. Early occupation of Ocean and Nauru Islands indicated.
- 5/11 SOKA3 Occupation forces to get underway 17 May.
- 5/15 CSWP Orange plane reconnoitered Nauru Island 13 and 14 May, approaching from south and heading northeast.
- 5/19 RAI06 RY occupation force disbanding.
- 5/20 CSWP Orange reconnaissance seaplane went over Nauru from south to northeast 5/18.
- 5/24 CSWP Orange plane flew over Nauru island.
- 7/7 CSWP Orange reconnaissance plane crossed twice yesterday.
- 7/7 R.D. Indications of offensive against Ocean and Nauru shortly.
- 7/8 T.I. Indications that some operation is underway probably the Ocean - Nauru occupation with comparatively light units.

~~SECRET~~

0082



NEW GUINEA~~SECRET~~

1/8 Possibly SS sighted (Salamaua)

1/21 ACNB (Lae) Lorengau, Salamaua, Bulolo attacked lost several civil, 1 Hudson, BSs also VF(93).

1/24 CinCAF (East Arch) Namlea (Bouru) Lawoci? Sorong Manorkwari attacked by single enemy aircraft.

1/26 ACNB (Lae) Wewak Reconnoitered.

1/29 ACNB (Salamaua) 0140/Z 6 small , 1 large ship approached.

1/29 (Salamaua) Reconnoitered by air - no ships.

1/30 (Lae) Bulolo raided.

1/31 (Salamaua) Radio Communication reestablished.

1/31 (Salamaua) 9 single eng. planes attacked.

2/1 ACNB (Wau) 9 (97) flying boats bombed at Wau.

2/2 (Lae) 6 bombs on Tulagi (Solomons) by 4 end. flying boats 6 enemy bombed Moresby.

2/8 (Lae) Salamaua bombed by one VP

2/8 (Salamaua) Flying boat bombed - no damage.

2/10 Samarai bombed by 1 - 4 Eng. flying boat.

2/11 (Lae) Salamaua reconnoitered. Port Moresby reconnoitered.

2/19 (Salamaua) Enemy reconnoitered.

2/22 (Salamaua) Unidentified auxiliary.

2/24 (Salamaua) 1 - 2 engine dropped 4 bombs.

2/24 (Lae) Moresby - 9 #96 & 5 VF 0230 -0808 attacked.

2/25 (Lae) Moresby air reconnoitered by 2 planes dropped flares.

3/7 Lae - Salamaua Occupied.

3/8 Finschaven Occupied.

4/20 ComAnzac Enemy aircraft routine at Lae: 0530 warm engines and take off 45 minutes later. Patrol vicinity at 5 to 8000 feet until 1815 except 45 minute period 1130-1345. no patrol during low visibility.

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- 4/20 ComAnzac Orange using Salamaua as refueling base for patrol planes over Coral Sea and Solomons and about 120 miles along south coast New Guinea. Plane based at Rabaul.
- 4/20 ComAnzac 6 -B25s attacked Solomons no report. (Salamaua)
- 4/21 ACNB Salamaua aerodrome attacked by 5 aircraft. Hits on buildings, duel dnmp, destroyed a hangar. Launch and 4 flying boats in harbor.
- 4/21 ACNB (New Guinea) Enemy aircraft reconnaissance over wide area east of Port Moresby on 4/20.
- 4/21 CSWPF Usual air patrols and searches over wide areas. (New Guinea)
- 4/22 ACNB (Lae) Reconnaissance revealed 10 twin engined and 11 single engined aircraft at Law. No shipping.
- 4/22 ACNB (Port Moresby) Attacked 4/20 by 9 bombers and 8 fighters. No damage. 3 fighters damaged and possibly crashed. 2 others damaged in combat with Blue fighters. Some bombers had black crosses on wings.
- 4/23 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 2 small vessels (maybe DDs) seen southeast of Port Moresby heading northwest.
- 4/23 CSWPF (Lae) About 15 aircraft seen at Law on runway. No activity seen at Malahang aerodrome 3 miles Northeast Lae, but natives say enemy using it. Believed so.
- 4/23 CSWPF Unidentified vessel seen in China Strait and not seen day before.
- 4/23 CSWPF (Salamaua) No activity or aircraft seen at Salamaua on 4/22, but ground scouts report aircraft hidden under trees at oil depot. Also anticircraft guns in village and on Kela Hill.
- 4/24 CSWPF (Salamaua) Enemy officers arrived Salamaua in flying boat 19 April and inspected aerodrome.
- 4/24 CSWPF (Salamaua) Poor deep water anchorage for shipping here, but Japs use for sea patrol planes. Airport suitable for fighters and bombers not now used. AA gun emplacements.
- 4/24 R.I. (New Guinea) Some units of forces operating in New Guinea now enroute Sasebo.

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- 4/24 ACNB Well equipped natives Sepik River Area causing serious trouble as rebels. (New Guinea)
- 4/24 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Submarine sighted 4/23 90 miles NW of Port Moresby heading. Planes sent to attack. Port Moresby raided at 1100 local time by 8 type 99 bombers escorted by 7 type 0 fighters. Not intercepted by Kittyhawks, but AA kept planes up. 8 bombs dropped from 21,000 ft. Hit center runway making 300 feet unserviceable. Fighters machine gunned ground installations without serious damage.
- 4/24 CSWPF Photos show 23 aircraft (fighters) dispersed off runway. 3 others near hangar. 4 bombers. 6 blast pits. 3 dispersal areas east of north end of runway. No ships in harbor.
- 4/24 ACNB (Port Moresby) 2 unidentified warships possibly DDs seen 120 miles southeast Port Moresby on 22nd.
- 4/25 ACNB Enemy air reconnaissance 23 April in area north and east of Port Moresby.
- 4/25 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 7 type 0 fighters attacked 4/24 intercepted by Kittyhawks. 1 P-40 shot down; 2 crash landed. 1 Catalina strafed and burned.
- 4/25 CSWPF Jap troops 23 April occupied Komiatum (7 miles south Salamaua). Think enemy reserving use Salamaua aerodrome until just prior attack on Moresby.
- 4/26 ACNB Attacked by 15 0 fighters on 4/24. 3 aircraft destroyed on aerodrome. 4 p-40s attacked and probably destroyed 2. 10 0 fighters later made unsuccessful attack on shipping in harbor. (Port Moresby)
- 4/27 ACNB 0 fighters attacked Port Moresby twice on 4/26. Also attacked Kila Kila aerodrome. No damage. Later 9 bombers escorted by fighters attacked Kila Kila aerodrome destroying 6 B-24s and badly damaging 2 others. later unsuccessfully attacked new aerodrome at Porana ( 30 miles NW of Moresby)
- 4/27 CSWPF Jap officers inspected aerodrome at Salamaua. Work continues on runways and plane parking areas. (Salamaua)
- 4/27 CSWPF Quantity AVGAS dispersed and camouflaged along roads near Salamaua.

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- 4/27 ACNB B-25 bombed buildings on Lae aerodrome. 2 hits, 3 near misses. (Lae)
- 4/27 ACNB 3 B-17s attacked Law aerodrome on 4/24. Results not observed. Intercepted by German or Italian planes. Attacked again on 4/25 destroying aircraft on ground and 1 of 5 which intercepted. (Lae)
- 4/29 CSWPF 6-B17s attacked Lae starting several fires by direct hits on buildings and runways. Ammunition dump believed hit.
- 4/29 ACNB 15 bombers, 15 fighters sighted on Lae aerodrome. (Lae)
- 4/29 CSWPF Estimated strength in Lae area: 30 fighters, 15 bombers, 4 patrol -- Total 49. (Lae)
- 4/29 CSWPF Moresby raided by 8 bombers escorted by 8-14 fighters. Result: runway unservicable for heavy aircraft. (P.Moresby).
- 4/30 CSWPF 3 raids on Moresby 4/29. Twice by 8 O fighters, once by 9 VB. little damage. (Port Moresby).
- 4/30 CSWPF Japs made thorough reconnaissance Cape Nelson area on north coast of eastern part of New Guinea. (New Guinea)
- 4/30 ACNB 0 fighter crashed Cape Rodney (south shore New Guinea) on 4/29 pilot captured. (New Guinea)
- 4/30 CSWPF Work on aerodrome at Salamaua nearly completed. Small ship arrived here from Lae on 4/29. No aircraft yet.
- 4/30 CSWPF B-17s dropped 20 bombs Lae buildings, runway. Fires started among bukldings. (Lae).
- 5/1 CSWPF 5 type O fighters strafed Moresby 7-mile aerodrome.
- 5/1 CSWPF Allied ppanes strafed radio station and fuel dumps at Salamaua. Started fires. (Salamaua)
- 5/1 CSWPF Allied aircraft ~~XXXXXXXX~~ bombed and strafed Lae aerodrome where 30 aircraft were seen. Several hits and explosions near parked planes. Large fires started. Medium AA fire from hills around. (Lae)

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- 5/2 ACNB 3 bombers and 13 fighters attacked Lae making direct hits on moored aircraft and buildings starting fires. (Lae)
- 5/2 CSWPF Possibility enemy personnel being brought to Salamaua from Lae by schooners. Patrols from here have been moved to Mubo (former emergency airfield) 12 miles south of Salamaua.
- 5/2 CSWPF Continued enemy air reconnaissance over southern New Guinea. (New Guinea)
- 5/2 ACNB CONSIDERABLE SHIPPING ARRIVING AT ENEMY HELD BASSES IN NORTH NEW GUINEA. (New Guinea)
- 5/2 ACNB 0 fighters making repeated attacks on 7-mile aerodrome at Port Moresby. (Port Moresby)
- 5/3 ACNB 15 fighters attacked Port Moresby Aerodrome 5/2. (P. Moresby)
- 5/3 CSWPF 12 bombers and 8 fighters raided Moresby aerodrome hitting near fuel dump and destroying some AVGAS.
- 5/3 ACNB 6 subchasers at Alexihaven. Orange reconnaissance over New Guinea area continue.
- 5/4 CSWPF P-39s strafed Lae, damaging moored planes. 6 B-26s bombed Vunakanau where direct hits damaged moored bombers. 3 hits on runway. Little fighter interception.
- 5/4 ACNB Enemy reported 27 miles inland from Lae. (Lae)
- 5/4 CSWPF 9 bombers, 10 fighters attacked 5/4. No damage. (Port Moresby).
- 5/5 ACNB On 5/4 9 bombers and 10 fighters attacked Port Moresby about 70 bombs deopped 1 mile NW of aerodrome.
- 5/5 CSWPF B-17s attacked Lae 5/4 hitting runway & grounded aircraft.
- 5/6 CSWPF 3 B-17s ordered to attack 3 AP sighted, 10.20 S 153.12 E on course 215. Alternate target 2 AP, 2 DD in position 8.50 S - 153.30 E on course 230. These forces apparently intending to occupy Woodlark Island. ( New Guinea)

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- 5/8 Major sea activity in vicinity between New Guinea and Solomons, Coral Sea and north to New Britain. See contact cards and "MO" campaign card.
- 5/9 CSWPF 9 VB and 8 VF intercepted over Moresby 5/8 by 13 P39s (No bombs dropped no losses to Blue planes.) (P. Moresby)
- 5/9 CSWPF Moresby raided planes destroyed on ground 2 P39s 4 others damaged.
- 5/11 CSWPF (Lae) Aircraft sighted 2CL, 1 DD, 1 large AP at 2150 South of Bougainville.
- 5/11 CSWPF 4 heavy AP seen heading into Queen Carola Harbor 05.20 S - 153.15E speed 5 at 0035Z/11. (Lae)
- 5/11 CSWPF 2 DD, 1 large vessel anchored 7.06 S -155.55 E. at 2130 Z/10 (Lae)
- 5/11 CSWPF 1 AK, 1 PG sighted on C 180 100 miles southeast of Rabaul. Speed 5. (Lae)
- 5/11 CSWPF Planes in New Guinea at Orange bases total 60 including 17 VF, 29 VB, 2 VP, 12 float planes.
- 5/11 CSWPF Poor seaplane anchorage seldom used. Ships stop here occasionally. Orange improved airport for use by VF and medium VB, but none use it. (Salamaua)
- 5/11 CSWPF Heavy VB and VP base at Lae. Ships stop frequently, but only long enough to discharge cargo. Many AA batteries. (Lae)
- 5/12 CSWPF Report Japs using Hopoi aerodrome 21 miles East of Lae.
- 5/12 CSWPF Thursday Island Aerodrome bombed by 9 VHB and strafed by 3 O fighters on 5/11/ Bombers escorted by 5 OVF. No damage. (New Guinea)
- 5/12 CSWPF 19 VHB in 2 flights attacked Moresby afternoon of 5/11 bombing from 21,000 fet. 140 bombs dropped damaging moored planes. (Port Moresby)
- 5/13 CSWPF Moresby attacked by 9 VB escorted by 3 VF, then strafed by 11 VF. No damage. (Port Moresby)
- 5/14 CSWPF No enemy activity seen 5/13 from Sonarai to Deboyne I. (New Guinea)
- 5/14 CSWPF 48th air raid on Moresby attempted by 6 O VF which were intercepted and dispersed without damage.



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- 5/15 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Moresby bombed 5/14 by 26 VHB escorted by 9 VF. No known damage. 13 VF intercepted on 5/13 near Moresby, 3 shot down others driven off.
- 5/15 CSWPF (Lae) 5 B-25s bombed Lae. All bombs landed on runway and buildings.
- 5/15 CSWPF Reconnaissance sighted no enemy aircraft at Salamaua.
- 5/18 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 9 type 0 VF attempted strafing Moresby aerodrome and harbor. No damage.
- 5/18 MIYORE Enemy aircraft activity in Northern Australia makes sea borne invasion of Port Moresby impossible now. Look into land approach possibilities. (Port Moresby)
- 5/18 CSWPF No air activity at aerodrome 3 miles NE of Lae. (Lae)
- 5/18 ACMB (Lae) Lae bombed 3 times damaging moored planes and starting large fires among buildings. 16 B-25s, 4 B-26s took part.
- 5/19 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 2 raids Moresby 5/18. 7 mile aerodrome bombed by 16 heavy bombers escorted by 18 fighters. Hit dispersal areas and runway causing minor damage. 29 Blue VF intercepted probably downing 3 bombers and 3 fighters.
- 5/20 CSWPF 3000 ton vessel probably tanker headed Lae sighted 4-15 S 150-50 E course 250 speed 8 0050 Z19. (Lae)
- 5/21 CSWPF 4000 ton tanker heading into Lae. (Lae)
- 5/21 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Moresby raided 5/20 by 12 type 0 fighters.
- 5/21 CSWPF (Lae) Aircraft strength Lae estimated by reconnaissance 12 bombers 9 VO ~~ixixi~~ 15 VF, Total 36.
- 5/22 CSWPF (Lae) Surprise attack Lae 5/21 making direct hits on moored planes. Left large fires. Considerable AA Fire. 8 VF took off to intercept. 2 shot down.
- 5/22 CSWPF (Lae) 15 VF, 5 VB dispersed off runway.
- 5/23 CSWPF (New Guinea) 2 warships entered Humboldt Bay 6 May and troops occupied Hollandia. (On north east coast New Guinea)
- 5/23 CSWPF (Lae) 5 Marauders attacked Lae 5/22 obtaining 2 direct hits on moored aircraft, hit near AA battery silenced same. Started fires. 4 near misses and strafing attack on tanker in harbor. Light AA opposition. 5 O VF destroyed of 8 which attempted interception. Parked close to runway were 8 O VF, 7 VB.

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- 5/23 WAKO 1 (Port Moresby) Message gives details of constructing road across New Guinea to Port Moresby.
- 5/24 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 1 Orange plane made photo reconnaissance of Port Moresby on 5/23.
- 5/24 CSWPF (Lae) Estimated enemy troop strength at Lae 6 to 800.
- 5/24 CSWPF Tanker sighted Lae on 5/22 departed on 5/23. 5 B-25s bombed Lae and aerodrome. Bombs dropped on moored aircraft. Results not observed. 2 Blue bombers lost. 4 very large bombers seen at Law aerodrome.
- 5/24 CSWPF Estimate enemy troop strength at Salamaua 150 to 200.
- 5/25 CSWPF (Salamaua) Reconnaissance saw 2 small ships at Salamaua.
- 5/27 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 2nd night raid on Moresby by 2 VP resulted in no damage to either side.
- 5/27 CSWPF (Lae) 4-P39, 3 P40 engaged 10 O VF near Lae on 5/26. Resulting losses 1 P39 and 2 maybe 3 Orange VF.
- 5/28 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Moresby raided 5/27 by 25 O VF. 25 Blue VF intercepted. Jap losses 3 -ours 3. No damage.
- 5/28 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Moresby raided by 15 O VF in formations of 9 and 6. Intercepted by 28 Blue VF. 1 shot down, 6 hit. 3rd night raid on Moresby by unknown number and type of planes. No damage.
- 5/29 ACNE (Port Moresby) 20 O VF attacked Moresby 1 or 2 shot down.
- 5/29 CSWPF (Port Moresby) 15 O VF headed for Moresby intercepted over Hood Bay.
- 5/29 ACNE (Lae) 5 B-26s attacked Lae. Results not seen. 6 VF intercepted 2 shot down, 2 crashed. 1 B-26 lost. Buildings on Aerodromw apparently burned out.
- 5/31 CSWPF (Lae) B-17s attacked Lae started fires among buildings in runway area and along piers.
- 6/5 CSWPF (Lae) 1 1000 ton AO approaching Lae 6/4.
- 6/9 CSWPF (Salamaua) Schooner at Salamaua loading men and bombs. 4 engined flying boat visited Salamaua afternoon of 6/8. Unconfirmed reports say enemy concentration at Kubo, 10 miles south of Salamaua.

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- 6/10 CSWPF (Lae) Forenoon 9th June 8 Allied bombers attacked Lae. Hitting town buildings and wharf area. Approx. same time 8 VBs bombed runway and buildings along Isthmus of Salamaua large fires started. Approx 20 orange zero intercepted partially and 7 allied VF engaged. Enemy losses 8-0 shot down possible 2 damaged. Own losses 1 Marauder down 5 damaged. 1 P-39 missing. Observed possible new type Jap fighter with larger engine. Later recon. nil enemy activity Lae. Large number of aircraft East Vunakenau Runway and also sighted Rabaul Harbor. 26 vessels inc. 3 large 5 medium. Nil interception of AA.
- 6/10 CSWPF (Salamaua) One schooner still at Salamaua where small launch arrived from Lae this morning. One schooner was sunk and AA gun destroyed during our raid Salamaua yesterday.
- 6/11 CSWPF Japs at Salamaua expect 2 warships with reinforcements to arrive soon, natives report.
- 6/11 CSWPF (Lae) Photos show 28 O VF, 3 VB dispersed.
- 6/16 CSWPF (Lae) Raided by one Catalina with demolition & incendiary & M.G. started fire.
- 6/16 CSWPF (Lae) Marauders & Fortresses bomb Lae with fighter escort.
- 6/16 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Raided this evening by 15 fighters intercepted by 14. 4-P39 missing 2 damaged. Enemy probable 2.
- 6/16 CSWPF (Salamaua) B-25s attack Salamaua with fighter escort.
- 6/16 CSWPF (Salamaua) Raided by one Catalina.
- 6/17 CSWPF (Salamaua) 9 B-25s attacked Salamaua oil fields, damage to runway. Nil opposition.
- 6/17 CSWPF (Port Moresby) Raid forenoon 16th 28 O fighters intercepted by 30 P-39s 4 enemy planes hit. 4 our aircraft missing 2 damaged.
- 6/17 CSWPF (Lae) Runways, fuel area, supply dumps Lae airdrome bombed yesterday by 3 fortresses 10 Marauders. Intercepted 6 - Os our P-39s dispersed these. 2 enemy 1 allied destroyed.
- 6/18 McArthur (Port Moresby) Attacked by 96 heavy bombers & 12-0s in escort. One O & one hostile bomber damaged. Our losses nil.

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- 6/21 CSWPF (Lae) 3 B-17s down 20th. hit runway probably damaged 2 bombers.
- 6/23 CSWPF (Salamaua) Reconnaissance confirms burned fuel dump.
- 6/24 CSWPF (Lae) Army scouts report 18 VF at Lae airdrome 6/23.
- 6/24 CSWPF (Lae) Bombed Building area LaeAirdrome results unassessed. Encountered fire from AA.
- 6/24 T 2 W (Port Moresby) Concentration of Units in major forces around general area of New Ireland, New Guinea and Solomons indicate forthcoming Moresby or Australia attack.
- 6/25 CSWPF (Salamaua) Air patrol from 1000 to 1100 and 1330 to 1430 daily.
- 6/27 CSWPF (Salamaua) One DD seen proceeding Salamaua from Lae 6/26.
- 6/27 CSWPF (7 Mile Airdrome-Port Moresby) Bombs dropped ineffectively 3 miles north of here during raid by 18 VB, 11VF. AA hit 2 VB 6 to 10 planes hit by Blue interceptors.
- 6/27 T.I. (New Guinea) Further impression that Belconna's expectation of some activity in this area shortly is correct.
- 6/27 CSWPF (New Guinea) Estimated enemy air strength 6/25. 33 VF. No VB or VP. Total 33.
- 6/28 CSWPF (Salamaua) Coast watcher reports 2 Jap reconnaissance float planes landed 0217 GCT 28th.
- 6/28 CSWPF (Salamaua) 3 Marauders bombed Salamaua Isthmus last night around landings Jap headquarters & Barracks. AA encountered from Kila Point. Isthmus. Vessels off Parsee Point.
- 6/29 CSWPF (New Guinea) Estimated Orange ground strength Dutch Guinea not exceeding 100 each. Fak Fak, Moemi, Hollandia, Bobo, Nabire, Sorong, Sarmi, Manokwari.
- 6/29 CSWPF (Lae) 2 Marauders last night bombed vicinity Lae Airdrome. AA Fire. Damage unknown.
- 6/29 CSWPF (Lae) Estimated ground strength 800.
- 6/29 CSWPF (Salamaua) Estimated Orange ground strength Salamaua not over 200.
- 6/30 CSWPF (Lae) Army observer states 3 two engine aircraft arrive Lae daily depart East after 4 hours.



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- 6/30 CSWPF (Salamaua) 2 - 95 float planes bombed Komiatum Yesterday.
- 7/1 CSWPF (Salamaua) Allied troops successfully raided here night of 27th 28th June. 60 enemy liquidated. Captured papers & equipment. Enemy AA active & received reinforcements by air from Lae and from New Britain in small vessel.
- 7/1 CSWPF (Lae) 3 Marauders about dawn dropped 52 - 100 lbs bombs Lae airrome. Jap headquarters, barracks & buildings. Results unobserved.
- 7/2 CSWPF (Lae) Preliminary report allied Surprise Raid Lae early morn. 1 July, resulted 41 enemy killed many wounded. Cut loss one killed two wounded. A convoy indicated as headed Lae-Salamaua area. 3 DD 2 AP.
- 7/2 CSWPF (Salamaua) Further report Salamaua raid claims 85 enemy casualties. ours 3 slightly wounded. Japs used 6 inch gunx mortar, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ machine guns. Captured equipment included automatic and other rifles, maps of New Guinea, defensive positions Moresby.
- 7/4 CSWP 4 hudsons bombed, aircraft, runway and strafed buildings on Isthmus last night. 3 B25's also bombed here early this morning (Salamaua)
- 7/4 CSWP 3 float planes departed northeast yesterday morning same time a motor boat examined buoys that vicinity (Salamaua)
- 7/5 CSWP (Port Morsby) 27 P-39's and P40's intercepted 20 Jap zero VF's over Port Morsby morning of July 4th.
- 7/5 CSWP Between 1625 and 1902 GCF 3rd Salomons bombed (aerodrome and buildings on Isthmus) by cats, 1 B25. (Salamaua)
- 7/5 CSWP Between 1428 and 0730 GCF 4th following planes bombed Lae - 4 catalinas 11 B-25's, 15 marauders and 6 fortresses. Hit runways, buildings and AA positions.
- 7/6 CSWP (Lae) On afternoon 3rd 2 B17's bombed runway. 12 Zeros intercepted.
- 7/7 CSWP (Lae) Photos 4th show 32 VF 4 VB on aerodrome.

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- 7/7 CSWP Bombs burst on dispersal area, runways, hangers, damaging some aircraft. Two direct hits Jap headquarters (Lae).
- 7/7 CSWP (Port Morsby) 20 Orange VP-10 VF raided 7 mile aerodrome yesterday morning. Destruction of small ammunition dump. 17 air cobras partially intercepted hit several enemy bombers three seen smoking. 1 zero hit - 1 P40 missing.
- 7/10 CSP (Lae) Enemy construction work accelerated in Lae area.
- 7/11 T2W (Lae) Large portion 14th pioneers and part of Sasebo 5th special land force to arrive about June 30th.
- 7/11 MACARTHUR (Lae) Reinforcements arrive at Lae by launch for Lae - Solomons area. Est. 300 to 400 now at Solomons.
- 7/11 CSWP Captured documents show a special landing force unloading construction workers left Truk July 10th for Lae and other islands.
- 7/11 CSWP (Salamaua) Motorboat arrived here afternoon of 10th.
- 7/11 CSWP (Port Morsby) 21 VB's 8 fighters raided here forenoon 10th. Engaged by AA batteries. 2 bombers down at sea one other possibly destroyed. Nil damage from bombs. 11 allied fighters airborne failed to intercept.
- 7/11 CSWP Apparent that enemy air force made detailed recon. of coast of New Guinea down to Cape Nelson prior to attack on Morsby forenoon 10th.
- 7/13 CSWP (Lae) 2 VP sighted in Lae harbor p.m. of 12th. 8 VF took off, but did not intercept.
- 7/13 CSWP Enemy aircraft movements indicated down to bearing 055° from Port Morsby. (Port Morsby).
- 7/13 CSWP (Salamaua) Coast watcher reports CA arrived Salamaua 2125Z12.
- 7/14 MACARTHUR Construction unit #14 arrived Lae 14th June and a naval landing force 14th July. Transported in 6600 ton Kengo Maru and 8400 ton Kinai Maru escort number 2 which includes DDs Oite and Hagate of Desdiv 30.

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- 7/14 CSWP (Salamaua) Air Photos Salamaua show new craters along peninsula and taxiway by aerodrome. Old craters near aerodrome unfilled. All buildings north end isthmus damaged
- 7/14 MACARTHUR Sasebo #5 special landing force sailed from Truk 10th July for eastern New Guinea.
- 7/15 CSWP (Salamaua) B17's bombed southwest corner runway and dispersal areas Salamaua aerodrome. Correct latitude 2 AK (tonnage 10 and 2000) one small torpedo boat was 03°S 0045 GCT 14th.
- 7/15 T2W 8th Base Force at Rabaul is most active in radio traffic in southern areas. Associated with several new calls which are probably minor defense and billeting detachments in the Solomons - New Guinea area. Association with new 8th Fleet suggests CinC 8th Fleet will have command of all these forces.
- 7/17 CSWP (Salamaua) Fortress forenoon 16th bombed supply dumps Salamaua aerodrome results unobserved.
- 7/17 MACARTHUR FAK FAK. Natives report enemy strength now 66 with 2 patrol vessels. Japs contemplating expedition to Toel by end of month.
- 7/21 T.I. (Lae) Lae radio at 1415/21 sent a short contact despatch to Comcrudiv 18 informing him of an air raid at Lae. An allied plane 6 hours earlier saw 12 vessels and 2 CA near Solomona. Apparently Crudiv 18 is escorting to New Guinea.
- 7/21 CSWP Jap VP recon Horn Island yesterday.
- 7/21 CSWP Coast watcher Ambasi eastern New Guinea reports 2 DDs standing down coast 0456 GCT 21st. Planes covering vessels
- 7/21 SWP Persistent reports from coast watchers Ambasi 008° 16'S 148° 12' E indicates 2 warships type undetermined passed there on course south at 0515 GCT 21st.
- 7/21 CSWP (Salamaua) Aircraft report sighting 2220 GCT/20 . Posit. 07-15 S. 148-30E course 260, speed 12 - 12 enemy shipping including 4 DDs 2 vessels described battleships more probably cruisers or merchantmen. Destination probably Salamaua..

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- 7/21 CSWP 26 VB escorted by 15VF raided 7 mile aerodrome Morsby forenoon 29th hitting runways destroying some AvGs starting grass fires. 20 aircobras partially intercepted with no observed results. One allied fighter missing. (Port Morsby)
- 7/22 CSWP Patrol of 120 Jap advanced with seaplane air support via Kmoiatam to attack Mubo New Guinea 21st but were repulsed.
- 7/22 CSWP Off Buna 13 our fighters at 30 feet strafed 6 enemy landing boats sinking one barge and killing many enemy personnel about 0900 King 22nd. Approximate same time 5 E-25's bombed unsuccessful smaller boat of two transports. Larger one observed burning from earlier attack. Then 5 maruders bombed same force obtaining direct hit on burning transport
- 7/22 (Buna) Orange has apparently landed troops in vicinity of Buna in face of allied air attack and the surface vessels are now retiring. This landing is believed preparatory to an overland attack on Morsby.
- 7/22 CSWP (Buna) Later report on Buna. Nine hours after attack AP previously bombed observed aground still burning and being unloaded by small boats. Marauders strafed personnel on beach. Nil aircraft but much AA from ships and shore near Buna mission plus one battery mile inland. Some MTB's armed with AA machine guns patrolled around landing posts. Three DDs 4 miles north transports. 1033 King 9 fortresses bombed AP escorted by 2 DDs course N. position 08°-25 S. 148°-20 E. Nil hits reported observed from aircraft, but probably same force ALBSE reported probably hit.
- 7/22 CSWP Due to high speed evasive tactics of enemy force Marauders unsuccessfully bombed formation one CA or large DD one AP 3 or 4 DDs 2 or 3 small vessels. Approximate course NE. Posit. 07°48' S. 148°-20' E. 0340/GCT/22nd. Possibly headed Dampier Strait or St. George's channel.
- 7/23 CSWP Photos obtained during Gona attack show 2 merchant vessels burning, 1 about 4000 tons. Near misses on 2 DDs. Other shipping included one 7000 ton AP, 1 vessel about 9,000 tons possibly a landing boat carrier, several torpedo boats and small motorboats. 22 barges close inshore at Buna mission. 4 AA near mission buildings. Between 0630 and 1105K/23 July enemy camp at Gona was bombed and strafed by 1 hudson, 12 P40's, 5 aircobras, 5 A-24's. (Buna)



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- 7/23 CSWP (Buna) Large enemy AP grounded and afire at Gona was hit by 2 bombs from fortresses. NOIC Morsby who was in bomber over target says force consisted of 2 cruisers, 1 DD, 1 AP about 8,000 tons (vessel hit) 2 AK 5 and 6 thousand tons, 2 AMS, several motor boats. All except damaged ship departed northward. Marauders claim hit on stern of a destroyer.
- 7/23 CSWP (Buna) Our fighters made 3 strafing attacks. B25's and fortresses each attack Gona area during afternoon. Observed large number Japanese in beach tents erected. Native huts used, boxes of stores stacked on beach, Approximately 20 landing barges ashore, several light anti-aircraft batteries around camp. Single aircobra heavily hit probably destroyed one type 95 float plane over Gona.
- 7/23 CSWP Vessel possibly a DD arrived Salamau 0825/K 23rd. (Salamaua)
- 7/23 CSWP (Salamaua) 3 kitty Hawks strafed corvette type vessel and float plane north Salamaua about 0700K/23rd.
- 7/23 CSWP Recon plane sighted 1 DD 1 medium merchant position 03-50S 151-40E course 279 at 0423 GCT/23rd.
- 7/23 CSWP Four enemy fighters were over Morsby on 7/22.
- 7/24 CSP Strength Gona-Buna area July 22nd. from Air Reconnaissance: 2 CA, 1 DD, 1 AP 8,000 tons, 2 AK 5,000 tons, 2 AMS several motorboats. Other DDs believed nearby. AA guns established and 22 landing barges were seen on the beach at Gona. Total CAs present plus those indicated as scheduled for Rabaul area include 2 Tones, and 2 Tatsuta. No evidence of carrier support/
- 7/24 CSWP (Salamaua) Coast watcher reports arrival cargo vessel 2000 tons 2215 GCT/22nd.
- 7/24 CSP Lae air strength indicated as increased by units from Rabaul (Lae).
- 7/25 CSWP (Buna) 2 Catalinas last night bombed Buna results unobserved but saw fire ashore and ship still burning. B25 bombing same area this morning saw nil activity.
- 7/26 T.I. Comdr. Seaplane base force believed to be at Salamaua (Salamaua)

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- 7/27 CSWP On afternoon of 25th our land forces engaged ~~stuck~~ Japanese patrols near Mubo, inflicted many casualties forcing enemy with withdrawal to Salamua. Japs occupy buildings North end of Isthmus, Salamua, and have radio station in AWA Bldg. Air raid shelters in tunnels from quarry also under tennis courts. (Salamua)
- 7/27 CSWP Another enemy force engaged and driven back at Camari East Kokoda the 25th. Our land forces 1200/GCT report cannot hold Kokoda aerodrome due to encirclement part of force. Report 6 vessels off Buna 0744/26th corrected to consist 2 DD, 1 AD 7000 tons at that time 2 Marudas unsuccessfully bombed 1 DD.
- 7/27 T2W Civil Engineers from Marshalls to move to New Guinea - Solomons area for construction work.
- 7/29 CSWP Medium size unidentified vessel 2200Z 28th anchored off nightingale Bay (3-40S 143-50E) reported by coast watcher.
- 7/29 CSWP (Port Morsby) Flying boat at 0930Z 28th dropped bombs harmlessly near Morsby.
- 7/31 CSWP Indications Orange Desdiv 30 Wednesday noon was near Lae. and associated Comdesrons Buna landing Force at Buna and New Guinea occupation force at Rabaul.
- 7/30 R.D. Indications of further advances in Solomons - New Guinea area.
- 7/30 NSS DD KUMU5 addressed Tatsuta, Tainan Air Comdr. Sasebo 5th Special Landing Force and Comcrudiv 8. Was doubleheaded to above addressees plus CofS 8th in operational code and indicates some division of forces in New Guinea area. Probably Comdr of KUMU5 (a DD in Desron 6) is in command of portion of operations.
- 7/31 CSWP 8 fortresses claim 5 direct hits AA approximately 7000 tons. Nil hits escorting DD located 07°S. 148°-45' E. Northerly course. These vessels straffed from 200 feet silencing AA. Transport. burned fiercely. Same flight made two hits previously wrecked vessel beached Gona. Attack made 0700 GCT/30th. Two schooners seen anchored off Gona 1610 GCT 30th. Aircraft this morning sighted one merchant vessel anchored 8 miles West North West Buna.



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- 7/31 T2W (Buna) Indications from urgent despatches that escort units in Buna area were attacked by probably aircraft.
- 7/31 CSWP (Buna) Now consider vessel hit by A24's afternoon 29th medium transport not DD. Still burning yesterday aft.
- 8/1 MACARTHUR From report of operations 1400Z/29th to 1400Z/30th bombs dropped on 7-mile airdrome - no damage
- 8/1 NSS Operations in SW area appear to be imminent but difficult to identify and locate high commands in that area, and estimate of objective difficult.
- 8/1 MACART (Buna) Two single merchant vessels escorted by 1 or 3 DDs respectively sighted between Buna - Lampier Strait. Another close inshore Garara (5 miles north west Buna. Reported that Japs landed from 6 launches July 29th at Katuna (near Gona)
- 8/3 CSWP (Lae) Estimated air strength Aug. 2nd Lae 26 VF 3 VB and 3 float.
- 8/3 T2W Traffic association involving CinC Southwestern Force, Ambon Base Force, CinC 8th, 8th Base Force may indicate plans for coordinating operations by Southern (East of New Guinea) and South Western (West of New Guinea) Forces.
- 8/4 CSWP (Port Morsby) Enemy VP flights have been noted to South West Morsby retiring over Samarai.
- 8/4 CSWP (Lae) Lae airdrome bombed by one catalina early morning 3rd - results unobserved.
- 8/4 CSWP Nil shipping Collingwood Bay.
- 8/4 CSWP Salamaua isthmus bombed by 1 catalina early morning 3rd results unobserved.

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Wau attacked by 9 enemy bombers June 2. No details available.

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- 1/11 Runway demolished by delay action fuse. (Rabaul)
- 1/16 CinCAF Vunakanau) Airfield attacked. 20 bombers; little damage.  
(Lakunsi) air field attacked by 17 aircraft.
- 1/19 (Rabaul) 100 VB VF attacked 36 (95 Mitsubishi)  
9 (97 Kawanishi VP) 12 VF 24 (97 Kawasaki)
- 1/19 (Rabaul) 5 Mirraway lost, 1 Hudson damaged.  
Herstein (Nor.) destroyed, copra wharves also.
- 1/20 (RABAU) 2 8" 2 6" cruisers 03-22S 150-09 E c/c 130  
speed 20 2 CV near.
- 1/20 ACNB (Rabaul) 3 enemy aircraft shot down by AA.
- 1/22 11 ships seen off Watom Island (10 miles Rabaul).
- 2/23 ACNB 11 merchant in Rabaul - 3 CL-CA 1 DD 1 CV 5 miles  
from Praed Point.
- 1/23 (Rabaul) landed.
- 1/24 ACNB (Jacquinot Bay) Zuikaku? class sighted here.
- 1/24-25 ACNB (Rabaul) attacked by 5 Catalinas - 62 bombs 2 probable  
hits on warship - fires. Heavy AA fire.
- 1/28-29 ACNB (Rabaul) attacked by 5 Catalinas, 12 ships in harbor  
2 hit. 2 AA in NW part.
- 1/30 ACNB Rec. 4 CA-CL 6 DD 4 small, 5 VP 13 AP bombed 1/30 also  
1/31 1 direct hit.
- 2/1 ACNB 4 Catalinas attacked - hits?
- 2/6 ACNB (Gasmata) landed 6 DD - 2 AC lying off.
- 2/11 (Gasmata) 3 Hudsons attacked. 2 APs hit - 1 enemy VF  
shot down. 2 Hudsons lost. Present 3 aircraft, 2 AP,  
1 AO, 1 SS, 1 or 2 CL 3 to 5 DD
- 2/13 (Gasmata) Bombed runways. Saw 1 AP, 3 DD 4 VF
- 2/14 (Rabaul) 3 CL, 2 DD, 1 CV, 6 VP, 6 SCC. At Vunakanau  
6-1 engine 8 twin engine.
- 2/18 (Rabaul) Kerstein beached, 4 CL-CA, 1 AV, 1 AO, 1 CM,  
13 merchant ( or total of 18) 9 VP, 11 VBH, 2 sea, at  
Vunakanau, 7 VF at Lakunai.

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- 2/19 ACNB (Jacquinot) Air rec. 2130 Z 1 large AP 2 DD
- 2/23 (Gasmata) Jacquinot Bay - Catalinas and B 17 raided Gasmata daylight. Enemy VFs here.
- 2/23 (Rabaul) raided by Catalinas and B17s. 2 20,000 ton ships seen. AA fire.
- 2/24 (Rabaul) 1115 Z 1 Catalina
- 2/25 (Rabaul) 2 Catalinas, 12 bombs, 12 ships in harbor
- 2/26 (Rabaul) raid - carpenters wharf and ship damaged. Vunakanau hit, 6 enemy planes
- 4/18 N.B.Air For. (New Britain) Request 1000 copies of documents, papers etc. including complete charts of Australia be sent on transport plane leaving Yokohama April 20-21
- 4/20 R.I. (Rabaul) possible BB or BB div. appears enroute to Rabaul Area.
- 4/20 R.I. Tainan Air is in Rabaul Area.
- 4/20 R.I. (Rabaul) SubRon 8 may be scheduled for Rabaul Area
- 4/20 ComAnz (Rabaul) 6 B26s attacked Rabaul shipping, made one direct hit unidentified vessel. Another plane dropped 7 bombs among buildings east of southeast end of runway starting large fires. Straffed moored VPs possibly hitting 2. Machine gunned transport.
- 4/20 ComAnz (Rabaul) Reconnaissance indicates few aircraft on airdrome, 3 ships at wharves, 2 others in harbor, 1 AP headed away and one merchantman headed in near Duke of York Island. 2 Hudsons made night attack on Rabaul and 4 fortresses made day attack
- 4/21 ACNB (New Britain) Japanese are encouraging natives to recognize a district officer, a Swede named Kyllert stationed at Stockholm (West Coast of Gazelle) and married to a German woman.
- 4/22 CSMPF (Rabaul) 9 B26s attacked Rabaul.
- 4/22 ACNB (Rabaul) on 4/20 2 bombers attacked Rabaul causing fires. One large ship in harbor. 2 other aircraft attacked Stockholm plantation, ( 50 miles west) demolishing buildings.



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- 4/22 N.B. AIR (New Britain) Schedule: depart Ambon 4/22; Davao 4/24 - Lentt -? 4/30; Kure Area 5/4. You will convoy as far as the north of --RA the Nitcho Maru and as far as Takeo the --? Maru.
- 4/23 CSWPF (Rabaul) 3 fortresses dropped 6 1000 lbs. bombs northwest side Rabaul harbor possibly hitting wharf and near-miss on vessel. 6 enemy fighters patrolling over area, but made no attack. Fairly strong anti-aircraft fire from ships.
- 4/24 CSWPF (New Britain) Guns reported on Watom Island - Northern end New Britain. Anti-Aircraft battery on Ulu Island near Duke of York.
- 4/24 CSWPF (New Britain) No enemy activity at Cape Gloucester (North New Britain) B26s bombed 3 transports in Talili Bay (South Watom Island) obtained near misses. Reconnaissance Duke of York Island revealed no aerodrome but small freighter and yacht at anchor. Submarine on surface St. George channel 9 miles southeast Cape Gazelle. 3 5000 ton APs underway in Ataliklipus Bay. Total shipping seen in Rabaul area 4/23 - 16 vessels.
- 4/24 R.I. Gunboat Div 8 at Sasebo, but traffic indicates a return to Rabaul.
- 4/24 CSWPF 3 Marauders dropped incendiaries on wharves Simpson harbor starting fires. Encountered little AA fire. Machine gunned ships and personnel in harbor. Saw 2 large, 5 medium transports. One at a new wharf.
- 4/24 NERI 1 Maru (Air Tender or Carrier) left Truk for Rabaul eta 1700 26 April. Route points: Z 6 N 154 E: "A" 0 N 153 E.
- 4/24 CSWPF (Casmata) Airdrome used as fighter base with buildings and anti-aircraft gun emplacements.
- 4/24 WIRA 4 (Rabaul) 4 planes of Yokohama air arrived Rabaul 1615/24. Yokohama air is a VP outfit.
- 4/25 R.I. (New Britain) #5 Air Attack Force is in New Britain Area.
- 4/25 HEO 4 (Rabaul) Fujikawa Maru enroute Rabaul from Palao with escort.
- 4/26 Tambor (New Britain) Sighted no vessels in 5 days patrol Cape St. George and 2 days Queen Carola Harbor. St. George channel is millpond slick and is patrolled by 2 or 3 small warships and numerous picket boats in vicinity Rabaul. Coast watchers light fires to assist picket boats on dark nights.



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- 4/26 Comb. (New Britain) Air reinforcements for New Britain area in near future from Marianas and Marshalls bases.
- 4/26 R.I. (Rabaul) Indications that the 4th, 5th and 6th air attack forces are concentrated at Rabaul.
- 4/26 CSWP (Rabaul) Photos show small vessels in harbor along undamaged docks.
- 4/27 CSWP (Rabaul) Small freighters, enemy small warships, and picket boats apparently without ASDIC patrol vicinity Rabaul-Cape St. George.
- 4/27 Comb. (New Britain) Air activity in New Britain, Marshalls and Carolines is increasing.
- 4/27 NIRI 6 (Rabaul) Daily air search to 600 miles.
- 4/28 CSWP (Rabaul) Probable that 2 submarines arrived Rabaul.
- 4/28 CSWP (Rabaul) Photos show 15 vessels and 1 DD in Rabaul, 6 planes moored on airfield and 3 flying boats in harbor.
- 4/28 NETO 8 (Rabaul) "RZP" occupation force will rendezvous at Rabaul. Will depart on "X minus 7 day" and proceed to deboyne Island for another rendezvous on "X minus 5 day."
- 4/29 CSWP (New Britain) Total of 31 enemy vessels sighted in New Britain area between Rabaul and Kavieng.
- 4/29 CSWP (New Britain) Estimated air strength New Britain: 12 fighters, 21 bombers, 16 patrol, 4 seaplanes - total, 53.
- 5/1 Comb. (Rabaul) 2 cruisers arriving Rabaul about 5/4.
- 5/2 CSWP (Gasmata) Attacked by B-26's with demolition bombs, incendiaries. Hit buildings and also strafed.
- 5/2 CSWP (Rabaul) Radio traffic heavy to and from Rabaul. Much construction work of aircraft dispersal areas, fuel dumps and AA batteries at Vunakanau aerodrome.



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- 5/3 ACNB (Rabaul) 7 B-26's attacked shipping at Rabaul. Hits on buildings and wharves. Direct hit on transport, 3 near misses on another, 1 light cruiser, 1 DD, 19 transports in area.
- 5/3 CSWP (Rabaul) 2 B-17's obtained direct hits with 500 lb. bombs on 2 ships in Rabaul and 4 near misses.
- 5/3 WAKO 1 (Rabaul) "R" Force Opord #--- ---- Maru arrives Rabaul 0800 4 May via (west?) of "RN" Comdr. 2nd Air provide patrol plane reconnaissance (2 or 3 planes) and furnish inner air patrol until entrance.
- 5/3 WAKO 1 (Rabaul) Takao arrives 0800/14 via (direction) of "RN".
- 5/4 CSWP (Rabaul) Reconnaissance of 5/4 sighted 20 to 25 APs and one large warship, either BB or CA.
- 5/5 Comb. (Rabaul) Cinc 4 in Rabaul.
- 5/5 CSWP (New Britain) Possibly enemy aerodrome on Laloban Island off north New Britain.
- 5/5 Cincpac (New Britain) Enemy air strength New Britain area: 18 fighters, 17 heavy bombers, 14 fighters.
- 5/5 ACNB (New Britain) Numerous orange units operating between New Guinea, New Britain and Solomons and to south. Enemy occupying islands in Solomon Group, and establishing aerodromes on small islands around northern New Britain (includes Sule, Laloban and Tonore). In addition to occupation forces, these are CVs, CAs and other warships, possibly including BBs Cardiv 5 and Crudiv 5 are both included.
- 5/6 CSWP (Rabaul) Reconnaissance at Rabaul afternoon of 5/6 revealed 7 ships in harbor, 1 burning, 1 leaving, 1 broke in half at dock. Docks burned out.
- 5/8 R.I. (Rabaul) Comcardiv 5, Comcrudiv 5, Cinc 4th using Rabaul radio.
- 5/8 R.I. (Rabaul) Crudiv 6 with Ryukaku in Rabaul area. Kasuga Maru between Marshalls and Coral Sea. Fujikawa and Kani-kawa probably in Rabaul area. 2nd Air Attack Corps associated with activity by radio traffic through 5th Air Attack Corps.

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- 5/8 SOITA 4 (Rabaul) ---- postponed. Transports to Rabaul escorts to ??
- 5/8 UHE (Rabaul) Have Marshalls air forces shore based planes proceed immediately to Rabaul and take part in the campaign.
- 5/10 R.I. (Rabaul) Movement of air units from Marshalls to Rabaul are indicated.
- 5/10 SOKA 3 (Rabaul) The convoy of "MO" occupation force ships reached Rabaul at 1500 on the 9th without incident to remain anchored until further orders.
- 5/11 CSWP (New Britain) Orange Aircraft in New Britain totals 55 including 21 VF, 16 VB, 14 VP, 4 float planes.
- 5/11 NURU 7 (Rabaul) South seas force Op report #21 covers operations in Rabaul area and "MO" campaign 4/30 to 5/8.
- 5/12 CSWP (Rabaul) Aircraft sighted 7 AP, 12 other vessels in Rabaul harbor 5/12.
- 5/13 CSWP (Rabaul) Sighted 13 APs in Rabaul on 5/13.
- 5/14 R.I. (New Britain) Crudiv 6, Crudiv 5, Zuikaku, Comcardiv 5, Cinc 4th Fleet, Gunboat Div 8, Comdesron 6, using Rabaul radio cover.
- 5/14 CSWP (Rabaul) 3 B-17s attacked shipping Rabaul 5/13, making near misses on vessels in harbor.
- 5/14 RIYO 8 (Rabaul) (FM NSS to Comb) Plan to leave RR (Rabaul) at 1530 and arrive QXE (RXE?) tomorrow the 15th (error) 1230,; please notify time of entering port and anchorage.
- 5/14 CSWP (Rabaul) 2 fortresses attacking shipping Rabaul about 9 hours local 13th made 1 possibly 2 other near misses and believed shot down 1 "intercepting" fighter.
- 5/14 CSWP (Rabaul) Photos Rabaul Harbor 13 May 1 CL, 12 AP inside, 1 transport outside.
- 5/15 CSWP (Rabaul) 20 vessels, no warships in Rabaul at 2320Z/13. 1 AP entering; 1 AO 70 miles south coming in.



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- 5/15 CSWP (Rabaul) 3 Marauders bombed 2 AP in Rabaul getting near misses. 15 enemy VF intercepted; 7 shot down. 3 B-17s bombed 15,000 ton AP accompanied by smaller AP and anti-aircraft ships 20 miles south of Rabaul heading towards Lae. No hits.
- 5/20 CSWP (New Britain) Dampier Strait (West end New Britain) being used constantly by enemy supply vessels and small combatant ships operating between Rabaul and Salamaua-Lae.
- 5/20 CSWP (Rabaul) Enemy probably using Coconut Plantations north and south to conceal storage supplies; also dispersed personnel 3 inch battery located 190 yards southwest from runway 600 yards from northwest end Vunakanau Airfield.
- 5/21 CSWP (Rabaul) Est. enemy aircraft by sightings: 30 VF, 28 bombers 12 VP, 6 VO total - - 76.
- 5/23 CSWP (Rabaul) 5 B-17s attacked Rabaul 5/22 obtaining near misses on large AP and hit on dock causing fire. Attacked Aircraft at Vunakanau. Saw 7 APs of 8 to 10,000 tons and 10 smaller vessels. 1 large warship in harbor. 30 to 50 bombers closely packed on or near runways. Many fighters see also.
- 5/25 CSWP (Rabaul) Sighted 5 large and 7 small ships and 8 seaplanes moored in harbor. Considerable AA fire. 3 Marauders bombed Vunakanau aerodrome from 1500 feet, obtaining direct hits on 2 VB. 19 bombers causing fires. Heavier than usual AA fire.
- 5/26 CSWP (Rabaul) Photos of 5/24 show 5 float planes in harbor and 10 four engined VP moored nearby. 7 VB and 17 VF on aerodrome. 1 DD, 12 AP seen in harbor.
- 5/28 CSWP (New Britain) Shore based aircraft in New Britain - New Ireland area: 21 VF, 38 VB, 12 VP, 15 VOS - total 86.
- 5/28 CSWP 3 B-17s bombed wharves at Rabaul starting fires on 27 May. Saw unknown number of vessels in harbor.
- 5/28 CSWP Saw at Rabaul 5VP, 1 large, 3 small AP, 4 small craft.
- 5/29 CSWP Rabaul attacked by 6-B17s starting large fires, 1 large, 3 small AP, 4 small boats, 9 flying boats at Rabaul.
- 5/29 CSWP 2 B-17s dropped demolition, incendiary bombs at Rabaul docks. Started fires.

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- 5/30 CSWP Strange towers around Rabaul and other Jap occupied Islands. May be radar.
- 5/31 CSWP Sightings in Simpson Harbor May 27; 12 vessels probably APs. 18 VF at Lakunai.
- 6/6 CSWP 3 B-17s attacked Rabaul with demolition and incendiary bombs starting fires.
- 6/10 CSWP Fortress attacking Rabaul this morning saw 25 to 30 aircraft mostly fighters, Lakunai, shipping included 15 small vessels, 13 medium size, 2 large, one of which ~~appeared~~ appeared like an ocean liner.
- 6/11 CSWP 5 B-17s bombed Vunakanau hitting buildings, runway and aircraft. 7 VF intercepted; 1 shot down. Shipping in harbor; 6 large, 12 medium, 7 small ships.
- 6/12 CSWP 20 VB, 4 VF sighted at Vunakanau. Some possibly dummies. At Lakunai were 7 VB and 8 VP.
- 6/12 CSWP Subsequent sightings of vessels in Simpsons Harbor show 1 large vessel, possibly AO, 1 medium AP, 6 other average sized vessels and numerous small craft.
- 6/13 MCARTHUR Photos Rabaul 11th; 7 float planes, 12 flying boats, 7 bombers. 1 fighter Lakunai. 26 bombers, 4 fighters Vunakanau. 1 large ship 1 DD 1 tanker 5 other ships, small vessels. Allied attack 12th observed 1 large tanker 5 small vessels, 1 4000 ton tanker about 80 miles S by E Rabaul 130 degrees. 8 B-17s attack Rabaul 7 300 lb bombs dropped Vunakanau aerodrome.
- 6/13 MCARTHUR 4 B-17s attack Rabaul dawn 13th hitting runways and dispersal zones. Buildings. Shipping sighted; 1 AP 15000 ton 6 smaller vessels and small craft. 20 aircraft.
- 6/13 MCARTHUR Gasmata raided by 1 B-17 7 300 lb bombs dropped. 1 B-17 strafed Mata airdrome from 500 feet.
- 6/14 MCARTHUR Photo Rabaul 11th June Carpenters Wharf partially destroyed.
- 6/21 T2W Indications are increasing for a large concentration of auxiliary vessels in the Truk-Rabaul area.



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- 6/21 CSWP About 0100 K (-10) 20th 2 Catalinas bombed wharf area Rabaul with demolition and incendiaries starting fires.
- 6/24 T2W Indications continue of unusual activity in New Ireland, New Guinea, Solomons area probably centering around Rabaul. Many unidentified men-of-war and Maru Air Tenders are known to be in the area. May be vessels with midget subs on board for northern Australia attack. Cinc 4th Fleet concentrating units in Truk area.
- 6/24 CSWP 7 "O's" took off (Lakunai, Rabaul Airfield) to intercept reconnaissance 6/22. 6 enemy landplanes flights airdrome plus 3 seaplanes. Bearings indicate searched to 400 miles south of New Britain.
- 6/24 CSWP Sighted 3 medium AP, 1 possible CL or DD, 3 smaller vessels.
- 6/24 CSWP New enemy AA guns in Rabaul area.
- 6/25 T2W Comdr. Tulagi Base, Comdr. Kavieng Base, Comdr. Aru Landing Force now at Kavieng but associated with Rabaul Army activities. May soon move to Rabaul for operations southward.
- 6/25 T.I. Indications of movement of vessels, troops and supplies from Malay to Rabaul area soon.
- 6/25 CSWP Photo of 6/23 reveal; 1 CL or DD, 1 XAV with 4 seaplanes on deck, 1 medium AK, 1 AO, 1 small cargo ship and 9 float planes in harbor.
- 6/25 CSWP Sighted 6/24 5 large, 3 small vessels, 5 VP, 15 float planes.
- 6/25 R.D. Indication of future movements of auxiliary vessels into Rabaul area.
- 6/25 CSWP 5 VP, 2 VF here (Lakunai Airfield) 6/23. Part of airdrome obscured in photo.
- 6/25 5 small planes seen 6/24.
- 6/25 CSWP 10 float planes anchored here (MATUPI)

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- 6/27 CSWP Estimated Orange strength in Bismark Archipelago on 6/26. 24 VF, 44 VB, 11 VP, 23 observation and scout planes. Total 102. These divided between New Britain and New Ireland.
- 6/27 R.D. Increasing activity in New Britain area may be expected.
- 6/27 T2W Army traffic over Navy circuits considerably increased. Navy traffic about normal.
- 6/29 CSWP Present Orange ground strength estimated as follows; mainly Rabaul & adjacent Islands 12,000.
- 6/29 T.I. Activity and interest of Cinc 4th in Rabaul area very marked.
- 6/29 R.D. Activities increasing this area.
- 6/30 T.I. Kiyokawa Maru (AV) indicated this area.
- 7/1 CSWP Indications reduced enemy air activity.



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- 22 CSWP Incomplete report fortresses sighted 2 transports Rabaul 1330 King about same time air patrol saw one CA position 03°-05 S. 148°-27 E. course no. ~~SECRET~~
- 23 NSS Rabaul radio sending R.I. dope on U.S. planes and translations of intercepted U.S. traffic to forces in the Rabaul area including Comcrudiv 18, 6th Air Attack Corps, 8th Base Force.
- 23 T.I. Rabaul center of activity of Truk, Marshalls, Rabaul areas. Indications of accelerated movements from Truk to Rabaul.
- 24 NSS Submarine activity increasing - Rabaul.
- 24 T.I. Several units using Rabaul radio cover.
- 24 CSP Indications more submarines from Japan to Rabaul area.
- 25 T.I. Rabaul continues to be the focal point of radio activity. Association of Davao Army units with Rabaul is more pronounced.
- 26 T.I. Continues to be most active in traffic - Rabaul.
- TEL. CENTER (L.) #26 11 medium size vessels and one large ship were seen in Rabaul harbor 19th June. Also 7 flying boats in harbor and 14 aircraft in airdromes.
- 26 NSS Army traffic heavy - indications of more amphibious troops enroute Rabaul from Davao.
- 26 NSS Comdr. of the 6th Army shown somewhere near Rabaul on 7/25.
- 26 NSS Very heavy intelligence traffic - Rabaul.
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4/20 R.I. (Rabaul) Subron 8 may be scheduled for Rabaul area.  
4/20 Comanzac (Rabaul) 6 B-26s attacked Rabaul shipping, made one direct hit unidentified vessel. Another plane dropped 7 bombs among buildings east of southeast end of runway starting large fires. Straffed moored VPs possibly hitting 2. Machine gunned transport.  
4/20 Comanzac (Rabaul) Reconnaissance indicates few aircraft on airdrone, 3 ships at wharves, 2 others in harbor, one AP headed away and one merchantman headed in near Duke of York Island. 2 Hudsons made night attack on Rabaul and 4 fortresses made day attack.  
See Next Page #1  
4/21 CSWPF (Rabaul) 9 B26s attacked Rabaul  
4/22 ACNB (Rabaul) On 4/20 2 bombers attacked Rabaul causing fires. One large ship in harbor. 2 other aircraft attacked Stockholm plantation, (50 miles west) demolishing buildings.  
See Next Page #2  
4/23 CSWPF (Rabaul) 3 fortresses dropped 6 1000 lb. bombs northwest side Rabaul harbor possibly hitting wharf and near-miss on vessel. 6 enemy fighters patrolling over area, but made no attack. Fairly strong anti-aircraft fire from ships.  
See Next Page #3  
4/24 R.I. Gunboat Div 8 at Sasebo, but traffic indicates a return to Rabaul.  
4/24 CSWP 3 Marauders dropped incendiaries on wharves Simpson harbor starting fires. Encountered little AA fire. Machine gunned ships and personnel in harbor. Saw 2 large, 5 medium transports. One at a new wharf.  
4/24 CSNP (Rabaul) Total shipping in Rabaul area on 4/23 - 16 vessels (See above)  
4/24 ~~CSWP~~ Maru (air tender or carrier) left Truk for Rabaul eta 1700 26 April. Route points: "Z" 6 N 154 E; "A" 0 N 153 E.  
4/24 CSWP (Gasmata) Airdrone used as fighter base with buildings and anti-aircraft gun emplacements.  
4/24 ~~CSWP~~ (Rabaul) 4 planes of Yokohama air arrived Rabaul 1615/24. Yokohama air is a VP outfit.  
4/25 R.I. (New Britain) #5 Air Attack force is in New Britain area.  
4/25 ~~CSWP~~ (Rabaul) Fujikawa Maru enroute Rabaul from Palao with escort.  
4/26 Tambor (New Britain) Sighted no vessels in 5 days patrol Cape St. George and 2 days Queen Carola harbor. St. George channel is millpond slick and is patrolled by 2 or 3 small warships and numerous picket boats in vicinity Rabaul. Coast watchers light fires to assist picket boats on dark nights.  
4/26 Comb. (New Britain) Air reinforcements for New Britain area in near future from Marianas and Marshalls bases.  
4/26 R.I. (Rabaul) Indications that the 4th, 5th and 6th air attack forces are concentrated at Rabaul.  
4/26 CSNP (Rabaul) Photos show small vessels in harbor along undamaged docks.



NEW BRITAIN (cont'd)

4/27 Comb. (New Britain) Air activity in New Britain, Marshalls and Carolines is increasing.

4/27 CSWPF (Rabaul) Small freighters, enemy small warships, and picket boats apparently without ASDIC patrol vicinity Rabaul-Cape St. George.

4/28 CSWPF (Rabaul) Probable that 2 submarines arrived Rabaul.

4/28 CSWPF (Rabaul) Photos show 15 vessels and 1 DD in Rabaul, 6 planes moored on airfield and 3 flying boats in harbor.

~~4/27~~ (Rabaul) Daily air search to 600 miles.

4/28 Comb. (Rabaul) Kamikawa Maru and part of desron 6 in Rabaul.

4/28 ~~NETS-8~~ (Rabaul) "RZP" occupation force will rendezvous at Rabaul. Will depart on "X minus 7 day" and proceed to Deboyne Island for another rendezvous on "X minus 5 day."

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#1 4/21 ACNB

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#2 4/22 ~~HO~~  
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#3 4/24 CSWPF

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4/24 CSWPF

(New Britain) Japanese are encouraging natives to recognize a district officer, a Swede named Kyllert stationed at Stockholm (West Coast of Gazelle) and married to a German woman.

(New Britain) Schedule: depart Ambon 4/22; Davao 4/24 - LANTT - ? 4/30; Kure Area 5/4. You will convey as far as the north of - - RA the Nitcho Maru and as far as Takao the -? Maru.

(New Britain) Guns reported on Watom Island - northern end New Britain. Antiaircraft battery on Ulu Island - near Duke of York.

(New Britain) No enemy activity at Cape Gloucester (north New Britain). B 26s bombed 3 transports in Talili Bay (south Watom Island) obtained near misses. Reconnaissance Duke of York Island revealed no aerodrome, but small freighter and yacht at anchor. Submarine on surface St. George channel 9 miles southeast Cape Gazelle. 3 5,000 ton APs underway in Ataliklik Bay. Total shipping seen in Rabaul area 4/23 - 16 vessels.

5/1 Comb. (Rabaul) 2 cruisers arriving Rabaul about 5/4.

5/2 CSWP (Gasmata) Attacked by B-26s with demolition bombs, incendiaries. Hit buildings and also strafed.

5/2 CSWP (Rabaul) Radio traffic heavy to and from Rabaul. Much construction work of aircraft dispersal areas, fuel dumps and AA batteries at Vunakanu aerodrome.

5/3 ACNB (Rabaul) 7 B26s attacked shipping at Rabaul. Hits on buildings and wharves. Direct hit on transport, 3 near misses on another, 1 light cruiser, 1 DD 19 transports in area.

4/29 CSWP (New Britain) Total of 31 enemy vessels sighted in New Britain area between Rabaul and Kavieng.

4/29 CSWP (New Britain) Estimated air strength New Britain: 12 fighters, 21 bombers, 16 patrol, 4 seaplanes - total, 53.



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- 5/3 CSWP (Rabaul) 2 B-17s obtained direct hits with 500# bombs on 2 ships in Rabaul and 4 near-misses.
- 5/3 ~~WAVE~~ (Rabaul) "R" Force Opord #--- ---- Maru arrives Rabaul 0800 4 May via (west?) of "RN" Comdr. 2nd Air provide patrol plane reconnaissance (2 or 3 planes) and furnish inner air patrol until entrance.
- 5/3 ~~WAVE~~ (Rabaul) Takao arrives 0800/14 via (direction) of "RN".
- 5/4 CSWP (Rabaul) Reconnaissance of 5/4 sighted 20 to 25 APs and one large warship, either BB or CA.
- 5/5 Comb. (Rabaul) CinC 4 in Rabaul.
- 5/5 CSWP (New Britain) Possibly enemy aerdrone on Laloban Island off north New Britain.
- 5/5 Cincpac (New Britain) enemy air strength New Britain area: 18 fighters, 17 heavy bombers, 14 fighters.
- 5/5 ACNB (New Britain) Numerous orange units operating between New Guinea, New Britain and Solomons and to south. Enemy occupying islands in Solomons Group, and establishing aerdrone on small islands around northern New Britain (includes Sule, Loloban and Tonore). In addition to occupation forces, these are CVs, CAs and other warships, possibly including BBs Cardiv 5 and Crudiv 5 are both included.
- 5/6 CSWP (Rabaul) Reconnaissance at Rabaul afternoon of 5/6 revealed 7 ships in harbor, 1 burning, 1 leaving, 1 broke in half at dock. Docks burned out.
- 5/8 R.I. (Rabaul) Comcardiv 5, Comcrudiv 5, CinC 4th using Rabaul radio.
- 5/8 R.I. (Rabaul) Crudiv 6 with Ryukaku in Rabaul area. Kasuga Maru between Marshalls and Coral Sea. Fuji-kawa and Kamikawa probably in Rabaul area. 2nd Air attack corps associated with activity by radio traffic through 5th Air Attack corps.
- 5/8 ~~SCAF~~ (Rabaul) ---- postponed. Transports to Rabaul escorts to ??
- 5/8 UHE (Rabaul) Have Marshalls air forces shore based planes proceed immediately to Rabaul and take part in the campaign.
- 5/10 R.I. (Rabaul) Movement of air units from Marshalls to Rabaul are indicated.
- 5/10 ~~SCAF~~ (Rabaul) The convoy of "MO" occupation Force ships reached Rabaul at 1500 on the 9th without incident to remain anchored until further orders.
- 5/11 CSWPF (New Britain) Orange Aircraft in New Britain totals 55 including 21 VF, 16 VB, 14 VP, 4 float planes.
- 5/11 ~~NEAF~~ (Rabaul) South seas force op report 21 covers operations in Rabaul area and "MO" campaign 4/30 to 5/8.
- 5/12 CSWPF (Rabaul) Aircraft sighted 7 AP, 12 others vessels in Rabaul harbor 5/12

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NEW BRITAIN (cont'd)

- 5/13 CSWPF (Rabaul) Sighted 13 APs in Rabaul on 5/13.  
5/14 R.I. (New Britain) Crudiv 6, Crudiv 5, Zuikaku, Com-  
cardiv 5, Cinc 4th Fleet, Gunboat Div 8, Comdes-  
ron 6, using Rabaul Radio Cover.
- 5/14 CSWPF (Rabaul) 3 B17s attacked shipping Rabaul 5/13,  
making near misses on vessels in harbor.
- 5/14 RMYO-8- (Rabaul) (FM NSS to Comb) Plan to leave RR (Rabaul)  
at 1530 and arrive QXE (RMB?) tomorrow the 15th (error)  
1230,; please notify time of entering port and  
anchorage.
- 5/14 CSWPF (Rabaul) 2 fortresses attacking shipping Rabaul about  
9 hours local 13th made 1 possibly 2 other near mis-  
ses and believed shot down 1 "intercepting "Ø"  
fighter.
- 5/14 CSWPF (Rabaul) Photos Rabaul Harbor 13 May 1 CL 12 AP in-  
side, 1 transport oussidé.
- 5/15 CSWPF (Rabaul) 20 vessels, no warships in Rabaul at 2320Z/13.  
1 AP entering; 1 AO 70 miles south coming in.
- 5/15 CSWPF (Rabaul) 3 Marauders bombed 2 AP in Rabaul getting  
near misses. 15 enemy VF intercepted; 7 shot down.  
3 B-17s bombed 15,000 ton AP accompanied by smaller  
AP and anti-aircraft ships 20 miles south of Rabaul  
heading towards Lae. No hits.
- 5/20 CSWPF (New Britain) Dampier Strait (Westend New Britain)  
being used constantly by enemy supply vessels and small  
combatant ships operating between Rabaul and Salamaua-  
Lae.
- 5/20 CSWPF (Rabaul) Enemy probably using Coconut Plantations  
north and south to conceal storage supplies; also dis-  
persed personnel 3 inch battery located 190 yards  
southwest from runway 600 yards from northwest end  
Vanakanau airfield.
- 5/21 CSWPF (Rabaul) Est. enemy aircraft by sightings: 30 VF,  
28 bombers, 12 VP, 6 VO Total -- 76.
- 5/23 CSWPF (Rabaul) 5 B17s attacked Rabaul 5/22 obtaining near  
misses on large AP and hit on dock causing fire.  
Attacked Aircraft at Vanakanau. Saw 7 APs of 8 to  
10,000 tons and 10 smaller vessels. 1 large warship  
in harbor. 30 to 50 bombers closely parked on or  
near runways. Many fighters seen also.
- 5/25 CSWPF (Rabaul) Sighted 5 large and 7 small ships and 8  
seaplanes moored in Harbor. Considerable AA fire.  
3 Marauders bombed Vanakanau aerodrome from 1500 feet,  
obtaining direct hits on 2 VB. 19 bombers causing  
fires. Heavier than usual AA fire.
- 5/26 CSWPF (Rabaul) Photos of 5/24 show 5 float planes in harbor  
and 10 four engined VP moored nearby. 7 VB and  
17 VF on aerodrome. 1 DD, 12 AP seen in harbor.
- 5/28 CSWPF (New Britain) Shore based aircraft in New Britain -  
New Ireland area: 21 VF, 38 VB, 12 VP, 15 VOS -  
Total 86.



NEW BRITAIN (cont'd)

- 5/28 CSWPF 3 B-17's bombed wharves at Rabaul starting fires on 27 May. Saw unknown number of vessels in harbor.
- 5/28 CSWPF Saw at Rabaul 5 VP, 1 large, 3 small AP, 4 small craft.
- 5/29 CSWPF Rabaul attacked by 6-B17's starting large fires, 1 large, 3 small AP, 4 small boats, 9 flying boats at Rabaul.
- 5/29 CSWPF 2 B17's dropped demolitions, incendiary bombs at Rabaul docks. Started fires.
- 5/30 CSWPF Strange towers around Rabaul and other Jap occupied Islands. May be radar.
- 5/31 CSWPF Sightings in Simpson Harbor May 27: 12 vessels Probably AP's. 18 VF at Lakunai
- 6/6 CSWPF 3 B17's attacked Rabaul with demolition and incendiary bombs starting fires.
- 6/10 CSWPF Fortress attacking Rabaul this morning saw 25 to 30 aircraft mostly fighters; Lakunai, shipping included 15 small vessels, 13 medium size, 2 large, one of which appeared like ocean liner.
- 6/11 CSWPF 5B17's bombed Vunakanau hitting buildings, runway and aircraft. 7 VF intercepted; 1 shot down. Shipping in harbor: 6 large, 12 medium, 7 small ships
- 6/12 CSWPF 20 VB, 4 VF sighted at Vunakanau. Some possibly dummies. At Lakunai were 7 VB and 8 VP.
- 6/12 CSWPF Subsequent sightings of vessels in Simpson's Harbor show 1 large vessel, possibly AC, 1 medium AP, 6 other average sized vessels and numerous small craft.
- 6/13 MCARTHUR Photos Rabaul 11th: 7 float planes, 12 flying boats, 7 bombers. 1 fighter Lakunai. 26 Bombers, 4 fighters Vunakanau. 1 large ship 1 DD 1 tanker 5 other ships, small vessels. Allied attack 12th observed 1 large tanker 5 small vessels, one 4000 ton tanker about 80 miles SbyE Rabaul 130°. Eight B17's attack Rabaul 7, 300 lbs bombs dropped Vunakanau airdrome.
- 6/13 McARTHUR 4- B17's attack Rabaul dawn 13th hitting runways and dispersal zones. Buildings. Shipping sighted: 1 AP 15000 ton, 6 smaller vessels and small craft. 20 aircraft.
- 6/13 McArthur GASMATA raided by 1 B17 7-300 lbs bombs dropped. 1 B17 strafed Mata airdrome from 500 feet.



NEW BRITAIN (Continued)

- 6/14 McARTHUR Photo Rabaul 11th June Carpenters Wharf partially destroyed.
- 6/21 T2W Indications are increasing for a large concentration of auxiliary vessels in the Truk-Rabaul area.
- 6/21 CSWPF About 0100 K (-10<sup>+</sup> 20th 2 Catalinas bombed wharf area Rabaul with demolition and incendiaries starting fires.
- 6/24 T2W Indications continue of unusual activity in New Ireland, New Guinea, Solomons area probably centering around Rabaul. Many unidentified men-of-war and Maru Air tenders are known to be in the area. May be vessels with midget subs on board for northern Australia attack. CinC 4th Fleet concentrating units in Truk area.
- 6/24 CSWPF 7 "O's" took off (Lakunai, Rabaul Airfield) to intercept reconnaissance 6/22. 6 enemy landplane flights airborne plus 3 seaplanes. Bearings indicate searched to 400 miles south of New Britain.
- 6/24 CSWPF Sighted 3 medium AP, 1 possible CL or DD, 3 smaller vessels.
- 6/24 CSWPF New enemy AA guns in Rabaul area.
- 6/25 T2W Comdr Tulagi Base, Comdr. Kavieng Base, Comdr. Aru Landing Force now at Kavieng but associated with Rabaul Army activities. May soon move to Rabaul for operations southward.
- 6/25 T.I. Indications of movement of vessels, troops and supplies from Malay to Rabaul area soon.
- 6/25 CSWPF Photo of 6/23 reveal: 1 CL or DD, 1 XAV with 4 seaplanes on deck, 1 medium AK, 1 AO, 1 small cargo ship and 9 float planes in harbor.
- 6/25 CSWPF Sighted 6/24 5 large, 3 small vessels, 5 VP, 15 Float planes.
- 6/25 R.D. Indication of future movements of auxiliary vessels into Rabaul Area.
- 6/25 CSWPF 5 VP, 2 VF here (Lakunai Airfield) 6/23. Part of airframe obscured in photo.
- 6/25 5 small planes seen 6/24
- 6/25 CSWPF 10 float planes anchored here (MATUP1)

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Maru brought in Truk air to replace Genyan Air. Comdr. Tainan Air at Rabaul, but Tainan Air has been replaced by HAMA8 group from Koe pang. 14th air in Marshalls is coming down to replace Yokohama Air in Rabaul - Tulagi area.

Horse cavalry reported in Rabaul area by natives.

Movement of air units from Indies to Rabaul.

Rabaul and Truk very active intelligence traffic. intensive effort to obtain information on allied forces prior to beginning campaign in New Guinea area.

Rabaul and Truk are most active areas, particularly aircraft activities between these areas and the Marshalls. Rabaul is being used as traffic cover for Crudiv 18 and Desron 6. Strong indications of convoys between Yokosuko and Rabaul.

R.I. noted 3 VP flights from Rabaul night of 7/12.

R.I. traffic very heavy in Mandates, Rabaul, Indies.

Examination photos Rabaul 13th reveal 1 probable UJ, one CM type, 5 other vessels, 6 VP northern part of harbor. R.I. observed 4 land planes. flying boat flights from Rabaul area 14th. Flights extended to bearing 115 from Morsby.

8th Base Force at Rabaul is most active in radio traffic in southern areas. Associated with several new calls which are probably minor defense and billeting detachments in the Solomons - New Guinea area. Association with new 8th Fleet suggests Cinc 8th Fleet will have command of all these forces.

Every construction work accelerated in Rabaul Area.

Fourtresses over Rabaul today report 19 Cargo ships or transports anchored north end of harbor plus 5 cargo ships at Wharves and 3 wardships possibly cruisers off Malagana.

Expansion of construction activity preparatory increased occupation. No new fleet units in this area

R.I. 11 enemy flights yesterday - Rabaul.

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- 7/17 MACARTEUR Photos 13th show 6 flying boats, 5 float planes, several bombers, 2 fighters, 1 CL, 1 mine layer and 8 transports.
- 7/20 CSWP About 24 type 1 bombers of Varaki Daitai expected Rabaul last May. Arrival unconfirmed.
- 7/20 CSP Naval forces in Solomons - Rabaul area believed to consist 4 CA, 3 CL, 12 DD, 8 SS, 3 subchaster divisions, 2 AV, 8 Marus of 6000 to 850 tons, 5 air squadrons and slight indication of Carrier movement on to Truk and one to Marshalls.
- 7/20 T.I. Heavy Army traffic to and from Rabaul noted. Referred to supply officers and transport agencies.
- 7/20 NSS Traffic indicates forces being assembled for major operations in SW pacific. Apparently two main areas involved central at Rabaul and Singapore forces assembled Rabaul area under command CinC 8th include: Crudivs 6 and 18, 4th Fleet light cruisers and DDs, smaller craft, one ship Crudiv 7 RASE 7 (which will be joined at Truk by Desdiv RIYU7 of Desron 2, unusually heavy army traffic over Navy circuits indicates Army units Davao will be escorted to Rabaul area by vessels of Desron 5 and possibly picked up enroute by ships of Desron 6. Army units will also be under CinC 8th.
- 7/20 NSS Indications that a convoy being formed at Yokosuka bound for Rabaul with units of Desron 4 as escort. Traffic heavy and filled with important associations of movements to South area.
- 7/21 CSWP 2345 GCT 19th - Observed 12 vessels including 5 very large merchantmen Rabaul Harbor and 3 other merchant vessels leaving. 6 minutes later sighted 2 same type 4000 tons position 04 South 152-08 East heading westward.
- 7/22 T.I. 4th and 8th Fleets traffic in this area definitely overflow all other. Several high precedence MSGs. from Rabaul. Administrative traffic mostly in evidence but more operational noted.
- 7/22 CSWP Examination photos Rabaul 20th July disclose 3 VP on sulphur creek slipway, one float plane off Malaguna, 6 VP showing Lakunai where new jetty seen opposite southwest side, 10 AP north Beehives, one alongside wharf. Two MTBs north end harbor. Two new jetties west new wharf.



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- 1/13 No activity.
- 1/18 3 merchant including two of Kowa type.
- 1/20 3 more ships - unfavorable conditions susp.  
inactive obs from S.W. channel. No aircraft or defense  
measures.
- 1/31 Attacked 2 Auxiliaries, 1 badly damaged; no enemy  
planes.
- 4/17 MORI3 Assignment of units to Marshalls air force from  
Yokosuka by - 21 April at Chickijima; by 1200  
4/26, at Saipan. Thence to Jaluit. Communication  
tests inroute.
- 4/18 Rdo Jaluit Picked up call sign NUBO communicating with NFM  
bearing 163° from Jaluit, 137° from Chickijima  
at 0923. Frequency was 16940 (Maybe Sumner (NUPT)  
in Fiji area).
- 4/21 Rdo Jaluit Sends report on American communications between  
Palmyra and plane by voice.
- 5/1 Rdo Jaluit 14 naval planes were intercepted - apparently a  
Task Force air patrol. (Radio Jaluit sends as R.I.  
report).
- 5/9 R.I. A dispatch from KAMOI was seen coming out of Jaluit.
- 5/26 R.I. Comdr. 52nd base force at Jaluit.
- 5/28 R.I. Units under 6th base force command at Jaluit.  
4th air attack corps, 1st air at Taroa, Comdr. 14th  
air at Kwajalein, Chilose air at Kwajalein, 19th Air  
at Imiji, 6th defense force at Wotje, 52nd special  
base, Minesweep divs. 16 and 65, Wotje base, Wake  
base, Ruotto base, KEMEB9, RUHEL, YOMAB, UCKE4, (All  
unidentified units on based in #6 base force area).
- 6/15 T.I. Chitose Air, First air, 14th Air, 4th air attack,  
Wake base, Subron 3, 5, 13, Crudiv 5 and #6 Base  
Force were all associated in many dispatches.

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MARSHALLS

6/23 A despatch for ComDesDiv 34 which is attached to the 11th Air Fleet, was given to the 4th Air Attack Corps for delivery indicating that this DesDiv is in the Marshalls.

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MANUS ISLAND

NARRATIVE OF WAR

1-24-42 - Attacked by 5 seaplanes - much damage.

1-28-42 - Three air raids.

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CHICHIJIMA

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

- 4-29-42 - HIN 9 - 953 - Current operations urgently necessitate delay in the docking of (5 Marus). Request approval.
- 4-30-42 - KEME 1 - 065 - 2 type 1 heavy bombers arrived 1315 at Marcus.
- 5-24-42 - HIN 9 - 071 - Ref. Northern force radio order #24 - HACA detachment ---  
I - using Chichijima air sea planes -----  
II - 4 units of ----- sweepers ----- from -----  
to "TWTA" between 140° & 147° ----- search and patrol.
- 6-30-42 - T.I. - KEK15 a base or occupation force at Chichijima continued to address Empire address UOKOSUKA dockyard & 5th defense force.
- 4-17-42 - GRAYBACK REPORT - Port Lloyd, Chichijima - considerable number of ships this area. No aircraft seen. New construction around Port Lloyd. Some areas believed mined between Port Lloyd and Chichijima.

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BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND

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1/9 Aust. Enemy aircraft sighted Bougainville

1/23 Japs landed Bougainville

1/25 Japs believed to occupy Buka Passage

2/23 No evidence enemy in Bougainville

4/24 CSWP Queen Carola Harbor (west coast Buka Island) orange cruisers and destroyers have anchorage. Southern end same island in Buka Passage, aerodrome last reported damaged, but may now be repaired and useable for light planes. Passage provides good anchorage. Landplane field at Kieta on Bougainville Island not useable by enemy. No aerodrome further south in Solomons.

5/11 CSWP Orange using anchorages in south Bougainville and Faisi.

5/12 ACNB Considerable enemy shipping around Bougainville and refueling operations of War vessels in Strait to south.

5/14 ACNB One heavy cruiser one tender at Kessa Buka at 0045Z13. At Launceton one destroyer two transports off Buin at approximately 2230Z12.

5/21 CSWP Coast watchers report 10 vessels including 4 cruisers, 1 DD, 3 supply ships anchored off Buin 12-14 May. Aircraft report 7. Departing vessels head north. No activity observed.

6/28 CSWP Estimated orange ground strength at Buin - Faisi 100.

6/28 CSWP Estimated orange ground strength at Kieta 500.

7/13 CSWP Kieta occupied by enemy who arrived 3 July in 5 warships.

7/15 CSWP Examination photos Rabaul 13th: Jetties most buildings Kieta undamaged.

7/19 CSWP Fortress bombed Kieta Township and aerodrome to harass native labor helping Japs. Airfield definitely not in use.

7/20 Newspaper Allied planes bombed here Sunday night 19th. 0120

7/25 CSWP Latest info no Jap planes operating here.

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BALIKPAPEN

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

1-4-42 - Bombed by Japs.

1-19-42 - Bombed by Japs.

1-22-42 - CINCAF - Japs landed. Bombed by Dutch. Convoy attacked by DD.

1-24-42 - CINCAF - Bombed by Dutch & U.S.

2-3-42 - 9 B17 bombed - 1 enemy VF down, & 1 B17 down.

7-20-42 - T.I. - Desron 5 urgent to Balikpapan and Makassar base forces indicate convoy trouble in this area.

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June

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Radio SAN Francisco  
To Radio Washington  
From Radio Bremerton x DUTCH HARBOR being attacked

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San Francisco to Wahiawa  
Last flash unconfirmed

031615

CTG 8.1 to CTF 1  
Received from Dutch Harbor attack by Jap aircraft 1555 zed

031828

ComHawSeaFront to Palmyra  
Radio Bremerton reports about sunrise today small force aircraft attacked Dutch Harbor x No time has been indicated

031855

Cincpac to AllTaskForComs PacFlt  
The attack on Dutch Harbor 1555 zed 3rd was reported made by 4 VB and 14 VF x Another attack reported at 1804 zed x Thirtieth x Cincpac originator has given to Midway for action

031900

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8  
Enemy aircraft retired to northerly semicircle 1615 zed flight apparently for photographic purposes

031915

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8  
Local DF facilities assume carrier bearing 270 degrees strong signal

031941

Bremerton Washing to Washington DC, Wahiawa  
Dutch Harbor Fort Mears attacked by 4 Jap bombers with 12 fighters this to Cincpac and Cominch at 0550 xray x Exact extent damage not yet known x Fort Glenn not attacked ComNoWestSeaFront talking x Dutch Harbor attack being renewed as this despatch filed

032015

Dutch Harbor to ComAlaskan Sector  
Second enemy air attack coming in

032145

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8  
Following from Navy Radio Otter Point enemy catapult plane shot down one other escaped at 2100 hours zed

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032200

Dutch Harbor to CTF 8; ComAlSec; Com 13; Cincpac; Cominch

Catapult enemy plane shot down escaped one

032235

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8, ComAlaskan Sector Com 13 Cincpac, Cominch  
Catalina encountered enemy cruiser amphibian plane at 1015 william  
lat 53-20 long 170-10

032245

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8

Fort Glenn reports enemy aircraft overhead at noon x Catalina re-  
ports enemy bomber 5 miles north Otter Point Casco Pass these re-  
ports to Fort Randall

032345

Dutch Harbor to ComTaskFor 8, ComTaskGrp 8.4

Sencond air attack reported my 032010 did not materialize

040415

Flight Commander to Comdr Flight 11

Incomplete report from Army Cold Bay that B-26's made torpedo and  
bomb attack on enemy concentration types unnamed bearing 144 dis-  
tance 57 miles from Umnak at 040225 zed this confirms previous  
garbled contact report by Navy plane same position at 040200 zed

041126

Kodiak Alaska to Comdr Flight 11

Msg in three parts x Part 1 x This from CPW 4 x Radio Bremerton  
deliver CB Cominch Cincpac ComNorWestSeaFron ComPatRePlanRon Pac  
x ComAlSec and local Army have this x Resume of air operations  
3 June x All time zones zed x Dutch Harbor attacked one time from  
Bering Sea at 031555 by 4 type 97 Kogekiki torpedo bombers and  
14 fighters x Attack ceased at 031615 x Enemy retired to north x  
Appeared principally photo reconnainsance x Nil damage reported  
to Air Station installation x One Catalina strafed on water x  
Minor fires in Port Mears x Barracks area x About 21 003 bombs  
observed drop thru overcast striking water 15 miles end ~~XXXX~~

041146 (Part 2)

North Otter Point Field x Cold Bay not attacked x Catalina in ~~XXXX~~  
combat with cruiser amphibian north of Carlisle Island at 2015 x  
Own losses 1 Catalina strafed Dutch Harbor x One down on reef  
nort of Tigalda x One on southwest end of Tigalda x One beached  
and abandoned Cape Aiak, Unalaska x These reported nil combat d  
damage or personal casualties x One down bearing 169 distance  
70 miles from Otter Point other reporting contact with enemy con-  
centration of unnamed types in lat 50-45 167-04 at 040200 x Indi-  
cate one man injured x Tenders enrout to rescue x Believed enemy  
losses 1 cruiser plane shot down offshore Otter Point x 032100 x  
1 in combat

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041159

Kodiak Alaska to Comdr Flight 11

(Part 3) with Catalina x All DF indications , previous night radar contacts and other unconfirmed reports of carrier north of Aleutians investigated negative results report of B-26 torpedo attack on concentration southwest of Otter Point not confirmed x Message was order to attack x At 032000 B-17 reported quote affirmative large carrier dive bombing planes fighting planes unquote nill position given x Base reckoning placed plane on line from lat 49-00 long 177 west to 48-00 long 177 west x Plane not heard from since x ComAlSec and local Army agree with following enemy train at present is in Bering Sea covered by small carriers from which Dutch attack launched x Heavy striking force including large carriers south of Aleutians heading east to launch attack on Dutch or Cold Bay early 4 June x Am conducting night search as per plan

041630

Dutch Harbor to Comdr Flight 6

6V2 last reported at 0500 zed 15 miles south Scotch Cap one injured ailerons gone otherwise ok small fishing boat standing by

041720

Dutch Harbor to Com Flight 11

Enemy carrier plus 2 vessels bearing 210 true distance 240 miles from Otter Point at one six four GCT course speed not reported 11V28 in contact ceiling two thousand two Catalinas with torpedoes enroute from ComTask Group 8.1 Umnak has this

041915

Areo Dutch Harbor to All Air Coms Under My Command

Have requested radar B-17 take off search along bearing 207 true 300 miles x Diverted one five victor 27 to west leg sector eight and directed torpedo group ~~fixxxx~~ form scouting line to regain contact enemy carrier this from ComTaskGroup 8.1.1

042015

Flight Comdr to ComTaskUnit 8.1.1

Radar B-17 Capt Cone returned here last night x Not yet back from night patrol x Other b-17 apparently lost yesterday

042055

Bremerton, Washn to RDO Wahiawa - RDO Washn

This for Cinpac infor Cominch following received from ComAlSec x Contracted 1 possibly 2 carriers plus 2 guards at position lat 50-07 long 171-14 course 150 at 1720 x Enroute with bombs and torpedoes respectively B-17's and 26 x Carrying torpedoes and enroute is the Catalinas x Time is zed

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042130

Rdo Dutch Harbor to Comdr. Flight Ten; Comdr. Flight 11.  
One seven victor three regained contact one carrier two  
cruisers three destroyers fair visibility course three six zero  
no speed reported lat five one two zero long one seven zero  
three zero few planes on deck at twenty one hundred zed take  
bearings four three eight five

042145

Rdo Dutch Harbor to Comdr. Flight 10 and 11. Info: Comdr. Flt. 5.  
Correct position main body at twenty one zero five zed bearing  
two one five distance one six five from Otter Point cruising  
disposition few planes on deck few in air.

042240

ComBase Aircraft to Comdr Flight 11; Cincpac Cominch.  
Contact zero four two one zero five one carrier three case affirm  
two dog dog course three six zero speed fifteen x bearing two one  
five distance one six five from Dutch Harbor enemy in cruising  
disposition carrier inside few planes on deck fine visibility x  
Force is same as previously reported.

042240

Comdr All Aircraft (Butler) to Comdr. Flight 4  
For Comairforce troops deliver to Baker Seventeen immediately  
upon arrival x Attack carrier reported at long six nine lat  
five two without refueling x Attempt to deliver by radio in  
clear to planes before landing x Signed Butler.

042318

Radio Dutch Harbor To Combaseaircraft; Comdr Flight 11.  
Tracking plane one seven victor three engine failure incomplete  
torpedo attack returning base relief two three victor two eight has  
not yet reported at station x Has been ordered to do so and make  
mos four four zero x Umnak Army attack group preparing flight now  
plus four catalinas now loading torpedoes and bombs Umnak estimate  
group off by two three three zero Baker Seventeen leading maximum  
bombs fuel off as soon as possible from Comtask Group 8.1.1 enemy  
change course at two one two five zed to two hundred degrees true  
speed twenty.

050105

Rdo Dutch Harbor to Commander Flight 0  
Following from Army Otter Point quote request explicit orders for  
Army and Navy secretly unquote last group garbled x I have twice  
ordered navy planes take off and attack with bombs and torpedoes lost  
contact at twenty-two hundred zed request immediate orders for Army  
at Umnak.

050117

Rdo Dutch Harbor to Comdr. Flight 0  
Have directed Navy planes plus Baker Seventeen at Umnak take off  
as soon as ready regain contact attack with torpedoes and bombs x  
Army B-26s take off when contact regained attack with torpedoes  
request confirmation latter orders xx

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050135

Rdo Dutch Harbor To Comdr. Flight 10; Comdr. 11.

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Best estimated position large enemy carrier lat five one three three long one six nine three five at twenty hundred zed last course zero six zero speed fifteen no planes on deck believed below decks account thirty five know wind relay to Army striking groups from ComTaskGroup 8.1.1 Umnak notified three enemy cruisers in company type names later

050323

NAS Kodiak Alaska To CASKA:NAS DUTCH HARBOR

Inform Commander Army B-13s thirty sixth squadron remain Cold Bay Or Umnak prepared for early mission one june fifth against enemy fleet units as developed carriers signed Butler

050503

Commander Flight 0 to Commander Flight 11

050405 report from Cold Bay B-26 pilot returned dive bombed carrier believed skasix type x At 050052 gave position bearing 210 distance 120 from Umnak componron 1 large CV with 5 fighters on deck 1 small CV no planes 2 CA 3 DD course 330 speed 25 x Reported position checked with last known movements

050533

Keyport Washn to RDO Wahiawa, RDO Washn

Dutch Harbor under repeated severe air attacks beginning shortly before 1900 xray x ComNorthWestSeaFron telling Cincpac and informing Cominch x Communications still intact

050615

Nas Dutch Harbor to Com Alaskan Sector, Com 13, Cincpac, Cominch, ComGen Alaska Defense, Ft Richardson, ~~xxxxx~~ Alaska

Dutch Harbor attacked by 11 bombers and 7 fighters at 1808 william x SS Northwestern and warehouses lost x Details will follow

050631

Kodiak to Cominch, Cincpac, Com 13

(Part 2 ) Meanwhile second torpedo loaded plane made Umnak out of fuel x \$ amphibians called into Umnak to load torpedoes for attack x 6 B-17's, 1 B-30 departed Kodiak at 1952 for Cold Bay enroute to attack with bombs x Departed Cold Bay for target 050035 x No subsequent report from them x Message from ComTaskUnit 8.1.1 indicated 6 Umnak B-26's departed Umnak to attack but returned when contact lost x Casco reported at 042350 that 5 B-26's departed Cold Bay for Umnak to refuel ~~xxxxxx~~, Elmendorf B-26's failed to reach Cold Bay account weather and returned x No apparent action by any B-26's since a At 050105 ComTaskUnit 8.1.1 requested me to obtain immediate orders for Army at Umnak who had requested explicite order for Army ~~xxxxxxx~~ and Navy separate yet at 050209 forwarded ComTaskGroup 8.3 order to Umnak for bombardment to attack carrier immediately x At 050224 forwarded confirmation from ComTaskGroup 8.3 of ComTaskUnit 8.1.1 orders to Umnak for B-26's to take off attack with torpedoes, when 4 Navy planes plus 1 B-17 then about to (end Part 2 )



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051039

NAS KODIAK To COMNAVSEAFRON; COMDR FLIGHT 11. INFO: Com14  
Correct my zero five zero nine twenty seven to read quote  
compatwing 4 declared not more than fourteen doubtfully  
effective catalinas at OTTEKA? (SITKA) Unquote.

051141

ComFlight 0 To ComFlight 11.

Fort Glenn reports one CV one CA with supporting units sighted by  
our own aircraft ninety miles southwest Otter Point at zero five  
zerosix two five zed states bombs dropped results undetermined  
Gold Bay reports B-17 and quote remainder unquote B-26 flight  
returned failed to contact enemy x They plan dawn search and attack  
five June from that base x Catalina reported investigating Radar  
contact in sector two at zero five ten hundred zed Nil heard since  
This from ComPatWing Four.

051626

NAS DUTCH HARBOR TO NFM; RDO BREMERTON; RDO KODIAK  
Station undergoing aerial airattack xx

051830

NAS DUTCH HARBOR TO : RDC WAHIAWA \* KEYPORT WASHN KODIAK  
Planes reported my 051626 retired without attacking and remain  
unidentified

060300

ComAlaskan Sector To Radio Wahiawa

Temporarily all quiet here x For Cincpac from ComTaskFor 8 x  
If enemy attacks on Alaska to date are for diversion suggest  
possibility one or two his carriers may have left Alaska for  
Midway area to compensate for his losses there x Another twenty  
four hours without carrier activity in this area would greatly  
increase this possibility.

061843

Key Port Washn. To Wahiawa Rdo Washington.

Herewith reasonably correct picture war Cincpac and Cominch of  
Dutch Harbor and vicinity attacks of five June from ComNoWestSeaFronx  
At zero three fifty five Zed twenty six pursuits and bombers  
destroyed station ship NORTHWESTERN used by contractors as barracks  
also contractors warehouse at AirStax Fuel oil storage destroyed but  
not aviation or diesel fuel x Army damage nil except 67 MM Gun  
position x Fort Glenn also strafed prior to zero six zed no  
damage to Otter Point field two enemy zeros shot sown but report  
states zero fighters outsped and outmaneuvered our pursuits altho  
no friendly losses reported

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062035

ComAlaskan Sector To Rdo Wahiawa

Catalina sight contacted zero six fourteen twenty eight zed enemy force two CV two CA eight DD x Pass to Cincpac and Cominch-x Posit Long one seven three ten west lat fifty three twenty course easterly x Speed undetermined x Five fortresses in area

From NAS Dutch Harbor Via Phone from Cincpac

Catalina 17V20 15V26 has been directed to proceed immediately to establish contact, position, speed and course of enemyxAs soon as possible will establish radar scouting line x 4V3 7V3 and 2V3 Will rendezvous over Otter Point and will proceed to search along Lat. 53-20 to the West x Plane making contact report says that enemy plane in air before he could determine course and speed x Search with remaining planes will be continued x The enemy formation was in a line of ships x 2 heavy cruisers one carrier 8 DD's x Course East x Patrol plane was chased off by enemy combat patrol.

071045

ComAlaskan Sector To Rdo Wahiawa

Twenty miles north of Dutch at zero seven zero five hundred prep thirty eight squadron attacked ship presumed to be Jap transport x

071210

Com Alaskan Sector To Rdo Wahiawa

Fort Glenn reports for ComTaskForce Eight that four enemy bombers course one eight zero were sighted south of Unnak Pass at 0530 GCT

071611

Rdo Bremerton (COMNORTHSEAFRON) TO RDO WASHIN WAHIAWA

Situation in Alaska rapidly deteriorating x Our prep Baker Yokes are taking a severe beating with heavy losses despite heroic efforts x Their speed and low combat value make them easy victims of Jap fighters who apparently are being vectored to them through heavy fogX Considerable volume of fake messages point to our communications with aircraft being compromised x Replacements or carrier assistance badly needed c Inexperience of bomber and fighter pilots operating over water in low visibility handicap combat followup after patrol plane contacts x Cat and mouse tactics of enemy suggest he is correctly estimating our weakness and is wearing us down preliminary to delivering all out attack x Suggest reasonably safety of Pearl after Midway failure may warrant quick reinforcement of Alaska from there x Consider need approaches desperation

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Rdo Dutch Harbor To All Comdrs Under My Command; Comdr. Flight 4.

Info: Coml4

Results search last night covered sectors four five and six to three hundred miles using two planes departing outer limits approximately fourteen hundred Zed x Five V twenty four made Radar contact with plane Lat five four five five long one seven one four zero at zero seven one zero one six Zed Tange closed from eighteen to six miles took avoiding action and lost contact no surface object picked up x Four V three attacked by plane lat five four zero three long one six nine one five at zero seven one two three zero Zed X Sighted plane visually for some period x One surface contact believed friendly Sub x Reports confused by interference and suspected deception but since completely verified x Suspecting compromise of code plane used deceptive message indicating he was searching sector eleven unauthenticated x Consider these contacts confirm previous information from Campbell and are very significant x Avoiding action by turning apparently effective

080235

ComAlaskanSector To NAS Dutch Harbor; Rdo Wahiawa

Tactical interpretation of weather forecast by War Dept beginning June six stop seven June will be favorable for action against enemy although Dutch Harbor will be vulnerable portions on six and seven June stop Ceilings will be one to two zero zero zero feet with visibilities good below clouds south and north of Aleutians Islands stop For CO Eleventh Air Force and ComTask Force eight stop Low level bombing and use of torpedo planes suggested as preferred to high level bombing stop Area will be blanketed on June Eighth by storms making operations very limited both forces stop By ninth improved weather with scattered or broken clouds will develop comma both low and high level bombing tactics against enemy may be employed stop cite George dash two stop until eleventh this favorable weather will remain stop under cover of storm enemy may retire to the West on eighth or enemy may move with the storm toward the Pacific Northwest stop By the eleventh Pacific Northwest will become vulnerable for attack stop enemy will be screened by protective cloud sheet for about thousand miles in advance of head over movement stop Aerial patrol will be restricted from Pacific Northwest comma Southeastern Alaska and British Columbia on the ninth and tenth June unquote Pass to eighth TaskFor Comdr.

080429

Cincpac To ComTaskFor 8; 16; 17.

TaskForces sixteen and seventeen rendezvous in position 86 Quincy 50 at 19 hours OCT 10 June x SARATOGA fly aircraft bombs and personnel to ENTERPRISE and HORNET as directed by CTF 16 to bring these two carriers to best practicable strength bearing in mind that SARATOGA will return to PEARL for replenishment and that ENTERPRISE arresting gear is not suitable for TBF planes x Radio silence is to be maintained in connection with plane transfer necessary instructions being transferred by plane or destroyer.

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080429 - Cincpac To ComTaskFor 8;16;17 (Continued)

My dis 070121 x SARATOGA also transfer to CTF 16 all copies of TF 8 orders and information concerning ALASKA recently furnished at PEARL x TF 16 Rear Admiral Spruance HORNET ENTERPRISE NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA VINCENNES MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS ATLANTA BALCH MAURY ELLET CONYNGHAM PHELPS DEWEY WORDEN AYLWIN MONAGHAN KASKASKIA (LESS DESTROYER ESCORTING PLATTE IF LISTED ABOVE) proceed to pass through Point BLOW lat 48-00 North long 172-00 West at 0400 GCT 13 June at which time TaskFor 16 will pass under the command of CTF 8 Rear Admiral Theobald who may join at BLOW if he desires x Until assigned another task CTF 8 the Task of TF 16 is to seek out and destroy enemy forces in the ALEUTIAN area and exploit any favorable opportunity to damage the enemy enroute x After TF 16 passes under command of CTF 8 the Task of both forces is "Destroy or drive out enemy forces in the ALEUTIAN - ALASKAN AREA" x TF 17 Rear Admiral Fletcher SARATOGA ASTORIA PORTLAND SAN DIEGO MORRIS RUSSEL MUSTIN ANDERSON LAFFEY MAHAN SMITH PRESTON after completion of plane transfers return to PEARL x When TF 16 finishes fueling from CIMARRON GUADALUPE CTF 16 send them to PEARL xxx with BLUE RALPH TALBOT AND HUGHES as escortxxx

081830

ComAlaskanSector To Rdo Wahiawa

For cincpac from ComTaskForce Eight x Situation here not clear x No Jap attacks on shore in seventy two hours x Two carriers two cruisers eight DD located north segum island sixth could have been force south of ALEUTIANS day before but this believed doubtful c If two separate forces southern one completely unlocated now by us x Northern carriers were in position to cover BERING SEA withdrawal which is possible x Three possible deductions are a firm results of Midway battle is causing withdrawal baker two forces are hoping to trap a weaker surface force of ours by disclosing presence as they have ANS them hiding in low visibility Cast intend to carry out plans to seize base but are awaiting better weather for observation carrier planes and later overseas movement land based planes x Pass to Cominch.

081945

ComAlaskanSector To Rdo Wahiawa

r Information my operation plan 1-42 x Main body will receive reinforcements on twelfth June consisting of two carriers five heavy cruisers one modern light cruiser nine modern destroyers x At the earliest possible moment this force will decisively engage enemy forces located in the ALEUTIAN-ALASKAN AREA or retiring there from in order to destroy or drive out enemy forces by repeated bombing and torpedo attacks with priority of enemy objectives as set forth in paragraph three cast of my operation plan one dash forty two x Maintain the maximum possible concentration of force at the western air bases of the ALEUTIAN - ALASKAN AREA X ComAlSec pass to Rdo Honolulu

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081955

ComAlaskanSector To Rdo Wahiawa  
This from ComTaskForce 8 to Air Search Group Info ComALSec  
ComStriking Group Information my operation plan 1-42 Main  
body will receive reinforcements on twelfth June consisting  
of two carriers five heavy cruisers one modern light cruiser  
nine modern destroyers. At the earliest possible moment this force  
will decisively engage enemy forces located in the ALEUTIAN-  
ALASKAN AREA or returning therefrom in order to destroy or drive  
out enemy forces from that area. Locate and maintain scouting  
contact with two enemy carriers Task Forces operating in Alaskan  
Area. This from ComTaskForce Eight. These task forces consist  
in the aggregate of about the same enemy forces set forth in  
para one of my operation plan 1-42. Location transports and  
train desirable but of secondary importance. Maintain effective  
scout to six hundred miles from ATKA and to four hundred miles  
north and south of ALEUTIAN ALASKAN PENINSULA line to the Eastward  
of ATKA MERIDIAN. Ten dash twelve June give strong scouting  
coverage in area of advance of present forces from KODIAK to BLOW  
Thereafter as necessary favor bearing sea side of Aleutian  
Barrier with scouting dispositions until enemy is known to be  
elsewhere.

081800

ComTaskFor 8

Flag will join heavy reinforcements at Lat 48-00 Long 172-00  
code name BLOW at 0400 GCT 13th June. Rejoin flag with entire  
group except 2 old destroyers. Rejoin at BLOW meeting time or  
to eastward thereof during afternoon. Leave 2 old destroyers if  
necessary. These destroyers to mark SEGUAM PASS for passage  
of force through ALEUTIANS in low visibility. Fuel destroyers  
if possible from any commercial vessels present UMNAK Dutch  
Harbor Area. Whaling station Akutan should have 2 or 3000  
barrels. NAS Dutch Harbor hereby directed to arrange and  
inform you. Can fuel rejoining destroyers at BLOW. Move vessels  
at night to avoid disclosing your force. Maintain radio silence  
if possible. Acknowledge this from Dutch Harbor radio when  
unit of your group first contact that station.

090917

NAS KODIAK COMPATWING 4 To Cominch; Com13; Cincpac; ComTaskFor 8.  
This summary to zero seven zero seven forty five Zed night  
searching Catalina radar contacts unconfirmed account fog plus  
running plot on RDF of stepped up Jap traffic on Sub and CV  
frequencies plus failure enemy to take advantage weather perfect  
for his purpose this morning and evening indicate possibility  
of complete withdrawal unless army report late received that  
Cold Bay Base scouted late Sunday by single Jap plane indicates  
attack delayed until our main air operating base located. X  
Revised account latest information patwing 4 losses as follows  
personnel officers dead two X missing six days presumed dead  
two certain possibly three X Enlisted men dead seven X Missing

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090917 - NAS KODIAK COMPATWING 4 to Cominch; Com13; Cincpac Comf 8  
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Missing six days presumed dead twelve to fourteen x Total wounded unknown x Catalinas one down in flames x One sunk to avoid capture two missing six days probably combat casualties night of three June X One destruction completed second Dutch attack x Total washouts five x Repairable one badly damaged in Sub attack seven June x One beached UMNIAK three June x Total out of commission all causes seven x Reinforcements arrived four x Total effectives now twenty but many on last legs x Enemy losses for period one large Sub sure sunk by GILLIS near Dutch Harbor x Local Army has this XX

090949

Cincpac To Cominch; All TaskForComs  
RDF cut shows enemy ComDesRon 1 to be at 47 North 179 East at 0600 GCT 8 June x This unit believed to be part of ALEUTIAN attack force x Retirement may therefore be indicated xx

091840

Keyport Washn To Any or all US Naval Ships  
This is correction to my zero nine zero six one five x At Lat forty eight degrees forty five minutes west a submarine was sighted at fourteen ten tareseven June x This is for all ships.

091840

CTF 7 To TU 7.1.5 (Grayling)  
Japanese unit reported at 28 North 174 East at 1246 GCT June 9 course 180 Speed 4 Knots x Investigate x This may be deception.

100025

ComAlSec To CTF 16 CTF 8  
Army reports radio fix on Japs posit 55 North 150 West at 091159 GCT x Frequency 7570 no call letters x Also West Coast Stations place bearings on 3 frequencies very clear in general area 200 miles east and west of SCOT 200 miles south Dutch Harbor x Time of activity from 0941 to 1150 GCT c Call letters reported on 4012 KCS were REHA 3 and on 6680 KCS were NTA 6.

100505 From NAS DUTCH HARBOR

ComAlaskanSec To HATFIELD COMGENALASKA DEFENSE  
After discharging three zero four eight three six gals AVGAS here to fill present capacity of three six zero thousand DOWNEY sailed for KODIAK via King Cove with HATFIELD to discharge AVGAS Cold Bay if required x Sand Point can take three eight thousand gals AVGAS request permission direct DOWNEY proceed via Sand Point x Vessel had one five seven thousand gals AVGAS upon departure from here.

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100854

CTF 9 To Cincpac

Following received from Seventh Bomber Command Bearing true 322 degrees distance 480 x Identified as friendly one carrier 9 destroyers two cruisers and one tanker at 1015 VW

101339

NAS KODIAK to Cincpac

Ref: What is status of Aleutian Meteorological Stations is there any evidence of enemy action in connection therewith.

Atka Ikeii by Catalina overnight there 8 June transmitted weather 101045 GCT x Kiska scouted 9 June by B-17 x No apparent enemy activity x Last transmitted weather 7 June x Nicolski radio weather received 101045 GCT x No observation Attu this campaign x Last weather received ~~101045 GCT~~ 7 June x Will scout from Atka first chance.

101635

Keypoint Washn. To Rdo Wahiawa (Cincpac)

Absence of radio reports from KISKA and ATTU coupled with Tokyo broadcast that Jap troops had landed in Aleutians supports view possible loss of destruction of subject weather stations Cincpac from ComNorWestSeaFron air observance of ATKA shows no evidence of enemy action.

101931

Cincpac to ComtaskFor 17; 16; 8

After aircraft have been transferred today TaskFor 16 remain in area near present rendezvous my zero eight zero four two nine until further orders x Meeting with Theobald will be arranged later x Task force 17 return PEARL to enter forenoon 13th

102010

ComAlaskanSectro To Cincpac

No radio contacts ATTU and KISKA x Your 101917 x Will make reconnaissance and inform you as soon as possible.

110110

ComAlaskanSec to Rdo Honolulu Info: NAS DUTCH HARBOR

Am informed that TOKYO broadcast claimed Japs have occupied two places in Alaska x Pass to ComTaskForce 8 for action and Cincpac ComTaskFor 16 for info x Might be ATTU and KISKA x

110115

ComAlaskanSec. to Haida

Contact all your search group and direct them proceed Dutch Harbor. When you arrive Dutch take next convoy eastward as far as Kodiak. Delay fueling until your arrival Kodiak if Pract.

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110202

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One ship, good visibility Lat. 54-45 Long 169-51 W. Identity doubtful. Earlier report was 172 W, 2 masts, believed enemy. Catalina searching.

110401

Pat Wing 4.

Catalina reports unidentified ships in Kiska Hbr.

110510

Plane 4 Flight 3 To Dutch Harbor

2 similar to coast guard ships with Japanese bow, low stern, three stripes on stacks at entrance. 2 larger ships, 1 possible cruiser, 1 possible DD inside. Unable complete investigation because of fog. Small ships would not reply to challenge, but did not fire.

110750

NAS Kodiak

Patron 43 planes have not reported me location unknown OUTU HYRE comply comair scouts 6 and 7 tonite land Atka to augment temporarily the present Atka force of 1 Catalina Patron 41. Gillis requested direct 4 V 3 take off time relieve scout over Kiska at 1700 Z. Keep Kiska constantly observed during daylight.

110921

NAS KODIAK

Summary from ComAlaskanSec. CPW 4 from last report to 110800 Z Nil enemy contacts in Seward areas. Four enemy ships found Kiska by Catalina 110320. Army bombers ordered out. Catalina will keep under observation, bomb at daylight and check Attu first chance. Reinforcements arrived 4 to Sand Point, Four to Dutch Harbor, one damaged landing. Total effective Catalinas 20. Under repair 10. Searching max. sectors south tonite first priority Kiska. Local army knows all.

111758

NA; KODIAK To CTF 8

Submerged Submarine Lat fifty one zero zero long One seven seven ten West 111758 Z. Catalina \_\_\_\_\_ Kiska attacked on enemy aircraft eleven seventeen ten zed bombs should hit any minute now.

111257

ComAlaskanSec to TF 8

Our Subs ordered to operate against enemy Kiska Attu area. Do not attack subs on surface or submerged anywhere to westward of Long. 161-30 until further orders. Task Unit commanders pass to vessels this command not copying fox schedules.

111635

NAS DUTCH to GILLIS

REXMANE

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0140



111635

NAS Dutch Harbor to Gillis

Request earliest information results observation Kiska and Attu and bombing Kiska by search Catalinas. 9 heavy army bombers depart Umnak about 1700 GCT bomb Kiska. 4 Catalinas call 17 V 3 depart Umnak about 1700 GCT with bombs for Kiska direct or may be diverted refuel Aika if contact develops at Attu.

111645

Cominch

Agree in general with your 110929 especially as regards preparation TF 16 for future operations and for use of subs and air against Kiska para 2 Suggest part of TF 8 join up with TF 1 for operations and training approximately on line Dutch Harbor Pearl pending further developments. Ref: TI during last few days indicates formation of strong screening force by enemy in northern area which is believed to be based upon his estimate that we will react strongly to his occupation of Attu and Kiska.

111735

NAS Dutch Harbor

Recall search planes after attack make continuous series bombing attacks vessels at Kiska until enemy completely destroyed.

110615

ComPatWing 4 To CTF 8

From pilots description Kiska entrance ships probably TOMOZURU repeat TOMOZURU class x Cruiser possibly CA believed torpedoed 4 June.

111835

CPW 4

Submerged Sub Lat 51-00 Long 177 W. at 111758 Zed. Catalina watching Kiska. Attacked an enemy a/c 111710 Zed. Bombs should hit any minute now.

111930

ComNavBase Air Detach to CTF 8

From 10V26 1 CA 2 CL 1 DD 6 AP in Kiska Harbor at 1745 GCT.

112020

CTU 8.1.1.

Catalina at 111745 GCT reports 1 CA 2 CL 1 DD 6 AP in Kiska Harbor. Heavy Army bombers preparing may be enroute. Catalina attack group 5 planes preparing attack with bombs from Umnak. 6 Catalinas based Atka directed make continuing attacks keep enemy under observation. Local Army units notified.

112015

CPW 4

Have located enemy main landing forces. Direct all planes ordered to this command proceed immediately.



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112130

NAS DUTCH HARBOR TO OPNAV CINCPAC COMTASKFOR 8; COM13; COMGENALASKADEP.  
In view enemy presence Kiska recommend assumption that codes there be considered captured by enemy despite previous warnings to Kiska and reminder on two eight May x Codes held were cast sail-peg eight four five x 847 x 1033 x 1034 x 1088 x 1270 A B C x 1407 x 1408 x 1407 A x 1408 A as well as communication instructions x Operators procedure signals and Navy call sign book part one and two x No other aleutian station west of Fort Glenn Umnak hold any code than weather codes

112210

Comdr Flt. 0 to ComFlt 19; 23; Cominch; Cincpac ComtaskFor 16  
Kiska weather 17 Subron Ceiling 1700 weather improving \_\_\_\_\_  
by 10 V 26 x Ships in Kiska Harbor getting underway.

112343

Com TG 8.5

After fueling Dutch Harbor proceed Attu Group on course Cape c Cheerful-Chickogof Harbor Attu patrol sectors origin Gibson Island Sail 34 North to East Sail 23 East to South Sail 18 West to North. Kiska Group on course Cape Cheerful-Wirids point patrol sectors origin North Head Kiska Harbor sail 28 northwest to 060 sail 34 060 to east sail 27 east to south west. Patrol as close to origin as possible and disregard sector limits to attack enroute make best possible speed. Enemy definitely located at Kiska and believed landed on Attu. Take maximum possible offensive action. On the way do not attack submarines unless positive enemy.

120135

Cincpac to ComNWes Sea Fron ComWestSeaFron; ComPanSeaFron; ComHawSeaFro  
Indications CruDiv Five less NACHI may go to Marshallsx MinDiv 16 moving from Saipan to Truk x Intelligence number eighty nine from Cincpac same adees routing as usual x By Dog Fox ComSubRon one posit fifty ten north one seventy six West at 0900 Zed x Eleventh x BatDic Three still at sea possibly joining with Cardiv Three destination unknown x Sighted in Kiska Harbor seventeen forty five Zed eleventh one heavy cruiser two light cruisers x one destroyer and six transports x At entrance to Harbor ships believed torpedo boats of TOMOKURU Class.

120235

CTU 8.1.1

Total 8 Catalinas from Dutch Harbor in addition B-24's and B-17s enroute attack then rearm refuel and from Gillis for further attacks as bombs and fuel supplies permit. Planes available this area at present 1 Catalina. Suggest planes be returned as soon as practicable to permit adequate coverage tonight sectors.

120248

CP# 4

Contact by catalina 3 CA Lat  $\xi\xi\xi$  Long 177-35 W. at 120215 GCT.



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120250

CPW 4

Our PBY Ens. Dahl reports large enemy landing force at ATTU of at least 25 tents well concealed many landing boats. This observed from 1730 to 1900 GCT. AT 2100 GCT same plane bombed DD and CL west side of KISKA on course west damage doubtful. Shorebased aircraft which pilot identified as Nakajima fighter 97 followed from KISKA to within 100 miles of ATKA. Plane received hole from machine guns will over ATTU.

120401

KODIAK

Patrol Wing 4 delivering as per orders at 12-120 three Catalinas dropped bombs on KISKA HARBOR enemy as follows on CA 3 on Transport 1 on Destroyers 1 on Gunboat 1. Results not yet reported. One Catalina bombed DD and CL westside KISKA ISLAND course west reports damage doubtful. Catalina P-43P sunk Jap sub lat xxxx 51-00 long 177-10 at 111800 GCT Sub caught on surface course east true speed 20. Refueled and rearmed Catalinas enroute to bomb Jap CA lat 42 long 177-05 west at 110225 GCT. Sand Point unit and tender moving to ATKA to keep hammering. Shorebased Nakajima fighters operating from ATTU. Local Army reads this. Own losses unreported at present. Four new Catalinas received today.

120450

COMNAVBASE Air Detach

Target for tonight Task Unit 8.1.1 Search 15 and 16 Task Unit 8.1.2 search 17 and 18. All remaining Catalinas maintain continuous attack.

120557

KODIAK

ComPatWing 4 forwards this report from GILLIS ATTU and KISKA occupied by enemy forces ATTU in considerable numbers including evidence of construction. KISKA no longer has ships in harbor apparently being dispersed around area or being withdrawn. Shore based or carrier airplanes in addition to cruiser base planes evidence suggesting possibility of temporary landing field in vicinity KISKA. Your 112354. 5 Catalinas on way or at target 2 refueling and rearming planes immediately upon landing and sending them out continuously. 1 transport damaged and 1 submarine sunk both previously reported total damage to moment. Damage to own aircraft limited to broken antenna wires and one bullet hole end.

120650

CPW 4

Comdg. General 11th Air Force reports in his 120255 KISKA beyond effective range Bl7's. This wing is now and will continue to bomb and torpedo enemy forces at KISKA and those now approaching ATKA from KISKA. 13 Catalina reinforcements arrived today bring 8 torpedos 9 are on operating unit and go out at 1211 GCT



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120835

KODIAK

This is latest dope from Catalina over KISKA 12-350 relayed by CPW 4. In harbor 2 heavy cruisers 1 light cruiser. 8 Destroyers. 4 transports several small vessels. Destroyers patrolling outside of harbor. Ceiling 2000 overcast to 5000 Plane dropped 4 bombs 1 hit transport. Heavy Ack Ack. 2 heavy cruisers 1 light cruiser 4 transports north of KANAGA headed east at 120333. Catalina at KANAGA at 120645 to remove weather observers. Instructed by me to demolish everything ATKA Catalina unit will probably be forced to fall back to NICOLSKI during night to avoid capture or destruction. Really rugged

121014

DUTCH HARBOR

First Air raid on DUTCH HARBOR made by 15 fighters and 13 horizontal bombers latter consisted 1 4-plane section dropping stick of 16 bombs of 200 pound size against Fort Mears Garrison and 3 3-plane sections dropping 6 500 pound bomb sticks each aimed at Navy Radio ~~xxxx~~ Installations range patterns varied from 350 to 1500 feet and deflections from 125 to 250 feet strafing by fighters did no damage against ground installations x 1 Catalina strafed and damaged in DUTCH HARBOR x 1 fighter attempted to strafe catalina moored near Expedition Island but was driven off by AA fire x Ceiling 12000 visibility 12 light west wind 2nd raid delivered by 10 VF 11 VB and 8 VT4 fighters strafed with little effect dive bombers accurate against hangar barracks ship NORTHWESTERN new fuel oil tanks other probable objectives rifled ~~xxxxxx~~ were power house dock and old fuel oil tanks x UNALASKA Hospital hit x Employed 30 to 40 degree dives with low pull outs horizontal bombing poor probably bothered by overcast x 6 bomb stick fell in Harbor short of Air Station 10 bomb stick aimed at magazine area range spread 1500 feet all over x Ceiling 8000 visibility 12 low overcast 3/10 at 2500 feet wind light southwest x Both attacks unopposed except by heavy and giply anti aircraft fire no evidence of enemy casualties except a piece of cowlings and plywood fitting type of aircraft not positively identified pnv mmrohwnes single engine re-trackable landing gear horizontal bombers similar to Kogekiki rgpwlj khdeviki 97 eracken at 9000 feet formation loose but good fighters fast and maneuvered quick to be smoked maybe as a ruse x Gun crews believe this azrbavmored x No incendiaries bumbgrprof planes used indicates smaller class carriers.

(underlined words garbled)

121245

KODIAK to CTF 8,

Air force action today x 5 B24's attacked KISKA harbor at 11235 from 1800 feet through withering antiaircraft fire x Plane Capt. Todd exploded x 8 bombs near cruiser no damage observed x 4 tried again from 18000 using time and distance calculations x 6 bombs dropped 1 cruiser observed burning x Enemy forces observed in harbor 3 heavy cruisers and 2 light cruisers or destroyers and 12 seaplanes x All anchored close together x Also 2 cruisers or destroyers entering harbor under full steam and one heading south from harbor x 1 carrier reported about 10 miles north of Kiska x Also but results not in yet 5 B-17 let Umnak at 120020



121255

CPW 4

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At 120615 Army reports enemy fleet assembling KISKA. 15 vessels in harbor consisting of cruisers, destroyers and transports. More approaching from south. No carriers observed.

121720

KODIAK

This from Butler Com 11th Air Force. 5 B-17's back from KISKA at 120955 report Jap. AA batterys definitely landed and cruiser based. Landing from cruiser continued during raid. Tent city seen. 1 enemy plane ran when attacked. No zero fighters or seaplanes seen. Eareckson counted 14 vessels in harbor and 2 entering at full steam. One pilot believed he saw geometrical design on DD'S headed SE. 2 cruisers believed heavily hit. No losses no damage

121725

CPW 4

At 120955 Z, B-17s report Kiska Japs AA batteries are land and cruiser based. No seaplanes now in KISKA HARBOR. 16 vessels in harbor. 2 cruisers believed heavily hit by bombs.

121855

Comair Def. Base Alaska to Com Flt. 4

Presence of enemy CV in area is indicated. Probably north of line ATTU to KISKA. 6 plane torpedo sweep on bearing 268 from OTTER POINT might yield results. Send other 3 torpedo planes against any heavy ships in vicinity of ADAK or west. All units give pilot name reporting planes in and out.

~~121939~~ 121939

Com 11th Air

Supplementary report B17 mission 11 June. All planes dropped all bombs low altitude. Observed 2 direct hits on cruisers. On departure saw 2 cruisers and 1 DD afire. Enemy AA good. We suffered no casualties. Machined gunned landing party. No CV observed but saw 8 probably DDs leaving KISKA southeast. At dawn 11 heavies were to take off. This from Butler Com 11th Air Force.

121955

Com Flt 811

Catalina reports 1 enemy DD lat 52045 long 167-45 position doubtful at 0915 Z course 225 speed 15. Have directed Catalina and 1 army plane attack.

122120

Flt. 0 Comdr.

Night of 12-13 June search only sectors 10 to 13 inclusive to cover "blow". Maintain 1 plane contact with enemy. Rest all other crews. Get set for attacks Saturday.

122122

Com Flt 0

My 121955 reported enemy DD identified as BENHAM after attack by Catalina. Plane ordered return. GLENN notified damage not reported.

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122126

Com Flt 4

Contact 1 cruiser lat 52 n 178-45 w at 12 2000 GCT.

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122233

Bremerton to Wahiawa

Request use USS WOODWORTH to escort strong Army reinforcements to Alaska at once ComNoWestSeaFron originator x This for Cincpac x Own destroyers in Alaska on escort duty x Could use additional escorts as total five troop ships is involved.

122238

Comdr Air Base D.H.

Retire to NICOLSKI at your direction (to CO flight 6)

122331

ComGenAlas Def. Fort Richardson

North of KANAGA moving east reported by War Dept. 2 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 4 transports. At KISKA another force of 8 DD & CA'S, 4 large flying boats, 1 CL 7 4 AP.

122340

CPW 4

Catalina dropped bombs on cruiser 122126 Z. Results unknown. Reports cruiser and destroyer moored in lat 52-00 long 179-45 E.

122345

C.Ft. 811

Plan for tonight. Completion daylight attacks part of Patron 43 rest, resume attacks daylight tomorrow. 5 torpedo planes of Patron 43 now enroute attack enemy CA'S or carriers at dusk, return Base ATKA. Cold Bay planes prepare attack tomorrow. Patrol 43 maintain 1 plane contact with enemy KISKA forces during darkness.

130040

Com Flt 811 to Com Flt 6

Can you estimate time tenders must return ATKA. Whether planes contemplated my 122315 can be tended tonight. Holding torpedo groups, 5 planes for answer.

130130

Com Flt. 0

Average of Dutch and Sitka RDF indicate enemy force area about 58-30 long 173 average time 121400 Z. Progression indicates southerly movement.

130322

ComAirBase Alaska

Beware SEMISOPCHNOI ISLAND. Jap CC and DD moored there today. Probably ack ack there now.

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0146



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130350

CTG 8.5

Your 122120 GCT sub attacked in DUTCH HARBOR. 121830 was S-28. Damages light. Request total bombing restrictions on subs by Army and Navy aircraft until further notice west of COLD BAY. Timely arrival subs in assigned areas requires they proceed on surface.

130353

811 to 812

Unable use additional planes tonite unless unexpected contacts develop. For daylight attacks, except low visibility prefer Catalinas loaded bombs. May be forced send planes to you for check and repairs.

130417

CBAD to 811

Hallowell reports 4 Jap VO followed bomber to Umnak. Driven off but may have seen field. Beware early pasting by Jap big boats.

130443

CABD Alaska

7 Catalinas loaded with torpedoes depart for COLD BAY Saturday morning job further instructions. 3 are amphibians. Crews are all inexperienced and not considered qualified for such operations as you are conducting. Planes are replacements for those lost. Have ferry pilots return planes needing KODIAK overhaul.

130455

CPW 4

Send ATKA school teacher wife and storekeeper out by any plane returning. Evacuate natives when you leave and demolish the village. Start anytime. High praise to Gillis. Marvelous work last nite.

130521

Com Fl 6

These planes arrived after attacking KISKA 2, 7, 12, 35, 36 and 40 V3'S. All planes except 35V3 dropped bombs inside KISKA BAY at least one large explosion resulted. Gillis has no gasoline to refuel them. Hulbert will refuel them upon arrival. All crews remaining overnight. All Gillis bombs expended.

130540

CPW 4 to 11

Catalina, Ensign Dahl, Patron 43 reports "Smacked torpedo into CA at 2215 June 12."

130548

KODIAK

Air reinforcements enroute. Time of arrival unknown. 5 B-24. 2 fighter squadrons equipped with P-39s. B-24 to COLD BAY thence to UMNAK as soon as field will accommodate them. 1 P-39 squadron to Anchorage 1 to Kodiak. Remainder of P-38 squadron to COLD BAY. Losses today 1 B-24.

130723

ComAlSec

TaskGroup-8.5 submarines are moving westward from original positions. My 111257. Do not attack any submarines submerged or on surface until further notice.



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130817

DUTCH HARBOR

DUTCH HARBOR maintaining weather schedule with PRIBILOF every 6 hours last heard from 0530 GCT 13th are also included in aircraft warning system.

130901

Comdr. Flight 0

Your 130452 received at 2310 (plus 9). Williamson already directed to Chernofski lay bouts etc by my 130605. Hulbert goes to Nicolski. Its not good but we haven't much choice. When Gillis replenished she goes to Sand Point. We will keep Frog back when necessary but only when forced.

Ref: With retirement of tenders to eastward present numbers Catalinas causing serious congestion and increasing vulnerability.

~~130907~~ 130907

Comdr. Flight 811

Plan for tonight DUTCH HARBOR planes remaining ATKA returning as fuel supplies penem dismeising (permit dismissing) resting this area. Covering sectors 10 11 12 13 new plan tonight plus 2 3 and 4 old plan at daylight to limit. Torpedo planes retained here because of uncertainty of fuel supplies at ATKA for return. Torpedo group take off at daylight await orders vicinity UNIMAK PASS. Army heavies suitable take off daylight bomb enemy at KISKA or AYCOWK ERID enroute. Garble possibly AMCHITKA ID.

130944

Comdr. Fl. 811

Believe Avgas cache Spooner Cove ADAK ISLAND remains untouched suggest destruction if opportunity permits.

130957

Comdr. Fl. 811

Returned local bases following planes 4V3 Hart 22V3 Lindgren 15V3 Breeding 3V3 Thies 19V3 Baxxee 35V3 Bergstrom 7V3 Raven 36V3 Nush.

131015

Com Flt. 811

Can you cancel my 130040. It was wrong, etc, etc.

131030

DUTCH HARBOR

On 6690 NOO NOO 0 Very Poor 264 Rato Rato 2272 Kose Kose 274. On 6435 Neta Neta Poor 225.

131300

CTG 8.5

6 submarines of Task Group 8.5 are proceeding west from DUTCH HARBOR to stations in ATTU KISKA Area. Request all Army and Navy Air units be informed and directed not attack submarines west of Dutch Harbor until further notice.



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131200

KODIAK

Supplement to my 122235 new enemy contacts made since. 1 CL 1 DD moored SEMISIPOCHNOI ISLAND excellent forward site for ack ack protection to KISKA. Attacks not previously reported 122100 Catalina 2 bombs on cruiser lat 52 north long 178 degrees 45 minutes west. Cruiser plane attempted to prevent and beaten by PB. Bomb results uncertain. 121845 2 bombs from pilot Johnson 1000 feet on DD. Same from Mr. Greene from 1500 on CL both at KISKA results not observed. Greene chased by 4 engined PB. Also caught some shrapnel. 136210 Catalina 4 heavies on massed ships KISKA. Results not observed ducked for clouds. 120215 Ensign Dahl torpedoed CA near KISKA. Good hit. 122343 3 Catalinas led by Lt. Com Doc Jones delivered 12 500 to Jap KISKA fleet. Did not wait count results but strafed set afire 1 4 engine PB. At 130521 the big party. 6 Catalinas placed 16 500 in the middle. At least 1 tremendous explosion. Plenty fires still blazing. New casualties since last report none except many bullet and shrapnel holes and 1 PB.5A now a land plane bottom not water proof. All fore going reports from navigators no Army attacks included. UMNAK field reported scouted by 4 Jap VO ATKA HARBOR scouted by twin-float at 130520. Nil carriers sighted. Very few CV type planes. Progression of RDF cuts in Bering Sea indicate force moving south. Weather predicted excellent along and north Aleutian chain Saturday. Conclusion Japs hit ATKA Saturday. Big boats start bombing our bases. Possible carrier attack from north. Tender and planes falling back to OICOLSKT and CHERNOFSKI tonight. Gillis directed evacuate ATKA people. Scorch earth. Patrol sectors 10 to 13 inclusive overnight. Search north for CV early daylight. About 40 effectives available. All precincts not reported. From Thursday morning to Friday evening Catalina shuttle express KISKA and return took all GILLIS gas and bombs. Splendid organization of Lt. Comdr Norman Garton Condg and continuous unremitting toil by crew made the schedule possible. ComAlSec and local Army has this from ComPat Wing 4

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131508

Com Flt. 0

6 submarines of Task Group 8.5 are proceeding west from Dutch Harbor to stations in ATFU-KISKA Area. Do not repeat not attack submarines west of Dutch Harbor until further notice. Inform Army

131738

Com Flt 11 KODIAK

2 direct hits on 1 large Jap cruiser producing large clouds black smoke and flame. Observed near hits on large transport. This reported by bombers returning at 130206. Enemy force 2 new heavy cruisers 1 old medium cruiser 4 light cruisers 1 transport or tender, 4 transports 1 large, 3 or 4 destroyers.

131907

Com Flt Sec

Carry out SEGUAM PASS mission CTF 8 081800 Ref: Rejoin flag with entire group except 2 old DD. These DD to work SEGUAM PASS for passage of force through ALEUTIANS in low visibility.

131945

CTF 8.5

Heavy zero fighting plane opposition at KISKA 12 2300. Inform Army.

132102

Com AirBase Def. to Com Flt. 19

Do not attempt combat zero fighting plane at KISKA. Examine ANDREANOF ISLAND and RAT ISLAND for good target.

140145

D.M.

To CHARLESTON: DELAROF aground in CHERNOFSKI expect be-floated 1900 W (plus 10) tonight. If your position permits suggest you proceed assist and escort here.

140145

CPW 4

Operations by PatWing 4 reported since my 131200 x Catalina pilot Borenson bombed KISKA sunk several 4 engined PB in water and completely demolished adjacent radio or aerological station x Pilot Jacobson then dropped 600 pounder between 3 PB remaining on water and one on adjacent beach x Results not observed but easy to assume x Japs clearing burning south east cape of island possibly for landing field x Catalina number 2 Pilot Hildebrand returned this morning unable drop bombs in KISKA at 122300 driven off 3 times by zero fighter B x Got away OK x Last report enemy force at KISKA 4 cruisers 1 transport north of head 4 transports 3 CA several DD south side x Catalinas 44 to 51 inclusive Lt Cdr D Jones out of ATKA for DUTCH via KISKA at 131525 x 4 Catalinas numbers 4 7 15 35 ATKA to DUTCH via KISKA at 131605 x Results of night searches southern sectors negative x Off on north day searching fog at 131415 x GILLIS destroyed ATKA departed for DUTCH with school teacher and wife at 131516 x Natives skipped when first Jap plane sighted x HULBERT rounded up  
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evacuated 26 men 17 women 18 kids x Estimate 25 left x Casualties since last report 3 Catalinas abandoned destroyed ATKA due unrepairable combat damage 12 June x 1 Catalina crashed taking off KODIAK 131720 BuAero 94490 Willy Waw under torpedo loaded wing x Torpedo dropped ran missed SPICA SAN MIHIEL exploded between docks x No damage x Personnel two previously reported killed over KISKA are x LANSING WILLIAM HATEY AMMlc No data available x KEITH ELLIS JR Seaman 2c unmarried next of kin and beneficiaries mother and father request notify

above :

one wounded is Mortensen Minton RACRM next of kin request notify above and

Enroute to DUTCH on GILLIS x Killed in take off crash Ens Robert D Jones Jr AVN USNR x Beneficiary wife

Requested notify also mother.

Lt jg Charles H Holt USN and crew of six slightly injured shaken x GILLIS eta DUTCH 2100 13 x HULBERT at NICOLSKI WILLIAMSON at CHEROFSKI x Cominch pass to Bureaus

140200

KODIAK

Erickson Col Ac over KISKA yesterday reports 6 transports line of bearing abreast 345 true from south shore along 5 fathom line x Outboard to east 3 very large CA NACHI 2 older CA MAYA same formation x Along north beach abeam entrance front lagoon were 4 big PBs in line with 3 more out board paren this before Sorenson and Jacobson raid described my 140145 paren under cliff north side x Quote flat top square ended ship type odd carrier unquote x My comment probably seaplane tender x 1 DD at northhead 1 due south close to shore 1 east apex triangle other two x See confidential chart No 4541 x Met ack ack very accurate from DD and CA x Reports Japs seem in great confusion x My comment all these ships must be heavily hit and damaged

140220

CTF 8.5

To TF 8 : All SS of TF 8 are in sector 255 - 270 from BIGOSLOF heading westward to ATTU and KISKA. SS can be attacked outside of this sector until further word.

140315

ComNavBase Air Det AlSec

Weather map good for night smacking KISKA. Carry heaviest bombs. Crop in train along ships line of bearing. Refer my 140200. If Army goes tonight check schedules. Night search 4 sectors 10 to 13 at Sunday daylight 3 plane search 30 degree sector median line other point to ST. PAUL ISLAND distance 500 miles. Have next planes over KISKA as other s Jap suspected try get photos. Have 3 Amphibs here for you.



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140524

Com Flt 811

Army bomber pilot believes saw carrier lat 52-50 N long 170-45 W at about 13 2100 GCT. 2 Army heavies ordered investigate attack if report confirmed. 4 Catalinas torpedoes formed scouting line on course 242 degrees true from North UMNAK scout to SEGUAM and return COLD BAY interval 15 miles.

140950

DUTCH HARBOR

20 whites plus 445 natives in PRIBILOFS could be evacuated in DELAROF now CHERNOFSKI if adees thought use of DELAROF permissable is only merchantman this area x Radio weather and aircraft warning personnel could be removed last moment in Onandaga or other naval craft after earth scorching your 132126 understand ADC may have other plans for DELAROF please advise

Ref: ONONDAGO and ORIOLE evacuate whites and as many natives as possible from ST. PAUL and ST. GEORGE in PRIBILOFS DUTCH HARBOR coordinate and use any ships available x Do not destroy property until further ordres

141245

Comdr Flt 0

Catalina reports radar contact 2 ships bearing 211 distance 50 miles from "Blow"

141915

Cincpac to CTF 8 CPW #4

Orange boss in KISKA area has ordered his planes attack NAZAN BAY

141955

CPW 4

NAZAN BAY abandon evacuated and scorched Friday night.

142000

Plane 50 to Com Base Air Det.

Cruiser 3 DD's moving north from KISKA Harbor 3 DD's heavy cruiser normally under steam in harbor chased from vicinity by 5 four-engined seaplanes possible CA DD north of island low on gas I am returning to base.

142350

ComAirBase Defor Alaska

WILLIAMSON shore basing solution no good and disapproved. Enemy now moving east. Probably occupy ATKA. UMNAK CHERNOFSKI then subject constant bombing. Squadrons must maintain maximum mobility. Enemy not yet found PBs on ground. Continued success depends on never being caught flat-footed. My intention to leap frog tender and squadrons eastward as necessary. Eventually expect base all east of DUTCH unless enemy advance stopped. HULBERT and WILLIAMSON continue tending planes CHERNOFSKI shuttling for gas and bombs. Make maximum use any shore facilities available but no dig in.

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Dispatch 142350 continued

Foley Jones Day Russell confer. Arrange details to make following plan effective. Organize search attack and rest groups as directed my 140340 Day equalize strength of groups informing me resultant squadron plane complements and BuAero numbers of combined PatRons 51 and 41 under Day. Foley continue my advance staff operations representative. Send badly shot and damaged planes to KODIAK by Ferry Crews for repair. Send war worn personnel you can spare for rest. Permanently detail experienced as SeNav Liaison officer at UMNAK. Slam bang phase is over. Must now maintain continuous observation by day and night search. Maintain ready attack group. Rest one group every third day at Cold Bay in Casco. Work out details. I will confirm any arrangements which support underlined this basic plan. ComTask Group 8.1 to Dutch at first opportunity.

150135  
NAS

11th Air Force bomber operations 13 June. 9 heavies took off at 131400 Z. 2 returned mechanical difficulty. 7 heavies over target dropped 42 - 500 pounders on KISKA target from 1600 feet. Target partially obscured by clouds. Damage unknown as hits not seen. There appeared to be fewer vessels in harbor than on 12 June. Later in day 2 heavies off at 140200 Z investigating possible enemy target at lat. 52-50 long 179-45 W. Identified friendly. All planes returned safely. Today at 141800 Z, 7 heavies cleared for target at KISKA.

150235  
CTG 8.5

At 2000 GCT 14th enemy reported departing KISKA probably for ATKA. S18 proceed position lat 52 long 179 W. S27 to position lat 52-10 long 176-35 W. Zero fighters at KISKA indicate carrier BEAR MAY move east in Bering Sea. Cincpac says best of luck in your hunting. Me too. (underlined portions garbled)

150245

ComNavAir Base Dutch

Tonight search plan affirm sectors 1 to 11 inclusive. 1 plane watch ATKA. Load pair 500 pounders. 6 plane attack group alert at daylight max. load. Remainder rest.

150550

Comdr. Air Def. Naval Base

Naval aviator over KISKA Half hour at 141800 reports little shipping near. In harbor 1 CA 1 AP several DD. 1 DD patrolling entrance. 1 CC 2 DD going north as previously reported. North side island 1 heavy ship CA or BB plus DD. No cloud cover. Catalina chased off by 5 4 engine boats and 3 small planes. Minor damage. Nothing at ATKA or ADAK. Covering ATKA and ADAK all night plus searching inclusive.

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151825

KODIAK

Heavy bomber operations 14 June. 7 heavies off at 141800 GCT. All returned at 150430 GCT. With B-17s considerably damaged by shell and all planes hit repeatedly. At 142330 GCT KISKA harbor had at least 16 enemy vessels all afloat. Worst bombing weather yet encountered. All bombs dropped on KISKA harbor area results unobserved and probably indecisive. Sighted 3 enemy single float sea-planes and shot down 1 sure possibly 2. 2 additional B-24's have arrived ALASKA being sent UMNAK. New combat crews untrained signed Butler ComAl 11

152231

KODIAK

Rest of all contact reports enemy moving but remaining in vicinity KISKA. Cruisers DD's previously reported moving north put back when bombed by Catalina. Same 1 CA apparently remains always there. Last Catalina attack late Monday considered ineffective due clouds heavy ack ack. Check of all reports indicates 7 4-engine PB's destroyed by bombs strafing. 5 remaining. At least 1 cruiser 2 DD's have been hit and seen burning. 11th Air Force checks this. ANDREANOF ISLANDS NUNIVAK and PRIBILOFFS scouted no enemy indication. Undevelopment radar 142130 contact by Catalina several ships and planes 40 miles southeast of SITKA. All other night searches negative. 3 carriers 2 cruisers 2 DD previously determined area not seen in KISKA area

160120

Com Flt 0

Search unit task for Monday night June 15 1 plane KISKA patrol plus search plan a firm sectors 1 to 14. Priority natural order if insufficient planes available. Attack unit task Tuesday June 15 one half with bombs take off 0500 W (plus 10) sweep toward KISKA attack any suitable target. Second half stand by to attack targets discovered by search unit.

160417

ComAlSec

Jap CV's HAYATAKA and RYUJO took part attack on Dutch on fourth. Captured documents reveal. Pass to CTF 8 and Cominch. 4 DD comprised one unit. Three Naval Air companies totalling seven platoons plus one reserve platoon on RYUJO. HAYATAKA three companies totalling nine platoon plus one reserve platoon.

160700

ComAlaskanSector

No repeat no submarine of Task Force 8 operating 60 miles west of Cape Omaney in which position SITKA reported that air patrol sighted ~~xxxx~~ submarine on surface which dove and released proper green smoke signal at 2 hours GCT. Can this be friendly submarine from west coast. Attention invited possibility enemy knowledge of our submarine recognition signals.

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160945

CPW 4

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From ComPatWing 4 radar contacts not previously reported probably submarine lat 59 north long 167-30 west at 141700. Personal account Comdg Officer GILLIS shot down certain one fighter in DUTCH 3 June. Shot down certain 1 on 4 June plus 1 probable see flying into mountains streaming heavy white smoke and gas. In addition to sub certain sunk previously reported dropped 8 charges on echo contacted sub AKUTAN PASS night of 3 June. Echoes ceased. GILLIS radar made first plane contact and fired first shot 3 June. 2 Catalinas Ens. Doer and Bower landed ATKA completed evacuation of 11 adults 9 children. Natives states 5 Jap 4-engine PB's dropped 2 large 6 small bombs about 142300 GCT compliance Cincpac 141915. GILLIS was servicing 21 planes when ATKA scouted. Null attacks on KISKA today. Searching all plan a sectors tonight plussKISKA patrol. Attack group sweep to KISKA early 16 June

161015

Cincpac to ComAlSec

Request basis for positive identification of quote HAYATAKA unquote Urdis 160417. Explain characters involved. Can you give names and division of destroyers participating.

161210

DUTCH HARBOR

Your 160815 negative. Following received in plain language on 500 Kcs from transmitter using call WUVO quote torpedo attack position 5 minutes southeast of DIVINE POINT KOROVIN unquote was retransmitted to CASCO on 4435 kcs plain language and same information sent SAND POINT encoded on 2716 kcs as my 160815 no amplifying inform received. Has been requested from attacked ship. May be deception. Suggest the investigation of area

161411

Com 13 to ComAlaskaSec

No friendly submarines your 160700 known to be in area 60 miles west of Cape Omaney

Ref: No submarine of Task Force 8 operating 60 miles west of Cape Omaney in which position SITKA reported that air patrol sighted submarine on surface which dove and released proper green smoke signal .....

161730

Cominch to ComNorWeSeaFron, Cincpac, CTF 8

Head of Russian military mission advises that Japanese give every indication of increasing their forces on Siberian Frontier and that Russians are making all practicable preparations against attack on Siberia which appears imminent.

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162350

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ComAlSec to Cominch

Utmost importance that Alaskan Forces receive latest information obtained from Russian Government itself as to service and protection that Siberian Ports and Airfields will provide United States submarine. Air and surface forces in event joint action. Cominch 161730. Attack on Alaska may be attempt to lock the door commit murder behind it undisturbed. PETROPAVLOVSK and KOMANDORSKI especially important to Navy for squeezing enemy out of ATTU and KISKA.

170035

ComAirBaseDeFor Alaska

Task for night 16 June search afirm sectors 1 to 9 including to 400 miles sector 0. Between 6 and 7. 0 sector extend to KISKA if possible. Daylight 17 June scout BRISTOL BAY between long. 160 and 165 to lat. 60. One half attack group off early sweep along chain to KISKA attack any suitable target. Weather permitting try high altitude bombing KISKA Harbor or shore camps.

170958

ComGen Alaska Defense

Answering your query on positive identification "HAYATAKA": Identification was based on Jap Air Fighter to Carrier code-photostat-captured DUTCH HARBOR June 4th which names carriers. Consider enemy deception possibilities. Other information included names information seem authentic. Characters translated by OFFICER AMERICAN EMBASSY Tokyo. Accuracy beyond doubt. Names and divisions destroyers not stated.

171035

ComPatWing 4

Monday night searches completed as scheduled. All negative. No contacts or attacks since last report by Navy or Army. Weather prevented flights past ATKA. Casualties not previously reported. 1 Catalina pilot machinest Lili Davis USN and crew missing since 150330 zed when radio last heard returning from KISKA. Possibly down some island. Search hampered by fog. Searching 1 to 10 Tuesday night. Plus ALEUTICN CHAIN. Wednesday daylight search BRISTOL BAY. Attempt night bombing KISKA.

171455

NAS DUTCH

On 6435 HEHIRU 259 HEMCTO 262 HEHEFU poor 225. On 6705 TUHA 9269 MOTI 2 poor 270 RUTI 2 poor 272 NONU 0269 KOTU 2275. On 6600 HAMO 2265 WIRE 6232. On 5560 IRU 3 poor 259 QUA 1267 REYO 1272 RAKU 3268. On 6400 ROYO 6253.

162201

COMINCH

Assume that you are keeping commanding general Alaskan Defense Command fully advised of enemy information received through Naval sources. Greenslade pass to Dewitt

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171830

Com Alaskan Sector

SS VANES reports periscope sighted and torpedo fired at her 15 June 5 miles east Cape Divine Korovin Island. Com 13 pass to Cominch

172349

ComNorWeSeaFron

No fixes disseminated today although several plots indicate Alaskan Area. We are relying on you for confirmation and dissemination this information to operating forces.

180135

ComNav Base Air Def.

Task for night 17 June same as for last night

181745

Nas Kodiak

From 11th Airforce heavy bombers weather bound last 2 days at UMNAK. In commission night of 17th June at UMNAK 6 heavies 31 fighters and interceptors. At Cold Bay 23 mediums 28 fighters and interceptors. Butler ComAf 11 sends this. From Anchorage Boling Brokes and Hudsons patrol sea lanes fifty north Cape Spence Sruto Marmoa. From Cold Bay mediums look over Shumagin Area. From Nome Andnaknek B-18's will soon patrol Bering Coast Nunivak St. Lawrence. 5 B-24's at Anchorage awaiting weather.

190440

Ft. 2

Cruiser at KISKA. Now down by head and sinking. Will send photos when ready. More later.

190750

Comdr. Flt. 2

Report of bombing mission. Army bombers departed in three flights at two hour intervals 1st take off at 1015 flew under 500 feet over-cast. Weather at KISKA clear unlimited 1st group bombed from 15000 scored direct hits on cruiser saw flames and 2nd group reported ship still burning and sinking. 6 near misses between transports. Last group turned back because weather. Ships present one old heavy cruiser two transports six DDs several small tenders 4 four-motored seaplanes. Dropped 22 bombs. No CV seen. ~~frax~~ three scout seaplanes there. 2 men injured by AA. Pictures being developed. Same thing tomorrow.

191007

Comdr. Flt. 2

Pictures indicate no cruiser at KISKA. Sinking ship is transport.

191135

ComNorWeSeaFron

Following intercepted from GENERAL W C GORGAS position 56-17 north 146-46 west being shelled by sub on surface 1000 GCT.

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191421

Cincpac to T.F.8

ComSubron one located by DF at 55 north and 150 west. Time 1100 Z/19

191700

DUTCH HARBOR

On 6100 Hewoso poor 240

191940

NA KODIAK

Weather prevented repeated day and night attempts reach KISKA last 48 hours except one photo reconnaissance through today. Photos not received. Reports cruiser continuously in harbor down by the head sinking apparently abandoned. Nil personnel seen on several trips. No indications enemy east of Adak. Intend moving tender and four seaplanes back to NAZAN BAY. Plans cooking at DUTCH and UMMY for concerted Army Navy air and submarine attack when weather permits. Will also try bombing of camps and seaplanes with home made 500 pound incendiaries. One submarine contact and attack off COLD BAY entrance 17 June. Results inconclusive.

191912

Butler, ComAf 11 Nas KODIAK

11th Air Force heavy bombers on 18 June at KISKA. Total 8 heavies attacked in 3 flights. Over target at 1100 and 2230 and 2100 all GCT. Weather prevented 3rd flight from dropping. Total 11000 pounds of bombs were dropped. 1 cruiser hit aft amidships and left burning by 1st flight pilot Major Cone bombardier Mr Sgt Storey. Jap crew seen taking to lifeboats. 2nd flight observed cruiser still exploding burning and sinking in harbor and made one near miss on transport. Jap naval craft observed at KISKA included 1 cruiser 3 or 4 dxz destroyers and 2 or 3 transports. No carrier based planes observed two 4 engine and 7 seaplanes or dummies seen on beach. 2 float bi-planes damaged by Cones rear gunner were forced down damaged unknown. Damage to our equipment none. Injuries Lieut. Albanese severely wounded and Lieut. Brickett slightly injured. Building seen at KISKA 6 tin 2 wooden some tents. All bombers had returned at 190550. B-17 B dispatched from KODIAK at 191300 to vicinity USAF GORGAS being attacked and followed by submarine at position lat 56-17 long 146-56 west at 191300 GCT. Also radio Anchorage said patrol planes vicinity. This from Butler ComAf 11 Ft reply.

200315

T.G.81 Advance Staff Operations

Weather forecast for tonight excellent for night bombing or coordinated attack take maximum advantage weather inflict maximum damage on KISKA utilize COLD BAY group to best advantage. Army DUTCH ready coordinate during daylight flight if plan indicated. Limited number of gasoline bombs useful if available none at DUTCH. COLD BAY search plan affirm sectors 1 to 3 plus 10 to 400 top off if desired. DUTCH covering sectors 4 to 9 inclusive plus 0. 132A photos to CHERNIEFSKI prior 1830 W (plus 10)

0158



210005

CTF 8

Personal Inspection of Army. Cincpac 192109 to ComAlSec. Photographs show ship was large transport which sank. This from Com TaskFor 8 to Cincpac. Honolulu pass for info to Cominch

Ref: ...Reports Cruiser down by head and sinking.....  
Photo shows no cruiser at KISKA and AP sinking....

210021

Cominch

Ascertain from Commander Task Force 8 while he is at KODIAK his plan for future operations. Apparently no "Opportunities" as indicated in your 112209 have as yet developed.

Ref: - Have good reason to believe present activities of enemy in KISKA and ATTU are covered by Cardiv 3 and reenforcements from Midway Force which may include undamaged ships of Batdiv 3 and Crudiv 8 ... Task Force 8 operate in vicinity of Point Blow fuelled and ready to seize opportunities which may develop.

210505

ComNavSaSeAir Det Alaska Sector

For information. Ruto Ruto on 701010 D/F bearing 20 June indicate enemy activity in vicinity of 178 west 47 north 230 and 236 for Dutch Harbor 14 and 24 hours 332 from Oahu 14 hours reliability fair.

211929

Com 13

At/2220 Canadian radio station and light house at Estiban Point, Vancouver Island were shelled by unidentified vessel and radio station was shot down. Later investigation by daylight disclosed no apparent damage to lighthouse and wireless mast. No hostile craft were sighted.

212110

CTF 8

Conclusive photographic evidence proves Major Russel A. Cone bombed and sank large Japanese transport in KISKA HARBOR. This from ComTaskForce 8 who strongly recommends immediate award of Distinguished Flying Cross. Citation should include above success as climax of long period of operations in face of enemy opposition and adverse weather. First info adee deliver to ComGen 11th Air Force for information.

221320

NAS KODIAK to DD236 - HUMPHREYS

General Gorgas has entered Dix on entrance. Return Womens Bay soon as practicable.



221931

Cincpac to CTF 8 ComAlSec ComNorWeSeaFron  
Orange sub activity by D/F 155 west 48 north at 1000 GCT 22. One  
other at 175 east 50 north at 1400 same date.

221958

CTF 8  
No reply received for repeated requests to S27 to report position  
and details of disabling. Planes have been directed to keep sharp  
lookout and nearest submarines directed to investigate location and  
present condition and report. Estimated position vicinity AMCHITKA  
ISLAND.

222327

Opnav to ComNorthWestSeaFron, ComTaskFor 8  
Serial R 12 June 221200 GCT. Molotov 46 north 144 east. Kaga Ovich  
57 north 167 east. Komsomolsk 49 north 127 west all for Providence  
Bay Siberia. Rion 51 north 161 east. Itelmen 53 north 147 west Vlad-  
ivostok. Turksib 54 north 168 west. Volknovstroi 51 north 133 west  
Nagaevo. Amuy ~~49~~ 49 north 134 west Okha Sakhalin Island. Nenets  
49 north 127 west Amberchek 'Kslima River. Kulu 50 north 1257 east.  
Zuznets Lnsov 55 north 170 west. Ladoga 55 north 170 west. Pavlin-  
fvbnoiradov 54 north 152 west all for Seattle ~~XANHEZ~~. Pinega 55 north  
173 west San Fren.

222358

CTF 8 to Cincpac  
Army transport BRANCH departs SEWARD today for NOME via DUTCH HARBOR.  
FILLMORE proceeds similarly about 30 June. This for Cincpac from  
ComTaskForce 8. Have arranged with General Buckner for transportation  
of troops by rail to FAIRBANKS by transport planes there to NOME.  
This most secure method for troop movement. Only cargo handling  
personnel in addition to crews will be transports. Cargo handling  
arrangements NOME not definitely known I ComAlSec arranged 3 days  
ago for Naval Officer and Army Officer proceed NOME and investigate.  
Their report not yet received. Best estimate time discharge one  
transport 5 to 6 days if good weather. Each bad weather day must be  
added to transport time at NOME. Transport anchored west off shore  
in open sea. Long periods heavy fog frequent this time of year  
must increase difficulty of moving fighters this add in time of dis-  
charge. Conditions affecting discharge strongly favor transport  
moved to NOME singly thus reducing to one the number at NOME at time  
when most vulnerable to destruction if discovered. In addition to  
desirability this single movement transports is made necessary by  
present location second transport FILLMORE today at SEATTLE and  
desirability transporting ground equipment including food now avail-  
able in BRANCH at earliest possible moment. All these factors plus  
assured safety to troop personnel caused me to suggest to Buckner  
troop movement via FAIRBANKS as stated above. Consider movement cruisers  
into BERING SEA extremely hazardous if they remain there considerable  
period of time or if ~~their~~ their movement there is repeated. Location  
enemy not known now and their force between KISKA and UMNIAK especially  
with carriers retreat of our cruisers through ALEUTIAN CHANNEL if dis-  
covered might be impossible. Safety cruisers in BERING SEA therefore

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Dispatch 222358 continued

largely dependent upon evasion of detection. This evasion also best chance for transport. Consider transport with screen 2 destroyers has best chance to evade detection. If cruisers and transports discovered with no heavy cruisers can not guarantee safety transports against stronger enemy forces in waters north of ALEUTIAN CHAIN. Utilization of cruiser escort therefore would give Army authorities false sense of security in their transports which would not exist to degree they would envisage. In view of all these facts and single movement of transports request modification your order to cover all escort transports with cruisers. If you give me authority will escort each single transport with 2 destroyers to remain with transport until return from BERING SEA and instruct escort Commander avail himself all possible means to evade ~~xxxxx~~ detection. In any event have arranged for continuous air escort and protective air search by 8 VPB from both COLD BAY and NOME with air striking force alert to attack from COLD BAY UMNAK and NOME if enemy located.

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230107

Sotomoyo action ComWesSeaFron, Com 12 (This from LAMSON)  
Probable sub contact 37-02 north 123-39 west. Made one attack. Continuing search.

230930

CTU 8.5.2

Tanker 2 DD's ARANA BAY 21st. Damaged returning

231256

Cominch

Information of enemy which might affect ALEUTIAN defense arrangements should be passed to Commanding General ALASKA Defense Command via Senior Naval Officer in touch with him. War Department states this is not now being done in all cases. Suggest you send bulletin when appropriate to ALASKA AREA or have ComTaskFor 8 do so.

231238

ComNorWesSeaFron

SS CAMDEN reports struck torpedo 43-30 north 125-18 at 0415 tare (plus 7)

231642

ComWesSeaFron

SS CAMDEN reports torpedo attack 43-30 north 125-18 west at 0415 Tare (plus 7) June 23 rd. LAMSON reports probable submarine contact 37-02 north 123-39 west at 1807 Tare June 22nd.

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240315

CTG 8.5

Task Force 8 subs are in sector 250-268 from CAPE CHEERFUL north of lat 52. Please do not attack submarines in that area.

240340

CTF 8 to Cincpac

Outside of ATTU & KISKA, have had no actual enemy contacts in 4½ days. Hereafter will report contacts and results of action as occurring. Unless otherwise directed, absence of reports will indicate no enemy contacts made.

241639

ComNorWesSeaFron

This received from Hdqs ~~with in the following~~ W. D.C. and fourth Army. 22 June daily periodic ALASKA Defense Command ending 1200 GMT is source of following;

Believed by Cincpac Jap seaplane unit bearing 340 degrees from Honolulu with bearings shifting eastward and extending through western end of ATKA. Reference bombing KISKA 21 June pilots used volcano as landmark to estimate distance. Prevented determination results bombing. 2 B-17 pilots report 25 caliber Jap machine guns bullets at 4 thousand feet altitude penetrated plane floor passed through flexed leg in 2 places then through flexed arm in 2 places and then through roof of plane. This happened in two separate instances. Apparent maximum ceiling Jap AA at KISKA reported by pilots as 14000 feet ~~xx~~, projectiles have characteristics shrapnel burst and when burst is close bombers lifted 50 to 75 feet. Pilots report that when strafed AA ~~xxxx~~ crews of Jap cruisers stand fast concentrating all fire on planes whereas AA personnel on destroyers rapidly take cover. During 21 June raid on KISKA Jap ships were tied up eastern portion of harbor and heavily concentrated their AA fire. 2 US pilots reporting on 4 and 5 June ALEUTIAN operations state performance of radar overestimated or neutralized noting case that they passed within 10 miles of unprotected Jap carriers with no radar indications. Pilots of B-17's report 3 cases in which belly gunners blinded and drenched with oil from broken hydraulic operated turret oil line. Gun fire period B-24 pilots further report tricycle landing gear these planes are difficult to use on ALEUTIAN AIR FIELDS. Because of blind spots Jap pilots more aggressive against B-24's than against B-17's which they hesitate to attack. B-24's in ALEUTIANS having waist guns installed. Weather poor for flying in ALEUTIANS, intermittent rain low clouds wind up to 30 miles an hour and visibility sometimes 5 miles.

242211

NAS SITKA

Small type submarine with steeply sloping conning tower surfaced about 300 yards off Navy patrol boat at entrance Lisienski Strait, lat 57-47 N long. 136-30 W at 0700Z/24 on S.W. course. When patrol sighted dove. Evaluation excellent.



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242359

ComNWSeaFron

Interview with Master USAT General Gorgas reveals following regarding enemy submarine attacks of 19 June. Three separate attacks made or attempted at about 2\* 2 hour intervals indicating three different subs involved. Type positively identified ~~as~~ as I-61 class. Detailed report forwarded via mail.

251250

ComSubDiv 41 to CTF 8

19 June 0043. (11 plus) S27 grounded 1 mile east of SAINT MAKARINS POINT AMCHITKA ISLAND. On 22nd forward battery and torpedo room flooded and ship down by head 15 degrees firmly wedged in rocks and Captain considers beyond salvage. Conning tower and stern above water. Crew landed with no casualties 15 arrived DUTCH HARBOR in plane 25th remainder in deserted buildings CONSTANTINE HARBOR. Have food. All secret and confidential crypto aids and material completely destroyed or in possession of commanding officer. No enemy planes or ships seen that vicinity since 19th but evidence of bombing and strafing buildings prior that date. 3 planes have been directed rescue remaining personnel on 26th.

251725

Cincpac

ComSubRon 1 located 163 west 43 north by D/F at 1000 GCT 25th

260940

ComTU 1.5.3

1 AP at MCDONALD COVE with catapult type seaplane and DD patrolling.

261553

ComNoWesSeaFron

Source excellent indicates that unidentified silver plane approached NOME from southwest circled at 20,000 feet proceed west. Friendly planes incapable of attaining height reported and none were in air. Incident at 1530 GCT 23rd passages to NOME clear of ice. Air patrol vicinity NOME STELAWRENCE ISLAND and DIOMEDES shows no enemy.

262317

CTF 8

Request ComdGen ABC be included in distribution such PacFlt IntelBuls as may be of interest that officer.

262325

CTU 8.5.1

34 boat arrived. Damage incident depth charges and bottoming attempted attack tanker anchored SARAKA BAY. One fish at DD missed. Believe can repair here. Will advise. Give ComTaskFor 8 copy.

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270800

CTG 8.5 via ComAlSec

ComTaskGroup 8.5 Oorder 1-42 follows. Organization Task Unit 8.5.12 GROWLER. Information. Japanese have occupied ATTU and KISKA. Enemy base on latter island is in KISKA HARBOR. Best Intelligence indicates enemy forces this area may include combatant ships all types plus land and sea planes plus various types auxiliaries. Plan. This unit will maintain observation of KISKA and destroy enemy forces encountered. Task Unit 8.5.12 proceed KISKA at two engine speed. Establish and maintain patrol in KISKA areas 1 and 4. KISKA areas are contained within circle of 85 miles radius from north head KISKA HARBOR and are numbered from north in clockwise direction by quadrants. Attack and destroy enemy forces encountered. Observe movements of enemy in area off KISKA HARBOR for indications of mining before crossing hundred fathom curve. Disregard patrol sectors when necessary to successful attack. If necessary to return to base during patrol advise and proceed DUTCH HARBOR. Communications. Guard NPM Fox and 8270 kcs. Use radio only to report important information. This from Comtaskgroup 8.5. Infor Cinpac. Comtaskforce 7 and TaskForce 8.

270815

ComAlSec

By DF submarine indicated at 43 north 163 west 0215 GCT 26th.  
From ComTaskFor 8.5

270918

ComPatWing 4

From personal interview with Lieut (jg) J.F. Litsei USNR and experienced pilot who scouted KISKA HARBOR 25 June. He positive sighted large new CA nearest applicable silhouette MOGAMI except could not see opening under single stack. Closer observation and photos prevented by vigorous successful attack by single place seaplane matching description notes ABC under Nakajima 95 page 6 BuAero Intelligence Bulletin 22 April. This type plane and observation pilots pressing attack into heavy PBY 50 fire not previously encountered this area. Catalina heavily hit by 30 and 50 calibre. Steel core of 30 calibre cleanly penetrated armored gun shield. Pilot clearly saw bow of sunken transport protruding from water 45 degree angle plus two other transports.

271249 ComNorWestSeaFron

Call Hako Hako 6495 kcs bearing from CORDON HEAD 290 BAINBRIDGE  
291 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO 312 309 and 318 indicate  
loose fix 50-30 north 157 west 9 hours GCT 27th reliability fair.

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280724

ComAlaSec

ComTaskGroup 8.5 Op Order 2-42. This is part 1 of 2 parts. Organization Task Unit 8.5.13 FINBACK 8.5.14 TRITON 8.5.15 TRIGGER. Information. Japanese have occupied ATTU and KISKA. Enemy base on latter island is in KISKA HARBOR. Enemy uses SERANO BAY and may use HOLTZ BAY on ATTU. Best intelligence indicates enemy forces this area may include combatant ships all types plus land and seaplanes plus various types auxiliaries. Search and attack operations by own planes patrol and heavy bomber types can be expected. GROWLER patrol station KISKA areas 1 and 4. Plan. These units will maintain observation of KISKA and ATTU and destroy enemy forces encountered. Tasks. Task Unit 8.5.13 proceed KISKA 2 engine speed. Establish and maintain patrol in KISKA areas 2 and 3. KISKA areas are contained within circle of 85 miles radius from NORTH HEAD KISKA HARBOR and all numbered from north in clockwise direction by quadrants. End of Part one.

280820

ComAlaSec

Here's part 2 of ~~Mxxx28~~ my 280724. Task Units 8.5.14 and 8.5.15 proceed ATTU 2-engine speed. Establish and maintain patrol in ATTU areas. TRITON in area 1. TRIGGER in area 2. ATTU area 1 sector 352 to 132 from RED HEAD to distance 85 miles from same. ATTU area 2 sector 209 to 323 from CAPE ARANHEL to distance 85 miles from same. Paragraph xray. Approach KISKA between bearings 145 and 155 from NORTH HEAD and ATTU between bearings 333 and 353 from CAPE WRANGELL to true advantage of attack restriction arranged. Attack and destroy enemy forces encountered. Disregard patrol sectors when necessary to successful attack. If necessary to return to base during patrol advise and proceed DUTCH HARBOR. Communications. Guard NPM Fox and 8270 KCS. Use radio only to report important information. ComTaskGroup 8.5.18 is originator. Cinpac pass to ComTaskForce 7. End of ComTaskGroup 8.5 OP Order 2-42.

281928

ComWeSeaFron

Radio transmissions indicate fair probability enemy units 42 north 140 west 1100 GCT and 40-30 north 137-30 west 1430 GCT.

290230

ComAlSec

This message in 2 parts. CTG 8.5 Op Order 3-42. Organization. Task Unit 8.5.16 GRUNION 8.5.17 GATO. Information. Japanese have occupied ATTU and KISKA. Enemy uses SERANO BAY and may use HOLTZ BAY on ATTU. Enemy base in KISKA HARBOR. Enemy forces in vicinity these island and to westward thereof may include combatant ships all types plus land and seaplane plus various types auxiliaries. GROWLER 8.5.12 FINBACK 8.5.13 off KISKA TRITON 8.5.14 TRIGGER 8.5.15 off ATTU. Plan. These units will patrol sea routes from Empire to enemy bases in ATTU\* KISKA area and destroy enemy forces encountered. Tasks. Task Unit 8.5.16 proceed at 2 engine speed from Midway to area "Bulldog" which is bounded by parallels 50 degrees 30 minutes and 53 degrees north and meridians 169 and 166 east. Task Unit 8.5.17 proceed at 2 engine speed from Midway to area "Victory" described as follows. Between parallels 49-35 and 53 north. End part one part two follows.

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290236

ComAlSec

Part of CTG 8.5 Op Ord 3-42. Bounded on the west by KURIL ISLAND chain on the east by 160 east meridian. Paragraph xray. Attack and destroy enemy forces encountered. Disregard patrol areas when necessary to successful attack. Upon termination patrol proceed DUTCH HARBOR.. Leave patrol area on 48 day and after departing MIDWAY. When choice of targets is offered priority carrier battleships cruisers auxiliaries including merchantmen destroyers. Obtain any information available at Pearl regarding assigned areas. Be alert to identify Russian shipping during daylight. Assume darkened ships are enemy unless otherwise identified. Do not hamper offensive action by attempting to identify. Pass contact information to each other and to KEM ATTU and KISKA areas. Communications. Guard NPM Fox and 8270 KCS. Use radio only to report important information. CTG 8.5 originator

290730

ComTaskUnit 8.5.1

Arrived DUTCH HARBOR S-28. Inform TaskFor 8. 2 torpedoes at destroyer 19 did not hit.

292010

CTU 8.5.1

At 0015 W (plus 10) 29th enemy submarine 15 miles bearing 057 from BOGOSLOF course 255 speed 18.

292030

ComAlaska Sector

Enemy submarine 54-50 north 158 west 1400 GCT today by direction finder.

292108

ComAlaskan Sec

Task Unit designations assigned as follows. SubDiv 52 8.5.8 S-31 8.5.9 S-32 8.5.10 S-33 8.5.11. Proceed DUTCH HARBOR via UNIMAK PASS. Approach UNIMAK PASS between bearings 120 and 130 from SCOTCH CAPE. Task Force 8 is requested not to attack any submarine in this approach zone. CTC 8.5 sends this. ComTaskForce x 7 pass to Cincpac

292140

ComNavBase Air Det Alaskan Sec

Friendly submarines in KISKA and ATTU area. Total bombing restrictions in following area. 85 miles radius from RED HEAD ATTU between bearings 352 to 132. 85 miles radius from CAPE WRANGELL ATTU between bearing 209 to 323 approaches to these patrols areas same restrictions. Approach to KISKA between bearings 145 and 155 from NORTH HEAD. Approach to ATTU between bearings 333 and 353 CAPE WRANGELL.

300029

Cominch

This is COPC 1929Z/29 to Admiralty NSHQ 239 CincAwi Opnav and CPNNCF for action info to go Cine Cocwac. This is passed to you by Cominch for info Cinpac ComNav3tSeaFron and ComAlSec. "Quote" Received from HMCS TIRRENS RCAF patrol report 0918 PWT submarine sighted position 52-03 north 130-06 west. TIRRENS proceeded attack from position 14 miles to southwest. HMCS SANSPEUR proceeded assistance.

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300638

ComGen Alaskan Defense

Herewith paraphrased information from COPC: Report from HMCS TIMMINS states airplane sighted sub at 0918 PDT long 130.3 west lat 52.3 north stop SANS-PEUR and TIMMINS investigated, Coast Guard directed warn southward shipping.

301828

CTF 7

By DF 1200 GCT June 30 enemy submarine 44 north 174 west.

301920

ComPatWing 4

Japanese submarine affirmative contact 10 miles bearing 048 from eastern end SEGUAM ISLAND at 301840.

301946

CTF 8

Plane of PatWing 4 reported sight contact enemy submarine lat 52-28 N long 172-10 W at 1840 GCT 30 June.

302000

CTF 8

Your 301617 ship down by bow 15 deg with conning tower and stern above water when last seen. Commanding Officer reported torpedo room and forward battery compartment flooded. Probable that control roomx is also flooded. From CTF 8. Consider salvage of torpedoes S-27 impracticable.

302020

CTF 8

Indications by RDF enemy submarine latitude 54 north 149 west at 1100 GCT June 30.

302242 CTF 8

ORIOLE sighted enemy submarine on surface speed zero latitude 54-17 N longitude 165-27 W at 1800 GCT DUTCH has ordered plane attack.

302345

CTF 8

The number of enemy submarines reported south of ALASKA ALEUTIAN LINE indicates the enemy may be aware of presence of our main body or of increased movements of transports in this area.

011823 JULY

Cincpac to ComAlSec, ComNorSeaFron, CTF 8

Location enemy submarines by DF. All posits north and west. 47 at 171.5. 54 at 149. 42 at 169.5.

011853

ComAlSec

Radio Direction Finder indicates submarine general region 170 to 175 west 53 north. ComTaskForce 8 sends this



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011940

Nas DUTCH HARBOR

Arrived S-35. Originator ComTaskUnit 8.5.1 for action ComTaskGroup 8.5. Last observation KISKA HARBOR 20 June saw no ships in Harbor or patrol at entrance. Last saw planes 14th. Lights seen SEGULA ISLAND 19th and 20th. Visibility usually less than 2 miles. Between KISKA and SEGULA easterly set about 1 1/2 knots.

030115

CTG 8.5

Weather plane reports battleship at ATTU. Three auxiliaries and five destroyers at AGATTU.

030145

CTF 8

Search today reported following enemy forces at ATTU 1 BB. At AGATTU 3 AP 5 DD. At KISKA 3 cruisers 3 VP 1 unidentified vessel. 7 B-24 to bomb. Group commanders inform units their group not holding this system.

030337

ComAlSec

Following enemy forces reported search today. 1 BB at ATTU. 5 DDs and 3 APs at AGATTU. 1 unidentified vessel 3 VPs and 3 cruisers at KISKA. This in paraphrase of Nas KODIAK'S 030145 originated by CTF 8.

030445

CTG 8.5

Amplifying my 030115. Ships reported at MCDONALD COVE AGATTU and MASSACRE BAY ATTU but identities are not certain. Battleship probably cruiser.

Ref: Weather plane reports battleship at ATTU. 3 auxiliaries and 5 destroyers at AGATTU.

031050

CTG 8.5

Fleet submarines Task Force 8 assigned Task Unit designation 8.5.18. Following enemy contacts reported by today's search 3 cruisers 3 VP's 1 unidentified vessel at KISKA. At AGATTU MCDONALD COVE 3 AP 5 destroyers. MASSACRE BAY ATTU 1 BB. Southern side of ATTU area 1 TRITON changes from 132 degrees to 170 from RED HEAD. Hydrographic information received from experience ALASKAN NAVIGATOR. Shoal minimum depth 4 feet latitude 52-38 north 173-02 east. CHUNIKSAK POINT ATTU GILLON POINT AGATTU extend 3 to 4 miles less repeat less to seaward than charted. Refer HO chart 9102 reissued 1939. Cincpac pass Com-SubPac.

031759

CTF 8

Results bombing mission afternoon 2 July follows. B-24 type planes dropped 56 500 pound bombs at AGATTU. Observed several near misses two very near misses or hits on transport and destroyer. Bombs dropped from 18 to 21,000 feet. Light damage to B-24's by antiaircraft fire none to personnel. No enemy observed at ATTU. 3 large transports 3 cruisers 5 destroyers or 8 cruisers at AGATTU. Line of 4 or 5 enemy

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submarines fifty miles east of AGATTU. KISKA not observed. Com Task Groups 8.5 and 8.2 ensure delivery units their commands.

040032  
CTF 8

Soviet Naval authorities brotuing all Russian Ships north of ALEUTIANS and all will call DUTCH HARBOR. After 0 hours July 4th any ships sighted south of ALEUTIANS and west of UNIMAK PASS may be assumed to be not RUSSIAN.

040630  
CTF 8

Today's bombing 9 planes. 7 B-24 for near islands and 2 B-17's for Kiska. No contacts. Bombs dropped on Kiska results not observed. Near islands obscured. No anti-aircraft fire encountered any place. From ComTaskForce 8.

050655  
CTG 8.5

GROWLER got 3 anchored DD's in Reynard Cove Kiska east coast today. Enemy appears to be dispersing units in face of our bombing attacks. Investigation of minor bays and coves may prove fruitful. ComTaskGroup 8.5 speaking. CTF 8 received this from info adee. GROWLER reports mines in shallow areas outside KISKA HARBOR proper and believes cruisers still in that harbor.

051015  
CTU 8.5.12

Weather. Capable of continuing. High periscope damage but usable. Previous message garbled. No mines in shallow area. DD's anchored outside indicate possibility of mines at harbor entrance. 3rd DD DD fired at least 2 torpedoes at us. Foggy.

051604  
CTF 8 via ComAlSec.

Another Jap destroyer Asashi o class sank off AGATTU by TRITON. GROWLER reports no mines in shallow area but destroyers anchored outside indicate such probability at harbor entrance. GROWLER heavily bombed. High periscope damaged but usable and ship is capable of continuing. Third Jap destroyer hit fired at least two torpedoes at GROWLER. This from ComTaskForce 8 no result air operations July 4th all searches by Catalinas were negative. No bombing attacks due weather. Low visibility prevails.

052046  
ComAlSec

KISKA attack at 1800 4th by GROWLER. BAGATTU attack at 0340 5th by TRITON. Times GCT. CTF 8 reply to Cominch 051815.

052115  
CTF 8 to TG 8

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052115

CTF 8 to TG 8

Study photographs taken by bombers after attack July 2 and report by search plane same date indicates the following. At ATTU no repeat no vessels. At AGATTU 2 AP 1 AO 4 destroyers no cruisers appear. KISKA obscured but three VP 2 DD and 1 ship unidentified appear. Own submarine restricted operations July 4th would indicate that cruisers reported by search plane on 2nd remain in KISKA.

060440

ComAlaska Sec

Proceed Chiniak Bay contact WP 154 and conduct search. YP 154 reported propeller noises but unable to determine whether surface vessel or submarine due to fog from CTF 8.

060640

ComAlSec

Plans completed to undertake destruction S-27 without attempt to salvage torpedoes when authority is granted. This from CTF 8 reference my 302000.

Ref: Ship down by bow 15 deg...consider salvage of torpedoes S-27 impracticable.

070100

Opnav

Soviets Vladivostok state plane with US markings on June 28 flew over PEOVIAENCE BAY then eastward. Altitude 800 meters seen from 1457 to 1514 plane numbered 43. Also state night of July 1 plane over CHUNOTSK PENINSULA at 2353 believed 500 meters. Again heard few minutes later and from midnight to 0045 and again at 0058.

Soviets desire advance notice if US planes are to fly over Soviet Territory in order to quote avoid assuming them to be enemy planes unquote. Request report by dispatch whether or not these were US planes.

070455

CTU 8.5.12

Lost him. 1 heavy cruiser sighted near McArthur Reef headed eastward. Chased to eastward. Weather cleared but could not see him. Must have gone through RAT ISLAND PASS. Time 0200 Zed. In fog.

070355

CTF 8

Plane from UMNAK July 6 sighted 2 enemy destroyers anchored close to shore east of NORTH CAPE LITTLE KISKA. 2 destroyers anchored in SOUTH PASS. Heavy scum of oil covers water in SOUTH PASS and VEGA BAY.

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CTF 8

Sub periscope reported sighted 55-26N 133-53W at 0115Z/7. This received from S.S. FLORIDAN.

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CTF 8 to CTG 8.1  
CTF 8 directs ComTaskGroup 8.1 to attack CA previously sighted and lost near ~~THE~~ ISLAND PASS.

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~~FINBACK~~  
Attacked two DD at 0315 GCT 6th u miles southeast VEGA POINT. Misakase class believed sunk. No serious damage from depth charge attack. Search of VEGA BAY and SOUTH COAST Sunday negative. At 0500 GCT 4th sighted 3 DD Chiyoda 1 AP headed east 20 knots lost due to fog. Posit 15 piles south of NORTH HEAD. Previous attempts to transmit unsuccessful.

071150

CTG 8.5.12  
CA previously reported turned into destroyer. We tangled. Impossible shot. GROWLER heavily depth charged. Stern planes operate jerkily and very noisily. Remaining sound gear practically inoperative and warped operating shaft caused much noise. DD trailed us south east due to high noise level. Am returning from Area 1 to north east. All difficulties are material. Two small patrol vessels and probably two destroyers in this area.

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CTF 8  
3rd heavy cruiser previously reported sighted by Task Unit 8.5.12 near MCARTHUR REEF later identified as destroyers. GROWLER made impossible shot and heavily depth charged. Stern planes operate jerkily and noisily. Remaining sound gear practically inoperative and warped operating shaft causes much noise. DD trailed with ease due to high noise level. GROWLER retiring from area 1 to northeast. All difficulties are material. Two small patrol vessels and probably two DD's in this area.

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CTF 8.5  
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CTU 8.5.12

Information on A/S measures KISKA. Patrol boats work in pairs. 1 lies too listening of pinging other comes in if contact is made. Destroyers lie too listening. 1 chased by pinging after contact. When attacked submarine and DD sighted each other at same instant. Destroyer came in at high speed with no pinging. After attack DD lay too listening. On regaining contact came in pinging. Unable clear traffic on 8270.

080053

TU 8.5.10

Acton periscope sighted bearing 185 true distance two miles from CAPE MORGAN course 300 at 0030 GCT.

080200

CTF 8

Volume radio traffic this area involving enemy destroyers submarines and air indicates increased enemy activity in vicinity western Aleutians.

080740

CTF 8

Army reports positive identification at KISKA HARBOR 1 battleship or heavy cruiser at least 4 destroyers 2 light cruisers 2 tankers or transports and 3 fast seaplanes (2 monoplanes and 1 biplane).

080845

CTG 8.5

Only contacts reported today are by Army planes as follows. 1 BB or CA at least 2 light cruisers 4 DD's tankers or AP's and 3 seaplanes 2 mono 1 biplane all in KISKA HARBOR. TRIGGER should be betting in KISKA 1 and 4 instead of 1 and 2 as assigned in my 071520 which also directed GRUNION to replace TRIGGER IN ATTU 2 between bearings 199 from RED HEAD and 090 from CHIRINE POINT in clockwise direction. Fleet submarines check that group call Task Unit 8.5.18 is being guarded. Am trying to use 8270 direct paralleling NFM. In despatch following 1 received from me on that frequency so report.

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reconnaissance of the KISKA area is essential. Para plan. These units will reoccupy ATKA in order to provide better reconnaissance ATTU-KISKA area. Assure early thorough air reconnaissance of ATKA ADAK TANAGA and KANAGA ISLANDS. About 1700 GCT July 10th Task Unit 8.2.7 less Patron 43 plus 8.2.7.1 depart CHERNOFSKI proceed ATKA. Para Tasks. Task Group 8.1.2 thoroughly reconnoiter ATKA ADAK TANAGA and KANAGA ISLANDS prior to occupation of ATKA by our forces. CASCO proceed DUTCH HARBOR replenish aviation gasoline and stores and return CHERNOFSKI prio 0400 GCT 10 July. When ready proceed ATKA in company with GRIDLEY and furnish services Patron 43 at ATKA. GRIDLEY proceed Chernofski and report to CASCO for duty prior 1700 GCT 10 July. Escort CASCO to ATKA furnishing anti-air and anti-submarine protection enroute and at ATKA. Patron 43 operate from ATKA conduct daily daylight searches of 4 sectors centering on AGATTU to 500 miles and make daily patrol of ANDYEAOF GROUP and ALEUTIAN CHAIN to Islands of FOUR MOUNTAINS. If necessary to abandon ATKA advise and proceed at best speed to CHERNOFSKI. Communications. Accordance annex baker and addendum thereto to Commander Air Search Unit Operation Plan Number 3-42.

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CTG 8.5

Enemy submarine indicated by RDF within 50 miles 54-30 north 166 west. Time was 1200 on the eighth.

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CTG 8.5

Information. Ourselves and enemy. Present set up. GATO enroute far west GRUNION ATTU 2 TRITON ATTU 1 between 090 CHIRIKO and 19 from RED HEAD TRIGGER KISKA 1 and 4 FINBACK KISKA 2 and 3. S-30, 32 and 33 enroute RATAM (Rat Island Pass to Bunnars Cove and easterly approaches to pass. My 090050) ADAK North and ADAK South respectively. GROWLER'S report on A/S technique KISKA. Patrol boats work in pairs. One lying to listening or pinging other coming in if contact made; DDs stay to listen. One pinged while chasing after contact. When GROWLER and DD sighted each other at same instant latter came in at high speed without pinging but after attack lay to listening and then on regaining contact came in pinging. This similar to DRUM experience. Destroyer may leave herself open for pot shot after first attack with these tactics. Demolition party on AMCHITKA destroying S-27 aground 1 mile east Saint Makarius Point. If HULL considered improbability of enemy contact elsewhere permits it patrol along coast in vicinity in early morning. No additional information since last night on our little brown brothers. Wish could give you better weather.

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NAS Sitka

Submarine contact positive at 0200 GCT on 10th. Position 55-20 N 134-30 W. Sub attempted torpedo USCGC McLane but missed. McLane depth charged. Am attacking with planes as well as McLane.

110835

Com Ketchikan Dist. Alaska

Following from YP-251 quote at approximately 2000 yesterday this vessel and McLane destroyed enemy submarine in concerted action in 86 Kepner 37 after air driven torpedo passed between this vessel and McLane while vessels were 20 yards apart. At 0100 today ordered McLane to proceed Ommaney to to investigate. At 0500 today Navy plane signalled that large enemy submarine was surfaced offshore due west. Steamed top speed at battle stations due west for 8 hours without contact. Unquote. Will submit full report and evaluation after compiling all data. Vessels resumed regular patrol.

110900

TU 8.5.8

S-27 demolition party returned. All explosive fired at bottom of conning tower which was demolished and center ship broken open. Pressure hull completely under with small part superstructure showing at low water. No indications of observation by enemy.

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ComTaskFor 8

DF bearings indicate enemy vessel within 50 miles of 49-55 north and 159-30 west at 0700 GCT July 11.

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TU 8.5.15

Sighted 1 AK 15 miles northeast HOLTZ BAY On southwest course at 1520 GCT today. Believe sighted before diving and target turned away surfaced and during chase saw 2 DD's on easterly course at 1710 GCT. Possibly same Shigure class destroyers seen north of KISKA ISLAND on 9 July. Appear patrolling in column speed 16. Search today HOLTZ CHICHAGOF and SARANA BAYS negative information. Nothing received 8270 kilocycles. Depend chiefly on submarine schedules.

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CTF 8

3 Army planes reported having bombed 1 cruiser KISKA HARBOR July 11. Results not observed due clouds also report one DD. 3 barge type vessels. 6 4-engine seaplanes in harbor. Opposed by single

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float monoplanes. No more than 2 at any time. These monoplanes very fast. Maneuverable. Heavily armed. Observed to climb to 20,000 feet in about 7 minutes. Attacks made from below and head on. Part of pontoon of 1 attacking plane shot away. 1 B-24 damaged by explosive 20MM fire. No other AA fire. 2 additional planes on photo mission obtained about 25 pictures KISKA. VEGA POINT. SOUTH HEAD and LITTLE KISKA. 1 unidentified war vessel length estimated 300 to 500 feet sighted 10 miles southwest KISKA.

130650

CTG 8.5

Army plane reports sighting unidentified subs at 2030 GCT July 12th position 52-25 north 179-58 west. Course south. Submerged immediately.

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TG 8.1

2 V28 proceeding UMNAK from DUTCH about 130830 encountered 1 new DD CGC Cyane Ak Satartia off CHERNOFSKI. DD informed plane by blinker hunting submarine. Plane maintained as coverage until convoy at entrance. DD amplified that CGC had made sound contact 8 miles bearing 320 from CHERNOFSKI light. Did not state time. Cyane has been directed to amplify.

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101635 Keyport Washn.

Absence of radio reports from KISKA and ATTU coupled with Tokyo broadcast that Jap troops had landed in Aleutians supports view possible loss of destruction of subject weather stations Cincpac from ComNorWestSeaFront air observance of ATKA shows no evidence of enemy action.

102010 ComAlSec

No radio contacts ATTU and KISKA. Your 101017. Will make reconnaissance and inform you as soon as possible.

110110 ComAlSec

Am informed that Tokyo broadcast claimed Japs have occupied two places in Alaska. Pass to CTF 8 for action and Cincpac ComTaskFor 16m for infor. Might be ATTU and KISKA.

110921 NAS Kodiak

Summary from ComAlSec. CPW 4 from last report to 110800 nil enemy contacts in Seward areas. Four enemy ships found KISKA by catalina 110320. Army bombers ordered out. Catalina will keep under observation, bomb at daylight and check ATTU first chance. Reinforcements arrived 4 to SAND POINT, 4 to DUTCH HARBOR, 1 damaged landing. Total effective catalinas 20. Under repair 10. Searching max. sectors south tonite first priority KISKA. Local army knows all.

111257 ComAlSec

Our subs ordered to operate against enemy KISKA ATTU area. Do not attack subs on surface or submerged anywhere to westward of long. 161-30 until further orders. Task Unit commanders pass to vessels this command not copying fox schedules.

111635 NAS DUTCH HARBOR

Request earliest information results observation KISKA and ATTU and bombing KISKA by search catalinas. 9 heavy army bombers depart UMNAK about 1700 GCT bomb KISKA. 4 catalinas call 17 V 3 depart UMNAK about 1700 GCT with bombs for KISKA direct or may be diverted refuel ATKA if contact develops at ATTU.

111645 Cominch

Agree in general with your 110929 especially as regards preparation TF 16 for future operations and for use of subs and air against KISKA. Suggest part of TF 8 join up with TF 1 for operations and training approximately on line DUTCH HARBOR PEARL pending further developments. Ref: TI during last few days indicates formation of strong screening force by enemy in northern area which is believed to be based upon his estimate that we will react strongly to his occupation of ATTU and KISKA.



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112343 ComTC 8.5

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After fueling DUTCH HARBOR proceed ATTU group on course CAPE CHEERFUL-CHICKOCOF HARBOR ATTU patrol sectors origin GIBSON ISLAND S-34 north to east S-23 east to south S-18 west to north. KISKA group on course CAPE CHEERFUL - WIRIDS POINT patrol sectors origin NORTH HEAD KISKA HARBOR S-28 northwest to 060 S-34 060 to east S-27 east to south west. Patrol as close to origin as possible and disregard sector limits to attack enroute make best possible speed. Enemy definitely located at KISKA and believed landed on ATTU. Take maximum possible offensive action. On the way do not attack submarine unless positive enemy.

120250 CPW 4

Our PBV Ens. Dahl reports large enemy landing force at ATTU of at least 25 tents well concealed many landing boats. This observed from 1730 to 1900 GCT. At 2100 GCT same plane bombed DD and CL west side of KISKA on course west damage doubtful. Shorebased aircraft which pilot identified as Nakajima fighter 97 followed from KISKA to within 100 miles of ATKA. Plane received hole from machine guns well over ATTU.

120401 Kodiak

Patrol wing 4 delivering as per orders at 12-120 three Catalinas dropped bombs on KISKA HARBOR enemy as follows on CA 3 on transport 1 on destroyers 1 on gunboat 1. Results not yet reported. One Catalina bombed DD and CL westside KISKA ISLAND course west reports damage doubtful. Catalina P-43P sunk Jap sub lat. 51-00 long 177-10 at 111800 GCT Sub caught on surface course east true speed 20. Refueled and re-armed Catalinas enroute to bomb Jap CA lat 42 long 177-05 west at 110225 GCT. SAND POINT unit and tender moving to ATKA to keep hammering. Shorebased Nakajima fighters operating from ATTU. Local Army reads this. Own losses unreported at present. Four new Catalinas received today.

120557 Kodiak

ComPat wing 4 forwards this report from GILLIS ATTU and KISKA occupied by enemy forces, ATTU in considerable numbers including evidence of construction. KISKA no longer has ships in harbor apparently being dispersed around area or being withdrawn. Shore based or carrier airplanes in addition to cruiser base planes evidence suggesting possibility of temporary landing field in vicinity KISKA. Your 112354.

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5 Catalinas on way or at target 2 refueling and rearming planes immediately upon landing and sending them out continuously. 1 transport damaged and 1 submarine sunk both previously reported total damage to moment. Damage to own aircraft limited to broken antenna wires and 1 bullet hole end.

121855 ComAirDefAl.

Presence of enemy CV in area is indicated. Probably north of line ATTU to KISKA. 6 plane torpedo sweep on bearing 268 from OTTER POINT might yield results. Send other 3 torpedo planes against any heavy ships in vicinity of ADAK or west. All units give pilot name reporting planes in and out.

131300 CTG 8.5

6 submarines of Task Group 8.5 are proceeding west from DUTCH HARBOR to stations in ATTU KISKA area. Request all Army and Navy Air units be informed and directed not attack submarines west of DUTCH HARBOR until further notice.

131508 ComFlt. 0

6 submarines of Task Group 8.5 are proceeding west from DUTCH HARBOR to stations in ATTU KISKA area. Do not repeat not attack submarines west of DUTCH HARBOR until further notice. Inform Army.

140220 CTF 8.5

To TF 8: All SS of TF 8 are in sector 255 - 270 from BIGOSLOF heading westward to ATTU and KISKA. SS can be attacked outside of this sector until further word.

240340 CTF 8

Outside of ATTU & KISKA, have had no actual enemy contacts in 4½ days. Hereafter will report contacts and results of action as occurring. Unless otherwise directed, absence of reports will indicate no enemy contacts made.

262325 CTU 8.5.1

34 boat arrived. Damage incident depth charges and bottoming attempted attack tanker anchored SARANA BAY. One fish at DD missed. Believe can repair here. Will advise. Give ComTaskFor 8 copy.

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280724 ComAlaSec

ComTaskGroup 8.5 Op Order 2-42. This is part 1 of 2 parts. Organization Task Unit 8.5.13 FINBACK 8.5.14 TRITON 8.5.15 TRIGGER. Information. Japanese have occupied ATTU and KISKA. Enemy base on latter island is in KISKA HARBOR. Enemy uses SERANO BAY and may use HOLTZ BAY on ATTU. Best intelligence indicates enemy forces this area may include combatant ships all types plus land and seaplanes plus various types auxiliaries. Search and attack operations by own planes patrol and heavy bomber types can be expected. GROWLER patrol station KISKA areas 1 & 4. Plan. These units will maintain observation of KISKA and ATTU and 5 destroy enemy forces encountered. Tasks. Task Unit 8.5.13 proceed KISKA 2 engine speed. Establish and maintain patrol in KISKA areas 2 & 3. KISKA areas are contained within circle of 85 miles radius from NORTH HEAD KISKA HARBOR and all numbered from north in clockwise direction by quadrants. End of Part One.

280820 ComAlaSec

Here's part 2 of my 280724. Task Units 8.5.14 and 8.5.15 proceed ATTU 2 engine speed. Establish and maintain patrol in ATTU areas. TRITON in area 1. TRIGGER in area 2. ATTU area 1 sector 352 to 132 from RED HEAD to distance 85 miles from same. ATTU area 2 sector 209 to 323 from CAPE WRANGELL to distance 85 miles from same. Paragraph xray. Approach KISKA between bearings 145 and 155 from NORTH HEAD and ATTU between bearings 333 and 353 from CAPE WRANGELL to true advantage of of attack restriction arranged. Attack and destroy enemy forces encountered. Disregard patrol sectors when necessary to successful attack. If necessary to return to base during patrol advise and proceed DUTCH HARBOR. Communications. Guard NPM Fox and 8270 KCS. Use radio only to report important information. ComTaskGroup 8.5.18 is originator. Cincpac pass to ComTaskForce 7. End of ComTaskGroup 8.5 Op Order 2-42.

290230 ComAlaSec

This message in 2 parts. CTG 8.5 Op Order 3-42. Organization. Task Unit 8.5.16 GRUNION 8.5.17 GATO. Information. Japanese have occupied ATTU and KISKA. Enemy uses SERANO BAY and may use HOLTZ BAY on ATTU. Enemy base in KISKA HARBOR. Enemy forces in vicinity these island and to westward thereof may include combatant ships all types plus land and seaplane plus various types auxiliaries. GROWLER 8.5.12 FINBACK 8.5.13 off KISKA TRITON 8.5.14 TRIGGER 8.5.15 off ATTU. Plan. These units will patrol sea routes from Empire to enemy bases in ATTU-KISKA area and destroy enemy forces encountered. Tasks. Task Unit 8.5.16 proceed at 2 engine speed from Midway to area "Bulldog" which is bounded by parallels 50 degrees 30 minutes and 53 degrees north and meridians 169 and 166 east. Task Unit 8.5.17 proceed at 2 engine speed from Midway to area "Victory" described as follows. Between parallels 49-35 and 53 north. End part one part two follows.

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290236 ComAlaSec

Part of CTG 8.5 Op Ord 3-42. Bounded on the west by KURIL ISLAND chain on the east by 160 east meridian. Paragraph xray. Attack and destroy enemy forces encountered. Disregard patrol areas when necessary to successful attack. Upon termination patrol proceed DUTCH HARBOR. Leave patrol area on 48 day and after departing Midway. When choice of targets is offered priority carrier battleships cruisers auxiliaries including merchantmen destroyers. Obtain any information available at Pearl regarding assigned areas. Be alert to identify Russian shipping during daylight. Assume darkened ships are enemy unless otherwise identified. Do not hamper offensive action by attempting to identify. Pass contact information to each other and to ATTU and KISKA areas. Communications. Guard NPM Fox and 8270 KCS. Use radio only to report important information. CTG 8.5 originate.

292140 ComNavBase Air Det. Alaskan Sec.

Friendly submarines in KISKA and ATTU area. Total bombing restrictions in following area. 85 miles radius from RED HEAD ATTU between bearings 352 to 132. 85 miles radius from CAPE WRANGELL ATTU between bearing 209 to 323 approaches to these patrol areas same restrictions. Approach to KISKA between bearings 145 and 155 from NORTH HEAD. Approach to ATTU between bearings 333 and 353 CAPE WRANGELL.

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030115 CTG 8.5

Weather plane reports battleship at ATTU. Three auxiliaries and 5 destroyers at AGATTU.

030337 ComAlaSec

Following enemy forces reported search today. 1 BB at ATTU. 5 DDs and 3 APs at AGATTU. 1 unidentified vessel 3 VPs and 3 cruisers at KISKA. This in paraphrase of Nas Kodiak's 030145 originated by CTF 8.

031050 CTG 8.5

Fleet submarines Task Force 8 assigned Task Unit designation 8.5.18. Following enemy contacts reported by today's search 3 cruisers 3 VP's 1 unidentified vessel at KISKA. At AGATTU MCDONALD COVE 3 AP 5 destroyers. MASSACRE BAY ATTU 1 BB. Southern side of ATTU area 1 TRITON changes from 132 degrees to 170 from RED HEAD. Hydrographic information received from experience ALASKAN NAVIGATOR. Shoal minimum depth 4 feet latitude 52-38 north 173-02 east. CHUNIKSAK POINT ATTU GILLON POINT AGATTU extend 3 to 4 miles less repeat less to seaward than charted. Refer HO chart 9102 reissued 1939. Cincpac pass Com-SubPac.

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031759 CTF 8

Results bombing mission afternoon 2 July follows. B-24 type planes dropped 56 500 pound bombs at AGATTU. Observed several near misses to very near misses or hits on transport and destroyer. Bombs

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dropped from 18 to 21,000 feet. Light damage to B-24's by anti-aircraft fire none to personnel. No enemy observed at ATTU. 3 large transports 3 cruisers 5 destroyers or 8 cruisers at AGATTU. Line of 4 or 5 enemy submarines fifty miles east of AGATTU. KISKA not observed. Com Task Groups 8.5 and 8.2 ensure delivery units their commands.

052115 CTF 8 to TG 8

Study photographs taken by bombers after attack July 2 and report by search plane same date indicates the following. At ATTU no repeat no vessels. At AGATTU 2 AP 1 AO 4 destroyers no cruisers appear. KISKA obscured but three VP 2 DD and 1 ship unidentified appear. Own submarine restricted operations July 4th would indicate that cruisers reported by search plane on 2nd remain in KISKA.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

- 4-26-42 MITA 1 590 (Cinc 2nd fleet) request that charts be delivered to administrative office and to all vessels under his command including area Lat. 50-61N. Long. 140-165 W.
- Special reference to charts of costal region in above.
- 4-27-42 NASA 4 493 Ominato R.I. submits report on air patrols in Alaskan and Aleutian island areas. Also Hawaiian 4th fleet addressed for action.
- 5-3-42 ComAlaska  
022331 S-35 returned from patrol out of Dutch Harbor. Made contact with large submarine south of Paramushiru Island with attacked with 5 magnetic torpedoes causing slight damage.
- 5-24-42 NAS Dutch Harbor - 241830 Single motored plane flew low over Kiska one mile distant on course 240° at 1620 Z.  
Enemy submarines in Western Aleutian Area. 1 sighted in vicinity Umnak pass on 5-26-42.
- 6-23-42 T2W - 230712 - Increased activity Aleutian Islands.
- 6-28-42 MSS - 280628 - [ ] from 3FURE to 3 RUNE info Maizuru naval station #3 special landing force at Kiska. # 20 of 19 June 0600 quote 05. 3 enemy bombers attack us x direct hits on ----- x at 05----- causing her to sink.
- 7-2-42 R.D. - Part of Desron 1, Machi and Abukuma ? here. Indications of tightening up of anti sub patrols and protective measures after Kiska attack.
- 7-9-42 CSWPF 090340 - Uncamouflaged orange aircraft with twin tail resembling type 96 heavy bomber sighted afternoon 7th over Maraba airdrome. 30 mi s.w. Cairns.
- 7-10-42 T.I. - Comdr Aleutian forces addressed CinC 5th. C of S. Combined; 5th fleet detached force less SETES and SEYU6, NETA5 tentatively a DD in Desron 10, Comdr. 6th air attack and Chigoda - HAFU 8 forwarded to TOKYO OMINATO, and HOROMUSLINO radios for delivery to all addresses but CHIYODA.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

- 7-12-42 - TU 8.5.15 - 120833 - Sighted 1 AK 15 miles north of Holtz Bay on south west course at 1520 today CCT. ~
- 7-12-42 - ALASKA #110835 - Following from YP-251. "At about 2000/11 July this vessel and McLane destroyed enemy submarine in concerted action in 86 Kepner 37 after air driven torpedo passed between this vessel and MC LANE while vessels were 20 yards apart. At 0100/12 July ordered MC LANE to proceed to Ommaney to investigate. At 0500/12 July Navy plane signalled that large enemy submarine was surfaced off-shore due west. Steamed top speed at battle stations due west for 8 hours without contact" (Ommaney is cape and bay at very southern tip of Baronoff Island).
- 7-19-42 - 180149 CNWS - KANE rescued 12 survivors from SS ARCATA at 2300 get 7-17-42. Survivors reported thip shelled and sunk by submarine at 2000 W (plus 10) 7-14-42 in 53-35 N. 157-30W.
- 7-30-42 - NSS - 291440 - Several urgent despatches from North Area.
- 7-30-42 - R.D. No changes in composition of forces in Aleutian Area.
- 8-5-42 - CTF8 - 050606 - Two four engined Jap bombers shot down today by P38. 30 miles s.w. Atka.
- 8-13-42 - R.D. - Forces in Aleutians remain same.
- 8-13-42 - R.D. - One subron "plus" in this area.

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- 1/11 (Tanga) Recon. by aircraft
- 1/22 (New Ireland) Enemy landed MUSSAU-RAFSU - 02-40 - 151-04.
- 1/22 ACNB (New Ireland) KAVIENG bombed by 40 VB, 20 VP. Copra sheds lost. Army ship in Cunastar sunk. 3 enemy aircraft shot down.
- 1/23 ACNB (New Ireland) KAVIENG - Japs landed. Aerodrome demolished.
- 2/19 (New Ireland) KAVIENG - Air rec. shows 3 VP, no ships.
- 4/21 CSWP (New Ireland) 2 AP sighted 4/21 off southeast NEW HANOVER ISLAND. Described as of 8,000 tons, 500 feet long, cruiser stern, raked bow, one funnel. Did not fire nor challenge planes.
- 4/24 CSWP (New Ireland) KAVIENG AIRFIELD used by enemy bombers; protection unknown. Strait between Kavieng and New Hanover used as anchorage and rendezvous for convoys.
- 4/24 CSWP (New Ireland) 2 ships sighted in straits off KAVIENG.
- 4/25 CSWP (New Ireland) No enemy air activity observed at KAVIENG. Sighted 2000 ton AP west of KAVIENG and 1 smaller vessel entering PORT.
- 4/25 CSWP (New Ireland) Possibly CV at KAVIENG which departed Rabaul 4/12. Also 3 other vessels including warship.
- 4/28 CSWP (New Ireland) B-17s obtained direct hit and near misses on 6000 ton AP in convoy 90 miles south of KAVIENG. Total of 9 ships including 5 APs, 2 DDs and small transports.
- 5/1 CSWP (New Ireland) 4,000-ton freighter sighted on C. 120 T NORTH OF NEW IRELAND.
- 5/14 ACNB (New Ireland) Three fast warships off SOUTHERN TIP NEW IRELAND at 2240Z/12 Course 320.
- 5/21 CSWP Indications of installation soon of enemy facilities at KAVIENG.

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- 6/22 DDs seen around Point Cruz on 6/23. Plane appeared to land at Point Cruz.
- 6/23 CSWP 1 VP 4 VP seen operating vicinity 6/22. Confirmed by [unclear]
- 7/5 Cominos Coast watcher reports that at 0200/4th two enemy carriers and thirteen other warships headed West past Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal.
- 7/5 ROSES In addition to the above despatch. There are some Jap troops camped near Visale Peak on this island.
- 7/6 CSWP Enemy landing on north side probably for construction of airfield on plain SE Lunga. Small landing also made west end at Visale.
- 7/6 CSWP Corrected report from coast watcher 5 DDs, 4 CLs and large AK on course West 0300 GCT 4th from Savo Island no CV. Statement to be confirmed.
- 7/7 CSWP Liberator at 0055 GCT 7th sighted 2 large AK dropped bombs hit small torpedo boat.
- 7/9 CSWP Small detachment of enemy landed Cape Esperance.
- 7/9 CSWP Japs consolidating here. AA at TAIVA. Apparent activity 1 mile SE Lunga Point indicated by clearing away of trees.
- 7/10 CSWP Information will decrease as watchers have to retreat into bush.
- 7/11 CSWP Captured documents show construction workers and substantial landing force coming here from Truk. Departed July 10th.
- 7/11 CSWP Liberators unsuccessfully attacked shipping here 0000 the 10th, encountered inaccurate AA from shipping. Intercepted by 2 float planes light damage to aircraft.
- 7/11 T2W  
FRUMEL Guadalcanal Naval Landing party with South Seas forces. Scheduled arrive 1 July also one unit each of 11th and 13th Pioneers to arrive July 4th "by day"
- 7/13 CSWP Naval landing party plus 11th and 13th Pioneer construction forces less one unit each have already arrived Guadalcanal area. Remaining units scheduled arrive there shortly. These forces arrived probably to begin construction and defense major advance and operating base.

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- 5/25 CSWP No shipping seen, encountered light AA fire.  
3 VF seen at KAVIENG. (New Ireland)
- 5/26 CSWP (New Ireland) 6 launches in HARBOR, craters  
on runways filled, but no planes seen. 1 AF,  
1 merchantman in harbor, 2 cargo vessels headed in.
- ~~5/27 PATCH (New Ireland) Free French troops occupied WALLIS  
ISLAND off New Ireland.~~
- 5/28 CSWP (New Ireland) At KAVIENG saw 2 AP, 3 or 4 smaller  
vessels.
- 5/29 ACNB (New Ireland) 2 AP, 3 small ships at KAVIENG.
- 6/14 McArth. (New Ireland) Unsuccessful bombing of ship -  
SIMBERI ISLAND in TABAR GROUP. Straffed 13th.
- 6/24 T2W (New Ireland) Concentration of forces in NEW  
IRELAND, NEW GUINEA, SOLOMONS area probably for  
attack in strength on MORESBY or AUSTRALIA.
- 6/25 T2W (Kavieng) Comdr. TULAGI base force, Comdr.  
KAVIENG base force, Comdr. ORU landing force all  
at KAVIENG and associated with army activities at  
RABAU. Their forces may soon proceed to Rabaul  
for operations on southward.
- 6/25 CSWP (Kavieng) 1 10,000-ton AK, 1 small vessel here 6/24.
- 6/27 CSWP (New Ireland) Estimated Orange air strength BISMARCK  
ARCHIPELAGO on 6/25 24 VF, 44 VB, 11 VP, 23 observ.  
and scout - total 102, divided between NEW BRITAIN  
AND NEW IRELAND.
- 6/29 CSWP (Kavieng) Estimated Orange ground strength 200  
with patrols in Tabar Group.
- 6/29 CSWP (New Hanover) Estimated Orange ground strength  
ENANG ISLAND. Of S.E. COAST NEW HANOVER about 50.

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- 7/14 T.I. Enciphered address was "Guadalcanal Air Base" Indicates new base there.
- 7/14 MACARTHUR Construction units 11 and 13 due here 4th July.
- 7/14 There is an air base in Guadalcanal Island called the "Guadalcanal Air Base". Probably near Lunga.
- 7/14 R.D. Air Base being established here.
- 7/15 CSWP Photos show single float planes Guadalcanal area are similar to zero fighters regard, engines, cowling, main plane cockpit, tail plane.
- 7/16 Enemy construction work accelerated in Guadalcanal.
- 7/16 Liberator was attacked near Guadalcanal by two type zero VF, 1 single float with 2 small wingtips on 10 July.
- 7/16 ROSES Information from Guadalcanal will cease as position of coast watchers has been disclosed by natives to the enemy who have attacked with float planes. Natives assistants deserting. Coast watchers moving.
- 7/17 Cincpac Two float planes maintain continuous patrol during daylight of Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.
- 7/17 Cincpac AA batteries and small groups of troops on Guadalcanal at Kukoon Lunga and Tenaru. Wharf being constructed at Kukoon.
- 7/17 Army Intelligence Japs increasing strengthened installations north coast, Guadalcanal, burning plains, cutting down coconuts, no runway seen as yet.
- 7/17 Cincpac Single float plane Guadalcanal your observer recently sighted is evidently new type fighter. Japs are stationed at all advanced bases. High rate of climb and speed greatly in excess of 165 miles. Photos taken Guadalcanal indicate main plane CMA and engine cowling CMA cockpit and tail similar to zero fighters.
- 7/17 ROSES Information from Guadalcanal will probably cease as position of coast watchers has been disclosed by natives to the enemy who have attacked with float planes. Native assistants deserting coast watcher moving.
- 7/20 CSWP From photos. Float planes Guadalcanal area appear

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- 7/20 CSWP as converted zero fighters with single main float and wing tips floats. True air speed much greater than 136 miles per hr. 2 or 3 guns each wing some cannon.
- 7/20 T.I. Guadalcanal originated long report type MSG to 4th, 8th Fleets, 8th Base Force and 5th Air attack. Probably a report on progress of construction here.
- 7/20 CGHD Lunga runway apparently finished. No planes seen 1200 troops Lunga area. Out posts at Taivu, Cape Esperance, Cape Hunter. AA - Kunkum, Lunga, Tenaru and Constant.
- 7/22 T.I. Kure 3rd Special Force at Guadalcanal.
- 7/24 On 11 July air searches from Guadalcanal included at least 3 sectors.
- 7/24 CASP Two B17's in photo reconnaissance Tulagi.- Guadalcanal area. 23 July attacked by 5 Jap single float sea planes fighters for about 45 minutes. Speed of VF 14000, estimated at better than 250 miles per hr. No damage our planes. One VF believed shot down. Japs consistently dove from ahead to make an underneath bow approach.
- 7/25 CSWP Aerdrome site being cleared Tenaru plantation. Another aerdrome Tetere near completion. Anti-aircraft dispersed around latter.

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