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1 Air Liaison Group (1 AL Grp)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/ (Serial No.)

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 27/ /194 (Unit)

W.E. 27/ /1 OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 24 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinf'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	6	7	41						

Analysis of Part A to be shown Sect by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	DETAIL.		A.L.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		48									
	B.(1)											
	B.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

/ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 27/ /194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ___/___/194___ (Unit)

W.E. ___/___/___ OFFRS. ___ O.R's. ___ + OFFRS. ___ O.R's. ___ ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Estn'lts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Estn'lts Required.
				* Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ___/___/194___

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

___ Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ___/___/194.4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday /1/194 (Unit)

W.E. /3/ OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
	3			Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
				Captains					
			7	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	3	7	9						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.T.S.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 18 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday /1/194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ___/___/194__. _____(Unit)

W.E. ___/___/___. OFFRS. ___ O.R's. ___ + OFFRS. ___ O.R's. ___ ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	3		2	Majors					
	7		29	Captains					
		7	7	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	10	7	39						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.L. units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	DETAIL		A.T.S.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		39									
	B.(1)											
	B.(2)											

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO_____(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ___/___/194___.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

_____Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ___/___/194__. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/ /194 (Unit)

W.E. 12/ / . OFFRS. / . O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
			29	Captains		✓			
			7	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	40	7	39						

	DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.P. units. Only units notified in Para. 10 of Instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.		39									
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /12/194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/ /194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

_____ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944 1 Aust Air Liaison Gp (Unit)

W.E. 22/11/43. OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 56 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1	-	-	Staff Sergeants			1		
	-	-	1	Sergeants					
	3	-	3	Corporals					
	-	-	3	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	4	*	7 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.I. units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		6		5				[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To _____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ___/___/194___

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Compositors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Examiner			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photovoltist			
Plumber			
Sea Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Asymen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Bellermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	1	5	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Conductors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tpts. Plant			
Engine Hands, L.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	5	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
S/SGTS	1	-	1
SGTS	4	4	-
LCPLS/CPLS	35	33	3
PRIVATES	40	31	5
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	81	72	9

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is required give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

29-1-44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Flt Lt
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944. _____ (Unit)

W.E. 111/20/1 OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 81 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1	-	7	Staff Sergeants					
		-	4	Sergeants					
	2		31	Corporals					
	6	-	35	Troopers, Privates, etc.		✓			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
•	11	-	70 •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		•			•

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for completion of this return will complete analysis of Part D(1) and D(2).

• • Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		C.M.F.							
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	• •	TOTAL.
A	61		9				[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To _____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ___/___/194___

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Aeronautical)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Survey)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Examiner			
Pattern Maker			
Pneumatist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photoprinter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Armsmen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Bellermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)			
Driver-Operator			
Draughtsmen			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Mills Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Jointers			
Linemen			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	1	5	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Conveyors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptr. Fleet			
Engine Hands, L.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mate			
Gun Layers			
GARRIED FORWARD	1	5	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asst.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Mounts. Numbers			
Well Sinkers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Shrouderm			
Slaters, Slate, Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Repairers			
Tinsmiths			
Tinsmiths			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

Clerks	1	-	-
Clerks	75	71	4
Drivers	40	30	6

ATTACHED BY W.E.

Totals of columns marked • to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	81	•70	• 11

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22-1-44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Lt Col
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

3 /644 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 1 /1944. 1 Base AL S.F. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 30 / 1. OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 81 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E. -

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
	12			Corporals					
	5		2	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	13		64 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A		5	-	4				[redacted]	[redacted]		
	B(1)		-									
	B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944. 1 Aust Air Lia Gp (Unit)

W.E. 111/30/1. OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 81 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
	-	-	4	Sergeants					
	3	-	32	Corporals					
	8	-	33	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	12	-	69	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		60		9				[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)									-		
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ____(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ___/___/194___

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Carpenters			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Kinematograph			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photorotter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 /1944. 1 Aust Air Lia Gp (Unit)

W.E. III/3D/1. OFFRS. 42 O.R's. 81 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	1	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
	-	-	4	Sergeants					
	3	-	32	Corporals					
	8	-	33	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	12	-	69 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		60		9				[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
	✓		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
	✓		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To _____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ___/___/194___

ARMY No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		✓	

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / 1 /1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Compositors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
M.Wrights			
Operators, Kinetheodolite			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Triangulation			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Asdcmen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'r. Asst.			
Battermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mot.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drummers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Motorman			
Height Taker			
Radio-Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstn.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Patrol Bearers			
Photolithos, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	1	5	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Cook Tradesmen			
Conservators			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, M.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	5	-

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
S/SGTS	1	-	1
SGTS	4	4	-
CPL CLERKS	32	32	3
PRIVATES	43	28	8
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	81	69	12

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

OPERATIONS LOG - JANUARY 1944.

DATE. 18 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 18 A.

UNIT. 71 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. FARIA RIDGE.

RESULTS. 21 x 500lbs 8/11 sec delay demo bombs and 15 x 500lbs 12 to 18 hr delay demo bombs were dropped in the target with nil results other than bomb bursts observed. Target was thoroughly strafed with 16450 x .50 cal and 575 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. Smoke from marking bombs were clearly observed in the area.

DATE. 18 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 18 A.

UNIT. 405 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. FARIA RIDGE.

RESULTS. 20 x 500lb 8/11 sec delay demo bombs and 16 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped along ridge and on both sides of ridge. Bombing was excellent. Results were unobserved due to dense foliage. Area was lightly strafed with 3730 x.50 cal and 700 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

DATE. 18 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 18 A.

UNIT. 822 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25G's. (75 mm)

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. FARIA RIDGE.

RESULTS. 20 x 500lb 8/11 sec delay demo bombs and 12 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped in the target. Several small fires were observed along the ridge in target following the attack. Bombing was excellent. 62 x 75mm were fired into the target and target was strafed with 3700 x .50 cal and 1700 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. Smoke signals were observed over the target.

DATE. 18 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 18 A.

UNIT. 823 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25G's. (75 mm).

NO A/C. 7.

TARGET. FARIA RIDGE.

RESULTS. 22 x 500lb 8/11 sec delay demo bombs and 6 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped in the target. Area was thoroughly strafed with 3600 x .50 cal. One small fire was seen in the target as a result of strafing. Nil other results were observed. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS/ 5 columns of white smoke - possibly mortar identification fire - was seen in the target.

DATE. 19 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 19 B.

UNIT. 823 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25G's. (75 mm).

NO A/C. 7.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 16 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay and 12 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped in single airplane attack on the target. Majority of bomb bursts were observed on top of the ridge. Target was strafed with 6125 x .50 cal and 330 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS/ RED Verey pistol flares were being fired both from the target toward our troops and from the vicinity of the ground panel towards the target. Only two crews reported seeing ground panel due to foliage and kunai grass. No mortar smoke remained over target.

DATE. 19 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 19 B.

UNIT. 405 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 18 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay and 18 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped on target from single airplane in line astern attack on target. 50% of the bombs were seen to burst on top of the ridge while remainder fell on slopes close to top on either side. Target was thoroughly strafed with 9625 x .50 cal and 600 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. White arrow panel pointing northwest was clearly seen at F044 (Ref ASP No 707) by majority of crews. Bright RED flares, possible mortar, leaving thin trail of white smoke and falling off to West towards target, came from D843 (Ref ASP No 707). Several Verey pistol flares were seen from vicinity of ground panel and immediately Northwest. Mortar smoke over target was not plain discernible.

DATE. 19 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 19 B.

UNIT. 71 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 16 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay and 16 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped from single airplane formation at 15 to 20 sec interval along crest of target area 600 yards North of designated panel. Several bombs were seen to burst on crest of ridge but results were generally unobserved. Bombing was excellent. Area was thoroughly strafed with 14750 x .50 cal and 1500 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. One RED flare was seen from position identified as our forward area, also 3 or 4 flares fired from target area.

DATE. 19 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 19 B.

UNIT. 822 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25G's. (75mm)

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 16 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay and 16 x 500lb 12 to 18 hour delay demo bombs were dropped in single airplane attacks on the target along top and left side of SHAGGY RIDGE. All bombs exploded in target and resulted in small fires and slight black smoke. Bombing was excellent. 42 x 75mm were fired into the target. Target was thoroughly strafed with 5500 x .50 cal and 700 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. 2 crews observed ground panel marking and Verey pistol fired near panel. All crews observed mortar smoke over target.

DATE. 20 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 20 B.

UNIT. 405 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 36 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay demo bombs were dropped along SHAGGY RIDGE of which approximately 70% were seen to fall or burst on crest of ridge. Remainder fell on Western and Eastern slopes. One explosion was observed on western side of Ridge following bomb bursts. One crew member reported 4 bombs bursting on crest of Ridge with the last burst observed throwing up dense white smoke. Area was thoroughly strafed with 9460 x .50 cal and 240 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. 2 RED flares were observed being fired from our position towards target area.2 crew members reported bombs from one airplane were observed falling short of target area. One crew member reported this was followed by a white flare. One unidentified black ball, possibly balloon, was observed south of bombline and on eastern slope of ridge while formation was making dry run.

DATE. 20 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 20 B.

UNIT. 823 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25C's. (75 mm)

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 34 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay demo bombs were dropped on SHAGGY RIDGE beginning at bombline and continuing for approximately 1 mile. Majority of bombs were observed bursting on crest of ridge. 2 bombs fell northeast of target, halfway down slope. Results were generally unobserved. Bombing was excellent. Entire target was thoroughly strafed with 3475 x .50 cal and 275 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. All crews reported one RED flare at position F338 (REF ASP NO 707). This flare was fired toward our ground positions. One crew member reported 3 RED flares from same position fired toward our ground positions. Marker panels were easily discernible.

DATE. 20 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 20 B.

UNIT. 71 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25D-1's. (Strafers).

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 32 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay demo bombs were dropped on the target with nil results other than bomb bursts observed. Bombing was excellent. Target was thoroughly strafed with 9700 x .50 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. Target appeared covered by bomb craters and trees shattered by strafing. Ground panels were more distinctly seen that during yesterday's raid. 3 or 4 flares, both RED and WHITE, were fired from vicinity of panel. A smoke shell was seen to burst on east side of Ridge near the crest and in approximately the same vicinity of the panel.

DATE. 20 JAN 44.

MISSION NO. 20 B.

UNIT. 822 SQN.

TYPE A/C. B-25G's. (75 mm)

NO A/C. 9.

TARGET. SHAGGY RIDGE.

RESULTS. 32 x 500lb 4/5 sec delay demo bombs were dropped in target in train with at least 6 bombs exploding on crest of ridge. Remainded bounced down East and West sides of Ridge, the majority of which were on the West side. As last airplane withdrew, target was covered with low black smoke. Bombing was excellent. 31 x 75 mm were fired into the target. Target was strafed with 3400 x .50 cal and 700 x .30 cal. Photos were taken of the attack.

SIGHTINGS. All pilots observed smoke in target during approach. 2 crews definitely identified "V" shaped panel 200 yards South of target on top of Ridge. Other crews report confusion of panel with similar shaped tent formation in general area where panel was expected.

WAR DIARY

11 SECTION 1 AUST. AIR LIAISON GROUP

90 BOMB GROUP DOBODURA

DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
JAN. 1	ROUTINE DUTIES. GROUP MEETING FOR SAILOR STRIKE. CAPT DUNNING ACCOMPANIED MISSION, BUT DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE DID NOT REACH TARGET.
2.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
3.	Routine Duties.
4.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
5.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
6.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
7.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
8.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
9.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
10.	ROUTINE DUTIES. CAPT DUNNING ACCOMPANIED GROUND SUPPORT MISSION TO BORGEN BAY.
11.	PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION GIVEN TO CREWS OF 400 SQDN. ON RECOGNITION OF EDIBLE FOODS IN JUNGLE.
12.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
13.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
14.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
15.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
16.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
17.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
18.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
19.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
20.	ROUTINE DUTIES.
21.	ROUTINE DUTIES. CAPT DUNNING DEBRIEFED 320 SQDN. CREW FOR SUPPLY DROP TO NEW BRITAIN(N.E.)
22.	ROUTINE DUTIES. CAPT DUNNING ACCOMPANIED SUPPLY DROP MISSION. 12 CHUTES IN AREA, ONE LOST. DEBRIEFED 319SQDN. CREW FOR SUPPLY DROP NEW BRITAIN.
23/	ROUTINE DUTIES. SUPPLY DROP 22ND. 100% SUCCESSFUL. ALL CHUTES RECOVERED.
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A-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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Report No. 14

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FROM: 1600/13/1/44/L.
TO : 1600/14/1/44/L.

I. ALLIED OPERATIONS.

B. Air Forces.

DOBODURA - NADZAB - GUSAP: 1 B-25G of the 823rd Squadron (14 A) completed 100% a courier mission to DOBODURA, NADZAB, GUSAP and return. There were nil sightings. Airplane took off at 0700/L and returned to base at 1200/L.

RSIN BAY - KOKOPO: 11 B-25D-1's of the 71st and the 405th Squadrons (14 C) bombed and strafed the coastal area from RSIN BAY to KOKOPO from 0943/L to 0955/L at minimum altitude. 54 x 300 lb. 4/5 sec. delay bombs were dropped in target as follows: 1 bomb was dropped on shack on North shore of CAPE LEURUMEN, 2 bombs were dropped on KETENGE VILLAGE with 1 direct hit which caused dust and debris to fly in air. 1 bomb dropped on [illegible] LOGUSLAUSKI and 1 bomb dropped on point at 370925 (Ref: Western NEW BRITAIN, 4 miles to 1 inch), three bombs were dropped on East shore of BANU RIVER at 490025 and 1 bomb dropped on MAKATI VILLAGE, all with unobserved results. 37 bombs were dropped on KAMAI-AI and TAVELIAI VILLAGES and on unidentified possible dump or bivouac areas along coast. Coconut groves along coast also bombed. Results of bombing was unobserved. 7 bombs were dropped along shore at LOTTOCK BAY and 1 bomb was dropped on 6 native huts at MAKATI VILLAGE, all with unobserved results. Entire target was strafed with a total of 10000 x 50 cal. and 1500 x 30 cal. with unobserved damage. Photos were taken of the attack. 2 camouflaged barges were sighted by one crew member in inlet just off IBOKI PLANTATION, and 1 possible serviceable barge was seen 100 ft. West of MAKATI VILLAGE. There were nil other sightings. 1 B-25D-1 of the 405th Squadron is unreported at this time and results of attack by this airplane is not included in this report. Weather over target very nearly closed in with ceiling at or at zero. Overcast rising toward center of NEW BRITAIN.

Summary of Missions carried out by FAEF 13/1/44.

ALEXISHAFEN: 28 B-24's of the 90th Bomb Group (13-A-1) bombed target 7D (Personnel and dump area approximately 1500 by 2500 yds. in DANIP PLANTATION at ALEXISHAFEN), from 0947/L to 0949/L. 120 x 500 lb. inst. demo. bombs, 264 x 250 lb. gen. pur. bombs and 80 x 300 lb. inst. demo. bombs were dropped on the target from altitudes of 10000 ft. to 10900 ft. on headings of 255 - 270 degrees. Target was well covered by the bombing and 3 small fires were started in center of target, with column of white smoke rising to 200 ft.. 2 houses were destroyed by bomb hits and 3 small fires were observed near hangars in dispersal area. 2/3 bombs were observed to hit the runway. Other damage unobserved. Bombing was excellent. Photos were taken of the bombing. At 0947/L from 10000 ft. a small schooner type vessel was seen at the Northwest end of BOSTRAK BAY with a large oil slick nearby. 2 camouflaged tents were observed midway along the North edge of the target before the bombing. At 0950/L from 10500 ft. 9 stationary barges were observed in the mouth of

MARU RIVER South of MADANG, serviceability was undetermined. Weather over the target was 2/10 scattered cumulus with tops at 8000 ft. and overcast at 15000 ft.

CAPE GOUDON - CAPE CROISILLES: 9 B-25D-1's of the 501st Squadron (13-Bal) bombed and strafed the coastal track from CAPE GOUDON to CAPE CROISILLES from 1510/L to 1530/L at altitudes of 50 to 300 ft.. 157 x 100 lb. 4/5 sec. delay bombs were dropped on the target with direct hits by 4 bombs on bridge at point 321030 (Ref: UVO East 1" to 1 mile). 3/4 15 ft. flat bottom boats at the mouth of GILAGIL were probably destroyed by direct hits. Bombs were dropped on huts at SARANG VILLAGE No. 2 at point 623736 (Ref: MATUKA West 1" to 1 mile). Direct hits were scored on buildings at WALOG at point 639711 (Ref: MATUKA West 1" to 1 mile). KUTUM PLANTATION and buildings on Southwest shore of KANKAR ISLAND and SARANG VILLAGE No. 2 were thoroughly strafed. A total of 20460 x 50 cal. and 1000 x 30 cal. were expended in strafing the target. Photos were taken of the attack. Moderate, medium and accurate A/A was received from known positions in ULIGASI MISSION area. Possible medium A/A received from South shore of ULIGAN HARBOR at point 313022 (Ref: UVO East, 1" to 1 mile). M/G fire from barge on the East shore of BUMABUN HARBOR, and light A/A from the South tip of KANKAR ISLAND was also received. The following sightings were observed from 1510/L to 1530/L: 10 to 12 barges seen on the South coast of ULIGAN HARBOR. Bridges at the mouths of KUMIL and MANGEN RIVERS were destroyed. Considerable signs of activity observed in clearings and houses on Southeast and West coasts of BAGABAG ISLAND. Fire with white smoke was seen at MANGEN POINT. Personnel believed to be Japs seen running from buildings on SARANG ISLAND. Weather over the target was 3/10 scattered cumulus, base at 10000 ft., with visibility 10 to 15 miles due to haze.

BOGADJIM ROAD: 12 A-20's of the 69th Squadron (13 C-1) bombed and strafed targets along the BOGADJIM ROAD from BOGADJIM to bridge No. 23 from 1010/L to 1025/L. A total of 42 x 500 lb. and 1 x 250 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo. bombs were dropped. The GOMI RIVER bridge was damaged in the center by bombing. Remainder of bombs were well scattered along the road and through BOGADJIM PLANTATION. Possible hits were scored on road and camp near AIKAU. The area from KAULA to sea was strafed with 12745 x 50 cal.. Propaganda leaflets were dropped on BOGADJIM PLANTATION. Photos were taken of the attack. Weather prevented hitting targets South of KAULA. Nil A/A fire was encountered. A clearing was seen near KWATO but nil signs of activity in it. A 2 story building at KWATO seemed damaged as if by heavy strafing. 2 bridges near MALAGA appeared in good condition. 1 of these bridges was at 681071 (This and all following map references to: BOGADJIM 1" to 1 mile). Possible stores were observed in BOGADJIM PLANTATION at 658960 and 678980. Road through BOGADJIM PLANTATION appeared in good condition. Trails were seen near 563958 and frame of a house at 669988. A possible camouflaged net was observed at 657964. A barge was sighted in the GOMI RIVER, 150 yds. inland from the beach - probably serviceable. A partly camouflaged barge was seen parallel to shore at 680655. BOGADJIM VILLAGE appeared in good condition. Bridge 15 or 7 looked new. A cleared area with signs of recent activity was seen at 742935. Weather: RAMU VALLEY: scattered showers. FINISTERRE RANGES: solid cumulus on mountains, tops up to 9000 ft.. High thin overcast over BOGADJIM PLANTATION. Heavy weather seriously interfered with attack.

10 A-20's of the 8th Squadron (13 C-1) bombed targets of opportunity between coast and bridge No. 12 along BOGADJIM ROAD and strafed from coast to KOPPEI CREEK, from 1155/L to 1210/L. 17 x 250 lb. and 18 x 300 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo. wire wrapped bombs in two bombing and strafing runs as follows: 24 along main road in Plantation Southwest of BOGADJIM; 1 West of Road Southwest of Plantation; 1 West of IOTORO RIVER 1 mile Southwest of Plantation; 4 in BAU-AM VILLAGE; 2 on Road near bridges No. 5 and 6; 1 near unidentified bridge; 1 near bridge No. 13 on East side of River; 1 near BAU JAM VILLAGE. Targets from ocean to KOPPEI CREEK and Villages along the KINDIL RIVER were strafed with 14550 x 50 cal. Photos were taken of the attack. Slight inaccurate M/G fire came from one position near BOGADJIM VILLAGE. (reported by 2 crews) An object appearing like an ordinary gas pump or statue on a concrete base was seen in a clearing in DUAI PLANTATION at 675982 (All map ref. to: BOGADJIM 1" to 1 mile). Huts in KINDJIM and MALE VILLAGES appeared new. One pilot reported a dugout in the sand near beach South of KUBALI MISSION at 692988. Opening of dugout was toward sea. A truck, partly loaded with square boxes was sighted parked on side of road near bridge No. 9. All bridges observed appeared in good condition except one end of bridge No. 12 which seemed washed away. Weather: target area was closed in as Squadron approached from MAU VALLEY South of DUMPU. Squadron flew to LAE, FINSCHHAFEN, up RAI coast and approached target from the North. Cumulus and cumulo-nimbus on mountains on both sides extending up to 29000 ft.. 12 A-20's of this Squadron took off but 2 returned to base before reaching the target due to mechanical trouble. One A-20 landed at SAIDOR after attack and reported the strip as smooth but not of sufficient length for bombers.

KIARI to SIKIANAFEN:

P-39's of the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron (13 U-1) carried out armed recces from KIARI to SIKIANAFEN. (1) 2 P-39's were over the area from 0720/L to 0910/L. One serviceable barge at mouth of the TENGILU RIVER was heavily strafed at 0845/L scoring 50% hits. 3 barges in first stream East of the KAUMA RIVER were heavily strafed at 0830/L scoring about 60% hits. Huts at 152152 (BOGADJIM, Photomap No. 0357) were strafed at 0830/L scoring about 60% hits. 2 huts were left smoking. P-39's were fired on by M/G at approximately 159143 (same map ref.). M/G fire was described as slight and inaccurate. 1 small unarmed, unflagged serviceable barge, 200 yds. East of VINCKE POINT, facing Northwest commanded good view of KILANGEN and MASU HARBORS. A small 5 ft. boat was seen near mouth of second stream West of VINCKE POINT. 2 barges were observed at mouth of KIARI RIVER. Both of these barges were believed serviceable; one had number "54450" on bow. One camp fire was seen on East side of VINCKE POINT. One fire was seen about 50 yds. in from FRISCHEL POINT. One serviceable, black barge was seen 1½ miles West of REISS POINT. One serviceable barge was observed on edge of beach 1½ miles West of NEMAU. One serviceable, black barge was seen on beach 4 miles West of KLEEN RIVER. Barge had number "4177D" on bow. One M/G was observed in hut on shore 2 miles West of LEPSIUS POINT. At 0900/L, village in KAILINGO was burning - probably as a result of Allied gunfire. (2) 2 P-39's were over the area from 1140/L to 1300/L. A hut at mouth of the GAGLAU RIVER, having tin cans and boxes covered with grass was strafed scoring 50% hits, at 1245/L. One serviceable, Minichemmy barge was observed at 1150/L on edge of trees 1½ miles West of REISS POINT. Black barges reported by first 2 P-39's over the area were attacked again. About 10 or 15 supply parachutes were seen on the ground at REISS POINT at 1210/L.

NEW BRITAIN: 4 P-39's of the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron (13 D-1) were unable to complete and armed recce of CAPE GAUCHE to WEIR BAY due to weather. Airplanes took off at 1042/L and landed at 1130/L. There were nil sightings.

ARAWE: 10 A-20G's of the 90th Bomb Squadron (13 I-1) bombed and strafed dumps and troop concentrations near DIDIOP VILLAGE from 0740/L to 0750/L. 42 x 250 lb. 4/5 sec. delay bombs were dropped from minimum altitude with all bombs hitting in the target. Dirt and debris observed flying in the air from explosions due to bombing. Other damage was unobserved. Target was thoroughly strafed with 12350 x 50 cal. and unobserved damage. H/G fire with sharp blue flame was observed at point 460352 (Ref: ARAWE 1/63360). Photos were taken of the attack. The following sightings were observed: majority of the huts in DIDIOP and vicinity were demolished by previous bombings. Several huts 12 ft. x 20 ft. observed in clearing where creek joins FULIE RIVER at DIDIOP. Possible empty H/G pit seen at 476353 (All map refs: ARAWE 1/63360). 8 low grass shacks approximately 10 ft. x 30 ft. seen in clearing at 479972. Possible dug in storage shacks along the North bank of creek that branches to the right of the FULIE RIVER. Weather over the target was cavu.

SEA SEARCHES: 1 B-24 of the 63rd Squadron (13 E-1) completed 80% of an armed recce of the Northeast BISMARCK SEA. 2 x 1000 lb. 1/10 sec. delay Torpex bombs were dropped on Sugar-Baker at position 0243S - 14925E at 1317/L from 10000 ft. 1 direct hit was scored on the port side near stern and 1 very near miss or hit was scored on the starboard side near fan tail on stern. Ship stopped immediately and 15 minutes later either smoke or oil was seen coming from the port side. (Probable smoke) Ship definitely crippled and will probably sink. Photos taken of the bombing. Moderate medium and inaccurate A/A was received from the convoy at 10000 ft.. At 1113/L from 7000 ft. a 5 ship convoy which consisted of 2 DD's, (old flush deck type single stack) and 3 Sugar-Bakers was sighted at position 0243S - 14925E on a course of 360 degrees at a speed of 10 knots. There were nil other sightings. Northeast portions of recce was incomplete due to gas consumption over the convoy. Weather: DAMPIER STRAITS: overcast at 10000 ft. and scattered stratus 1/3000 ft. Visibility 25 miles. BISMARCK SEA: 5/10 covered at 4000 ft., high overcast at 13000 ft.

1 B-24 of the 63rd Squadron (13 F-1) completed 100% an armed recce of the Northwest BISMARCK SEA. Airplane took off at 0701/L and returned to base at 1649/L. There were nil sightings. Weather: solid cumulus around HOOKE ISLAND and VITIAZ STRAITS, BISMARCK SEA: scattered cumulus 5/10 to 7/10 covered base at 1000 ft. tops at 10000 ft.. Alto stratus and cirro stratus overcast. Same weather along the North coast of NEW GUINEA. SOLOMON SEA: scattered cumulus.

1 B-24 of the 63rd Squadron (13 G-1) completed 100% an armed recce of the BISMARCK SEA. 2 x 1000 lb. inst. demo. bombs were dropped on an unidentified M/V in convoy at position at 0250S - 15025E, from 2000 ft. at 0345/L. Bombs fell 1300 ft. astern with nil damage. At 0345/L position 0250S - 15025E, a 5 ship convoy consisting of one possible CA or CL, [illegible] possible DD and 3 unidentified M/V's were picked up. 1 vessel larger than others had 2 or more stacks and large super-structure covering 50% of the deck. Ship wide through beam and pointed at the ends, which indicates a possible CL. Much A/A received from this ship when airplane was 2 miles out on bomb run. A/A was small reddish bursts, going

off like a string of firecrackers. This vessel also sent out blinker signals to the rest of the convoy. Weather enroute: high thin overcast at 12000 ft. with cumulus 3/10 covered. North coast of NEW BRITAIN: thin overcast with high scattered cumulus. Heavy weather around KAVIENG and NEW HANOVER 6/10 covered. SOLOMON SEA: thin high overcast with scattered cumulus.

B. Ground Forces.

HUON PENINSULA: Patrol activity continues in preparation for attack on MADANG A.

SAIDOR AREA: Patrol activity continues inland and along coastal track.

ALAME: Patrolling continues East of main line of resistance.

CAPE GLOUCESTER: Consolidation of positions continues.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

A. Ground Forces.

ALAME: 50 Japs with full packs spotted 1 mile Northwest of old drome site by our patrols.

CAPE GLOUCESTER: Total enemy casualties to date - 2975.

B. Air Forces.

DAILY ESTIMATE OF ENEMY LAND BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHEASTERN AREA.
14 January, 1944.

Estimate by A-2 V Bomber Command:

	F	L/B	M/B	D/B	T/B	F/B	TOTAL	STATUS CHANGE
NEW GUINEA:								
BUT	17	4	3				24	0
DAGUA	19	18	4				41	0
WEWAK	10	4	5			6	25	+4
BORAM	29						29	0
ALEXISHAFEN							0	-4
HOLLANDIA	25	23	48				96	0
WAMDE	12		13				25	0
TOTAL	112	49	73			6	240	0
N. IRELAND & N. BRITAIN:								
KAVIENG	21		10	26		6	63	-12
VUNAKANAU	10	13	22				45	+2
LAKUNAI	87	5	6				98	0
RAPOPO	11		8				19	0
HAMBOA					2	20	22	0
TOBERA	11		1				12	-5
TOTAL	140	18	47	26	2	26	259	-15
TOTAL	252	67	120	26	2	32	499	-15

COMMENT: A Soupac force destroyed 7 aircraft of undetermined type on VUNAKANAU early morning of 12/1/44 and at least 5 fighters later in the same day over TOBERA. A photo showing partial coverage of VUNAKANAU after Soupac strike disclosed 22 medium bombers on drome. Reinforcement of VUNAKANAU is assumed to have taken place drawing from KAVIENG and our estimate of KAVIENG is lowered accordingly.

III. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS.

MALAMAL ISLAND. 12/1/44. (12B-2)

Fair vertical photographs covering from MILITAT HARBOR Eastward to area in vicinity of MALAMAL ISLAND.

Bombs are seen bursting on South edge of MALAMAL ISLAND and in water nearby. Damage not assessable.

EMDAMAFEN PLANTATION. 12/1/44 (12A-2)

Fair vertical photographs covering EMDAMAFEN PLANTATION from approximately 500 ft. Southwest of jetty Northward to just South of SALIMA VILLAGE.

Photos show bombs bursting in area of activity at East edge of EMDAMAFEN PLANTATION. Damage cannot be assessed from these photos due to smoke of bomb bursts.

EMDAMAFEN PLANTATION has been well cleared of trees, particularly around the jetty, as a result of recent bombings. All bomb craters in the area appear water-filled.

Nil new activity is noted.

GROVE ISLAND. 12/1/44. (12D-1)

Three vertical photographs of PETER HARBOR extending East across PETO POINT. Two bombs bursting immediately North of heavy A/A positions, North of Harbor. Damage unassessable.

There is considerable activity around all the defense positions. The heavy A/A positions show evidence of being strengthened.

Nil shipping in the Harbor.

ALBATROSHAFEN. 11/1/44. (11A-1)

Very good vertical photographs covering from SUK ISLAND Northwestward to lagoon in VITAR PLANTATION and from North dispersal area of Drome No. 1 Southward to PSIGRS RIVER.

Drome No. 2 is not covered.

Nil serviceable airplanes are present on Drome No. 1. Runway rough but apparently serviceable.

Photos show bombs bursting in Southwest corner of VITAR PLANTATION and in seeded area at West edge of Plantation. Damage is not assessable but several columns of black smoke are seen.

Other bombs are seen bursting on Southeast arm of Township area and in water near ULIMAL ISLAND and ADMOSIN ISLAND. Large clouds of white smoke are seen rising from Southeast arm of Township as a result of the bombing, but damage cannot be assessed from these photos.

Many bombs are bursting near shore and along road to Township at Northeast end of Drome No. 2. Actual damage cannot be assessed but one fire is seen in this area and it is believed 1 small building near lagoon West of Township received a direct hit.

One string of bombs are also seen bursting in warehouse and stores area South of Southwest end of Drome No. 1. No damage can be assessed due to smoke from bomb bursts.

Roads and tracks in this area appear as being maintained and apparently are receiving normal usage.

Nil barges are seen on photos except the two near Point on North side of BOSTREM BAY which have been there for some time.

The bridge over PSIGES RIVER South of Northeast end of Drome No. 2 is still unserviceable.

WAKAI. 12/1/44. (12F-1)

Very good oblique photographs covering area between KEPLER POINT and WAKAI VILLAGE.

Photos show bomb bursting around WAKAI VILLAGE.

Damage cannot be assessed, but it is doubtful that the Village was hit.

ALEXISHAFEN. 12/1/44. (12A-1 and 12B-1)

Good vertical and excellent oblique photographs covering area from Drome No. 1 Northeastward across BOSTREM BAY to VITAR PLANTATION. Three 24" photos cover all of ALEXISHAFEN area. Other obliques cover BOSTREM BAY area, SEK ISLAND and the Township area.

There are nil serviceable airplanes on Drome No. 1. Runway appears rough but serviceable.

Photos show bombs bursting in reported possible stores area along HANSA - ALEXISHAFEN M/T road near West edge of BOSTREM BAY and on Point near STELLA MARIS STRIP. Damage not assessable. Other bombs are seen bursting in center of Township area and in water near SEGAS ISLAND. No damage assessable. Many bombs are seen bursting through VITAR PLANTATION North of BOSTREM BAY causing one large column of black smoke. No damage assessable. One large camouflaged barge or lugger near point on North side of BOSTREM BAY was destroyed by a direct hit causing much black smoke and probable fire. Other bombs are seen bursting on North end of SEK ISLAND. Damage not assessable.

One small fire is seen in North edge of DANIP PLANTATION Southwest of STELLA MARIS STRIP.

Two M/T are seen in revetments of Drome No. 1.

A/A positions on boot shaped peninsula West of ADMOSIN ISLAND appear to have been abandoned.

IV. FINAL MISSION REPORTS.

14 A COURIER MISSION. 1 B-25G 823rd Squadron.

TIME OF MISSION: 0700/14/L to 1200/14/L.

MISSION: Courier Mission to DOROBURA, NADZAB and GUSAP.

RESULTS: Mission was 100% completed as ordered.

WEATHER: Enroute: alto-stratus, 9/10 coverage. NADZAB: alto-stratus, cumulo-nimbus. On return: alto-stratus over Ranges, 10/10 coverage. Closed in with precipitation and ceiling zero from YULE ISLAND to vicinity of DUNLAND Airdrome.

14 C STRIKE. 6 B-25D-1's 71st Squadron.

TIME OF ATTACK: 0945/14/L to 0958/14/L.

TARGET: Barge sweep from REIN BAY to KOKOPO.

RESULTS: The coast line and immediate coastal area from CAPE KIRCHOFF to REIN BAY was searched by all 6 airplanes. 2 camouflaged barges were sighted by one crew member in inlet just off ISOKI PLANTATION. Nil attack was made. There were nil other sightings of enemy activity, barges or otherwise.

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Each of the 6 airplanes made individual bombing and strafing attacks on KAMAI-AI and TAVELIAI VILLAGES and on undentified possible dump or bivouac areas along route of search, including attacks on coastal coconut groves. 37 x 300 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo. bombs were dropped; a total of 9000 x 50 cal. and 1500 x 30 cal. were expended in strafing. Results of bombing and strafing were unobserved. Photos were taken of TAVELIAI, KAMAI-AI VILLAGES and other areas along route of search.

A/A: Nil.

SIGHTINGS: Nil.

GENERAL: All 6 airplanes of this Squadron landed at DOBODURA on return due to weather and have not yet returned to base. This mission report was received from FATF.

WEATHER: Areaof search very nearly closed in with ceiling almost zero. Overcast rising toward center of NEW BRITAIN.

14 C STRIKE. 6 B-25D-1's 405th Squadron.

TIME OF ATTACK: 0943/14/L to 0952/14/L.

TARGET: [illegible] BAY to KOKOPO.

RESULTS: A total of 17 x 300 lb. 4/5 sec. delay demo. bombs were dropped as fell ws: 7 along shore of KOTTOCK BAY with unobserved results; 2 bombs in MAMATI VILLAGE (Village composed of 6 huts), with unobserved results; 1 bomb on shack on North shore of CAPE MEAWAREK; 2 bombs on KETLINGS VILLAGE scoring 1 direct hit and blowing dust and debris into the air; 1 bomb on CAPE BOGUSLAWSKI; 1 bomb on point at 370925 (this and all other ref. to: Western NEW BRITAIN, 4 miles to 1 inch); 3 bombs on East shore of BANU RIVER at 490525. Results of bombing were generally unobserved. Mil barges were sighted in target. Target was thoroughly strafed. Photos were taken of the attack.

A/A: Nil.

SIGHTINGS: 1 possibly serviceable barge was observed 100 ft. West of MAMATI VILLAGE. One crashed Jap airplane, believed a Val, was sighted in water 200 to 300 ft. off shore at 160940.

GENERAL: 3 airplanes of this Squadron returned to base after completion of mission; 3 others landed at DOBODURA and remained there because of weather. Final report has been received from FATF on 2 of the airplanes which landed there. Results of one of the airplanes which landed at DOBODURA are not included in this report. This report covers only 5 airplanes.

WEATHER: DOBODURA: overcast with visibility less than 30 miles, 10/10 alto-stratus with base at 11000 ft., 7/10 cumulus with tops to 10000 ft., HUON PENINSULA: overcast with visibility less than 30 miles, 10/10 alto-stratus, solid at 5000 ft.. Western NEW BRITAIN: overcast with visibility less than 30 miles, strato-cumulus at 8000 ft.. DOBODURA (on return): overcast with good visibility with solid alto-stratus at 16000 ft. and 4/10 cumulus with tops to 8000 ft.

V. FIGHTER COMMAND REPORTS.

Fighters carried out usual patrol and escort missions today with nil interception or combat.

VI. FLAK INTEL MESSAGE.

A LEXISTA FAN:

XO88 YL87 H6/6 camp totally destroyed
XL06 YL59 H6/6 Three positions destroyed

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LONDON:

THE WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY OF GENERAL KONSTANTIN ROKOSSOVASKY HAS REACHED MOZYR EIGHTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF GOMEL IN THE NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE PRIPET MARSHES, MOSCOW ANNOUNCED THURSDAY. THE BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIED THAT THE RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD REACHED THE DISTRICT CENTER OF MOZYR WHICH IS TWO MILES EAST OF A RAILWAY STATION OF THE SAME NAME. IN THIS DRIVE LAUNCHED TUESDAY THE RUSSIANS SWEPT THROUGH MORE THAN FORTY TOWNS AND HAMLETS OTHER RUSSIAN UNITS 30 MILES SOUTH EST OF MOZYR CONTINUED THEIR OFFENSIVE WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF SARNY IN OLD POLAND. THIS COMPLETING OFFENSIVE BY GENERAL NIKOLAI VATUTIN'S ARMY IS SOUTH OF THE SWAMP LAND. STILL FURTHER SOUTH IN THE NOVOGRAD VOLYNSKY AREA VATUTINS COLUMNS PUNCHED WEST AND SOUTHWEST TO TAKE MORE THAN SIXTY TOWNS AND VILLAGES, THE WAR BULLETIN SAID.

MOSCOW:

SOVIET NEWSPAPERS THURSDAY PRINTED A LARGE DETAILED MAP OF THE CURZON LINE AND A REVIEW OF THE WHOLE RUSSIAN POLISH BOUNDARY CONTROVERSY SINCE 1919. THIS PRESENTATION WAS ACCEPTED BY MANY FOREIGN OBSERVERS AN INDICATION THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE FRONTIER DISPUTE. IT WAS INTERPRETED WIDELY AS AN EFFORT TO KEEP OPEN THE DOOR FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ASSUMPTION WAS THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE READY TO DO BUSINESS IMMEDIATELY ON THE BASIS OF THE CURZON LINE.

ALGIERS:

FRENCH TROOPS UNDER GENERAL ALPHONSE JUIN OPENED A FLANKING DRIVE THROUGH ITALY'S RUGGED APENNINES MOUNTAINS AND SEIZED PEAKS OVERLOOKING ACQUAFONDALA SEVEN MILES NORTHEAST OF CASSINO WHILE AMERICAN INFANTRY IN A FRONTAL ASSAULT CAPTURED CERVARO PUSHED WITHIN THREE MILES OF CASSINO MAIN GERMAN STRONGHOLD ON THE FIFTH ARMY FRONT, ALLIED COMMAND ANNOUNCED THURSDAY. AMERICAN FORCES PRESSED ON TOWARD CASSINO AFTER THEY ENTERED THE FORTRESS VILLAGE OF CERVARO AT ONE P. M. WEDNESDAY WHILE BRITISH UNITS ON THEIR RIGHT FLANK FOUGHT FORWARD ALONG THE RAILWAY LEADING INTO CASSINO AND MENACED NAZI CONTROL OF THE LAST HEIGHTS SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY.

BERN, SWITZERLAND:

A STORY THAT THREE BRITISH OFFICERS PARACHUTED INTO RUMANIA RECENTLY WITH A COPY OF A GERMAN OFFER TO GIVE LARGE AREAS OF RUMANIA TO RUSSIA IF THE SOVIETS WOULD CALL OFF THE WAR WAS REPORTED TO BE MAKING THE ROUNDS OF THE BUCHAREST DIPLOMATIC CORPS THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMATIC ACCOUNT AS REPORTED FROM BUDAPEST BY THE NEWSPAPER BASLER NACHRICHTENS CORRESPONDENT THE NAZIS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS FOR RUSSIA TO ANNEX ALL THE PROVINCES OF BESSARABIA AND BUCOVINA. THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THE STORY MIGHT BE MERELY A COOL BRITHS PROPAGANDA TRICK IF TRUE BUT IN ANY CASE IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A CHARACTERISTIC CHAPTER OF THE NERVE WAR.

LONDON:

THE ROYAL WEST AFRICA FRONTIER FORCE RECRUITED FROM NIGERIA GAMBIA GOLD COAST AND SIERRA LEONE HAS ARRIVED IN INDIA TO SERVE IN THE ALLIED SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND OF ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN WAS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY. IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE FOUR COLONIES THAT THE WEST AFRICAN FORCE HAS BEEN SENT TO AN OVERSEAS THEATER OF WAR.

THE ANNOUNCED LOSS IN TUESDAYS RAID ON GERMANY WAS INCREASED TO SIXTY THURSDAY AND THE TOLL OF ENEMY FIGHTERS DESTROYED WAS BOOSTED TO 152 IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE. TWO ADDITIONAL TARGETS ALSO WERE OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED TO HAVE BEEN RAIDED IN THE ATTACK WHICH DEVELOPED INTO THE GREATEST AERIAL BATTLE OF THE WAR. MEANWHILE SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON IN WASHINGTON SAID THAT MORE THAN 1200 AMERICAN PLANES TOOK PART IN THE RAIDS WHICH INCLUDED MORE THAN 700 FLYING FORTRESSES.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN BOMBERS ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS BOMBED THE [illegible] AT NOON THURSDAY, THE SAME RADIO ANN[illegible]

BROADCAST FROM BERLIN SAID NINETY RAIDERS MADE THE ATTACK. THREE ALLIED CRAFT WERE REPORTED SHOT DOWN IN AN AERIAL BATTLE THAT ENSUED. THE TARGETS WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BUT THE BROADCAST SAID CIVILIAN DWELLINGS WERE HIT AND THAT THERE WERE CASUALTIES. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION FROM ALLIED QUARTERS OF SUCH A RAID.

CAIRO:

AIR VICE MARSHALL SIR KEITH RODNEY PARK 51 YEAR OLD VETERAN OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN HAS BEEN NAMED COMMANDER OF BRITISH AIR FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE WILL SUCCEED AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR SHOLTO DOUGLAS WHO WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE BRITISH COASTAL COMMAND LAST SATURDAY.

PACIFIC WAR:

INDICATIONS THAT THE JAPS ARE DESPERATELY REINFORCING THEIR BESIEGED DEFENDERS ON THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WERE REPORTED BY ADMIRAL NIMITZ, ALLIED PACIFIC COMMANDER. A LARGE DESTROYER WAS HIT BY AMERICAN BOMBS AT MALEOLAP ATOLL TUESDAY HE SAID. A SMALL AUXILIARY VESSEL WAS SUNK AND A MEDIUM CARGO SHIP PROBABLY SUNK IN THE SAME RAID INCREASING TO 17 THE NUMBER OF JAP SHIPS SUNK IN THE MARSHALLS THIS MONTH. LIBERATOR BOMBERS IN CHINA SMASHED THE ENEMY ALUMINUM PLANT AT TAKAO ON THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF FORMOSA AND RAILROAD YARDS AT BANKOK THAILAND.

BERN, SWITZERLAND:

THE VERONA TRIALS AND THE QUICK EXECUTION OF COUNT CALEAZZO CIANO AND FIVE OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE OVERTHROW OF BENITO MUSSOLINI APPEARED THURSDAY IN THE LIGHT OF BERLIN REACTION TO BE A GERMAN EFFORT TO INSTILL FEAR IN PERSONS IN GERMANY AND THE SATELLITE COUNTRIES WHO MIGHT BE PLOTTING SIMILAR COUPS AGAINST HITLER AND HIS PUPPET DICTATORS. THE SWISS PRESS REFLECTED THIS VIEW THE GAZETTE DE LAUSANNE SAYING IT IS PROBABLE THAT MUSSOLINI WAS NOT CONSULTED SINCE RULING THE FATE OF HIS SON-IN-LAW AND THAT IF HE INTERCEDED IT WAS WITHOUT RESULTS. HE NO LONGER COUNTS SAYS THE PAPER.

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NORTHWEST SECTOR. WEWAK: OUR MEDIUM UNITS AT NIGHT BOMBED THE DOCKS AND WAREHOUSE AREA, STARTING NUMEROUS FIRES. NORTHEASTERN SECTOR: NEW IRELAND: KAVIENG AREA: ONE OF OUR NIGHT PATROLS BOMBED AND DAMAGED AN ENEMY DESTROYER. CAPE ST. GEORGE. OUR ESCORTED TORPEDO AND DIVE BOMBERS FROM SOLOMONS DROPPED 36 TONS OF BOMBS ON ENEMY INSTALLATIONS. THREE ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS WERE HIT, SEVERAL BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED AND FIRES STARTED. ONE ENEMY FIGHTER WAS SHOT DOWN AND FOUR OTHERS PROBABLY. NEW BRITAIN: RABAUL: OUR HEAVY UNITS FROM SOLOMONS BASES CARRIED OUT NIGHT HARASSING ATTACKS ON VUNAKANAU, LAKUNAI AND TOBERA AIRDROMES, DROPPING OVER 38 TONS OF BOMBS. ARAWE: SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON ENEMY POSITIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY OUR GROUND FORCES FOLLOWING ARTILLERY PREPARATION. OUR AIR PATROLS STRAFED TWO ENEMY SURFACE CRAFT NEAR CAPE BUSHING, SINKING ONE AND DAMAGING THE OTHER. NEW GUINEA: HANSA BAY: ONE OF OUR NIGHT AIR PATROLS ATTACKED A ONE THOUSAND TON ENEMY CARGO SHIP, LEAVING IT IN FLAMES. THE AIRDROME WAS ALSO BOMBED AND A BARGE DESTROYED. SUNABUN HARBOR: OUR FIGHTERS DIVE BOMBED ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, DESTROYING BUILDING. ALEXISHAFEN: OUR ESCORTED MEDIUM AND HEAVY UNITS CONTINUED THEIR WIDE-SPREAD DESTRUCTION, DROPPING 144 TONS OF BOMBS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. NUMEROUS FIRES WERE STARTED AND A JETTY DESTROYED, STRAFED FOUR BARGES IN THE HARBOR AND DESTROYED A MEDIUM BOMBER ON THE AIRDROME. SOGADJI: OUR FIGHTER PATROLS STRAFED A BRIDGE OVER THE GORI RIVER AND DAMAGED THREE BARGES ALONG THE COAST. SAIDOR: OUR ATTACK PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED ENEMY OCCUPIED VILLAGES NEAR CAPE IRIS. HUON PENINSULA: OUR GROUND ELEMENTS ARE FORCING THE STEEP CLIFFS OVERHANGING THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE KAPUSARA RIVER. OUT LIGHT NAVAL UNITS SANK THREE ENEMY BARGES LOADED WITH TROOPS OFF REIGS POINT AND DESTROYED TWO LOADING AT SIO. SOLOMONS BOUGAINVILLE: KIETA: OUR AIR PATROLS STRAFED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN NUMA AND KORONIRA. EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY: OUR TORPEDO AND DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED ENEMY BIVOUACS AT MAWARAKA AND MOSMBUTAEPK.

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V Fighter Command

14 Jan. 1944 (Date) LBA (Init)

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13 January, 1944

35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-40's, escort PBY to LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 1250/L; over target, 1325/L to 1414/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY to ALEXISHAFEN and LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 0320/L; landed, 0900/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0650/L; over target, 0740/L to 0900/L; landed, 0950/L. At 0800/L a transport and at 0830/L a P-39 were seen to crash at the SAIDOR strip. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 7 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0702/L; over target, 0732/L to 0835/L; landed, 0925/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1043/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

3rd Mission: 14 P-47's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN - MADANG and on return barge hunt from BOGADJIM to POMMERN BAY. Take-off, 1630/L; over target, 1700/L to 1800/L; landed, 1845/L. Shelters at MALE and possible s supplies at WO 7406 were strafed with unobserved results. An A/A position at WO 3197 was knocked out due to strafing. (Both map ref: MADANG Strat 4 miles to 1 inch) Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-39's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN and on return barge hunt from BOGADJIM to POMMERN BAY. Take-off, 0720/L; over target, 0800/L to 0845/L; landed, 0920/L. 1 plane returned early. 1 plane nosed over on landing at SAIDOR due to muddy strip. 2 barges at 601069, 1 barge at 852953 (both map ref: BOGADJIM 1 mi to 1 in) and 1 barge at 001955 (Map ref: POMMERN BAY 1 mi to 1 in) were strafed and left smoking. 5 new huts at 792980 and stores piled under trees at 680085 (both map ref: BOGADJIM 1 mi to 1 in) were observed. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, cover B-25's and A-20's to ERIMA and BOGADJIM. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 0940/L to 1045/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 6 P-47's, cover control ship at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0835/L; over target, 0905/L to 1110/L; landed, 1150/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 10 P-47's, scramble to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1650/L; over target, 1700/L to 1830/L; landed, 1850/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 14 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0705/L; over target, 0715/L to 0900/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, RC GUSAP to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1130/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 14 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1230/L; over target, 1305/L to 1525/L; landed, 1600/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort L-4 to ARAWE. Take-off, 1645/L; over target, 1745/L to 1800/L; landed, 1830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

388th Bombardment Squadron(L):
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1 flight at 1515/L and 1 flight at 1550/L. 1 plane returned at 1400/L. 1 plane crashed landed on Strip No. 1 at GUSAP. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 14 P-40's, scramble over GUSAP. Take-off, 1644/L; landed, 1715/L. 1 plane returned at 1655/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 0430/L; over target, 0500/L to 0730/L; landed DOBODURA, 0830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0745/L; over target, 0945/L to 1000/L; landed, 1130/L. 5 planes returned early. Bombing percentage was excellent. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, top cover for B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0800/L; over target, 0945/L to 1000/L; landed, 1120/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1120/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1750/L. 8 possible barges along coast beneath trees from BOMGU VILLAGE to MARAGASSI POINT. Nil enemy air sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - MAITA. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP - MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN - ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1800/L; landed, 1905/L. 6/7 bursts of accurate A/A from CAPE CROISILLES. Nil enemy air sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-47's, fighter sweep to KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0730/L; over target, 0800/L to 0815/L; landed, 0910/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1005/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1415/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1350/L; landed, 1525/L. 3 unidentified airplane were sighted N of BOGADJIM ROAD.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38's, strafe ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG air strips and installations. Take-off DOBODURA, 1615/L; over target, 1745/L to 1840/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1930/L. A single engine unidentified airplane was seen burned on the ground; prior serviceability undetermined. Dispersal areas and frame houses were strafed with unobserved results.
2nd Mission: 2 P-38's, night patrols of FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE areas. Take-off base, 1650/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1750/L. Patrols were made from 1930/L/12 to 2130/L/12, 2200/L/12 to 0100/L/13, 0130/L/13 to 0330/L/13 and 0430/L/13 to 0700/L/13 with nil enemy sightings.

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36th Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, strafe barges and installation at MUGIL HARBOR. Take-off, 1620/L; over target, 1730/L to 1800/L; landed, 1905/L. 3 P-47's strafed 3 barges on N side of MUGIL HARBOR with unobserved results. 1 P-47 strafed gun position at 710365 (Map ref: HATUKA EAST 1 mi to 1 in) with unobserved results. Nil enemy air sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38's, strafe landing strips at ALEXIS[illegible]. Take-off DOBODURA, 1930/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 2030/L. Returned to DOBODURA at 0800/L/12. Mission incomplete due to weather.

2nd Mission: 2 P-70's, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Take-off, DOBODURA, 1650/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1750/L. Take-off, 1850/L; over target, 1930/L to 2055/L; landed, 2112/L. Returned to DOBODURA at 0340/L/12. Nil enemy sightings.

SUMMARY OF RECORDED ACTIVITIES
14 January, 1944

8th Fighter Group: 4 P-40's of 35th Squadron were recalled by controller while escorting PBY to REIN BAY, flew with nil enemy sightings. 80th Squadron sent 16 P-38's as escort for B-24's striking EOMEN BAY area midmorning, and to cover A-20's following B-24's over target. B-24's flew to alternate target at CAPE BUSCHING, fighters remained to cover A-20's, mission completed with nil enemy air sightings.

35th Fighter Group: 15 P-47's of 39th Squadron were prevented by weather from completing escort mission with B-25's to ERIMA PLANTATION area. 40th Squadron weather-reccoed ERIMA PLANTATION area midmorning with 4 P-47's, flew without incident or sighting.

49th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

312th Bombardment Group: Nothing reported.

348th Fighter Group: 4 P-47's of 341st Squadron were ordered back from scramble to ANAIS midday with nil enemy air sightings. 342nd Squadron covered B-25's to KOKOPO POINT in REIN BAY midmorning with 16 P-47's, reported nil enemy sightings; fighters swept to ALEXISHAFEN with 2 P-47's without incident or sightings.

475th Fighter Group: 433rd Squadron scrambled 8 P-38's over ORO BAY midafternoon, recalled to report nil enemy sightings. 17 P-38's of 432nd Squadron escorted B-24's and B-25's to FREDERICK KARL HARBOR midafternoon, completed mission with nil enemy air sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40s, escort [illegible]Y to REIN BAY. Take-off, 0815/L; over target, 0900/L to 0945/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40s, scramble to SE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1515/L; landed, 1640/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, escort FDY to N of ALBERTSHAFEN. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1415/L. Mission incomplete as FDY did not make rendezvous.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 5 P-47s, escort B-25s to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0710/L; landed, 0810/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, weather recce to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1116/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38s, escort B-24s and A-20s to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0935/L; over target, 1110/L to 1210/L; landed, 1515/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-47s, escort B-25s to FREDRICK HARL HARBOR. Take-off, 1245/L; over target, 1400/L to 1410/L; landed, 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47s, escort B-17 to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1633/L; over target, 1705/L to 1735/L; landed, 1810/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, scramble to ARAWE. Take-off, 1140/L; landed, 1145/L. Mission recalled with nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, cover B-25s to KOKOPO POINT in REIN BAY. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 0940/L to 1010/L; landed, 1040/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47s, fighter sweep to ALBERTSHAFEN. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1030/L to 1100/L; landed, 1145/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to FREDRICK HARL HARBOR. Take-off, 1307/L; over target, 1435/L to 1445/L; landed, 1545/L. 1 plane was damaged while landing at base and another plane belly landed about 100 yards in from beach on jeep track near FORTIFICATION POINT. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, escort FDY on search for crashed P-47 near WALD BAY. Take-off, 1515/L; over target, 1635/L to 1725/L; landed, 1745/L. The crashed P-47 mentioned in above report was confirmed as being at WALD BAY and not near FORTIFICATION POINT as previously reported. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-38s, scramble over ORO BAY. Take-off, 1305/L; landed, 1645/L. Nil enemy sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-38s, escort B-24s and B-25s to FREDRICK HARL HARBOR. Take-off, 1214/L; over target, 1345/L to 1445/L; landed, 14 planes at base at 1620/L and 3 planes at FINSCHHAFEN at 1525/L. A SUGAR CHARLIE was sighted docked at jetty on E shore of MILLAT PLANTATION. Nil enemy air sightings.

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36th Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, cover cruisers withdrawing from CAPE GLOUCESTER area. Take-off, 1445/L; over target, 1510/L to 1540/L; landed, 1620/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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418th Night Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off DOBODURA, 1635/L; over target, 1820/L to 1850/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1955/L. Returned to DOBODURA at 2101/L.

At 1845/L, a VAL flying at 400 feet over ALEXISHAFEN was definitely destroyed. The VAL made a 180 degree turn in an attempt to evade our planes. A fuel truck or dump in woods near No. 2 Strip ALEXISHAFEN was set on fire.

3rd Mission: 2 P-70s, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Patrols were made at 1920/L/13 to 2145/L/13, 2300/L/13 to 0115/L/14 and 0347/L/14 to 0520/L/14 with nil enemy sightings. A crashed B-24 was sighted above LASANGA ISLAND.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
15 January, 1944

8th Fighter Group: 16 P-40s of the 35th Squadron escorted B-25s to SAIPA; 1 crashed on landing due to faulty landing gear. 12 P-47s of the 36th Squadron strafed and set on fire 1 serviceable and 1 unserviceable SALLY, set several dumps on fire, and strafed 1 barge at ALEXISHAFEN; 16 P-47s made nil sightings while covering B-25s on a barge hunt to CAPE CROISELLES, B-24s were escorted to ULIGAN HARBOR by 16 P-38s of the 80th Squadron.

35th Fighter Group: 39th Squadron, 16 P-47s escorted B-24s to ERIMA PLANTATION. 40th Squadron scrambled 7 P-47s at 0730/L; Boomerangs were escorted to SIO by 4 P-47s.

49th Fighter Group: 11 P-40s of the 8th Squadron made nil sightings on a fighter sweep over ULIGAN HARBOR.

312th Bombardment Group: Nothing reported.

348th Fighter Group: 16 P-47s of the 341st Squadron provided high cover for B-24s and B-25s striking ULIGAN HARBOR. 342nd Squadron on an early morning search for 1 PBY located it near BLUCHER POINT; a later mission to escort 1 PBY to ULIGAN HARBOR was incomplete.

475th Fighter Group: 8 P-38s of the 432nd Squadron successfully escorted 1 B-17 to CAPE GLOUCESTER. 16 P-38s of the 433rd Squadron escorted B-24s to ULIGAN HARBOR.

CORRECTION

Report No. 302, Delayed Reports, 13 January, 1944, 340th Fighter Squadron: 1st Mission, 6 P-47s should read 16 P-47s; and 2nd Mission 10 P-47s should read 16 P-47s.

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DELAYED ITEMS
15 January, 1944

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, escort B-25's to SAIPA. Take-off, 0735/L; over target, 0955/L to 1110/L; landed, 1210/L. 1 plane returned early; 1 plane crashed on landing, pilot uninjured. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's on barge hunt from CAPE TORIKEL to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1214/L; over target, 1320/L to 1410/L; landed, 1700/L. The mission was completed as far as MAGGEN POINT with nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, strafe airplanes at ALEXISHAFEN II. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0810/L to 0910/L; landed, 0950/L. 1 fighter plane in a revetment and 1 barge were strafed with unobserved damage; 1 serviceable and 1 unserviceable SALLY were strafed and set on fire.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, escort B-25s to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0905/L; over target, 0945/L to 0950/L; landed, 1055/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, scramble over base. Take-off, 0730/L; landed, 0921/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort Boomerangs to SIO. Take-off, 0934/L; over target, 0954/L to 1154/L; landed, 1215/L. Nil sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38s, escort B-24s to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0655/L; over target, 1100/L to 1200/L; landed, 1315/L. 1 plane returned at 0810/L. Dark bursts were seen along the W coast of the harbor; 1 small fire was started on the NE side.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, high cover for B-24s and B-25s to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0950/L; over target, 1030/L to 1140/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47s, high cover for 2 B-38s on fighter sweep over ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1655/L; over target, 1750/L to 1815/L; landed, 1905/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, search for PBY. Take-off, 0727/L; landed, 0907/L. The PBY was located 10 miles E of MADANG PT., with 2 boats standing by.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47s, escort PBY to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0917/L; landed, 1056/L. The PBY was 1 hour late at the rendezvous point and the P-47s were ordered back to base before completing the mission.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, XC FIGHTAVEN to LAE and return. Take-off, 1025/L; landed LAE, 1100/L; take-off, 1125/L; landed base, 1242/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 12 P-47s, scramble to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1308/L; over target, 1520/L to 1545/L; landed, 1625/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, escort PBY to CAPE GLOUCESTER and CAPE CROISILLES. Take-off, 1525/L; over target, 1600/L to 1620/L; landed, 1615/L. Nil sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-38s, escort [illegible] to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1240/L; over target, 1515/L to 1605/L; landed, 1655/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38s, escort B-24s to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0055/L; over target, 1030/L to 1105/L; landed, 1250/L.

Bombing percentage was excellent. 1 very large burst was seen just S of SRION village (SW end of ULIGAN HARBOR); other results were obscured by heavy smoke. 6/C barges and 1 SUSAN SMALLIS were seen in the harbor. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, fighter sweep over ALEMISHAFEN. Take-off, 1510/L; landed WALSCHLEBEN, 1300/L; take-off, 1625/L; landed PHILSCHAFEN, 1900/L. Returned to base at 0915/L/16.

2 possible camouflaged planes were seen at the west end and in the center of ALEMISHAFEN I. Nil A/A or enemy air sightings.

13 P-47s accompanied these P-38s.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 7 P-40s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 0945/L; landed, 1135/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, gun testing mission to DOGADJIM area. Take-off, 1530/L; over target, 1550/L to 1610/L; landed, 1655/L.

Strafing passes were made on DAU-AM, MAMA and MANGAPO, and gun camera photos taken. 2 grass shacks were left smoking at MAMA and 1 was set on fire at MANGAPO.

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol CUSAP - MAITA. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1300/L. Nil enemy airplane sightings.

2nd Mission: 7 P-40s, escorts over CUSAP. Take-off, 1155/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol CUSAP - MAITA. Take-off, 1430/L; landed, 1545/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 0300/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 0905/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 1355/L; landed, 1450/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DULPU. Take-off, 1400/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol convoy at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1235/L; over target, 1300/L to 1415/L; landed, 1455/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-40s, scramble to ALAWE. Take-off, 1555/L; over target, 1615/L to 1700/L; landed ..... 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol convoy at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1110/L to 1300/L; landed, 1350/L.
At 1307/L, a new parachute was seen at the mouth of MARK HARBOR (UMBOI ISLAND) on the SW bank at reference point M2154. An egg-shaped orange colored object with poles projecting from each end was seen at M4430. (All map ref., New Britain 4 mile strip series).

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 0709/L; landed, 0815/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1200/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1600/L. At 1540/L a plot at 25000 feet headed NW was investigated with nil sightings.
4th Mission: 15 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1910/L. Nil sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-47s, escort transports to [illegible]. Take-off, 0719/L; over target, 0755/L to 0920/L; landed, 1000/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1115/L; landed 1403/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1515/L; landed, 1805/L. Nil sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 0840/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 0930/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1145/L. Nil sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1132/L; landed, 1305/L. Nil sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1405/L. Nil sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1455/L. Nil sightings.
8th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1435/L; landed, 1550/L. Nil sightings.
9th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1535/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil sightings.
10th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol [illegible] area. Take-off, 1635/L; landed, 1810/L. Nil sightings.

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340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47s, escort PBY to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1042/L; over target, 1130/L to 1215/L; landed, 1515/L. The PBY was not located until the P-47s had left the target area.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 1033/L; landed GUSAP, 1136/L; take-off, 1230/L; over target, 1330/L to 1430/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN.

2 FCK TARE UNCLES were seen at 1410/L off-shore near WEWAK; 1 vessel of the same class was seen off BORAM strip. 6/8 planes were seen on the NE end of BORAM strip.

341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-47s, escort B-25s to GALI. Take-off, 1528/L; over target, 1605/L to 1620/L; landed, 1717/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, search vicinity of LONG ISLAND for missing pilot. Take-off, 1030/L; landed, 1713/L. The pilot was located 1 mile N of MAEN-NEMA POINT. He appeared to be in good condition and a message was dropped to him.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol convoy at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0050/L; over target, 0900/L to 0920/L; landed, 1000/L. 2 flights were ordered to ARAWE at 0800/L and patrolled there from 0915/L to 0920/L. Due to poor radio reception no interception could be made.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol convoy off CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1440/L; landed, 1520/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, fighter sweep to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1630/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 2000/L. 1 P-38 returned to base at 2118/L; 1 P-38 remained at FINSCHHAFEN.

Nil sightings were made at HANSA BAY. 4 barges were seen near BAMARA PLANTATION. 2 SALLYS (possible decoys) on the W and E side of ALEXISHAFEN strip were strafed. ALEXISHAFEN village was strafed, setting 1 house on fire.

421st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 18 P-38s, escort B-24s to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0345/L; over target, 1050/L to 1115/L; landed, ----. 5 planes returned early.

Nil enemy air sightings were made. A direct hit was observed on apparent searchlight and A/A positions at MAP POINT. 3 barges and 5 boats were seen near the jetty.

Hq. Squadron, V FC:

1st Mission: 1 PBY, patrol to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 1103/L to 1115/L; landed, 1245/L.

An attempt at a sea landing near a man in a life raft pulled up on the shore on the NW side of the southern tip of LONG ISLAND failed due to rough sea and fabric damage.

75th RAAF Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-40s, escort PBY to LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 0737/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0830/L; take-off, 0915/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN at 1215/L and at base at 1300/L. The PBY was lost in clouds near KAIRUR ISLAND.

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35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol convoy over FORTIFICATION POINT. Take-off, 1035/L; over target, 1055/L to 1110/L; landed, 1320/L. One plane returned early. Nil sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol convoy at SAILOR. Take-off, 0330/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1100/L. One plane returned early and did not participate in the action.

30/40 HAMPS, OSCARS, TOJOS and VALS were sighted and engaged E of SAILOR at 8000 feet at 1050/L. 18 enemy planes (12 HAMPS, 3 OSCARS, 2 TOJOS, 1 VAL) were definitely destroyed; our losses were nil. Combat ended at 1100/L.

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36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol SADOR. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1115/L to 1305/L; landed, 1510/L. 3 planes returned early. Mil sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, escort B-25s to BILI BILI. Take-off, 0725/L; landed, 0910/L. 1 P-47 was unable to take off. Several small fires were started near the coast. Mil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol LAE-KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0915/L. Mil sightings.
2nd Mission: 11 P-47s, escort B-25s to BILI BILI. Take-off, 1034/L; landed, 1210/L. Bombs were seen to hit approximately 5/6 miles S of BILI BILI. These appeared to miss jetty and fell in water. A huge column of black smoke (possible oil fire) was observed at ATO. A plot, indicating 30 ZEKES in the vicinity, was reported but no contact made.
3rd Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1600/L; landed, 1825/L. Mil sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 0740/L; landed, 0830/L. Mil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 0830/L; landed, 1000/L. Mil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1105/L. Mil sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1155/L. Mil sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1155/L; landed, 1255/L. Mil sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1325/L; landed, 1345/L. Mil sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1327/L; landed, 1445/L. Mil sightings.
8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1440/L; landed, 1545/L. Mil sightings.
9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol MADZAB area. Take-off, 1555/L; landed, 1645/L. Mil sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-38's, escort A-20's between MADANG and MAULA. Take-off, 1035/L; over target, 12 [illegible] to 1315/L; landed, 1445/L. Unidentified planes reported by the controller at 1240/L were identified as friendly.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, cover patrol ship at SADOR. Take-off, 0725/L; over target, 0735/L to 0920/L; landed, 0935/L. A submarine located in the vicinity was not sighted by the P-47's.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SADOR. Take-off, 1510/L; over target, 1535/L to 1640/L; landed, 1805/L. Mil sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47's, escort photo plane to SAIS GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1150/L. The flight turned back due to weather at 0930/L. An enemy plot over SADOR was investigated with mil sightings from 1045/L to 1115/L.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol MADANG and provide top cover for B-24's. Take-off, 0745/L, over target, 0820/L to 0930/L; landed, 0950/L. 1 plane returned at 0830/L. 1 plane (pilot, Capt. MALAPERT) has not returned to base. The bombers were not contacted and the mission was incomplete. Mil enemy sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-38's, escort B-24's and B-25's to ARAWE. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0820/L to 0920/L; landed, 1030/L. 6 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's from CAPE GORDON to CAPE CROISELLES. Take-off, 0720/L; over target, 0945/L to 1045/L; 4 planes returned early; 7 planes landed at base at 1210/L; 4 landed at MADANG at 1130/L, 2 returning to base at 1310/L and 2 at 1525/L; 1 plane (pilot 2nd Lt. Richard L. HANCOCK) crashed at 1045/L approximately 30 miles inland from ALEXISHAFEN.

En route back to base approximately 30 TONYs, 2 HAMPS and 2 unidentified fighters were sighted and engaged. First contact was at 1105/L when 10 P-38's at 7,000 feet sighted 6/8 TONYs coming in from the sea and starting to circle MADANG and dove to attack them. These planes were pursued until lost in a very low overcast. 4 P-38's which remained above at 7/8,000 feet as top cover sighted 20 TONYs at 12,000 feet inland from ALEXISHAFEN. These TONYs split when sighted; 4 of them attacked the P-38's which were acting as top cover. These P-38's dove under the lower formation of P-38's which then pulled up into the enemy planes. At 1130/L, the TONYs having reformed, started a second attack; our planes being low on gas broke off contact. Nil enemy planes were destroyed.

The unidentified planes had an inline engine and was described as similar to a P-39 and to a JUDY; it was camouflaged orange and black. The planes were easily out-distanced by the P-38's. One pilot reported silver planes with a P-39 nose and a canopy shorter than a JUDY.

Headquarters Squadron, V3C:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, patrol KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 1000/L. 1 enemy plane was observed to burst into flames and explode E of KARKAR ISLAND at 0950/L.
2nd Mission: 1 P-38, patrol LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 1345/L; over target, 1430/L to 1550/L; landed, 1600/L. Nil sightings.

78th RAAF Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, bomb and strafe MADANG. 12x500 lb. bombs were dropped with all but 2 in the target area. Beaufighters successfully led the attack. The general target area was strafed.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol DUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1035/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1120/L; landed, 1250/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1330/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1630/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0725/L; over target, 0755/L to 0905/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - FAITA. Take-off, 1005/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - FAITA. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1505/L. At 1320/L, 2 unidentified airplanes were sighted S of DUMPU heading toward GUSAP at 3,000 feet; nil contact was made with the planes.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0735/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1035/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1140/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1300/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 3 P-47's, Patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1315/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38's, strafe ALEKNAGIK. Take-off, 1652/L; over target, 1820/L to 1835/L; landed, [illegible], 1930/L and at base, 0948/L/16.
1 ZEKE was strafed and damaged; 1 small shack S of the runway was also strafed. A/A was light, intense, accurate and inaccurate from the central section of strip No. 2 and heavy, slight, inaccurate from the plantation S of a bay.
2nd Mission: 3 P-38's, patrol [illegible] - CAPE SLOTCHKER - ATAKA. Take-off, 1825/L to 1848/L; landed, 1940 to 1950/L at [illegible]; over target, 1835/L to 1900/L and 2020/L to 2230/L; landed at base at 1000/L/16. Instructions regarding a plot over ATAKA at 2100/L were misunderstood and nil interception was made.

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811st Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 6 P-47's, escort PBY to SANDOR. Take-off, 1115/L; over target, 1515/L to 1615/L; landed, 1815/L. The PBY sustained considerable damage on landing at KLUSNER POINT.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, rendezvous to N of GUSAP. Take-off, 1615/L; over target, 1640/L to 1705/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-40, weather recce to [illegible]. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - KLIM. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-40's, rendezvous over GUSAP. Take-off, 1610/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1210/L; landed, 1540/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1410/L; landed, 1436/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1405/L; landed, 1620/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1535/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1800/L; landed, 1820/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

CORRECTION

Report No. 304, Delayed Reports, 16 January 1944: Change 3rd Mission of 512nd Fighter Squadron to read 2nd Mission of 343rd Fighter Squadron. Renumber 4th and 5th Missions of 343rd Fighter Squadron to 3rd and 4th Missions, respectively.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-40s, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Over target, 0745/L to 0830/L. Nil sightings. (Preliminary report).
2nd Mission: 19 P-40s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Over target, 1130/L to 1209/L. P-47s were in a dog fight inland from WEWAK; 1 unidentified plane was seen going down smoking. 4 barges were seen on the S shore of MUSCHU ISLAND. (Preliminary report).

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Over target, 1100/L to 1220/L. P-47s were observed in a dog fight over the mouth of the SEPIK RIVER; 3 enemy planes were observed smoking heavily. 6/8 unidentified bombers were seen at low altitude offshore from WEWAK. 5/6 MIKE VICTORS and 2 schooners were seen in WEWAK HARBOR. (Preliminary report).

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Over target, 1130/L to 1150/L. At 1145/L, 1 ZEKE was sighted and definitely destroyed 10/15 miles SW of WEWAK. (Preliminary report).

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 0755/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-47s, cover 4 DD. Take-off, 1430/L; landed, 1730/L. Nil sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, XC to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0815/L. This mission was not completed. The first plane was unable to take off and the second plane crashed into it; both planes exploded immediately. The pilot of the first plane (Capt. Eugene L. HEINZ) was killed and the pilot of the second plane (2nd Lt. Van H. DIXON) severely burned and hospitalized.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40s, escort B-25s to BOGADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1620/L. 1 plane was slightly damaged when a tire blew out. Mission completed with nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0815/L; landed, 1020/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1010/L; landed, 1205/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil sightings.
5th Mission: 3 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1425/L. Nil sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1405/L; landed, 1600/L. One plane was damaged on landing; the pilot was uninjured. Nil sightings.
7th Mission: 3 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1530/L; landed, 1720/L. 1 P-40 with its fuselage apparently badly damaged was sighted 3/5 miles S of KAIAPIT at 1730/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 18 P-38s, escort B-24s to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0815/L; over target, 1120/L to 1130/L; landed, 1335/L. 1 P-38 landed at FINSCHHAFEN. Sightings: 1 large fire with black smoke close to the shore just W of CONDOR POINT; 1 large fire and scattered small fires in vicinity of NUBIA strip; 15 barges or small craft along W side of HANSA BAY.

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388th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 3 P-40s, patrol RAMU valley. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-40s, patrol RAMU valley. Mission cancelled.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-38s, escort B-24s to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0337/L; over target, 1025/L to 1115/L; landed, 1305/L. 3 planes returned early. Sightings: 1 fire with black smoke at N end of strip at AWAR; bomb hits from CONDOR POINT to just past N end of strip; 6/8 serviceable barges between KU and SISILANGO.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40s, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0910/L; landed, 0950/L. Sightings: White smoke resembling bomb bursts near the mouth of the RAPA RIVER; 3/4 white and red circular objects about 10/15 feet in diameter near DARUM; oil slick in BOSTNEK BAY.
2nd Mission: 9 P-40s, scramble over base. Take-off, 1030/L; landed, 1245/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1220/L; landed, 1450/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 6 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - FAIA. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1120/L. 7 oil slicks were seen 20 miles NE of SAIDOR. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-40s, scramble over base. Take-off, 1030/L; landed, 1215/L. 7 oil slicks, 1 of which was burning, were seen 20 miles NE of SAIDOR. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1435/L; landed, 1715/L. Light A/A was encountered over BOGADJIM PLANTATION from what appeared to be 2 x 3 gun positions. Weather prevented a search at 1510/L for a B-25 reported to have crashed.
4th Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0655/L; over target, 0730/L to 0845/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s; patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1125/L. 3 probably friendly planes were sighted 30 miles S of MADANG at 1045/L.
4th Mission: 8 P-47s, scramble over base. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1155/L; landed, 1355/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1330/L; landed, 1505/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol convoy at FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1435/L; over target, 1525/L to 1615/L; landed, 1710/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1620/L; over target, 1700/L to 1730/L; landed, 1800/L. Nil enemy sightings.

389th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0702/L; landed, 0923/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 9 P-40s, scramble over base. Take-off, 1036/L. 2 planes landed at 1109/L, 3 at 1145/L and 4 at 1209/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1258/L; landed, 1513/L. 2 planes landed early. Nil enemy sightings.

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342nd Fighter Squadron:
2nd [illegible] P-47s, escort PBY to KARAAN and LONG ISLANDS. Take-off, 0340/L; [illegible] 0900/L to 1100/L, landed, 1140/L. Sightings: Numerous tents, shacks and [illegible] gun positions on the NW tip of KARAAN ISLAND; 7 oil [illegible] SAMIDOR (possible crashed airplanes); 1 VAL crashing into [illegible] 0750/L.
3rd [illegible] P-47s to ROOKE ISLAND. Take-off, 0905/L; over target, [illegible]0/L to [illegible], landed, 1155/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: [illegible] enemy N of SAMIDOR. Take-off, [illegible]; over target, 1235/L to [illegible]/L; landed, 1750/L. 4 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38s, strafe ALEKISHAFEN. Take-off, 1616/L; over target, [illegible] to 1825/L; landed at FINSCHHAFEN, 1905/L and at base, 1928/L. While silencing 1 x 3/5 light M/G position on KAIBOBO PENINSULA near lighthouse ships, 1 of the P-38s crashed into trees and burned; the pilot was killed.
2nd Mission: 3 P-70s, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Take-off, 1801/L/16; landed, 1730/L at FINSCHHAFEN; over target, 1910/L to 2115/L; landed at base, 0821/L/17. Nil enemy sightings.

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389th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 12 B-25s, scramble over base. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1246/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 B-25s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1651/L; landed, 1830/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

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Report No. 305, Delayed Reports, 16 January, 1944, 35th Fighter Squadron, 2nd Mission: 19 enemy planes (12 HAMPS, 5 OSCARS, 1 TONY, 1 VAL) were definitely destroyed in this combat; 1 HAMP was probably destroyed. Our losses were nil, but 5 P-40s were damaged.

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39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-47s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 1030/L; landed, 1330/L. 5 planes returned early, 3 with mechanical trouble and 2 as escort. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 11 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGADJIM ROAD area. Take-off, 0327/L; over target, 0900/L to 1020/L; landed, 1050/L. Observed bombs bursting about 8 miles N of DUMPU on ridge and the same area was strafed thoroughly. 4 red enemy flares were also sighted.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGADJIM area. Take-off, 1217/L; landed, 1405/L. Observed bombs bursting approximately 9 miles N of DUMPU on ridge (Map ref. MT. KUBARI 6-0710). Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 0715/L; landed, 0815/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 0840/L; landed, 1020/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1105/L; landed, 1310/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1430/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1420/L; landed, 1623/L. Tire on one plane blew out on take-off, nil injury to pilot and slight damage to plane. 1 plane landed with right tire flat, nil injury to pilot, nil damage to plane. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT area. Take-off, 1610/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0645/L; landed, 0925/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 11 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 12 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1855/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0655/L; landed, 0917/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 11 P-40s, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP. Take-off, 1052/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-40s, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0925/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1255/L; landed, 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1425/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1625/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol convoy at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0745/L to 0900/L; landed, 0940/L. Nil enemy sightings.

343st Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 15 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0705/L; over target, 0730/L to 0930/L; landed, 0955/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40s, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN - KAKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0750/L; over target, 0920/L to 0940/L; landed, 1000/L. Nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 1030/L to 1035/L; landed, 1145/L. Several bombs were seen to drop on barges at shore near AMAL PLANTATION at 605385 (map ref: HUMIA E 1 mi. to 1 in.). Nil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47s, top cover for B-25s to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0909/L; over target, 1009/L to 1050/L; landed, 1140/L. 10 barges were sighted in vicinity of AMAL PLANTATION. 6 small craft; 3 at SISIMANGO VILLAGE, and 3 at HUSIA VILLAGE were observed. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1242/L; landed, 1412/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1550/L; landed, 1557/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1520/L; landed, 1705/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1640/L; landed, 1855/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOMADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 0800/L; over target, 0945/L to 1010/L; landed, 1045/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOMADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 1236/L; over target, 1320/L to 1410/L; landed, 1430/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 20 P-40s, cover B-24s to BOGAM. Take-off, 1000/L; over target, 1120/L to 1130/L; landed, 1230/L. A large cloud of black smoke rising to 2000 feet from BOGAM strip area was observed. Barrage type A/A directed at bombers appeared very inaccurate. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1525/L; landed, 1615/L. 1 P-40 returned at 1530/L, hydraulic system out. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-40s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 1001/L; over target, 1130/L to 1145/L; landed, 1245/L. Bombing percentage of B-24s was excellent; 1 enemy bomber was believed to receive a direct hit on the ground. Nil enemy air sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47s, patrol MADANG. Take-off, 0750/L; over target, 0915/L to 0950/L; landed, 0945/L. Weather prevented flights from reaching MADANG so a patrol of KAIAPIT - GUSAP - DUMPU was conducted. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0830/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1550/L. At 1400/L, 1 unidentified airplane, probably a medium bomber, was sighted SW of GUSAP at 22,000 feet headed SE.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0750/L to 0850/L; landed, 0915/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil other addition to preliminary report. (Final report).

2nd Mission: Take-off, 1010/L; over target, 1150/L to 1205/L; landed, 1305/L. 4 planes returned early. Nil other addition to preliminary report. (Final report).

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: Take-off, 1010/L; landed, 1305/L. Nil other addition to preliminary report. (Final report).

2nd Mission: 13 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1433/L; landed, 1645/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: Take-off, 1012/L; landed, 1240/L. 1 plane returned early.

The ZEKE destroyed in this combat made the initial attack, firing on the tail ship in the 16 P-47 plane formation from 6 o'clock high. The leader of the last flight got on the ZEKES tail and drove him off of the attacked P-47 while the first three flights made a climbing turn to the right. The ZEKE was destroyed by the squadron leader who got behind the enemy plane and followed it into a dive.

Nil other addition to preliminary report. (Final report).

2nd Mission: 14 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1625/L; over target, 1755/L to 1840/L; landed, 1930/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

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41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 11 P-47s, escort B-25s to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0815/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-47s, escort B-25s to FICUS. Take-off, 1215/L; landed, 1400/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

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36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-47s, escort 1 F-5 to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0925/L; landed, 1020/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort B-25s to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1205/L; landed, 1420/L. Mission incomplete as B-25s failed to take off.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, cover 1 B-25 on recco to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1400/L; landed, 1510/L. Flight turned back with B-25 at SIO. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 18 P-38s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 1050/L to 1110/L; landed, 1420/L to 1505/L. 3 planes returned early.

3 TONYS, 2 ZEKES, and 1 OSCAR were definitely destroyed and 1 ZEKE probably destroyed when 30/35 ZEKES, OSCARS and TONYS were engaged over WEWAK and BORAM, from 1110/L to 1140/L at 22,000 feet. Our losses were nil.

The enemy planes were in no definite formation as they were already in combat when first sighted. Enemy planes were painted medium green and 1 TONY with striped offset was sighted. Enemy pilots did not seem very aggressive. 1 P-38 was seen to spin from 20,000 feet and crash north and slightly inland from BORAM strip.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0705/L; landed LAE, 0855/L; take-off LAE, 0920/L; over target, 1045/L to 1130/L; landed base, 1232/L.

At 1100/L, 8/10 OSCARS and ZEKES were intercepted over WEWAK at 20,000 feet. 1 ZEKE was definitely destroyed by 1 P-47 which dove from 28,000 feet to make a tail attack. The enemy used no evasive tactics. The enemy planes were coming from the south headed towards WEWAK. At 1125/L, approximately 15 enemy planes at 28,000 feet dove on our flight which took evasive action by diving away. Our planes headed for base as fuel was too low to engage enemy.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, cover PBY at junction of CLAY and KERAM RIVERS. Take-off, 0938/L; over target, 1100/L to 1140/L; landed, 1315/L. PBY was not sighted at target although radio contact was made. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0938/L; landed GUSAP, 1050/L; take-off GUSAP, 1130/L; over target, 1240/L to 1330/L; landed, 3 planes at base at 1455/L. 1 plane landed at GUSAP at 1410/L; took off at 1500/L and landed at base at 1515/L.

At 1255/L, 4/5 barges were observed in vicinity of MUSCHU ISLAND. At 1315/L, 1 bomber, believed to be a NELL, was sighted heading south on neck between DAGUA and WEWAK along the coast; the plane turned inland over WEWAK strip and was lost. Smoke, believed to be from a crashed plane, was observed about 20 miles S of BORAM strip.

4th Mission: 4 P-47s, escort L-4 to ARAWE. Take-off, 1625/L; over target, 1800/L to 1805/L; landed, 1845/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-24s to SEPIK RIVER and HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 1030/L to 1045/L; landed, 1217/L.

1 ship of about 2,000 tons and about 6 small vessels were seen in HANSA BAY off jetty. Nil enemy air sightings.

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2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, cover for 3 PT boats S of LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 1750/L; over target, 1815/L to 1900/L; landed, 1925/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-47s, escort PT boats to LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 1110/L; over target, 1150/L to 1255/L; landed, 1515/L. Pilot (name unknown) picked up by PT boats. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-24s to SEPIK RIVER and HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 1057/L to 1115/L; landed, 1220/L. Bombing of AWAR Strip, NUBIA VILLAGE, and shipping HANSA BAY was excellent. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, scramble to ARAWE. Take-off, 1645/L; over target, 1710/L to 1800/L; landed, 1830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol NUBIA to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off DOBODURA, 1615/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1750/L. Mission incomplete due to electrical system failure.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 18 P-38s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 1045/L to 1140/L; landed, 1320/L to 1345/L. 6 planes returned early.

At 1045/L, 40 ZEKES, OSCARS, TOMYS and HAMPS were sighted off-shore from WEWAK at 24,000 feet. The enemy airplanes made a diving attack at our formation which was at 19,000 feet. In the resultant combat 1 ZEKE was definitely destroyed. Our losses were: 1 pilot (2nd Lt. Joseph ROBERTSON) seen to bail out and land 11 miles from WEWAK drome on a bearing of 240 degrees; 1 plane (pilot, 2nd Lt. John WELDON) missing, was last seen at 15,000 feet 8/10 miles S of BORAM at 1105/L; 1 plane damaged, pilot uninjured.

The enemy pilots did not appear eager to fight and split S'd and peeled off and hit for the deck to evade combat. Combat ended over BORAM strip when the enemy planes suddenly broke off and disappeared.

1 P-38 was seen spinning to the ground at 1050/L 1 mile S of WEWAK strip at 8,000 feet; at 1055/L a 'chute was seen descending over the same general area. At 1055/L, 1 radial engined enemy airplane, pursued by 2 P-38s, was seen to explode at 7,000 feet over CAPE KOLANG or MUSCHU STRAITS. 3 enemy planes on fire and 2 planes smoking were seen due W of WEWAK 10 miles inland. 1 SUGAR CHARLIE near south shore of MUSCHU ISLAND and 2 SUGAR CHARLIES between KAIRURU ISLAND and north shore of MUSCHU ISLAND were sighted.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-38s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0836/L; over target, 1030/L to 1130/L; landed GUSAP, 1220/L to 1245/L; take-off GUSAP, 1330/L; landed base, 1522/L. 1 plane remained at GUSAP, mechanical trouble.

At 1050/L, our formation was intercepted by 50/60 ZEKES, OSCARS, TOMYS and HAMPS and 1 TOJO over WEWAK at 25,000 feet. The enemy dove on our formation which was at 19,000 feet and in the resultant combat 3 ZEKES, 1 HAMP and 1 TOMY were definitely destroyed. Our losses were 1 plane (pilot, 1st Lt. W. T. RITTER) which was last seen at about 1100/L burning badly and out of control at 15,000 feet 10 to 15 miles W of WEWAK; the pilot was not seen to bail out.

During the combat our planes used weaving tactics while the enemy used split S's in their passes and evasive tactics. The enemy pilots seemed experienced, determined and aggressive. Combat ended at 1135/L 10 to 15 miles W of WEWAK.

The enemy airplanes were camouflaged brown, grayish green, and silver with red roundels on wings and on fuselages. 3 P-38s were seen to crash 10 to 15 miles W of WEWAK. 15 unidentified enemy airplanes were sighted on WEWAK and BORAM strips.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0935/L; landed, 1215/L. Nil sightings.

2nd Mission: 17 P-38s, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0835/L; over target, 1050/L to 1150/L; landed, 1345/L to 1500/L. 1 plane returned at 1052/L. 1 plane crash-landed at GUSAP, pilot uninjured.

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1 ZEKE was probably destroyed when 15/20 ZEKES, HAMPS and TONYS were engaged at 10S/L about 15 miles inland from WEWAK and BORAM strip at 10/15000 foot. Our losses, nil. 4 planes attacked while the other planes stayed at 24,000 foot with one of planes which was having difficulty in dropping belly tanks. The leader of the 4 plane flight hit a ZEKE which went down in a steep dive, smoking heavily. A P-38 going down smoking was sighted 20 miles inland from BORAM strip; the pilot parachuted out. Combat ended at 1150/L. Sighted 1 probable FOK TARE UNCLE midway between MUSCHU ISLAND and WEWAK HARBOR and 8/10 barges lined up on south side of cove in MUSCHU ISLAND. About 20 mixed ZEKES, OSCARS, HAMPS and TONYS were seen during combat. Planes were silver or dark green in color. TONY pilots ranged from highly skilled and aggressive pilots who half-rolled and dived singly firing all the way to cautious pilots who split essed without pressing attacks.

Headquarters Squadron, V FC:

1st Mission: 1 PBY, XC PORT MORESBY to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1045/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1245/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 0750/L; over target, 0915/L to 0920/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0847/L; landed, 1040/L. At 0950/L, an unidentified plot was investigated with nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1217/L; landed, 1430/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1402/L; landed, 1555/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1600/L; landed, 1750/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1735/L; landed, 1905/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0715/L; landed, 0858/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1035/L; landed, 1238/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 1 P-47, weather recce to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 1133/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.

75th Fighter Squadron (R.A.A.F.):
1st Mission: 12 P-40s, escort A-31 attacking Bridge No. 8 and strafe BOGADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 1110/L; landed, 4 planes at MADZAB. 8 planes landed at GUSAP at 1250/L and returned to MADZAB at 1455/L.
7 P-40s strafed villages at DAUMOINA, vicinity of Bridge No. 25, MOBILUBU, OLD YAULA, YAULA and KYATO. Hits were observed on numerous huts, one of which was seen to smoke but none burned. Nil enemy air sightings.

INTERCEPTION OVER WEWAK
23 January, 1944

Enemy airplanes were destroyed over WEWAK by fighters escorting B-24s as follows:

7th Fighter Squadron - 5 definitely destroyed:
8th Fighter Squadron - 8 definitely destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, 3 damaged.
475th Fighter Group - 5 definitely destroyed, 5 probably destroyed.

1 P-40 (pilot, Lt. J. F. CRAWLEY) was lost and 1 P-40 crash-landed with slight injury to the pilot.

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[illegible]: 4 P-47s, escort transports to SALAMAUA. Take-off, 1114/L; over target, [illegible] to 1330/L; landed, 1540/L. Nil enemy sightings.

31st Fighter [illegible]:

1st Mission: 6 P-47s, escorts to ALAMBE. Take-off, 0910/L; landed, 4 planes at base at 1[illegible]/L. 4 planes landed at DOBODURA. Mission incomplete due to weather.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, MO DOBODURA to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1250/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1352/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 11 P-47s, cover convoy II of SALAMAUA. Take-off, 1625/L; landed, 1710/L. 1 plane returned at 1545/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

[illegible]st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-38s, escort B-24s to NOEMFOOR. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 1000/L to 1105/L; 9 planes landed at 1345/L and 2 landed at 1440/L. 1 plane returned early. A/A was inaccurate, heavy and medium, inaccurate. Bombing was excellent causing 2 large black smoke columns from east end of NOEMFOOR Strip. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-38s, escort B-24s to NOEMFOOR. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 1000/L to 1105/L; 9 planes landed at 1345/L, 2 planes landed at 1440/L. 1 plane returned early.

A/A was inaccurate, heavy, moderate to inaccurate from around NOEMFOOR Strip. Bombing was excellent. 4 fires, appeared to be burning airplanes, on NOEMFOOR Strip. Nil enemy air sightings.

[illegible] Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-38s, escort B-24s to [illegible], Take-off, 0905/L; over target, [illegible] 1105/L; 2 planes landed [illegible], 1345/L and 10 at 1440/L. 2 planes returned early. 1 plane (Pilot, 2nd Lt. J [illegible] L. POOLE) missing.

[illegible] excellent. A/A positions at NOEMFOOR Field and Dutch owned Airdrome [illegible]. A large fire was started on east end of strip. Nil enemy aircraft sighted.

2nd Mission: [illegible], escorts to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil sightings.

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[illegible] Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 11 P-47s, [illegible] to cooperate with [illegible] to SARMI Area. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1440/L to 1730/L; landed, 1900/L.

The following targets were attacked: 1 [illegible] 5/300 ton new style masted lugger, camouflaged, [illegible], 4 [illegible] FOKKER TYPE 11, set on fire and left sinking; 2-gun A/A position at ULIMAN [illegible], 1 gun silenced; 5 armed luggers in small cove just 4 on north side of ULIMAN [illegible]; stores and dump along stream between huts and camouflaged with apparent dump explosion; 2 barges west of [illegible], one of which burned, house at [illegible] with slight damage.

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4th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1705/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-40s, cover PBY in vicinity of MAKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0915/L; landed, 1300/L. The target area and the return route were cleared in.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, escort A-20s to DORGEN BAY. Take-off, 0730/L; over target, 0930/L to 0940/L; landed, 1022/L. 2 P-47s returned early. Results of the bombing were unobserved.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol MADZAB. Take-off, 0950/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol MADZAB. Take-off, 1017/L; landed, 1240/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, escort B-25 on photo mission to SIO - SAIDOR. Take-off, 1118/L; over target, 1140/L to 1220/L; landed, 1258/L. 1 P-47 returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47s, escort 1 B-25 to ARUBE. Take-off, 1333/L; over target, 1550/L to 1555/L; landed, 1650/L. After reaching ARUBE, the formation was ordered back to base by the controller, due to weather.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol MADZAB. Take-off, 0630/L; over target, 0715/L to 0815/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38s, direct crashboat at CAPE NELSON. Take-off, 1035/L; landed, 1135/L. Nil contact was made with the crashboat.
2nd Mission: 4 P-38s, direct crashboat. Take-off, 1540/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil contact was made with the crashboat.

Headquarters Squadron, V FC:
1st Mission: 1 OA-10, XC DOBODURA to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1515/L.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, escort B-24s to WEWAK. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 1145/L to 1155/L; landed, 1340/L. Planes refueled at GUSAP. Planes were seen taking off from BORAM STRIP leaving clouds of dust but never gained altitude to make contact with our fighters.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR area. Take-off, 0820/L; over target, 0900/L to 0915/L; landed, 1105/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR area. Take-off, 1425/L; over target, 1500/L to 1545/L; landed, 1635/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-38s, escort B-24s to WEWAK. Take-off, 0910/L; over target, 1125/L to 1140/L; landed, 1345/L. 5 P-38s landed at GUSAP. Bombing results were excellent. Nil enemy planes were sighted airborne.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0705/L; over target, 0735/L to 0900/L; landed, 0940/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1345/L; over target, 1420/L to 1520/L; landed, 1610/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1451/L; landed, 1624/L. 1 plane returned early. Incomplete due to weather.

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4th Mission: 8 P-47s, escort bombers to CAPE GAUFTMB. Take-off, 1535/L; over target, [illegible]/L to 1820/L; landed, 1850/L. The P-47s were unable to maintain contact with the bombers and instead covered the area in a fighter sweep.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol SAMAR. Take-off Arpt. FINSCHHAFEN, 0800/L; landed at base, 0930/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.
2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, fighter sweep to HANSA BAY. Take-off 1600/L; over target, 1745/L to 1820/L; landed, 2050/L.
Sightings: 3 planes, 1 possibly serviceable, on the AWAR strip; 2 small landing craft on west side of jetty at HANSA BAY; 1 x 5000 ton freighter NW of CONDOR POINT, which was forced back to the harbor; numerous barges between MADIA and ALEXISHAFEN and 10 barges at ALEXISHAFEN.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-38s, escort B-25s to REIN BAY. Take-off, 1337/L; over target, 1710/L to 1755/L; landed, 1815/L. Nil enemy sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 0920/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.
2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol SAMAR ISLAND - CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0950/L; landed, 0935/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.
3rd Mission: 2 P-38s, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 1145/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1235/L; take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1345/L. Nil sightings.

Headquarters Squadron, V FC:
1st Mission: 1 OA-10, MC to MADZAB and return. Take-off, 1452/L; landed MADZAB, 1513/L; take-off, 1605/L; landed, 1740/L. Nil sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 18 P-40s, dive bomb target E on SHAGGY RIDGE. Take-off, 0840/L; over target, 1010/L to 1030/L; landed, 1105/L.
19 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped. Cooperation from the Boomerangs was excellent; 2 direct hits were obtained and 18 other hits were in the target area.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, test firing; mission to MAMLOI No. 2. Take-off, 1425/L; over target, 1450/L to 1510/L; landed, 1550/L. Open and covered slit trenches were seen on top of the ridge; nil movement or return fire was observed.
4th Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1710/L. 2 P-40s returned early. Nil sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1105/L; landed, 1326/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1553/L; landed, 1810/L. 1 P-40 returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0710/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1130/L. An enemy gun position was blown into the air after a dive bombing attack by the 7th Fighter Squadron.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1035/L; landed, 1310/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47s, fighter sweep to HUSLA - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0750/L; landed, 0935/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1310/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1505/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, strafe barges and trucks between CAPE CROISILLES and CAPE GOURDON. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1415/L to 1425/L; landed, 1545/L. 2 planes returned early.
Buildings at the UMDARUM RIVER mouth, and at HARIHAP POINT were strafed and set afire. Buildings at MALALA HARBOR, ULIGAN HARBOR, the MANGEN RIVER mouth, on the beach at MALAS POINT, and along the road near WALOG VILLAGE (640710 Natuna West) were thoroughly strafed with 50 percent hits. At 1425/L, 2 trucks in motion were seen on a small road near MUGIL PLANTATION. Nil barges were seen along the coastal road, which has been improved with crushed rock; the bridge over the UMDARUM RIVER mouth (408955 Karkar West) appeared in good condition. A/A was moderate, medium and light, accurate at 200 feet from 3-gun position at 308935 (Map ref. Uvo East, 1 inch to 1 mile) and 227418 (Map ref. Malasanga, 1 inch to 1 mile).

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol control ship off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1232/L; over target, 1230/L to 1450/L; landed, 1537/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol control ship off SAIDOR. Take-off, 8 planes at 1620/L and 8 planes at 1710/L; arrived over target, 8 planes at 1700/L and 8 planes at 1730/L; departed target, 16 planes at 1840/L; landed, 16 planes at 1920/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1102/L; over target, 1130/L to 1300/L; landed, 1545/L. 2 planes returned at 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 14 P-47s, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1430/L; over target, 1500/L to 1700/L; landed, 1740/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 0900/L to 1130/L; landed, 1205/L. 3 planes returned early.
Destroyers were led to a series of thin oil slicks and bubbles which were sighted 3/5 miles offshore NE of GAUSS POINT at 0900/L. The oil slicks were moving on a 120° course. Depth charges were dropped without effect by the DD, which reported nil contact on detectors. The oil slicks were kept under surveillance from 0900/L to 1100/L, during which time they continued to move on the same course.
2nd Mission: 1 P-47, XC to MADZAB and return. Take-off, 0900/L; landed MADZAB, 0930/L; take-off, 1140/L; landed at base, 1210/L.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, cover P-40s on strafing mission N of ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1255/L; over target, 1340/L to 1445/L; landed, 1520/L. Strafing was apparently excellent.

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3rd Mission: 2 P-47s, courier from FINSCHHAFEN to CAPE GLOUCESTER and return. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1605/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 2 P-47s, escort transport from SAIDOR. Take-off, 1506/L; landed, 1733/L.

Transport mission was cancelled and flight was ordered to intercept enemy bomber over convoy in VITIAZ STRAITS. The intercept mission was then arranged and formation was ordered to conduct a barge hunt E of CAPE CRETIN. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 5 P-47s, search for barges E of CAPE CRETIN. Take-off, 1540/L; over target, 1600/L to 1700/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 0905/L; over target, 0920/L to 1003/L; landed, 2 planes at 1045/L and 2 planes at 1100/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 14 P-47s, escort B-25s to CAPE GOURDON and CAPE CROISILLES. Take-off, 1535/L; over target, 1540/L to 1620/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 1 P-47, XC FINSCHHAFEN to MADZAB. Take-off, 0955/L; landed MADZAB, 1100/L; take-off MADZAB, 1400/L; landed base, 1800/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 2 P-47s, XC FINSCHHAFEN to PORT MORESBY. Take-off, 0950/L; landed PORT MORESBY, 1105/L; take-off PORT MORESBY, 1730/L; landed base, 1845/L. Nil enemy sightings.

421st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 17 P-38s, escort B-25s to LORENGAU HARBOR. Take-off, 0800/L; over target, 1045/L to 1100/L; landed base, 1330/L. 1 plane (pilot, Lt. HAMMOND) crashed, immediately after take-off, 6/700 yards NW of Strip No. 7 at DOBODURA; the plane has been located but fate of pilot is unknown.

Strafing and bombing was excellent. 1 small MV of approximately 500 tons was sunk by B-25s in SIMPLER HARBOR N of LORENGAU PLANTATION. The B-25s also sank a barge of about 150 tons in MUTTAILIA HARBOR. A black flak-plane was sighted in SIMPLER HARBOR headed east on deck. Slight, medium, inaccurate A/A at 5,000 feet was encountered from LORENGAU VILLAGE; A/A was accurate as to altitude but not as to aim.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, escort photo plane to HOLLANDIA. Take-off, 0750/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0815/L; take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 1000/L; landed base, 1110/L. Mission was not completed as contact with photo plane was not made.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, search for missing P-38. Take-off, 0645/L; landed, 0905/L. Burning P-38 was seen in clump of trees 700 yards W of No. 7 strip at DOBODURA; nil signs of parachute or pilot.

3rd Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0845/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0930/L; take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 0940/L; landed base, 1030/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 16 P-38s, escort A-20s to REIN BAY. Take-off, 1150/L; over target, 1300/L to 1350/L; landed, 1510/L. 1 plane returned at 1215/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1715/L; landed, 2015/L.

A SUGAR CHARLIE off COLE POINT was strafed after which it was seen to explode; the SUGAR CHARLIE was believed to have had a cargo of fuel. A large barge containing 8/10 men landing at MADANG was strafed; all men were believed killed. 1 building at MADANG was also strafed. Heavy, very accurate A/A was encountered over NUBIA. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU and MADZAB - KALAPIT. Take-off, 1700/L; 1 flight landed at 1830/L and 3 flights at 1920/L. Nil sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0910/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 2 P-40s, XC to PORT MORESBY and return. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1505/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1705/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40s, fighter sweep to MADANG area. Take-off, 0712/L; landed, 0756/L. Mission incomplete, bad weather.
2nd Mission: 12 P-40s, fighter sweep to MADANG area. Take-off, 0945/L; landed, 1015/L. Mission incomplete, bad weather.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 12 P-40s, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP and SAIDOR. Take-off, 1659/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0935/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1310/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1415/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40s, patrol SAIDOR area. Take-off, 0745/L; over target, 0830/L to 1030/L; landed, 1110/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-40s, escort B-25s to CAPE CROISILLES - CAPE GOURDON. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1520/L to 1600/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1025/L; over target, 1125/L to 1215/L; landed, 1255/L. 1 plane returned early. Track between GALI and TIBBE RIVER carefully searched with nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1135/L; over target, 1225/L to 1315/L; landed, 1420/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 3 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1220/L; over target, 1300/L to 1410/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 2 P-47s, escort PBY during barge sweep of CAPE GOURDON - CAPE CROISILLES. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1425/L to 1625/L; landed, 1745/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, cover DD off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1540/L; over target, 1555/L to 1635/L; landed, 1900/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 6 P-47s, top cover transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1038/L; over target, 1110/L to 1300/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, cover PBY in LONG ISLAND area. Take-off, 1436/L; over target, 1500/L to 1530/L; landed, 1615/L. Mission incomplete as PBY could not be located.

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39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to WEWAK. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 1100/L to 1115/L; landed, 1215/L. 5 planes returned early. Formations had to go around bad weather in RAI VALLEY and secondary target of CONDOR POINT was attacked due to shortage of fuel. Slight, heavy, inaccurate A/A from CONDOR POINT. Nol enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 14 P-47's, escort B-25's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1430/L; over target, 1635/L to 1640/L; landed, 1725/L. 1 plane returned early. Bombing was excellent. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-24's to WEWAK. Take-off, 0927/L; landed, 1145/L. 2 planes returned early. Flights turned back N of DUMPU, 25 miles short of target, due to weather. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron: 15 P-47's, escort B-24's to WEWAK. Take-off, 0943/L; over target, 1120/L to 1145/L; landed, 1255/L. 5 planes returned early. Secondary target at CONDOR POINT was hit. Nil enemy sightings.

24 January, 1944

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0630/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1030/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1255/L; landed, 1515/L. 2 planes returned at 1345/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 6 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0655/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, escort B-24's to WEWAK. Take-off, 1130/L; over target, 1300/L to 1308/L; landed, 1505/L. Bombing was excellent with hits on revetments and strips. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-40's, close cover for B-24's to BORAM. Take-off, 0815/L; landed GUSAP, 0915/L. Take-off GUSAP, 1130/L; over target, 1300/L to 1330/L; landed GUSAP, 1430/L. Take-off GUSAP, 1550/L; landed base, 1640/L. 5 planes returned to GUSAP early without reaching target. 3 P-40's remained at GUSAP for repairs. Nil enemy air sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, medium cover for B-24's to BORAM. Take-off, 1055/L; over target, 1150/L to 1225/L; 9 planes landed at MADANG at 1445/L and returned to base at 1615/L. 1 plane returned to base at 1225/L and 2 each at 1515/L, 1420/L and 1455/L.

Bombs were seen to fall along south side of BORAM starting numerous fires which appeared to be burning airplanes. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol between base and SAIDOR. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0925/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY between NUBIA and WEWAK. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1030/L to 1030/L; landed, 1440/L.

A triangular shaped piece of orange canvas was sighted between BAGABAG ISLAND and CROAM ISLAND at 1220/L. Planes circled the canvas but no personnel were sighted.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY to NUBIA. Take-off, 1040/L; over target, 1115/L to 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY to S of NUBIA. Take-off, 1257/L; over target, 1335/L to 1410/L; landed, 1500/L. Investigated plot near SAIDOR with nil sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR and return. Take-off, 1000/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 2 at 1217/L, 6 at 1257/L, 4 at 1310/L, and 4 at 1350/L.

At 1210/L, ground panels reading "ammunition needed" and "drop supplies here" were sighted 1/2 mile SW of MUR. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1520/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1917/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-70, patrol RAI coast to ALEXISHAFEN. Mission was 75 percent completed with nil sightings. Patrol curtailed by generator trouble.

2nd Mission: 1 P-70, patrol RAI coast to KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 1915/L; over target, 2010/L to 2110/L; landed, 2200/L. Lights at ALEXISHAFEN were blacked out while plane was 15 miles off coast and above cloud cover which suggests that Jap's are using a location device.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1100/L; over target, 1300/L to 1315/L; landed, 1530/L. 1 plane returned at 1200/L.

5 small and 1 large barge were seen just off-shore west of EKU and 3/5 small barges just off-shore 1/2 mile east of AWAR POINT; serviceability of the barges was undetermined. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 14 P-38's, escort B-25's to MANUS ISLAND. Take-off, 0942/L; over target, 1230/L to 1300/L; landed, 1715/L to 1745/L. 1 plane remained at MADANG. 2 planes returned early. Planes refueled at FINSCHHAFEN.

1 FOX TARE DOG and 1 possible FOX TARE DOG sighted approximately 8 miles N of MANUS ISLAND proceeding directly north. 3 strafing passes were made on FOX TARE DOG and the superstructure was left damaged and burning badly. Several large fires in LORENGAU area and 1 large fire at PONAM PLANTATION were sighted. Nil enemy air sighting.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0835/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0925/L; take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 1020/L; landed base, 1110/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-38s, escort B-25s to MANUS ISLAND. Take-off, 0955/L; over target, 1215/L to 1300/L; landed, 1515/L. 2 planes landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 1430/L and have not returned to base. 1 plane returned at 1220/L.

The P-38s strafed coastal area from LORENGAU to tip of LOS NEGROS ISLAND. 7 single engine planes, believed serviceable, at south end of MOMOTE drome were strafed; 4 of the planes were left flaming and 3 smoking heavily. 1 gasoline truck on strip was also destroyed. 2 75-foot single-masted schooners and 1 50-foot launch in PAPITALALI HARBOR were set on fire. 2 medium barges, 1 heavily loaded with foodstuffs, at mouth of POAUEI passage were left in flames. 2 red roofed houses in LOMBRUM PLANTATION were destroyed. 1 500-ton SUGAR CHARLIE was seen beached at south end of POAUEI passage. Nil enemy air sightings.

23 January, 1944

7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 18 P-40s, escort B-24s to CAPE MOEM. Take-off, 0940/L; over target, 1100/L to 1120/L; landed, 1235/L. 1 P-40 returned at 1100/L with a rough engine.

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25/50 enemy fighters, chiefly ZEKES and OSCARS and some TONYS, were first sighted at 17/24,000 feet off CAPE MOEM, dogfighting with P-38s. The enemy planes broke off in pairs to attack the P-40s and to make half-hearted passes at the bombers. Our planes stayed with the bombers until the bombing run had been completed; during this period 1 flight would dive on enemy planes which were attacking the bombers, scaring them away but not pressing the attack. After the bombing run, 1 flight which dove on 3/4 Jap fighters were jumped by 2/3 others; 1 P-40 (pilot, Lt. John F. CROWLEY) went in just off CAPE MOEM from 1500 feet just after an OSCAR was shot off his tail. Our flights then broke up and engaged in dogfights. 5 enemy planes (2 ZEKES, 3 OSCARS) were definitely destroyed; 2 OSCARS were damaged. Our losses were the P-40 shot down, 1 P-40 which crash landed at CUSAP, and 1 P-40 damaged by 20 mm fire.

Our tactics were mainly diving on the enemy planes and pulling out to rejoin the flight; Jap tactics were steep turns and half-rolls with most turns to the left. The enemy fighters were green and brown with silver bellies; some were a clean dark green; 1 TONY and 1 OSCAR were jet black with roundels outlined in white.

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-40s, close cover for B-24s to BORAM. Take-off, 0945/L; landed, 1230/L.

65 ZEKES, HAMPS and TONYS were sighted over the target area; 30/40 were intercepted at 1130/L over the water off BORAM by 6 P-40s while the remainder stayed with the bombers. The P-40s dropped their belly tanks when belly tanks were seen dropping through the formation. A diving attack was made on 1 HAMP at 10,000 feet and it was destroyed; 2 HAMPS which made head-on passes were next destroyed; our planes then dove down and attacked enemy flights at from 1500 to 4,000 feet. 8 enemy planes (2 ZEKES, 5 HAMPS, 1 TONY) were definitely destroy, 4 (2 ZEKES, 2 HAMPS) were probably destroyed, and 2 HAMPS were damaged; our losses were nil. 1 ZEKE was definitely destroyed, but could not be confirmed and is listed above as probably destroyed. 3 parachutes were seen drifting out to sea off BORAM.

Enemy pilots flew singly. Some dove out after making a pass. Evasive action taken by the enemy was chiefly to split S after being fired on.

2nd Mission: 16 P-40s, patrol CUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1730/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-47s, fighter sweep to NUBIA. Take-off, 0730/L; over target, 0800/L to 0900/L; landed, 0830/L. Formation patrolled from MADANG to HANSA BAY with nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1145/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 7 P-47s, escort transports to SHAGGY RIDGE. Take-off, 1130/L; over target, 1140/L to 1315/L; landed, 1325/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol CUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1530/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol coast to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1805/L; over target, 1850/L to 1955/L; landed, 2045/L. 3 small boats at jetty at HANSA BAY. At 2015/L 3 lights, which blinked at our planes as though signalling, were sighted on shore near GALI.

22 January, 1944

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol ARAWE and CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0515/L; over target, 0545/L to 0730/L; landed, 0830/L. No warning received of ARAWE raid at approximately 0530/L. Nil sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38s, cover HANSA BAY to MADANG. Take-off, 1735/L; over target, 1745/L to 1930/L; landed, 1940/L. 3 passes made on SUGAR CHARLIE just off CONDOR POINT at 1850/L and burned fiercely. Crew abandoned ship and lifeboat was strafed and 8/10 killed. Wooden landing barge strafed as it was discharging passengers and 15/20 killed or wounded.

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CORRECTIONS

Report No. 311, Delayed Reports, 20 January, 1944, 8th Fighter Squadron: 3rd Mission, 4 P-40s should read 8 P-40s; and 4th Mission, 4 P-40s should read 12 P-40s.

Report No. 311, Delayed Reports, 22 January, 1944, 341st Fighter Squadron: 1st Mission, 6 P-47s should read 16 P-47s.

Report No. 309, Delayed Reports, 13 January, 1944, 342nd Fighter Squadron: 3rd Mission, 4 P-47s should read 12 P-47s.

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Report No. 305, Delayed Reports, 16 January, 1944, 431st Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission:

Capt. McAFEE (misspelled MALAFEE) landed at base from this mission at 1010/L.

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5th Mission: 1 PBY, cover MADANG strike. Take-off, 100/L; over target, 1100/L to 1220/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 1 PBY, search NORTHWESTERN POINT for downed plane. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1647/L to 1700/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil wreckage or survivors were sighted.

341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol convoy off CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1025/L to 1215/L; landed, 1500/L. 1 plane returned at 1005/L and 2 at 1055/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol convoy off CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1409/L; over target, 1457/L to 1615/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol [illegible] - SAIDOR. Take-off, 0710/L; landed, 0855/L. 1 P-47 returned at 0720/L, prop out. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY from CROKER ISLAND to MADANG and WEWAK. Take-off, 0830/L; landed, 1245/L. Mission incomplete, turned back at BLUP BLUP ISLAND due to weather.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY over CROKER ISLAND. Take-off, 0955/L; over target, 1030/L to 1200/L; landed, 1250/L.

A LIKE or LIKE, apparently undamaged, was seen in a dry river bed in the NW section of the island. Signs observed near the plane indicate that personnel is living near the plane.

4th Mission: 2 P-47's, cover PBY 2 of MANUTYO ISLAND. Take-off, 1530/L; over target, 1645/L to 1715/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, cover PBY 2 of MANUTYO ISLAND. Take-off, 1445/L; over target, 1630/L to 1715/L; landed, 1915/L. 2 P-47's returned at 1850/L. The PBY was directed to the object of the search, which was located 10 miles S of the island by flares fired from the raft.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 11 P-38's, escort B-25's to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. Take-off, 0925/L; over target, 1155/L to 1225/L. 4 planes landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 1305/L and at base at 1425/L; 7 planes landed at base at 1420/L. 1 P-38 was slightly damaged by gun fire of undetermined origin, but not believed to be ground fire.

432nd Fighter Squadron: 9 P-38's, escort B-25's to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. Take-off, 0925/L; over target, 1155/L to 1225/L. 5 planes landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 1250/L and at base at 1425/L; 4 planes landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 1515/L.

2 fires with black smoke were observed along the MOMOTE strip; 1 direct hit was observed on a building about 4 miles W of LORENGAU strip. 1 B-25 crashed in SEEADLER HARBOR, 1 behind MOMOTE strip at PAPITALAI HARBOR INLET, and 1 15 miles due S of MANUTUO ISLAND.

433rd Fighter Squadron: 15 P-38's, escort B-25's to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. Take-off, 0915/L; over target, 1155/L to 1215/L. 8 planes landed at base at 1415/L; 5 planes landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 1215/L.

A small barge was sunk 5 miles up the [illegible] RIVER, 5 X 25 foot barges were destroyed 15 miles N of LOU ISLAND, 2 buildings in LORENGAU PLANTATION and a SUGAR CHARLIE in the lagoon S of PAPITALAI HARBOR were set on fire. 1 B-25 crashed in SEEADLER HARBOR at the end of MOMOTE strip and 1 B-25 crash-landed midway between MANUS and JOHNSTON ISLANDS.

24 January, 1944

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38's, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off from DOBODURA, 1500/L/24, Take-off from FINSCHHAFEN, 1720/L; landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 2030/L and at base at 1000/L/25.

A fighter plane seen at 2000 feet over HANSA BAY was not intercepted due to inability to drop belly tanks. A/A at HANSA BAY was intense, heavy, accurate.

1 P-38 was badly damaged by shore and naval A/A fire at FINSCHHAFEN, although radio contact had been established, IFF was on at all times, and, planes ETA had been published.

2nd Mission: 1 P-38, patrol [illegible]. Take-off, from DOBODURA, 1500/L; Take-off, from FINSCHHAFEN, 1830/L; over target, 1930/L to 2145/L; landed at LAE at 2200/L.

This plane landed at LAE and was severely damaged in landing. Landing was made at LAE instead of FINSCHHAFEN because naval and shore A/A batteries were at the time firing on other friendly night fighters.

3rd Mission: 1 P-70, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - SAIDOR. Take-off, 1930/L/24 from FINSCHHAFEN; landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 2200/L and at base at 0900/L/25.

The mission was cancelled because of bad weather and lack of coordination between the controller, searchlights, and A/A.

19 January, 1944

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0515/L from FINSCHHAFEN; over convoy, 0645/L to 0815/L; landed at FINSCHHAFEN at 0830/L and at base at 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.

18 January, 1944

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 3 P-70s, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE and REISS POINT. Take-off, 1626/L/18 from DOBODURA; over target, 1900/L to 2120/L, 0300/L to 0500/L, 0505/L to 0530/L; returned to base at 0900/L/19. TOPSYS, reported to have taken off from HANSA BAY at 0230/L, could not be intercepted. A plot 20 miles off the coast disappeared before intercepted. 4 long light flashes were observed from 100 feet in passing over URAWA; these flashes were repeated on a second run over the area.

17 January, 1944

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38s, fighter sweep and patrol of HANSA BAY and ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1628/L/17 from DOBODURA; over target, 1750/L to 1915/L; landed at FINSCHHAFEN, 2116/L and at base, 0900/L/18. ALEXISHAFEN strafed at 1905/L.

2nd Mission: 3 P-70s, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Take-off, 1655/L/17 from DOBODURA; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1955/L; over target, 1920/L to 2030/L, 2115/L to 2315/L, 0045/L to 0230/L; landed at base, 0750/L/18, 0755/L/18 and 0902/L/18. Mission partially incomplete due to weather.

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36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-47's, cover A-20's over YAGOMAI, BOMCA, and GALI. Take-off, 1025/L; over target, 1055/L to 1115/L; landed, 1150/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to BORSTEN BAY. Take-off, 1550/L; over target, 1630/L to 1640/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0955/L; over target, 1015/L to 1035/L; landed, 1140/L.
12 fighters and 3 other planes of undetermined type were sighted on DAGUA strip. 1 vessel of approximately 500 tons was seen coming into WEWAK HARBOR at CAPE WOM. Appeared to be a large number of boats at MUSCHU ISLAND, VICTORIA BAY and MATAMBU ISLAND. Moderate, heavy, inaccurate as to altitude A/A over WEWAK; the P-47's were over area 20 minutes before A/A opened fire. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0925/L; over target, 0915/L to 0930/L; landed, 1 flight at 1025/L and 3 flights at 1040/L.
At 0945/L, 2 unidentified T/E airplanes were seen over MANAM ISLAND at 25,000 feet headed north; 2 P-47's which had climbed to 18,000 feet were unable to overtake the planes. 2 T/E airplanes were sighted in dispersal area on north side of strip at approximately 721570 (Map ref: ALEXISHAFEN 1:25,000). Bombing was excellent with direct hits on No. 2 strip and just off strip in dispersal areas on both sides.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to BOGIA PLANTATION. Take-off, 1450/L; over target, 1515/L to 1520/L; landed, 1600/L.
3 small luggers were observed at mouth of AMAU RIVER in MAGIA BAY. Formation searched for reported DD between WEWAK and ADMIRALTY ISLANDS with Nil sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 1115/L to 1150/L; landed, 1350/L. These planes were accompanied by 4 P-38's of the 433rd Fighter Squadron.
Nil enemy planes were sighted airborne. 1 T/E bomber was seen in a revetment on the W side of MOMOTE strip. 2 small fires were started in SALAMI PLANTATION along the coast of SEEADLER HARBOR; 1 large fire with black smoke was sighted near the jetty at this plantation. Explosions were also seen in the revetment area W of MOMOTE with 1 column of smoke observed.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. No times given. At 0815/L, 1 pilot saw a possible HAMP coming from direction of RABAUL. On sighting our planes and probably the convoy the enemy plane made 180° turn and headed back for RABAUL. Nil contact made.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, scramble over FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1725/L; landed, 1745/L. Nil enemy sightings.

345th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-47's, escort PBY to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0825/L; over target, 0845/L to 0930/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, escort PBY to CIRCULAR REEF. Take-off, 1026/L; over target, 1100/L to 1530/L; landed, 1545/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 15 P-47's, cover A-20's to BORGEN BAY. Take-off, 1651/L; over target, 1700/L to 1810/L; landed, 1845/L. 2 sets of fires sighted on ROOKE ISLAND. Nil enemy air sightings.

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342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, scramble to NE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1503/L; landed, 1620/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter swoop to HUON changed to intercept plot at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1605/L; over CAPE GLOUCESTER, 1630/L to 1650/L; over SAMATA - CAPE HOSKINS, 1710/L to 1750/L; landed, 1830/L and 1850/L. Strafed and destroyed 2 serviceable small boats W of GASMATA. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-38's, patrol shipping. Take-off, 0840/L; over target, 0915/L to 1115/L; landed, 1140/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0923/L; landed, 1123/L. Nil sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-38's, escort B-24's to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. See first Mission of 80th Fighter Squadron.
2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, local scramble. Take-off, 0825/L; landed, 0900/L. Only friendly planes sighted.

Headquarters Squadron, V FC:
1st Mission: 1 PBY, carry freight and passengers to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0830/L; landed, 1015/L. Hull was damaged by small unseen object on landing in water at CAPE GLOUCESTER.

23 January, 1944

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-40's, escort B-25's to MADANG. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1105/L to 1125/L; landed, 1235/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 9 P-40's, patrol over base. Take-off, 1415/L; landed, 1600/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, escort PBY to ROOKE ISLAND. Take-off, 1430/L; over target, 1630/L to 1650/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0745/L to 1000/L; landed, 1025/L. 1 plane returned early. An unidentified plane was sighted at XT 1070 (Map ref: Western New Britain 4 mile provisional series) heading E at 25,000 feet after a plot had been received from the controller, the unidentified plane could not be contacted.
2nd Mission: 11 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1145/L; over target, 1205/L to 1420/L; landed, 1515/L. One plane returned early. 2 unidentified planes seen at XT 6540 (Map ref: Western New Britain 4 mile provisional series) were not contacted.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, scramble over base. Take-off, 1605/L; landed, 1750/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-38's, patrol convoy off CAPE WARD HUNT. Take-off, 1245/L; over target, 1515/L to 1750/L; landed, 1905/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0925/L; over target, 1045/L to 1050/L; landed, 1127/L. The transports were not contacted until enroute back from the target.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1025/L; over target, 1100/L to 1220/L; landed, 1245/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, scramble and search for downed airplane. Take-off, 1037/L; landed, 1245/L. Possible signal received from soldiers 20 miles NE of KOPOI, W of Tabu.
4th Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1550/L; over target, 1615/L to 1830/L; landed, 1935/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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418th Night Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 3 P-70s, patrol RAI COAST to KARKAR ISLAND. (Incomplete report).

CORRECTION

Report No. 311, Delayed Reports, 22 January, 1944, 418th Night Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission: Deleted.

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2nd Mission: 14 P-40s, scramble to intercept plot 20 miles E of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1331/L; landed, 1415/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 2 P-40s, courier to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1420/L. Report of 3 bogies 10 miles E of WALD BAY was investigated with nil sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-38s, escort bombers to MANUS ISLAND and strafe points at PAPITALILI HARBOR. Take-off, 1005/L; over target, 1225/L to 1350/L; 7 planes landed at 1645/L after refueling at LAE, 4 landed 1805/L to 1830/L after landing at FINSCHHAFEN, 2 remained at FINSCHHAFEN and 1 at MADZAB. 3 planes returned early.
B-24s seen to drop bombs down middle of runway at LORENGAU. A fuel dump, 200 yards inland and 100 yards S of jetty in SALAMI PLANTATION, was strafed by 1 P-38 with unobserved results. 6 probable HAMPS, 2 of which appeared serviceable, sighted on south end of MOMOTE Strip. 1 probable type "A" barge on beach just S of SABUKALEO POINT strafed and definitely destroyed. SABUKALEO POINT strafed starting a small fire. 2 machine gun positions on north end of MOMOTE Strip strafed and silenced. 2 probably serviceable HAMPS on south end of strip strafed and damaged but not set afire. Nil enemy airborne sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40s, cover A-20s to MADANG. Take-off, 0735/L; landed, 0945/L. 2 planes returned early. Contact with A-20s could not be made due to weather.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGIA. Over target, 1510/L to 1515/L; landed, 1644/L. 1 P-47 strafed a ship believed to be a SUGAR CHARLIE in HANSA BAY with unobserved results. Nil enemy air sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47s, patrol ARAWE. Take-off; 0720/L; over target, 0747/L to 1000/L; landed, 1115/L. 1 unidentified airplane, probably a ZEKE or OSCAR, was seen over ARAWE PENINSULA flying at 7/8000 feet. The enemy plane dropped one bomb in water just off ARAWE PENINSULA and was then lost in the clouds.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47s, XC FINSCHHAFEN to MADZAB and return. Take-off; 0815/L; landed MADZAB, 0900/L; take-off MADZAB, 1125/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1200/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, escort PBY to CIRCULAR REEF. Take-off, 1120/L; over target, 1300/L to 1310/L; landed, 1434/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, cover PBY to LONG ISLAND - KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1430/L to 1620/L; landed, 1625/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGIA HARBOR. Take-off, 1345/L; over target, 1510/L to 1525/L; landed, 7 planes at 1650/L and 9 planes at 1710/L. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-38s, escort B-24s to ADMIRALTY ISLANDS and strafe barges at BUNAI. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1255/L to 1345/L; landed, 2 at 1535/L and 10 at 1745/L after refueling at FINSCHHAFEN. 2 planes returned early.
Bombing excellent with bursts observed in area just SE of LORENGAU Strip. 1 native hut left burning and many native huts damaged in BUNAI Village as a result of strafing. Native huts at water's edge believed to be large enough for barges. No barges were sighted either in huts or near village. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38s, escort photo plane to MANUS ISLAND. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 1320/L after landing at FINSCHHAFEN. Nil enemy sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-38s, escort B-24s to MANUS ISLAND and strafe LOU ISLAND. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1225/L to 1325/L; landed, 1745/L after refueling at FINSCHHAFEN.
Bombs seen falling on LORENGAU Township causing several small fires with white smoke. Bomb hits on LORENGAU Strip left large craters on the runway. Barges were not sighted on LOU ISLAND so strafed and set afire several huts and row boats and inflicted some personnel casualties. Nil enemy air sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40s, scramble to intercept plot 20 miles NE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1015/L; landed, 1120/L. After taking off, plot was identified as friendly.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40s, escort PBY from LONG ISLAND to KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 0945/L to 1110/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-40s, escort transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1200/L; over target, 1230/L to 1340/L; landed, 1415/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 14 P-40s, rocco for PT boats between FINSCHHAFEN and BOGADJIM. Take-off, 1425/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol over SAIDOR. Take-off, 0705/L; over target, 0740/L to 0800/L; landed, 0830/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47s, escort transports to SAIDOR and return. Take-off, 1150/L; over target, 1235/L to 1330/L; landed, 1415/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0655/L; landed, 0905/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0830/L; landed, 1045/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1015/L; landed, 1244/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1208/L; landed, 1420/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1355/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1530/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47s, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1820/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s to BOGIA - HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 1000/L to 1035/L; landed, 1210/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 5 P-47s, fighter sweep to HUBIA - HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1137/L; over target, 1300/L to 1315/L; landed, 1420/L. 1 plane returned at 1227/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47s, escort B-25s embargo hunt from CAPE CROISILLES to BONJA HARBOR. Take-off, 0835/L; over target, 0945/L to 1045/L; landed, 1 plane at 0900/L, 3 at 0930/L, 4 at 1200/L, 4 at 1215/L and 4 at 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-47, XC FINSCHHAFEN to MADZAB and return. Take-off, 1020/L; landed MADZAB, 1120/L; take-off MADZAB, 1445/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1523/L. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-38s, scramble to ARAWE. Take-off, 1115/L; over target, 1215/L to 1310/L; landed, 1410/L. 2 planes returned early. Mission completed with nil enemy sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40s, scramble to intercept plot 20 miles NE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0645/L; landed, 0845/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0710/L; over target, 0825/L to 0840/L; landed, 0956/L. 2 planes returned at 0845/L. Probable stores and supply dumps at a creek junction at WO 8595 were strafed with unobserved results. Other probable stores and supply dumps were sighted at GARGASSI POINT at WO 8197 and MALE POINT at WO 7495. A light A/A battery at GARGASSI POINT at WO 8197 was believed silenced by strafing from the P-47's. (all map ref: MADANG 4 mile strat) Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0715/L; landed, 0853/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0833/L; landed, 1050/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1023/L; landed, 1212/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1220/L; landed, 1410/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 3 P-47's, escort B-25's to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1313/L; over target, 1420/L to 1430/L; landed, 1529/L. Nil enemy sightings.

7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1552/L; landed, 1612/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Mission: 3 P-47's, recce to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1510/L; landed, 1705/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1705/L; landed, 1840/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 10 P-47's, escort B-25's to BOGIA HARBOR. Take-off, 0748/L; over target, 0920/L to 0930/L; landed, 1035/L. 1 plane returned at 1020/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-47's, escort B-25's to NUBIA. Take-off, 1255/L; over target, 1425/L to 1430/L; landed, 1525/L.

2 Fox Taro Charlies and 1 small freighter were observed in HANSA BAY at 1430/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-47's, fighter sweep to NUBIA. Take-off, 0720/L; over target, 0800/L to 0900/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1240/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1440/L; landed, 1710/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol DUMPU - GUSAP. Take-off, 0857/L; landed, 1135/L. 1 plane returned at 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1720/L. 2 planes returned early; 1 at 1515/L and 1 at 1530/L. Nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 7 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0842/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1045/L; landed, 1315/L. 1 plane returned early. At 1200/L controller sent the planes over ALEXISHAFEN where they stayed till 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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3rd Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0835/L; landed, 1125/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1720/L. Nil enemy sightings.

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

There is available for inspection at the A-2 Section, the following Technical Intelligence Report:

No. 194 - Examination of Japanese 10 mm. Armor Plate.

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40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-47's, escort B-25's to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 0940/L. 1 plane returned at 0845/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, weather recce to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1105/L; landed, 1323/L. 1 plane returned at 1143/L. 4 barges were sighted in HANSA BAY. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, escort B-25's to HEGAS ISLAND. Take-off, 1205/L; over target, 1325/L to 1350/L; landed, 1420/L. The B-25's were seen bombing 2 ships in BOSTROM BAY; results were not observed. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 7 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0655/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0825/L; landed, 1050/L. 1 plane returned at 1025/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1020/L; landed, 1200/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-40's, dive bomb KANKIRYO RIDGE area. Take-off, 0857/L; over target, 0930/L to 0945/L; landed, 1015/L.

Bombing percentage was excellent with 16 X 500lb 4/5 second delay bombs dropped from 1000 feet in the target area. Target area was well cleared by previous artillery fire, and well defined by smoke bombs. Nil enemy air Sightings.

2nd Mission: 17 P-40's, dive bomb KANKIRYO RIDGE area. Take-off, 1233/L; time of attack, 1305/L to 1330/L; landed, 1350/L. The target area was completely closed in. Secondary target of Bridges Nos. 5,6, and 7 on BOGADJIM ROAD were bombed through heavy clouds with unobserved results. 17 X 500lb 4/5 second delay bombs were dropped from 1,000 foot. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 11 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40's, scramble to intercept plot 10 miles E of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, escort transport to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1120/L to 1150/L; landed, 1245/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol convoy N of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1525/L; over target, 1540/L to 1715/L; landed, 1730/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 8 P-40's, scramble to intercept plot and patrol convoy. Take-off, 1645/L; over target, 1715/L to 1900/L; landed, 1930/L. 1 plane returned early. 2 plots were investigated with nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-47's, cover DD off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0850/L; over target, 0930/L to 1140/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR area. Take-off, 1530/L; over target, 1615/L to 1835/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0650/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1125/L. Plot investigated with nil enemy sightings.

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3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1335/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1445/L; landed, 1710/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-38's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 0655/L; over target, 0740/L to 1000/L; landed, 1050/L.
At 0915/L one silver TONY was sighted about 10 miles SE of ARAWE at 6,000 feet heading on course of 45°. 2 P-38's chased the TONY almost to HOSKINS BAY but could not overtake him. The TONY was probably on fighter frequency as he would change course each time Fighter Sector reported his course and was heard to say "I'm on my way home, Copper Rod" near the end of the chase.
2nd Mission: 9 P-38's; escort A-20's to BORGEN BAY and CAPE BUSHING. Take-off, 0715/L; over BORGEN BAY, 0855/L to 0900/L and over CAPE BUSHING, 0910/L to 1030/L; landed, 1145/L. 1 plane returned early. One explosion ½ mile E of MATAMO POINT was the only result observed. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol shipping off HOPOI. Take-off, 0710/L; over target, 0720/L to 0945/L; landed, 1020/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1113/L; over target, 1145/L to 1400/L; landed, 1435/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, scramble over FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1708/L; landed, 1759/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0735/L; over target, 0800/L to 1000/L; landed, 1035/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, cover convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1320/L; over target, 1400/L to 1615/L; landed, 1705/L. 1 plane failed to take-off. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 2 P-47's, XC FINSCHHAFEN to GUSAP and return. Take-off, 1310/L; landed, 1755/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1410/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1655/L; landed, 1900/L. Nil enemy sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort A-20's to BORGEN BAY. Take-off, 1350/L; over target, 1505/L to 1530/L; landed, 1634/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

There are available for inspection at the A-2 Section the following Technical Intelligence Reports:

No. 189a - Evolution of Japanese Airplane Engines.
No. 193 - Instruments from Japanese Type 3 F TONY.
No. 195 - Firing Tests of Japanese 12.7 mm. Fixed U/G Ammunition.
No. 196 - Examination of Propeller from Japanese Type 3 F TONY.
No. 197 - Constant Speed Propeller Governor from Japanese Type 3 F TONY.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1035/L; over target, 1100/L to 1250/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-40, MC FINSCHHAFEN to LAE to GUSAP and return. Take-off, 1000/L; landed LAE, 1030/L; landed GUSAP, 1350/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 1605/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, escort FDY to HOSKE BAY. Take-off, 1455/L; over target, 1555/L to 1725/L; landed, 1750/L. Mission called off at ARAWE due to enemy plot. Plot was investigated with nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47's, strafe targets of opportunity from IRIS POINT to MATZFELDT HARBOR. Take-off, 1035/L; over target, 1145/L to 1330/L; landed, 1630/L. 1 plane returned at 1205/L and 1 at 1445/L. MARS VILLAGE, a 2 story house on BRICKMON ISLAND and a bridge thought to be over MELAS RIVER were strafed. Moderate, medium or light, accurate A/A at 3,500 feet was encountered from HOGIL POINT. Nil enemy air sightings.

59th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort 2 Beaufuegs to WALO BAY. Take-off, 0840/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-47's, strafe targets of opportunity along coast N of MADANG. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1335/L. Coastal track from [illegible] to MALALA were strafed. A possible barge hideout at MEAPA was thoroughly strafed. 7 barges were sighted in WEWAK HARBOR but were not strafed due to A/A. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, scramble to ARAWE. Take-off, 1515/L; over target, 1620/L to 1810/L; landed, 1905/L. 2 planes returned at 1730/L; could not locate formation. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-38's, escort B-25's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0713/L; over target, 0800/L to 0805/L; landed, 0950/L. Bombing percentage was excellent. Intense, medium - heavy, accurate A/A was encountered from heavy A/A positions at 718 330 (Map ref: ALEXISHAFEN Defence Map), and medium positions at NE end of No. 2 strip. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-38's, escort B-25's to MADANG. Take-off, 1103/L; landed, 1225/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol and cover for bombers at SAIDOR. Take-off, 0725/L; over target, 0840/L to 1025/L; landed, 1130/L. 2 planes returned early. Target area was heavily bombed with small fires started. Nil enemy air sightings.

510th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 6 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1225/L; over target, 1330/L to 1510/L; landed, 1545/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-47's, scramble over shipping off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1800/L; over target, 1820/L to 1840/L; landed, 1905/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

345th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol ARAWE and CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1122/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1420/L; over target, 1505/L to 1700/L; landed, 1745/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0650/L; over target, 0705/L to 0915/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, KC MENSCHHAFEN to MADZAB and return. Take-off, 1200/L; landed MADZAB, 1245/L; Take-off MADZAB, 1650/L; landed MENSCHHAFEN, 1725/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 13 P-47's, scramble and patrol to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1630/L; over target, 1700/L to 1850/L; landed, 1920/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

387th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 2 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-40's, fighter sweep MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1250/L; over target, 1510/L to 1510/L; landed, 1615/L. 2 planes returned at 1350/L and 2 returned at 1420/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-38's, escort B-24's to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0725/L; over target, 0850/L to 1025/L; landed, 1130/L. B-24's bombing was considered excellent. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, search for P-38 from DOBODURA to CAPE WARD HUNT to HOKUM MARS. Take-off, 1510/L; landed, 1530/L. A wrecked A-20, apparently old, was sighted in a clearing near [illegible] on the MAMBARE RIVER at position 08°12'S-147°03'E. Nil sightings of [illegible].

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1340/L; over target, 1525/L to 1610/L; landed, 1715/L. Target area was thoroughly bombed and strafed with grass fires over entire area. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-38's, cover for B-24's and B-25's to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0720/L; over target, 0815/L to 1050/L; landed, 1110/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-38's, escort B-25's and A-20's to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1350/L; over target, 1525/L to 1615/L; landed, 1740/L. 2 planes returned at 1440/L and 1530/L. Targets were adequately bombed and strafed causing explosions, numerous small fires and heavy smoke along coast. Nil enemy air sightings.

Headquarters Squadron V FC:
1st Mission: 1 P-39, patrol off CAPE PENKO - [illegible] ISLAND. Take-off, 1135/L; over target, 1515/L to 1545/L; landed, 1630/L. Nil enemy sightings.

AMENDED REPORT

Report No. 234, Delayed Reports, 26 December, 1943, 36th Fighter Squadron, 2nd mission (Amended Report No. 239): 7 enemy planes (2 ZEKES, 2 OSCARS, 3 VALS) were definitely destroyed in this combat; 4 planes (1 ZEKE, 1 OSCAR, 2 VALS) were probably destroyed.

CORRECTION

Report No. 238, Delayed Reports, 31 December, 1943: 35th Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission should read 340th Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission, and vice versa.

Report No. 239, Delayed Reports, 31 December, 1943: 342nd Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission should be 4th Mission for 30 December, 1943.

Report No. 239, Delayed Reports, 31 December, 1943, 35th Fighter Squadron, 2nd Mission: 8 P-40's should read 16 P-40's.

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SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
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8th Fighter Group: 15 P-47's of the 56th Squadron covered the SAIDOR landing force from 0745/L to 0910/L and made nil enemy sightings. P-38's of the 80th Squadron patrolled SAIDOR without incident from 1055/L to 1235/L.

35th Fighter Group: 39th Squadron, B-25's were escorted by 15 P-47's to BILI BILI in the morning and by 13 P-47's to ERIMA PLANTATION in the afternoon. 16 P-39's of the 41st Squadron covered the SAIDOR landing force from 0745/L to 0900/L.

49th Fighter Group: 7th Squadron, P-40's were unable to complete an early morning fighter sweep over ALEXISHAFEN because of weather. 13 P-40's completed a noon fighter sweep over the same area without incident. On the basis of incomplete reports, an enemy formation was intercepted between 1620/L and 1700/L. 3 fighters and 2 bombers were definitely destroyed and 1 fighter probably destroyed; 1 P-40 is missing. 11 P-40's of the 8th Squadron made nil enemy sightings during a midmorning fighter sweep over ALEXISHAFEN - MADANG.

348th Fighter Group: Nothing Reported.

475th Fighter Group: 16 P-38's of the 432nd Squadron patrolled SAIDOR from 1030/L to 1230/L; nil enemy sightings were made.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1630/L.
At 1605/L, enemy planes were intercepted in the ASTROLABE BAY area. 16/20 ZEKES, HAMPs and TONYs were sighted heading SE from MADANG at 14/16000 feet; 9 HELENs were first sighted heading toward DOBODURA from N of MANUS ISLAND at 5000 feet, later passing over SAIDOR and dropping their bombs ON the coast. Enemy losses in combat were 2 ZEKEs, 1 TONY and 2 HELENs definitely destroyed and 1 TONY probably destroyed. Our losses were 1 P-40. The pilot of which (Capt. William D. Lowe) was last reported in A rubber life boat, 8 miles S of LONG ISLAND. At the conclusion of the combat, the enemy planes departed to the N.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, cover landing at SAIDOR. Take-off, 0705/L; over target, 0725/L to 0915/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to BENI HILL. Take-off, 0710/L; over target, 0815/L to 0830/L; landed, 0920/L. 1 plane returned at 0900/L; gas leak. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, escort bombers to SHAW DEMONSTRATION. Take-off, 1050/L; over target, 1130/L to 1145/L; landed, 1240/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-39's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0653/L; over target, 0745/L to 0800/L; landed, 0947/L. A large fresh oil slick was observed in river at 130143 (Map ref: SIO Photomap). Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-39's, cover shipping. Take-off, 1515/L; over target, 1535/L to 1745/L; landed, 1820/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1055/L to 1255/L; landed, 1350/L. 1 plane did not take-off due to engine cutting out. Nil enemy air sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0837/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

386th Bombardment Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1118/L. White objects were observed along banks of MIENJIN RIVER near 822842 (Map ref: Mt. KUMARI 1 inch to 1 mile). Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1322/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1525/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1518/L; landed, 1700/L. 1 plane returned at 1620/L; oxygen failure.
5th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1651/L; landed, 1855/L. 1 plane returned early.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38's, cover convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, FINSCHHAFEN, 0515/L; over target, 0600/L to 0815/L; landed DOBODURA, 0930/L. 1 plane landed at FINSCHHAFEN due to engine trouble and returned to DOBODURA at 1103/L. At 0600/L, a possible BETTY was sighted heading toward MADANG; plane was lost in clouds and nil contact was made.

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431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol convoy at FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1325/L; over target, 1345/L to 1550/L; 15 Planes landed at MADZAB. 2 planes returned to base early. 1 of the planes that returned early crash landed due to hydraulic system out; nil injury to pilot. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol SAMDOR. Take-off, 0950/L; over target, 1040/L to 1250/L; landed, 1535/L. 2 planes returned at 1250/L due to fuel shorta. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, patrol SAMDOR. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1420/L to 1600/L; landed MADZAB, 1650/L. 5 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0655/L; landed, 0915/L 1 plane returned at 0815/L; rough engine. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0920/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 10 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1050/L; over target 1110/L to 1300/L; landed, 1320/L. 2 planes returned at 1250/L. Moderate, heavy, accurate to inaccurate A/A at 16,400 feet was encountered from CAPE CROISELLES. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1325/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 0920/L to 1050/L; landed, 1110/L. 1 plane returned at 0907/L. A/A moderate, medium, accurate as to altitude from CAPE CROISELLES. 7 barges sighted in BOGIA HARBOR and an oil slick noted outside BOGIA HARBOR. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP. Take-off, [illegible]/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1720/L. 1 plane returned at 1550/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0940/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1213/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1135/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1420/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1350/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU-MADZAB. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1133/L. 1 P-40 returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 5 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 7 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1255/L; landed, 1525/L.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN-MADANG. Take-off, 0720/L; landed, 0912/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, escort Boomerangs to BOGADJIM ROAD. 1 P-40 returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1102/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 6 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0950/L; landed, 1110/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1045/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1145/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1240/L; landed, 1430/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1340/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1850/L. Nil enemy sightings.

CORRECTION

Report No. 290 1 January, 320th Squadron, 1st Mission: 6 P-47's should read 16 P-47's.

ADDED REPORT

Report No. 284, Delayed Reports, 26 December, 1943, 80th Fighter Squadron, 2 nd Mission: 10 enemy planes (2 [illegible], 1 ZERO or TOJO, 1 OSCAR, 5 VALs) were definitely destroyed in this combat; 2 OSCARs were probably destroyed.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
5 January, 1944

8th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

35th Fighter Group: 16 P-47's of the 39th Squadron escorted B-25's on a morning strike on the DOGADORI area; one red fire was observed in the target area after the bombing. 41st Squadron, 16 P-39's patrolled SAIDOR from 0730/L to 0910/L; pilots report that an uninterrupted C/P was sent out on or near 4475 KC from 0745/L until after the planes left the target area.

49th Fighter Group: 12 P-40's of the 7th Squadron completed a morning fighter sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to KARKAR ISLAND with nil enemy air sightings. Heavy, inaccurate A/A was encountered at 14,000 feet over MADANG. 8 P-40's of the 8th Squadron completed an afternoon fighter sweep over MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN without incident.

312th Bombardment Group (D): 8 P-40's of the 387th Squadron covered MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN on a morning fighter sweep; nil enemy sightings were made.

348th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

475th Fighter Group: 17 P-38's of the 433rd Squadron patrolled ARAWE and CAPE GLOUCESTER from 0900/L to 1100/L. 1 yellow life raft was sighted 3 miles E of TUAM ISLAND at 1030/L; all personnel was seen on the raft. 1 PBY was escorted back to MUSCHU AIR from CAPE GLOUCESTER.

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35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0635/L; over target, 0815/L to 1100/L; landed, 1145/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1510/L; over target, 1545/L to 1745/L; landed, 1830/L. 1 plane returned at 1625/L, oil leak; 1 plane returned at 1655/L, rough engine. 1 P-47 (pilot, 1st Lt. George W. [illegible]) is missing and was last seen going into an overcast at 4,000 feet, just S of MT. SHLAMAKET, at a geographical position determined as 0627S, 147°03E. (The plane has been reported by ground personnel to have burned with the loss of the pilot).

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 0855/L to 0905/L; landed, 1005/L. 1 plane returned at 0900/L, gas leak. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol over shipping off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1310/L; over target, 1345/L to 1520/L; landed, 1555/L. 1 plane returned at 1345/L; oil leak. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-39's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 0355/L; over target, 0730/L to 0920/L; landed, 0945/L. 1 plane returned at 0735/L, generator out. 1 plane returned at 0350/L, took off late and could not locate formation. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-39's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1540/L. 1 plane returned at 1525/L, generator out. At 1505/L, 1 unidentified airplane was sighted 25 miles SE of SAIDOR heading NW at 12,000 feet; no contact was made with this plane.

80th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort bombers to ALEXISHAFEN - MADANG. Take-off, 0620/L; over target 1000/L to 1015/L; landed, 1100/L. 2 planes landed at MADANG. Bombing percentage was excellent. Fires with smoke rising several thousand feet were observed just off strip No. 1 at ALEXISHAFEN. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-38's, patrol shipping at ARAWE. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1530/L to 1700/L; landed, 1750/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy W of [illegible] ISLAND. Over target, 1510/L to 1725/L. A possible submarine was sighted off CAPE [illegible]. Nil enemy air sightings. (Preliminary report)

341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. At 1015/L, a SALLY bomber flying at 1,000 feet over BORAM was definitely destroyed. (Preliminary report)

2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off WUSAP, 1330/L; over target, 1430/L to 1500/L; landed, 1625/L. At 1455/L, 1 ZEKE was intercepted 10 miles W of WEWAK flying at 4,000 feet and was definitely destroyed.

387th Bombardment Squadron (D):

1st Mission: 8 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0710/L to 0825/L; landed, 0935/L. 1 plane returned at 0810/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol CUSAP - BOIRU. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1445/L; over target, 1455/L to 1710/L; landed, 1710/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0855/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0940/L; take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 1015/L; landed base, 1100/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 1025/L to 1045/L; landed, 1225/L. 1 plane returned at 0950/L, supercharger out. Bombing appeared very accurate starting a large fire with black smoke visible for 50 miles at area around 72-4372 (Map ref: ALEXISHAFEN Defense Map). Mirror flashes were seen coming from the vicinity of a crashed plane at WHERE POINT on a bearing of 240 degrees from TOLOKIWA ISLAND. Airplane was light in color and appeared to be Japanese. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 15 P-38's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1405/L; over target, 1510/L to 1700/L; landed, 1810/L. 4 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN - MADANG. Take-off, 0805/L; over target, 1000/L to 1045/L; landed, 1209/L. 2 planes returned early. Numerous black smoke fires and occasional explosions were seen between No. 1 and No. 2 strips at M'ond. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 17 P-38's, patrol MADANG and CAPE GLOUCESTER. 11 planes took off from MADZAB at 0830/L and 6 planes from base at 0900/L. Over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1145/L. 5 planes returned early. At 1030/L, a yellow life raft was sighted 5 miles E of WAU ISLAND; there were nil sightings of personnel. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0715/L; landed, 0910/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

3rd Mission: 13 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1040/L; over target, 1105/L to 1210/L; landed, 1330/L. Possible barges on S coast of SATTELBERG ISLAND reported by 1 pilot. Nil enemy air sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1630/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1127/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-40's, [illegible] off, 1205/L; over [illegible], landed, 1317/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 10 P-40's, scramble over convoy. Take-off, 1620/L; over target, 1655/L to 1710/L; landed, 1725/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU - MADZAB. Take-off, 0720/L; landed, 0815/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0810/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0910/L; landed, 1030/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1335/L. Nil enemy sightings.

7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1425/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1400/L; landed, 1[illegible]. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1520/L; landed, 1645/L. 1 plane returned early. Sighted unidentified plane, possibly enemy recco, going W toward MADANG right on water. Sighted unidentified plane burning after hitting water between MADANG and LONG ISLAND.

36th Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, cover for convoy withdrawing from SAIDOR. Take-off, 1520/L; over target, 1600/L to 1610/L; landed, 1840/L. 4 planes returned early; 1 at 1550/L, 2 at 1610/L, 1 at 1625/L. 2 unidentified planes were sighted 60 miles S of LONG ISLAND headed N; nil contact was made with those planes.

39th Fighter Squadron:

3rd Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to DILI DILI. Take-off, 1415/L; over target, 1505/L to 1520/L; landed, 1605/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission (Supplemental): 3 BETTY bombers sighted at 1630/L NE of SAIDOR at 5,000 feet heading SE, turned toward MADANG and entered an overcast when pursued. A pilot of another squadron (7th) who bailed out 10 miles S of LONG ISLAND at 1640/L was circled until 1700/L; he was last seen in a life raft with a rescue boat headed toward him.

These planes took off from base at 1320/L and were over the target area from 1420/L to 1700/L as cover for a convoy withdrawing from SAIDOR. 5 planes returned to base early; 11 landed at MOMAD at 1730/L/2 and at base at 1145/L/3.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
4 January, 1944

8th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

35th Fighter Group: 40th Squadron, completed 2 patrols of 4 P-47's each over the LAE - KAIAPIT area. 4 P-39's of the 41st Squadron escorted 2 Boomerangs to KALASA; 16 P-39's were scrambled to GUSAP at 1135/L but made nil enemy air sightings.

49th Fighter Group: 12 P-40's of the 7th Squadron completed an afternoon fighter sweep over ALEXISHAFEN without incident. 4 P-40's of the 8th Squadron were scrambled at 1140/L to intercept a plot but made nil sightings. 12 P-40's (squadron unknown) patrolled KARKAR ISLAND and BOGADJIM on a fighter sweep; nil enemy planes were sighted. 9th Squadron, 4 P-47's patrolling GUSAP - DUMPU were attacked at 1145/L by 20/25 TONYS which approached DUMPU in a dive; the TONYS were evaded and could not be contacted again.

312th Bombardment Group (D): 4 P-40's of the 336th Squadron covered the ALEXISHAFEN - LONG ISLAND area on a fighter sweep without incident.

348th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

475th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

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8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; over target, 1145/L; landed, 1232/L. At 1143/L, the P-47's were attacked by 20/25 TONYS flying at 22/25,000 feet NW of DUMPU. The TONYS approached the P-47's in a dive but were evaded and could not be contacted again. The TONYS were camouflaged brown on mottled green.

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-40's, escort PBY to LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1515/L to 1445/L; landed, 1540/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 6 P-40's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1330/L to 1510/L; landed, 1540/L. Nil enemy air sighting.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol MADANG. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1320/L to 1540/L; landed, 1610/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 2 P-40's, MC FLUSCHHAFEN to PORT MORESBY and return. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1040/L. Nil sightings.
5th Mission: 2 P-40's, barge hunt to MADANG. Take-off, 1745/L; over the target, 1855/L to 1855/L; landed, 1955/L. Bombed and strafed 9 barges lined up on shore in cove 3/4 mile W of BOGIA. 1 x 100 lb. bomb landed amidst barges causing light smoke; other bombs 50 to 150 feet from target.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, scramble over MADANG. Take-off, 1145/L; landed, 1400/L. Nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to MADANG. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1015/L to 1020/L; landed, 1110/L. A/A medium, moderate, accurate at 12,000 feet directed at bombers. Nil enemy airborne sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT area. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 0927/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT area. Take-off, 1052/L; landed, 1217/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT area. Take-off, 1556/L; landed, 1715/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-38's, escort 2 BOOMERANGS to MALASO. Take-off, 0744/L; over target, 0815/L to 0830/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-38's, scramble to GUSAP. Take-off, 1135/L; landed, 1345/L. 4 planes landed at 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-38's, scramble for interception. Take-off, 0835/L; landed, 0930/L. Aircraft identified as friendly. Nil enemy sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 0650/L; over target, 0715/L to 0930/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 6 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 0930/L; over target, 0955/L to 1130/L; landed, 1140/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 1700/L; over target, 1730/L to 1900/L; landed, 1930/L. Nil enemy sightings.

345st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-47's, scramble over FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1140/L; landed 1240/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 1125/L; over target, 1135/L to 1350/L; landed, 1355/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 1345/L; over target, 1350/L to 1625/L; landed, 1655/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to BORGEN BAY. Take-off, 0745/L; over target, 0815/L to 0845/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 1305/L; over target, 1700/L to 1800/L; landed, 1835/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 1625/L; over target, 1700/L to 1820/L; landed, 1900/L. Nil enemy sightings.

386th Bombardment Sq. (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, fighter sweep ALEXISHAFEN, MADANG, KAMAR ISLAND, and LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 0855/L to 1045/L; 1100/L. At 0909/L, 2 unidentified planes were sighted over ISUMRUD ST. between KAMAR and BAGABAG ISLANDS.
2nd Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1305/L. At 1145/L, 4 TONYS were sighted at 22,000 feet over MT. HEGEL; the TONYS disappeared in overcast and could not be contacted.
3rd Mission: 2 P-40's, fighter sweep MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1205/L; over target, 1225/L to 1455/L; landed, 1510/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1442/L; landed, 1655/L Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to NADZAB, return. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 18 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0735/L; over target, 0940/L to 1020/L; landed, 1130/L. 2 planes returned at 0955/L, 1 plane returned at 0945/L and 1 plane returned at 1015/L. Intense, medium, accurate A/A bursting at 16,000 feet from along shore from MADANG to SEK HARBOR; light and heavy A/A from position at KRAKAR TAKOOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 18 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0740/L; over target, 0950/L to 1020/L; 10 planes landed, 1144/L, 2 planes landed, 1228/L, and 1 plane returned early at 0835/L. Moderate, heavy, accurate A/A encountered from entire ALEXISHAFEN area. Bombing was effective, appeared to silence A/A fire. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0730/L; over target, 0920/L to 0930/L; landed, 1145/L. 2 planes returned early; 1 at 0850/L and 1 at 0945/L. A/A was moderate, heavy, accurate to inaccurate with bursts well grouped at 18,000 feet from positions at 723-389 Alexishafen Defense map. Nil enemy air sightings.

Hqs. Squadron, V Fighter Command:
1st Mission: 1 P-39, patrol off LONG ISLAND. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1145/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-39, patrol CROWN ISLAND. Take-off, 1620/L; landed, 1845/L. Nil sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN-KAMAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 0900/L to 1115/L; landed, 1130/L. 4 planes returned early; 1 at 0900/L, 1 at 0935/L, 1 at 1040/L, 1 at 1105/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-40's, search for missing pilot. Take-off, 0930/L; landed, 1005/L. Mission incomplete due to mechanical trouble.
3rd Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN-KAMAR ISLAND. Take-off, 1245/L; over target, 1300/L to 1500/L; landed, 1520/L. 5 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40's, search for missing pilot. Take-off, 1515/L; over target, 1635/L to 1715/L; landed, 1730/L. Nil sightings.

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5th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1855/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSA -DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1137/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN-SAIDOR. Take-off, 1101/L; landed, 1307/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN-SAIDOR. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1520/L to 1550/L; landed, 1710/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0755/L; landed, 0920/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0950/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1045/L; landed, 1210/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1145/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1255/L; landed, 1415/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1110/L; over target, 1145/L to 1535/L; landed, 1425/L. 1 plane ground-looped on landing pilot uninjured. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-40, KC FINSCHHAFEN to MADANG and return. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1425/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, orientation flight. Take-off, 1620/L; landed, 1810/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol CAPE CLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1630/L; over target, 1700/L to 1845/L; landed, 1925/L. Oil slick and bubbles were sighted 4 miles N of WILLOW BEACH. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 1035/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 1525/L. 2 planes returned at 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol ARAWE and cover bombers and PBY at BORGEN BAY. Take-off, 0710/L; over ARAWE, 0755/L to 0900/L; over BORGEN BAY, 0810/L to 1020/L; 8 planes landed at 1045/L. 8 planes returned early; 2 at 0720/L, 2 at 0829/L, and 4 at 1000/L; with nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 14 P-47's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 1235/L; over target, 1257/L to 1300/L; landed, 1530/L. 2 planes returned at 1330/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
5th Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1700/L; over target, 1720/L to 1825/L; landed, 1915/L. 1 plane returned at 1710/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 12 planes at 1340/L, 2 planes at 1400/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings airborne.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, KC FINSCHHAFEN to PORT MORESBY and return. Take-off, 1110/L; landed, PORT MORESBY, 1210/L; take-off PORT MORESBY, 1455/L; landed base, 1605/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol convoy W of LOAE ISLAND. Take-off, 1435/L; over target, 1515/L to 1700/L; landed, 1800/L. A search for missing pilot was made on return from target with nil sightings. Nil enemy air sightings.

Hqs. Squadron, V Fighter Command:
1st Mission: 1 PBY, supply mission to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0715/L; landed [illegible], 0750/L; take-off [illegible], 0810/L; landed CAPE GLOUCESTER, 0950/L; take-off CAPE GLOUCESTER, 1010/L; landed base, 1105/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 PBY, search off LONG ISLAND for P-40 pilot. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1600/L to 1745/L; landed, 1930/L. Nil sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-40's, escort PBY to SAREUAN BAY. Take-off, 0805/L; over target, 0835/L to 0910/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol convoy at SAIDOR. Take-off, 1155/L; over target, 1210/L to 1415/L; landed, 1440/L. 1 plane landed at [illegible]/L due to lack of oxygen.
3rd Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 1715/L; over target, 1730/L to 1845/L; landed, 1918/L. Nil enemy sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, scramble to ARUNE. Take-off, 0940/L; landed, 1037/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol over SAIDOR. Take-off, 1200/L; over target, 1230/L to [illegible]/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-47's, cover PT boat at FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1615/L; over target, 1625/L to 1630/L; landed, 1845/L. 1 plane returned at 1645/L, high oil temperature. Nil enemy air sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: [illegible] P-47's, fighter sweep [illegible]/L. Take-off, 0348/L; landed, 1120/L. Flight was halted by weather at SAIDOR where they patrolled from 1015/L to 1030/L at 7,000 feet. Mission incomplete with nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1650/L, over target, 1654/L to 1937/L; landed, 1945/L.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol E of SAIDOR area. Take-off, 0825/L; over target, 0850/L to 1110/L; 4 planes landed at 1145/L, 11 planes landed at 1210/L. 1 plane returned early at 0905/L, pilot ill. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1350/L; over target, 1400/L to 1550/L; landed, 1640/L. Nil enemy sightings.

Hqs. Squadron, V Fighter Command:
1st Mission: 1 PBY, patrol off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0745/L; over target, 0930/L to 1120/L; landed, 1150/L. Nil enemy sightings.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
5 January, 1944

8th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.
35th Fighter Group: 4 P-47's of 39th Squadron weather-reccoed and patrolled [illegible] area, flew without incident. 40th Squadron patrolled LAE-KALPIT area with 4 P-39's, 4 P-47's and 8 P-47's, completed all missions with nil enemy air sightings. 8 P-39's of 41st Squadron scrambled over base with nil sightings.
49th Fighter Group: 8 P-40's of 8th Squadron fighterswept to MADANG, flew without incident.
312th Fighter Group: 307th Squadron fighterswept to ALEXISHAFEN with 4 P-40's, reported nil enemy air sightings.
348th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.
475th Fighter Group: 1 P-38 of 431st Squadron flew courier mission to FINSCHHAFEN without incident. 2 P-38's of 433rd Squadron flew reconnaissance mission to TUFI to observe ship possibly on rocks, completed mission with nil incident.

AMENDED REPORTS

Report No. 279, Delayed Reports, 21 December, 1943, 342nd Fighter Squadron, 4th Mission (Amended Report No. 265): 8 VALS were definitely destroyed in this combat; 2 VALS and 1 ZEKE were probably destroyed.

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The Commanding Officer:
V Fighter Command

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39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, weather recco to BOGADJIM - MADANG. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0800/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0735/L; landed, 0905/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1033/L; landed, 1200/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1130/L; landed, 1250/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1230/L; landed, 1357/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
5th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1440/L; landed, 1557/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
7th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1601/L; landed, 1745/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 3 P-38's, [illegible] over base. Take-off, 0911/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, close cover for B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1010/L; over target, 1230/L to 1315/L; landed, 1450/L. 1 plane returned at 1045/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-47's, courier to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1525/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1555/L; over target, 1600/L to 1810/L; landed, 1830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 3 P-47's, strafe barges off VINCHE POINT. Take-off, 1710/L; over target, 1720/L to 1735/L; landed, 1830/L. 3 barges were destroyed: 1 at HANSARINA, 2 at CHISSI ISLAND, and 2 at SOWLAN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0655/L; over target, 0730/L to 0800/L; landed, 0820/L to 0850/L. At 0735/L, 4 unidentified barges, believed to be enemy, were sighted END of TAMUN ISLAND on a course of 270°; barge area could not be reached due to weather. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1450/L; landed, 1650/L. Mission incomplete due to weather.

307th Reconnaissance Squadron (L):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, fighter sweep ALEXISHAFEN. Over target area, 0710/L to 0830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0810/L; landed base, 1150/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1020/L; over target, 1230/L to 1330/L; landed, 7 planes at 1430/L. 9 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

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432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 17 P-38's, escort B-25's to MADANG. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1140/L to 1250/L; landed, 1413/L. 1 plane returned early. A crashed C-47 was sighted just SE of SASIANG VILLAGE in the RAMU VALLEY. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-38's, recco to TUFI to observe ship believed to be on rocks. Take-off, 1125/L; over target, 1200/L to 1210/L; landed, 1255/L. Vessel was sighted in shallow water in no apparent trouble; activity on deck appeared normal. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 1030/L; landed base, 1450/L. Nil sightings.

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39th Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KALAPIT. Take-off, 1410/L; landed, 1512/L. Nil enemy sightings.

AMENDED REPORTS

Report No. 285, Delayed Reports, 27 December, 1943, 341st Fighter Squadron, 1st Mission: 13 enemy planes (11 ZEKES, 2 OSCARS) were definitely destroyed in this combat; 1 ZEKE was probably destroyed.

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

There are available for inspection at the A-2 Section the following Technical Intelligence Reports:

No. 189 - Evolution of Japanese Airplane Engines
No. 190 - Miscellaneous Photographs at LAE
No. 191 - Examination of Japanese Type 14 NK-2L Magneto.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
6 January, 1944

5th Fighter Group: 17 P-47's of the 36th Squadron sighted 10 ZEKES while over WEWAK on a fighter sweep but did not make contact; these planes also strafed 8 barges at KRONPRINZ HARBOR with unobserved results. 16 P-38's of the 80th Squadron escorted B-24's on a strike mission to ALEXISHAFEN. After completion of the bombing the P-38's proceeded to BOGADJIM - YAULA as area cover for an A-20 strike but were unable to locate the A-20's.
35th Fighter Group: 4 P-47's of the 39th Squadron completed an early morning weather recco to HANSA BAY. Boomerangs were escorted over the WALD BAY - HELANGA area and over KANAMAN (?) by 3 P-47's and 4 P-47's, respectively, of the same Squadron. The LAE - KALAPIT area was covered by 4 patrols from the 40th Squadron, 3 of 4 P-47's each and 1 of 3 P-47's. 16 P-39's of the 41st Squadron provided escort for B-25's and B-26's striking ERIMA PLANTATION; 4 P-39's escorted Boomerangs to SIO.
49th Fighter Group: 7th Squadron, 12 P-40's made nil sightings on a fighter sweep over ALEXISHAFEN.
348th Fighter Group: 15 P-47's of the 340th Squadron patrolled SAIDOR with nil enemy sightings. 12 P-47's of the 342nd Squadron patrolled a convoy NE of FINSCHHAFEN; 4 P-47's of the same squadron escorted a PBY on a search of the LONG ISLAND - BOGADJIM area.
475th Fighter Group: 4 P-38's of the 431st Squadron patrolled their base after being scrambled. 20 P-38's of the 432nd Squadron and 16 P-38's of the 433rd Squadron escorted B-24's to the ALEXISHAFEN area.

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35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0915/L; over target, 0925/L to 1205/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-40's, cover convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1530/L; over target, 1540/L to 1545/L; landed, 1600/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 17 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0300/L; over target, 0940/L to 1010/L; landed, 1135/L. 7 planes returned at 1115/L. 3 barges were strafed at KRONPRINZ HARBOR with unobserved results. At 1000/L, 8/10 ZEKES were sighted diving away over WEWAK; the ZEKES were camouflaged a dusk brown with dark green spots and had maroon roundels.

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, weather recco to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0700/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 3 P-47's, escort 2 Boomerangs to WAPE BAY and KELANOA. Take-off, 0810/L; landed, 1105/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol [illegible] - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0730/L; landed, 0847/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol [illegible] - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0340/L; landed, 1002/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 0930/L; landed, 1031/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1103/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1130/L; landed, 1310/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1252/L; landed, 1407/L. Nil enemy sightings.

7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1335/L; landed, 1445/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1334/L; landed, 1536/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - KAIAPIT. Take-off, 1537/L; landed, 1652/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's and B-26's to ERMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0855/L; over target, 0935/L to 0945/L; landed, 1035/L. 4 planes returned at 0944/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, escort Boomerangs to SIO. Take-off, 1537/L; landed, 1845/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to [illegible]SCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0930/L; over target, 1030/L to 1115/L; landed, 1243/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol over SAIDOR. Take-off, 0935/L; landed, 1020/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1120/L; over target, 1203/L to 1315/L; landed, 1354/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR. Take-off, 1510/L; over target, 1545/L to 1725/L; landed, 1800/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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341st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 0815/L; over target, 0930/L to 1115/L; landed, 1212/L. At 1130/L, 4 P-47's strafed 2 empty barges offshore at REISS POINT; the barges were believed to have been left completely unserviceable. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 3 planes at 1230/L and 3 planes at 1320/L; over target, 1310/L to 1545/L; landed, 1615/L. At 1300/L, a possible submarine was sighted offshore 8 miles N of FORTIFICATION POINT; it disappeared before it could be identified. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-47, MC DONOUGH to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0300/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0845/L. Nil sightings.

2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol convoy NE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0745/L; over target, 0755/L to 0830/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY on search to LONG ISLAND - BOGADJIM area. Take-off, 0725/L; over target, 0815/L to 0900/L; landed, 1025/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 8 P-47's, escort PBY to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1100/L; over target, 1135/L to 1210/L; landed, 1305/L. At 1130/L, an unidentified yellow object with an upright and a black cloth, apparently stuck on a reef, was sighted in general vicinity of TUAM ISLAND; the object was believed to be a channel buoy or uncompleted raft. Nil enemy air sightings.

5th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol SAIDOR and convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1045/L; over target, 1115/L to 1545/L; landed, 1405/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

6th Mission: 8 P-47's, cover convoy. Take-off, 1630/L; over target, 1710/L to 1840/L; landed, 1905/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

7th Mission: 7 P-47's, patrol NE of FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0730/L; over target, 1800/L to 1900/L; landed, 1940/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0800/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0910/L; take-off FINSCHHAFEN, 0945/L; landed base, 1040/L. Nil sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, escort P-38's to HOLLANDIA BAY. Take-off, 1445/L; over target, 1600/L to 1630/L; landed, 1740/L. Bombing percentage was excellent with heavy fires started. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-38's, local scramble. Take-off, 1120/L; landed, 1210/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 20 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0900/L; over target, 1100/L to 1120/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN - MADANG. Take-off, 0920/L; over target, 1050/L to 1120/L; landed, 1350/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

8qs Squadron, V Fighter Command:

1st Mission: 1 PBY, patrol HOLLANDIA BAY - MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0820/L to 0910/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 1 PBY, courier to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off base, 1055/L; landed CAPE GLOUCESTER, 1140/L; take-off CAPE GLOUCESTER, 1145/L; landed base, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 3 P-40's, local orientation flight. Take-off, 1625/L; landed, 1725/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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56th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1150/L. 1 plane crash landed near No. 2 strip at MADZAB; pilot injured, and plane washedout. Nil enemy sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - MALAPIT. Take-off, 0832/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 1 P-47, MG [illegible]SCHHAFEN to PORT MORESBY and return. Take-off, 1115/L; landed PORT MORESBY, 1230/L; take-off PORT MORESBY, 1415/L; landed base, 1530/L. Nil sightings.

387th Bombardment Squadron(D):
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1050/L; over target, 1100/L to 1305/L; landed, 1310/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, search mission. Take-off, 1440/L; over target, 1515/L to 1645/L; landed, 1810/L. A damaged B-24 or B-25 was sighted off secondary strip on RAI[illegible] Island NE of ATI[illegible]. Nil enemy air sightings.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
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8th Fighter Group: 16 P-40's of [illegible] Squadron patrolled CAPE GLOUCESTER early morning without incident.
35th Fighter Group: 39th Squadron sent 4 P-47's as escort for 2 Boomerangs to SIO midday, flew with nil enemy air sightings. 40th Squadron patrolled LAE - KAIAPIT area with 7 missions of 4 P-47's each, flew all missions without incident or sightings. 41st Squadron sent 16 P-38's as escort for B-25's striking BOGADJIM, mission completed without incident or sightings; 16 P-38's to escort B-25's to HOPIA PLANTATION area, completed mission with nil enemy air sightings.
49th Fighter Group: 12 P-40's of 7th Squadron fighterswept MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN, flew without incident.
312th Bombardment Group(D): P-40's of 387th Squadron patrolled GUSAP - DUMPU area without incident.
340th Fighter Group: 1 P-47 of 341st Squadron crosscountried from MADZAB to FINSCHHAFEN without nil sightings. 2 P-47's of 342nd Squadron crosscountried DOBODURA to FINSCHHAFEN with nil incident or sightings.
475th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-40's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0735/L to 0900/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-40's, scramble to ALANTE. Take-off, 1130/L; over target 1200/L to 1305/L; landed, 1335/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-40's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1535/L; over target, 1730/L to 1845/L; landed, 1920/L. Nil sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 14 P-47's, fighter sweep over WEWAK. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0815/L to 0850/L; landed, 1005/L. 3 planes returned early. 10 barges sighted either at ULIGAN or [illegible] HARBOR. Nil enemy airborne sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort 2 Boomerangs to [illegible] area. Take-off, 1150/L; over target, 1200/L to 1330/L; landed, 1440/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-47's, escort B-25's on Sub hunt near MADANG. Take-off, 1600/L; over target, 1700/L to 1800/L; landed, 1845/L. An oil slick was observed around 1 bomb burst. Sub was sighted but not observed to come to the surface.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-[illegible]. Take-off, 0730/L; landed, 0845/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-[illegible]. Take-off, 0930/L; landed, 1005/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1112/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1025/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-[illegible]. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1345/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1140/L; landed, 1300/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1307/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.
8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1445/L. Nil enemy sightings.
9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-[illegible]. Take-off, 1430/L; landed, 1535/L. Nil enemy sightings.
10th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MALAPIT. Take-off, 1517/L; landed, 1615/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-39's, escort 14 B-25's to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 0735/L; over target, 0835/L to 0850/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-39's, escort 15 B-25's to ERIMA PLANTATION area. Take-off, 1105/L; over target, 1140/L to 1205/L; landed, 1250/L. Nil enemy sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, cover B-24's, to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1000/L; over target, 1115/L to 1145/L; landed, 1330/L. 2 planes returned early. Bombs caused large explosions with black smoke. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47's, escort [illegible] to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0820/L; over target, 0855/L to 1110/L; landed, 1150/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1530/L; landed, 1604/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-47's, RC MADZAB to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1015/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil sightings.

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2nd Mission: 14 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1030/L; over target, 1055/L to 1320/L; landed, 1535/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol Convoy. Take-off, 1543/L; landed, 1900/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, barge hunt off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1305/L; over target 1415/L to 1530/L; landed, 1715/L. Strafed huts near beach and 15 barges which were believed to have been left unserviceable after heavy pattern of hits on them. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-47's, MC DONOUGH to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 13 P-47's, patrol convoy. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1155/L. 1 SONIA in water off HIGGINS POINT (HOOKE ISLAND) looked to be in excellent condition and believed repairable. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER convoy. Take-off, 1440/L; over target, 1505/L to 1715/L; landed, 1740/L. Nil enemy sightings.

387th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0920/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1315/L. 1 plane made belly landing; pilot uninjured. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0320/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0950/L; over target, 1115/L to 1135/L; landed, 1320/L. 2 planes returned early. 4 or 5 burst of slight, light, inaccurate A/A from location unknown. Bombs caused explosions and big fires. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1120/L to 1200/L; landed, 1315/L. Slight, medium, inaccurate to accurate A/A from SW and NE end of No. 2 strip and NW end of No. 1 strip. A/A was slightest encountered to date. Large fires and air explosion caused by bombs. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0830/L; landed, 0920/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; over target, 1115/L to 1305/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 12 P-40's, search for B-25 crew. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1520/L to 1700/L; landed, 1730/L. A crashed airplane, believed to be a B-25, was sighted in bend of river approximately 16/20 miles N of FAITA drome; the river is possibly the LAPON RIVER. A crashed B-24 was observed on FAITA strip. Nil enemy air sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, fighter sweep to MADZUG-ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0855/L; over target, 0915/L to 1100/L; landed, 1120/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1055/L; over target, 1105/L to 1310/L; landed, 1320/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; over target, 1505/L to 1715/L; landed, 1725/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0710/L; landed, 0820/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0905/L; landed, 0925/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1016/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1140/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1230/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1420/L. Nil enemy sightings.
8th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1404/L; landed, 1530/L. Nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort 3 Boomerangs to MAMA RIVER. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 0900/L to 1045/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

386th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, fighter sweep - MADANG - KARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 0905/L to 1045/L; landed, 1117/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, escort Boomerangs. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 0951/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1910/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1740/L; landed, 1910/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0645/L; over target, 0905/L to 1055/L; landed, 1115/L. 3 or 4 possible barges in mouth of GOMI RIVER. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1245/L; over target, 1500/L to 1600/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 2 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1710/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0840/L; landed, 0912/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0706/L; landed, 0940/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, fighter sweep MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1050/L; over target, 1105/L to 1300/L; landed, 1315/L. 3 small barges sighted in harbor W of SAIDOR. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1535/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 8 P-40's, search ATEMBLE area. Take-off, 1455/L; over target, 1520/L to 1535/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0725/L; landed, 0825/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0810/L; landed, 0905/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0910/L; landed, 1040/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 6 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1020/L; landed, 1135/L. Nil sightings.
5th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1115/L; landed, 1245/L. Nil sightings.
6th Mission: 7 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1215/L; landed, 1340/L. Nil sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1335/L; landed, 1455/L. Nil sightings.
8th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1415/L; landed, 1545/L. Nil sightings.
9th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1520/L; landed, 1645/L. Nil sightings.

10th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1620/L; landed, 1740/L. Nil sightings.
11th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1715/L; landed, 1812/L. Nil sightings.
12th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1840/L; landed, 1930/L. Nil sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0910/L; landed, 0950/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1045/L; over target, 1055/L to 1315/L; landed, 1330/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1520/L to 1640/L; landed, 1700/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to HANSAR ISLA D-DOCADJIM and patrol. Take-off, 0855/L; over target, 0910/L to 1050/L; landed, 1105/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep DOCADJIM to HANSAR ISLAND. Take-off, 4 at 1250/L, 4 at 1305/L, 3 at 1325/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, scramble to intercept plot. Take-off, 1140/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol [illegible]SAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0750/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol [illegible]SAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1042/L; landed, 1025/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 6 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, [illegible]/L; landed, 1125/L. 1 enemy plane sighted over DUMPU at 25,000 feet. No contact made.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1155/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 2 P-47's, patrol [illegible]. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1405/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol [illegible]. Take-off, 1530/L; landed, 1505/L. Nil enemy sightings.
8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1437/L; landed, 1610/L. Nil enemy sightings.
9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1550/L; landed, 1650/L. Nil enemy sightings.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY

8th Fighter Group: 13 P-40's of the 35th Squadron completed a morning patrol over AITAPE and CAPE GLOUCESTER with nil sightings. Close cover for B-24's striking HOLLANDIA was provided by 16 P-38's of the 80th Squadron; nil enemy planes were sighted airborne.

35th Fighter Group: 40th Squadron, provided 2 escorts of 4 P-47's each for Boomerangs over VINCKE point; covered LAE-NADZAB with 1 patrol of 3 P-47's and 1 patrol of 4 P-47's. B-25's were escorted on a morning strike on DOCADJIM area and on an afternoon strike at ERIMA PLANTATION by 16 P-38's of the 41st Squadron.

49th Fighter Group: 12 P-47's of the 9th Squadron sighted nil enemy planes on a fighter sweep over WEWAK.

348th Fighter Group: P-47's of the 340th Squadron patrolled a convoy near FINSCHHAFEN from 0730/L to 0810/L, sighting 4/S barges along the beach S of SCHARHORST POINT; 4 P-47's of the same Squadron patrolled CAPE GLOUCESTER from 1136/L to 1230/L with nil sightings. 16 P-47's of the 341st Squadron while patrolling over DD off SAIDOR, strafed 1 serviceable and 4 unserviceable barges near PESCHEL POINT; 342nd Squadron, 14 P-47's patrolled SAIDOR from 0900/L to 1100/L and 3 P-47's were scrambled to ALAE at 1340/L; nil enemy sightings.

475th Fighter Group: B-25's were escorted to KRONPRINZ HARBOR on an afternoon strike by 16 P-38's each of the 431st Squadron, 432nd Squadron and 433rd Squadron, nil enemy planes or A/A was encountered. B-24's were escorted on a morning strike at [illegible] by 16 P-38's of the 432nd Squadron.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 13 P-40's, patrol ARAWE and CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0710/L; over target, 0745/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 9 P-40's, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1440/L; over target, 1510/L to 1710/L; landed, 1800/L. 3 planes returned at 1510/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 1000/L; landed, 1300/L. 1 P-47 returned with an escort at 1205/L.
At 1145/L, after the P-47's had been circling WEWAK for approximately 25 minutes, they were attacked by 2 formations of 15/16 ZEKES and TONYS each. The enemy planes attacked from above an overcast at 25,000 feet; 1 formation made a diving turn to the right and out to sea while the other made simultaneous passes from one o'clock and nine o'clock. Our losses were nil. Only two of the P-47 pilots were able to get shots at the enemy; 1 ZEKE was definitely destroyed when it was shot off the tail of a P-47.
The enemy fighters were light grey or silver. A/A did not open up until our planes dropped belly tanks.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort BOOMERANGS to VEMAKE POINT. Take-off, 0838/L; over target, 0850/L to 1035/L; landed, 1111/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol LAE-MARKHAM. Take-off, 0822/L; landed, 1100/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, escort BOOMERANGS to VEMAKE POINT. Take-off, 1132/L; over target, 1200/L to 1245/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE-MARKHAM. Take-off, 1144/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 8 P-47's, cover [illegible] on submarine hunt; secondary target BILI BILI. Take-off, 1810/L; over target, 1843/L to 1825/L; landed, 1915/L to 1900/L. Secondary target of BILI BILI was attacked. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 (?) P-39's, escort B-25's to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 0715/L; over target, 0800/L to 0825/L; landed, 0900/L. 1 plane returned at 0755/L. 2 flights of P-39's acting as top cover became separated from bombers and proceeded to MADANG on a fighter sweep. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-39's, escort B-25's to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 1325/L; over target, 1400/L to 1402/L; landed, 1500/L. 1 plane returned at 1345/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, close cover for B-24's to MADANG. Take-off, 0810/L; over target, 0930/L to 0940/L and 1005/L to 1030/L; landed, 1210/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0708/L; over target, 0750/L to 0910/L; landed, 0955/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1136/L; over target, 1155/L to 1250/L; landed, 1250/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 1 P-47, patrol shipping. Take-off, 1240/L; over target, 1305/L to 1520/L; landed, 1600/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 2 P-47's, patrol N coast of NEW BRITAIN. Take-off, 1300/L; landed, 1300/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol over shipping. Take-off, 1545/L; over target, 1600/L to 1745/L; landed, 1757/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
6th Mission: 3 P-47's, patrol over shipping. Take-off, 1750/L; over target, 1810/L to 1905/L; landed, 1925/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol over DD's off SAMDOR. Take-off, 1032/L; over target, 1100/L to 1300/L; landed, 1406/L. At 1340/L, 1 serviceable barge, containing matting and ropes, and four probably unserviceable barges were strafed off PESCHEL POINT. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol DD's off SAMDOR. Take-off, 1646/L; over target, 1700/L to 1845/L; landed, 1917/L. 2 planes returned at 1745/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol SAMDOR. Take-off, 0850/L; over target, 0900/L to 1100/L; landed, 1155/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, scramble to ARMIM. Take-off, 1340/L; over target, 1350/L to 1435/L; landed, 1450/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1545/L; over target, 1600/L to 1800/L; landed, 1907/L.

386th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0850/L; landed, 1125/L; nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1012/L; landed, 1218/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1515/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-40's, strafing mission to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1617/L; over target, 1700/L to 1710/L; landed, 1800/L. 20 barges, loaded, sighted moored close together along S side of shore in ULIGAN HARBOR; 1 barge on W tip of KARKAR ISLAND. Nil enemy air sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1645/L; landed, 1840/L. 4 enemy planes believed to be ZEROS were sighted but lost in clouds before contact could be made.

431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 1 P-38, courier to FINSCHHAFEN and return. Take-off, 0815/L; landed FINSCHHAFEN, 0930/L; took off, 1000/L; landed base, 1100/L. Nil sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to KRONPRINZ HARBOR. Take-off, 1400/L; over target, 1600/L to 1630/L; landed, 1800/L. 1 plane returned early. Sightings: 7/8 large barges on the E and W side of ULIGAN HARBOR; many buildings on SE side of KARKAR ISLAND, above ULIGAN; large bridge over the river running W from KRONPRINZ HARBOR, on the W side of the bridge were about 20 parked barges. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to MADANG. Take-off, 0755/L; over target, 0940/L to 0950/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to KRONPRINZ HARBOR and ULIGAN HBR. Take-off, 1412/L; over target, 1600/L to 1630/L; landed, 1810/L. 10/20 barges sighted at ULIGAN HARBOR were strafed by the P-38's. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0750/L; over target, 1045/L to 1100/L; landed, 1200/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1235/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1455/L; landed, 1720/L. 1 plane returned at 1710/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1845/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep to FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 0704/L; landed, 0924/L. 1 plane returned early. 10 barges sighted in KRONPRINZ HARBOR. A long oil slick observed between KARKAR ISLAND and NEW GUINEA coast.

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2nd Mission 12 P-40's, search for missing B-25 crew. Take-off, 1457/L; landed, 1720/L. Crashed B-25 sighted at large bend on LAPON RIVER, 15/20 miles N of MAITA STRIP. Nil sightings of crew.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0725/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 0930/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1007/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1110/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1040/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil enemy sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1145/L; landed, 1300/L. Nil enemy sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1422/L. Nil enemy sightings.
8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1530/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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5th Fighter Group: 4 P-47's of 35[illegible]th Squadron escorted CATALINA midmorning without incident.

35th Fighter Group: 16 P-47's of 36[illegible]th Squadron covered shipping off SAIDOR midmorning, completed mission with nil enemy sightings. 40th Squadron sent 2 P-47 escort for DOOLITTLES to SAIDOR, reported only friendly sightings; escorted B-25's on photo mission to DOLADUM area with 8 P-47's without incident; patrolled LAE-MALAHTT area with two missions of 2 P-47's, two missions of 3 P-47's and one mission of 4 P-47's with nil enemy air sightings reported for all missions. 41st Squadron sent 16 P-39's as escort for B-25's striking BILI BILI, reported excellent bombing results, flew with nil incident.

49th Fighter Group: 12 P-40's of 7[illegible]th Squadron successfully completed barge strafing mission to ULIGAN HARBOR, made three passes at nine barges, two seen burning another listing, fire started in ULIGAN MISSION area, one A/A position silenced. 8th Squadron fighterswept MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN with 11 P-40's, flew without incident.

348th Fighter Group: 4 P-47's of 341st Squadron flew performance test to HANSA BAY with nil enemy sightings. 4 P-47's of 342nd Squadron completed performance test to HANSA BAY without incident; 8 P-47's covered convoy to SAIDOR with nil enemy sightings.

475th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

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35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-40's, patrol convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1030/L; Over target, 1100/L to 1310/L; landed, 1355/L. 4 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY. Take-off, 0840/L; landed, 0955/L. Mission incomplete due to failure to contact PBY.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol convoy from FINSCHHAFEN to WALD BAY. Take-off, 1700/L; over target, 1720/L to 1820/L; landed, 1835/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47's, cover convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0820/L; over target, 0900/L to 1105/L; landed, 1155/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, cover shipping off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1230/L; over target, 1305/L to 1500/L; landed, 1550/L. 5 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 2 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAIAPIT. Take-off, 0742/L; landed, 0855/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 2 P-47's, escort Boomerangs to SAIDOR. Take-off, 0815/L; landed, 1036/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAIAPIT. Take-off, 0820/L; landed, 0952/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 8 P-47's, escort 8 B-25's on photo recce to BOGADJIM. Take-off, 1043/L; over target, 1133/L to 1150/L; landed, 1242/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
5th Mission: 2 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAIAPIT. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1203/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAIAPIT. Take-off, 1200/L; landed, 1340/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
7th Mission: 8 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAIAPIT. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1454/L. Nil enemy sightings.
8th Mission: 15 P-47's, escort 8 B-25's on barge and submarine hunt to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1635/L; landed, 1910/L. Nil enemy sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-39's, escort B-25's to BILI BILI. Take-off, 0935/L; over target, 1015/L to 1035/L; landed, 1115/L. Bombing and strafing considered excellent. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-39's, escort B-25's to BILI BILI. Take-off, 1420/L; over target, 1500/L to 1535/L; landed, 1555/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's and B-26's to ERIMAHAFEN PLANTATION. Take-off, 1055/L; over target, 1240/L to 1324/L; landed, 1455/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 1031/L. At 0930/L, approximately 15 barges and a possible Sugar Charlie were sighted at HANSA BAY just N of AWAR (CONDOR?) POINT. At 0945/L, approximately 15 barges were sighted on the SE side of a bay between BALUM BAY and BILAU BAY. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-47's, cover convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0730/L to 0900/L; landed, 0935/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol to MANSA BAY. Take-off, 0300/L; landed, 1035/L. At 0745/L, 2 unidentified vessels were sighted about 1 mile W of AWAR (CONDOR?) ISLAND; the vessels appeared stationary. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter swoop to WEWAK. Take-off, 1100/L; over target, 1130/L to 1230/L. 2 planes landed at base at 1355/L; 1 landed at NADZAB at 1330/L and at base at 1425/L; 1 plane landed at GUSAP.

18 TONY's were sighted over WEWAK at 1200/L at 19,000 feet; when first sighted they were climbing to intercept our planes which were at 20,000 feet. 2 TONY's were definitely destroyed; 1 of the P-47's was damaged in the wing by enemy fire and landed at GUSAP. 1 large vessel was seen burning in WEWAK HARBOR.

4th Mission: 16 P-47's, cover convoy off SAIDOR. Take-off, 1420/L; over target, 1500/L to 1705/L; landed, 1755/L. A possible submarine was sighted 8/10 miles N of POMMERN BAY. Nil enemy air sightings.

387th Bombardment Squadron (D):

1st Mission: 6 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1048/L; landed, 1335/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, search DUMPU to SEPU. Take-off, 1445/L; landed, 1700/L. Sighted B-25 on strip in RAMU VALLEY NW of DUMPU. Nil enemy sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN and B-24 recco to MANSA BAY. Take-off, 1105/L; over target, 1300/L to 1320/L. 14 planes landed at NADZAB at 1645/L to refuel; 13 planes returned to base at 1755/L and 1 remained at NADZAB. 2 planes returned early.

Sightings: Sugar Charlie in vicinity of MANSA BAY; 8 barges between AWAR POINT and SISEMANGO VILLAGE; 6 barges off NE shore of LAING ISLAND; 10/15 large barges at lower end of ULIGAN HARBOR, were strafed by P-38's starting several fires; 1 large well camouflaged barge loaded with products along S shore of DUMADUN HARBOR which was strafed and left smoking; 6 barges on NW corner of DUMADUN HARBOR; many individual barges along the beaches from MANSA BAY to ULIGAN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-38's, scramble to ORO BAY. Take-off, 1620/L; over target, 1645/L to 1705/L; landed, 1730/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-38's, top cover for B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1105/L; over target, 1305/L to 1330/L; landed, 1500/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter swoop to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0845/L; landed, 0900/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, radar tracking mission. Take-off, 1445/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 12 P-40's, search for B-25 crew. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1715/L. 2 planes returned early, 1 of which belly-landed; pilot uninjured. Nil sightings of B-25 crew.

4th Mission: 4 P-40's, strafe barges in ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1615/L; over target, 1715/L to 1725/L; landed, 1805/L. 1 plane returned early.

3 barges, apparently loaded, left burning after 2 strafing passes. Approximately 8 barges and 1 small lugger sighted along E shore of ULIGAN HARBOR. Several pyramidal-type grass shacks between ULIGAN HARBOR and SUSURA VILLAGE appeared to be occupied by Japs; had what appeared to be wicker furniture arranged around them. A long, possibly pontoon type, bridge across river mouth at FRANKLIN BAY was sighted.

8th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - MAPUA. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0715/L to 0900/L; landed, 0915/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; over target, 1100/L to 1310/L; landed, 1320/L. 1 plane returned at 1215/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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3rd Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; over target, 1510/L to 1720/L; landed, 1725/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-40's, cover strafers to EITEL FRIEDRICH HARBOR. Take-off, 1618/L; over target, 1630/L to 1745/L; landed, 1800/L. Light A/A was encountered over target which slightly damaged 1 P-40. At 1750/L, 5 enemy fighters were sighted flying SE over HANSA BAY at 18,000 feet. 8/10 barges were seen at EITEL FRIEDRICH HARBOR.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0710/L; landed, 0850/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0800/L; landed, 0920/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0855/L; landed, 1020/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1005/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1234/L. Nil enemy sightings.

6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1150/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.

7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1420/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1710/L; landed, 1830/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-70, patrol FINSCHHAFEN - CAPE GLOUCESTER - ARAWE. Take-off, 2312/L/8; over target, 0001/L/9 to 0130/L/9; landed, 0235/L/9. Nil enemy air sightings.

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8th Fighter Group: 4 P-40's of the 35th Squadron escorted 1 PBY to MADANG.

35th Fighter Group: 13 P-47's of the 39th Squadron were unable to complete a fighter sweep over WEWAK due to weather. 40th Squadron, 4 P-47's completed a patrol of the LAE - KAIAPIT area; 11 P-47's escorted B-25's on a strike on the BOGADJIM area in the afternoon. 16 P-39's of the 41st Squadron escorted 13 B-25's to ERIMA PLANTATION on a morning strike mission; 4 P-39's escorted 4 Boomerangs and 2 Wirraways over SIO from 1155/L to 1405/L.

49th Fighter Group: 12 P-40's of the 7th Squadron made nil sightings on a fighter sweep over HOLLANDIA.

312th Bombardment Group (D): Nothing reported.

348th Fighter Group: 16 P-47's of the 340th Squadron patrolled CAPE GLOUCESTER from 0935/L to 1100/L. 8 P-47's of the 342nd Squadron were scrambled to 30 miles S of ARAWE at 0835/L but made nil enemy sightings.

475th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

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By authority of:
The Commanding Officer
V Fighter Command
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35th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-40's, escort PBY above HADANG. Take-off, 0635/L; over target, 0955/L to 1100/L; landed, 1140/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-40's, cover convoy off CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1235/L; over target, 1305/L to 1505/L; landed, 1550/L. Nil enemy sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0720/L; over target, 0825/L to 0910/L; landed, 0945/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, search for submarine reported at WEISS POINT. Take-off, 1140/L; landed, 1350/L. Nil sightings of submarine.

39th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 1010/L; landed, 1255/L. 4 planes returned early. Mission incomplete due to weather.

40th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol LAE - MAPIT. Take-off, 0740/L; landed, 0912/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 11 P-47's, escort P-25's to NOCADJIE. Take-off, 1115/L; over target, 1150/L to 1225/L; landed, 1330/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 8 P-47's, escort P-25's, on barge hunt from HOLLANDIA to CAPE CROISILLES. Take-off, 1512/L; over target, 1645/L to 1840/L; landed, 1907/L. Strip No. 1 at ALEXISHAFEN appeared serviceable. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-39's, escort B-25's to HOLLANDIA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0733/L; over target, 0800/L to 0900/L; landed, 0845/L to 0955/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-39's, escort Boomerangs and Wirraways to SIO. Take-off, 1129/L; landed, 1425/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 16 P-39's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1645/L; over target, 1730/L to 1900/L; landed, 1935/L. 1 plane returned early. An unidentified craft was seen burning on beach at 551709(Map ref: MATUKA WEST 1 mi to 1 in). Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 15 P-39's, escort B-25's on barge hunt from HOLLANDIA BAY to CAPE CROISILLES. Take-off, 0800/L; over target, 1010/L to 1040/L; landed, 1200/L. 3 planes returned to base early. 2 planes landed at MADZAB. Contact with the B-25's was not made. 1 large barge or possible Sugar Charlie was strafed with unobserved results near CARANG HARBOR. 1 ZEKE, apparently in good condition, was sighted on the beach near SARAM HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0950/L; over target, 0915/L to 1120/L; landed, 1205/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 15 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1440/L; over target, 1505/L to 1705/L; landed, 1740/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 6 P-47's, scramble to E of ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0335/L; over target, 0910/L to 0925/L; landed, 1000/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1040/L; over target, 1115/L to 1305/L; landed, 1335/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 11 P-47's, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1630/L; over target, 1730/L to 1900/L; landed, 1920/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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336th Reconnaissance Squadron(D):

1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 1110/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1515/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 7 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1445/L; landed, 1705/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1745/L; landed, 1830/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 2 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1800/L; landed, 1930/L. Nil enemy sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 1 P-38 and 1 P-70, patrol CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0405/L; landed, 0845/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

431st Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-38's, patrol to HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1015/L; over target, 1140/L to 1150/L; landed, 1345/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 1125/L(?) to 1200/L; landed, 1440/L. See combined report, below.

3rd Mission: 12 P-38's, escort B-25's on barge sweep S of HANSA BAY. Take-off, 1405/L; over target, 1610/L to 1655/L; landed, 1820/L. 2 plane returned early. Possible mirror flashes were seen coming from interior about 2 miles SW of HOEL HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to MADANG. Take-off, 0835/L; over target, 1030/L to 1043/L; landed, 1223/L. 2 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0905/L; over target, 1025/L to 1145/L; landed at GUSAP at 1430/L and at base, 1530/L. See combined report, below.

433rd Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to MADANG. Take-off, 0840/L; over target, 1030/L to 1045/L; landed, 1210/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 2 P-38's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off, 0900/L; landed at GUSAP at 1400/L and at base, 1530/L. See combined report, below.

475th Fighter Group:

Combined report: 6 P-38's, 2 each from the 431st, 432nd and 433rd Fighter Squadrons, were intercepted at 1130/L while on a fighter sweep over WEWAK, by 12/15 TONYS and approximately 30 ZEKES. Our planes were at 15,000 feet beneath a solid overcast at 16/18,000 feet, when 8 TONYS, also at 15,000 feet, were sighted climbing SSE of the BOEAM strip and were attacked. 1 TONY was definitely destroyed (by a Group Headquarters pilot) after which the P-38's were attacked by the remainder of the enemy planes, which dived from above the overcast. The P-38's formed a luftberry circle with 15/17 of the enemy planes, working the circle down the coast. Combat was broken off at 1150/L near the [illegible] RIVER mouth. Our losses were nil.

The ZEKES were light green in color and the TONYS light brown or grayish. Pilots of one squadron report the presence of a new type of fighter, a SE plane with tapered leading and trailing edges and cobalt blue in color; more accurate observation could not be made.

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7th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0835/L; landed, 1115/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 12 P-40's, strafe barges at ULIAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1040/L; over target, 1130/L to 1145/L; landed, 1250/L. 2 planes returned early. 1 plane belly-landed after mission; electrical and hydraulic system shot out, pilot uninjured. 3 strafing passes made on 10 barges strung along E coast of ULIAN HARBOR leaving 2 on fire, 1 billowing smoke, and 1 listing slightly. A/A position N of Mission was silenced. Intense, medium, and accurate A/A from position on road 1200 feet N of Mission and moderate,

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modi[illegible] Night, accurate from ULITHI MISSION. 1 possible Fox Uncle in [illegible]. Nil enemy air sightings.

3rd Mission: 3 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1310/L; landed, 1520/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1715/L. 1 plane failed to take-off and 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0705/L; landed, 0815/L. Nil enemy sightings.

2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 0945/L. Nil enemy sightings.

3rd Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0845/L; landed, 1010/L. Nil enemy sightings.

4th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0950/L; landed, 1110/L. Nil enemy sightings.

5th Mission: 8 P-47's, escort 7th Fighter Squadron to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1050/L; over target, 1130/L to 1215/L; landed, 1245/L. Sighted 8/10 barges in ULIGAN HARBOR 2 or 3 of which caused smoke columns rising to 2,000 feet after strafing by P-40's. Nil enemy air sightings.

6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1220/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.

7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1310/L; landed, 1445/L. Nil enemy sightings.

8th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1430/L; landed, 1545/L. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1615/L. Nil enemy sightings.

10th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1650/L; landed, 1825/L. Nil enemy sightings.

11th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1755/L; landed, 1930/L. Nil enemy sightings.

541st Fighter Squadron:

2nd Mission: 14 P-47's, patrol SA[illegible]. Take-off, 1625/L; over target, 1705/L to [illegible]/L; landed, 1850/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

418th Night Fighter Squadron:

1st Mission: 2 P-38's, strafe landing strips at ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1615/L; over target, 1745/L to 1900/L; landed, 2020/L. 2 possible 2XMDS, of undetermined serviceability, were destroyed on the ground. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 3 P-70's, night patrols of [illegible]NSCHAFEN area. Take-off from base, 1700/L; landed at [illegible]NSCHAFEN, 1900/L. Patrols were made from 1920/L/9 to 2045/L/9, 2245/L/9 to 0045/L/10, and 0415/L/10 to 0630/L/10 with nil enemy sightings. 1 P-70 was scrambled at 2300/L/9 to intercept a plot of 10 unidentified planes, and landed at 0015/L/10 after the plot disappeared.

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4th Mission: 6 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. Take-off [illegible]NSCHAFEN, 0847/L; over target, 1105/L to 1130/L; landed GUSAP, 1213/L. 1 plane returned at 1126/L without reaching the target. Undetermined number of airplanes were sighted on WEWAK and BOEAM strips. Nil enemy air sightings.

5th Mission: 4 P-47's, fighter sweep to WEWAK. 2 planes took off from GUSAP at 1445/L and returned to [illegible]NSCHAFEN at 1515/L; 1 due to faulty belly tank and the other as escort. 2 planes took off from GUSAP at 1530/L; over target, 1630/L to 1730/L; landed [illegible]NSCHAFEN, 1855/L. Sightings: 1 large ship estimated 10,000 tons at WEWAK; 10 barges in SAMSA BAY; unusually large number of airplanes on WEWAK and BOEAM strips. Nil enemy air sightings.

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8th Fighter Group: 4 P-40's of the 35th Squadron were unable to cover MTB to CAPE GLOUCESTER, as assigned, due to weather. 16 P-47's of the 36th Squadron covered a strike on ULIGAN HARBOR. 4 P-38's of the 80th Squadron were unable to locate PDY and escort it to ULIGAN HARBOR.

35th Fighter Group: 2 Boomerangs were escorted to SIO ISLAND by 4 P-47's of the 39th Squadron. B-25's were escorted to the MADANG area by 16 P-39's of the 41st Squadron.

49th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

312th Bombardment Group(D): Nothing reported.

348th Fighter Group: 340th Squadron, 16 P-47's escorted transports to SAIDOR; 7 P-47's were scrambled to cover control ship S of FINSCHHAFEN but returned before completing the mission when the plot was identified as friendly. 341st Squadron, 16 P-47's escorted B-25's to ULIGAN HARBOR; 4 P-47's patrolled ALEXI.

475th Fighter Group: B-24's were escorted to ALEXISHAFEN by 16 P-38's of the 431st Squadron; nil enemy air or sea sightings were made. 432nd Squadron scrambled 8 P-38's over base at 1527/L and 4 at 1540/L; nil sightings were made. 433rd Squadron provided top cover for B-24 strike at ALEXISHAFEN; 4 serviceable bombers were seen on strip No. 2.

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

There is available for inspection at the A-2 Section the following Technical Intelligence Report:
No. 192 - Examination of Japanese Tailwheel Retraction Unit.

CORRECTION

Report No. 297, Delayed Reports, 8 January 1943, 342nd Fighter Squadron, 2nd Mission: 3 P-47's should read 13 P-47's.

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By authority of:
The Commanding Officer:
V Fighter Command
12 Jan. 1944 (Date) (Init)

35th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, cover MTB to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0725/L; landed, 0835/L. MTB not contacted due to rainstorm.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, D/B installations at BUNABUN HARBOR. Take-off, 1610/L; over target, 1750/L to 1800/L; landed, 1900/L. 8X 500 Lb demo bombs destroyed 9 labor huts and thatched building on SE side of BUNABUN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, cover strike at ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0335/L; over target, 0905/L to 1110/L; landed, 1200/L. nil enemy sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort 2 Boomerangs to SIO ISLAND. Take-off, 0815/L; over target, 0845/L to 1100/L; landed, 1135/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN and strafe targets of opportunity along N coast. Take-off, 1215/L; landed, 1505/L. 2 barges sighted in ULIGAN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to MADANG area. Take-off, 0814/L; over target, 0930/L to 0950/L; landed, 1010/L. 1 plane returned early. Slight medium, inaccurate A/A area NW along beach in ULIGAN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-25's to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1510/L; over target, 1654/L to 1709/L; landed, 1720/L. At least 2 barges sighted in Harbor on morning flight were missing.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-38's, escort PBY to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0745/L; landed, 1000/L. Mission incomplete as could not contact PBY.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort Transports to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1022/L; over target, 1120/L to 1240/L; landed, _____ Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 7 P-47's, scramble to cover convoy S of FINSCHHAFEN. Mission incomplete as plot identified as friendly.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 0755/L; over target, 0925/L to 1015/L; landed, 1130/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol ARAWE. Take-off, 1300/L; over target, 1320/L to 1600/L; landed, 1630/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

387th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0905/L; landed, 1120/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1248/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy sightings.

432nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0938/L; over target, 1055/L to 1140/L; landed, 1327/L. Bombing was excellent causing large orange - red fire and billowing black smoke from ALEXISHAFEN dock and heavy black smoke from SE end of No. 2 strip. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, local scramble. Take-off, 1540/L; landed, 1643/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 8 P-38's, local scramble. Take-off, 1527/L; landed, 1630/L. Nil enemy sightings.

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431st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0940/L; over target, 1105/L to 1145/L; landed, 1515/L. Possible gas dump hit by bombers. Nil enemy shipping or airborne sightings.

433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-38's, top cover B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0945/L; over target, 1105/L to 1125/L; landed, 1505/L. 4 Bombers sighted on strip No. 2; in revetment and appeared serviceable. A very large fire started by bombs seemed to be one of the planes. Nil enemy airborne sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-40's, fighter sweep ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0700/L; over target, 0720/L to 0910/L; landed, 0935/L. 2 planes returned early.
2nd Mission: 13 P-40's, escort P-40's on strafing mission to HANSA BAY-ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1345/L; over target, 1435/L to 1515/L; landed, 1600/L. 2 planes returned early 1 of which crashed on landing; pilot uninjured. Observed strafers hit coastal road and barges in ULIGAN HARBOR. Possible stores near SE shore. KUM river bridge appeared in good condition. Nil enemy air sightings.

8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 7 P-40's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1315/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-40's, barge hunt from KRONPRINZ HARBOR to MARKAR ISLAND. Take-off, 1350/L; over target, 1425/L to 1515/L; landed, 1550/L. 5 trucks sighted near huts just SE of KRONPRINZ HARBOR on the point; 2 trucks and several huts left burning. 2 barges on beach in ULIGAN HARBOR strafed. 1 machine gun fired on planes from old barge hull located in small stream on W side ULIGAN HARBOR. Nil enemy air sightings.

36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0715/L; landed, 0920/L. Nil sighting.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 0955/L; landed, 1035/L. Nil sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1050/L; landed, 1125/L. Nil sightings.
4th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1055/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil sightings.
5th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1150/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil sightings.
6th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 12 55/L; landed, 1430/L. Nil sightings.
7th Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP-DUMPU. Take-off, 1400/L; landed, 1555/L. Nil sightings.

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8th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 11 P-40's, fighter sweep MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0731/L; over target, 0745/L to 0830/L; landed, 0917/L. Sighted 12 barges lined up on E side ULIGAN HARBOR and several more barges pulled up on beach. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, search for B-25 crew. Take-off, 1500/L; landed, 1705/L. 1 plane landed early. Nil sightings of missing crew.
3rd Mission: 4 P-47's, strafe Jap positions at ORGONUMA 2. Take-off, 0830/L; over target, 0845/L to 0910/L; landed, 0930/L. Results excellent; 800 K-50 Cal. used. Nil enemy air sightings.
4th Mission: 10 P-40's, cover 7th Squadron strafing ULIGAN HARBOR. Take-off, 1045/L; over target, 1130/L to 1215/L; landed, 1245/L. 3 planes returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES

5th Fighter Group: 16 P-47's of 36th Squadron midmorning escorted B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN, completed mission with nil enemy air sightings.
35th Fighter Group: 40th Squadron escorted Boomerangs to SIO area with 3 P-47's flying without incident; scrambled 4 P-47's to intercept enemy recco in vicinity of CAPE WARD HUNT, nil sightings; escorted single transport to SAIDOR with 7 P-47's,

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completed mission with nil sightings: 16 P-39's of 41st Squadron escorted B-25's striking [illegible] midmorning, flew without incident.

49th Fighter Group: 9th Squadron fighterswept KARKAR ISLAND with 13 P-47's completed mission with nil enemy air sightings.

348th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

475th Fighter Group: 4 P-38's, of 433rd Squadron scrambled to intercept enemy recco, nil contact.

312th Bombardment Group: Nothing Reported.

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By authority of:
The Commanding Officer
V Fighter Command
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36th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0840/L; over target, 0920/L to 0945/L; landed, 1145/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-47's, escort PBY to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 1525/L; over target, 1605/L to 1705/L; landed, 1735/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

39th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-47's, escort B-25's to MADANG. Take-off, 1355/L; over target, 1420/L to 1455/L; landed, 1530/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

40th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 3 P-47's, escort Boomerangs to SIO. Take-off, 0750/L; landed, 1025/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, scramble to CAPE WARD HUNT. Take-off, 1014/L; landed, 1140/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 7 P-47's, escort 1 transport to SAIDOR. Take-off, 1150/L; over target, 1205/L to 1305/L; landed, 1330/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 15 P-47's, fighter sweep to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 1550/L; over target, 1620/L to 1720/L; landed, 1745/L. 3 planes returned early. Both runways at ALEXISHAFEN and runway at MADANG appeared unserviceable. Nil enemy air sightings.

41st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-39's, escort B-25's to ERIMA PLANTATION. Take-off, 0955/L; over target, 1035/L to 1040/L; landed, 1125/L. 1 plane returned early. Bombing percentage was [illegible] Nil enemy air sightings.

80th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 16 P-38's, escort B-24's and B-25's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0845/L; over target, 1010/L to 1120/L; landed, 1245/L. 1 plane returned early and 1 plane landed at FINSCHHAFEN. 4 P-38's strafed 2 large and 1 small large on beach near MUGIL POINT. Nil enemy air sightings.

340th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, escort PBY to CAPE GLOUCESTER. Take-off, 0935/L; over target, 1015/L to 1045/L; landed, 1155/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

2nd Mission: 16 P-47's, escort A-20's to SAIDOR area. Take-off, 1102/L; over target, 1135/L to 1145/L; landed, 1245/L. Nil enemy sightings.

341st Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol convoy off FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1425/L; over target, 1430/L to 1630/L; landed, 1640/L. Nil enemy sightings.

342nd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 15 P-47's, escort B-25's to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0910/L; over target, 1030/L to 1050/L; landed, 1150/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 12 P-47's, patrol FINSCHHAFEN. Take-off, 1612/L; over target, 1625/L to 1850/L; landed, 1910/L. Nil enemy sightings.

386th Bombardment Squadron (D):
1st Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1250/L; landed, 1520/L. 4 large silver objects near BAU-AK on BOGADJIM ROAD. Nil enemy air sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-40's, escort Boomerangs to BOGADJIM ROAD. Take-off, 1325/L; over target, 1335/L to 1440/L; landed, 1450/L. Large group of what appeared to be boxes of equipment in MIETJIM RIVER at 622330 (Map ref: Mt. KUBARI 1 " to 1 mile Prov.). Nil enemy air sightings.

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433rd Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 6 P-38's, escort PBY on patrol to ALEXISHAFEN. Take-off, 0825/L; over target, 0930/L to 1130/L; landed, 1225/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-38's, local scramble. Take-off, 0930/L; landed, 1015/L. Nil enemy air sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-38's, scramble off CAPE WARD HUNT. Take-off, 1419/L; landed, 1515/L. Nil enemy air sightings.

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7th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1036/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 8 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1445/L; landed, 1725/L. 1 plane crashed when landing; plane washed-out; pilot slightly injured. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 4 P-40's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1700/L; landed, 1915/L. 1 plane returned early. Nil enemy sightings.

9th Fighter Squadron:
1st Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 0900/L; landed, 1025/L. Nil enemy sightings.
2nd Mission: 4 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1100/L; landed, 1220/L. Nil enemy sightings.
3rd Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1150/L; landed, 1320/L. Nil enemy sightings.
4th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1245/L; landed, 1425/L. Nil enemy sightings.
5th Mission: 5 P-47's, patrol GUSAP - DUMPU. Take-off, 1345/L; landed, 1510/L. Nil enemy sightings.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITIES
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5th Fighter Group: 4 P-40's of 35th Squadron escorted 1 PBY to LONG ISLAND midday, flew without sighting or incident. 4 P-47's of 36th Squadron early escorted PBY over LONG ISLAND and ALEXISHAFEN, could not complete mission beyond SIO because of weather, flew without incident. 80th Squadron area-covered for B-25's and A-20's over ERIMA and BOGADJIM with 16 P-38's mid-morning, flew without sightings or incident.

35th Fighter Group: 40th Squadron escorted transports to SAIDOR with two missions of 7 P-47's and 8 P-47's, reported nil enemy sightings. 41st Squadron early fighter-swept to ALEXISHAFEN with 16 P-39's, bargehunted from BOGADJIM to POMMERAN BAY on return flight. Single P-39 had coolerant trouble, landed wheels down at SAIDOR, nosed over because of muddy strip. Four barges strafed, three left burning, other left smoking. Nil enemy air sightings.

49th Fighter Group: Nothing reported.

348th Fighter Group: 6 P-47's of 340th Squadron covered control ship at CAPE GLOUCESTER midmorning without incident. 341st Squadron cross-countried 2 P-47's from GUSAP to FINSCHHAFEN without incident; early-patrolled CAPE GLOUCESTER with 14 P-47's, nil enemy sightings. 342nd Squadron patrolled convoy midday with 15 P-47's, flew without incident or sightings.

475th Fighter Group: 16 P-38's of 432nd Squadron escorted B-24's to ALEXISHAFEN midmorning, reported excellent bombing, nil enemy air sightings. 16 P-38's of 433rd Squadron top-covered B-24's on ALEXISHAFEN strike, flew without incident.

312th Bombardment Group (M): Nothing reported.

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