

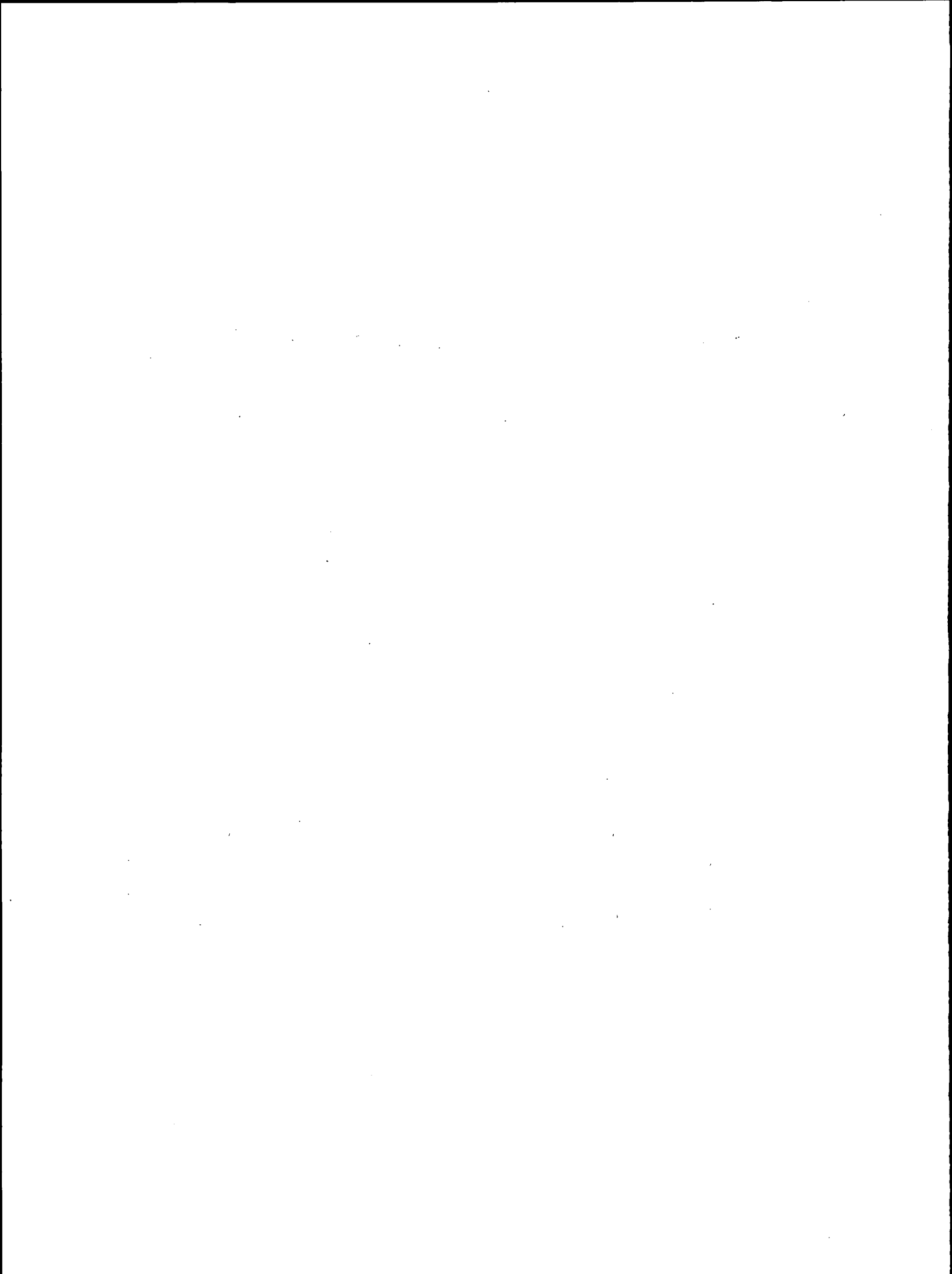
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INTRODUCTION

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz was commander-in-chief, Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC) from December 31, 1941 to December 1945. CINCPAC was charged with orders to "win the 85 million square miles of the Pacific back from the Japanese." In cooperation with General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief, Southwest Pacific Area, a two-prong advance against the Japanese empire was initiated. One prong, from the south through New Guinea to the Philippines, was coordinated by General MacArthur and his Allied forces, which included the Seventh Fleet. The second prong, through the central Pacific, consisted of the forces of the Third and Fifth Fleets and their attendant task force groupings. At the core of this two-prong advance was the strategy of island hopping.

This strategy consisted of leapfrog hops from one island to another by coordinated air, sea, and land attacks to cut off heavily defended Japanese bases, which could then be bombed into submission at will. To support this island-hopping strategy, the United States and the Allies assembled the most diverse and powerful armada in naval history in addition to overwhelming air forces. Of vital importance to the island-hopping strategy was the control of the air and sea. Carrier task force groupings provided abundant air power, both for offensive and defensive operations. Carrier-based planes were integral in turning the tide against the Japanese.

Effective February 1, 1941, U.S. naval forces were organized into various mission groupings. Foremost of these groupings was that of the U.S. Fleet. The U.S. Fleet comprised the Atlantic Fleet, Pacific Fleet, and the Asiatic Fleet (reorganized in 1942). These designated fleet groupings were primarily administrative and task organizations. They normally operated under the instructions/orders of the Navy Department by way of a flag officer having the title of commander-in-chief, Pacific Fleet. These fleets were further subdivided into area or task commands and, in most cases, assigned a number designation. In March 1943, the commander-in-chief, U.S. Fleet instituted a standardized system of numbering the components of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleet designations. Even numbers were assigned to the Atlantic Fleet and odd numbers to the Pacific Fleet. Several of the assigned numbers referred to administrative and type, rather than operational commands. The numbered fleets were further subdivided into task forces. These task forces provided operational flexibility in any situation. Task force commanders were not burdened by administrative or type commands. This micropublication highlights the activities of CINCPAC and its operational control of its two primary components, the Third and Fifth Fleets, through action/operation reports. The First and Ninth Fleets were also assigned to the Pacific Theater but were administrative groupings used to facilitate organization and communications in the task force system. The Seventh Fleet is not discussed in this micropublication due to its subordination to the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, General MacArthur. In addition, the Seventh Fleet comprised both U.S. and Australian naval forces.

Part 3 of this micropublication highlights the activities of CINCPAC's numbered subordinate command units in the Central Pacific: the Fifth Fleet. A brief description of the Fifth Fleet command and carrier task force is provided below.

The Central Pacific Force came into being in August 1943, under the command of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance. This force was subordinated to the Commander, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas (CINCPAC) and units were designated Fifth Fleet under the command of the Central Pacific Force. The Central Pacific Force consisted of fleet units, amphibious forces, and land-based aircraft. On April 26, 1944, the Central Pacific Force was reorganized into a carrier strike force and designated the Fifth Fleet. Beginning September 1944, Fifth Fleet units, particularly Task Force 58 and its components, cooperated and coordinated operations with

Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet in the battle for the Philippines. After the Philippines campaign, the Third Fleet was dis-established and units were absorbed by the Fifth Fleet. The enlarged Fifth Fleet continued to roll back the boundaries of the Japanese Empire with successful operations against the Volcano, Ryukyu, and Bonin Islands, and in support of the air campaign against the Japanese Home Islands. During the Okinawa campaign, the Third Fleet was reconstituted from Fifth Fleet units and both fleets continued on until the end of the war and into the occupation of Japan.

The Fifth Fleet consisted of heavy and light support units of battleships and cruisers, screening units, consisting of light cruisers and destroyers, and carrier task forces, consisting of aircraft carriers and supporting air units. The carrier task forces were under the command of Task Force 58.

The mission of Task Force 58, also called Carrier Task Force 58, was to provide direct air support to ground units and short- and long-range bombing and reconnaissance operations. The carrier-based aircraft and support vessels of Task Force 58 conducted successful campaigns in capturing the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, supporting the Hollandia operation in New Guinea, and participating in the seizure of the Mariana Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. In addition, Task Force 58 aircraft and surface vessels defeated the Japanese Fleet in the First Battle of the Philippines, June 19–20, 1944, and the Battle of the East China Sea, April 7, 1945. Detached components also conducted operations against Wake and Marcus Islands in the Pacific and were briefly subordinated to the British Eastern Fleet for air strikes in the Netherlands East Indies. The operational area of Task Force 58 and its components spanned the distance from Palau Islands to East China Sea, to the Home Island of Honshu to Marcus and Wake Islands.

Task Force 58 consisted of eight task groups. These task groups worked in conjunction with each other and/or as fast carrier task groups. The fast carrier task groups provided strategic air support to the various operations in the Gilbert, Marshall, and Mariana Islands, targeting areas of Japanese logistical and force buildup supposedly behind the front line of combat. Strategic air strikes were made against targets in the Caroline, Palau, Volcano, Bonin, and Ryukyu Islands to draw off naval and air reinforcements. Task Force 58 aircraft conducted the first large-scale carrier bombing operation against the Japanese Home Islands in support of the Iwo Jima campaign. Close air support and offshore bombardment operations were conducted in conjunction with the various amphibious operations. Task Force 58.7 was special in that it consisted primarily of ships-of-the-line. Designated the Battle Line Carrier Group, this task force engaged in offshore bombardment operations against Ponape (Caroline Islands), Saipan (Mariana Islands), and Okinawa (Ryukyu Islands).

With the armistice and final surrender, initial occupation and demilitarization of Japan was carried out by three naval forces: the Fifth and Third Fleets and the North Pacific Force. On September 19, 1945, the Fifth Fleet relieved the Third Fleet and North Pacific Force of their responsibilities and assumed command of all naval activities in the former Japanese Empire. Admiral Raymond A. Spruance turned over command of the Fifth Fleet to Admiral J. H. Towers on November 8, thus ending the wartime commitment of the Fifth Fleet.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Action/Operation reports were compiled by the various Pacific naval command structures. CINCPAC, numbered fleet commands, task forces, area and section commands, and even individual naval vessels compiled reports and forwarded them through the chain-of-command. These reports contained summaries and analyses of data collected on major operations and campaigns, as well as individual battles. There were also Action/Operation reports compiled on experimental naval doctrine and methods. Action/Operation reports were utilized in the tactical and strategic planning of the war in the Pacific.

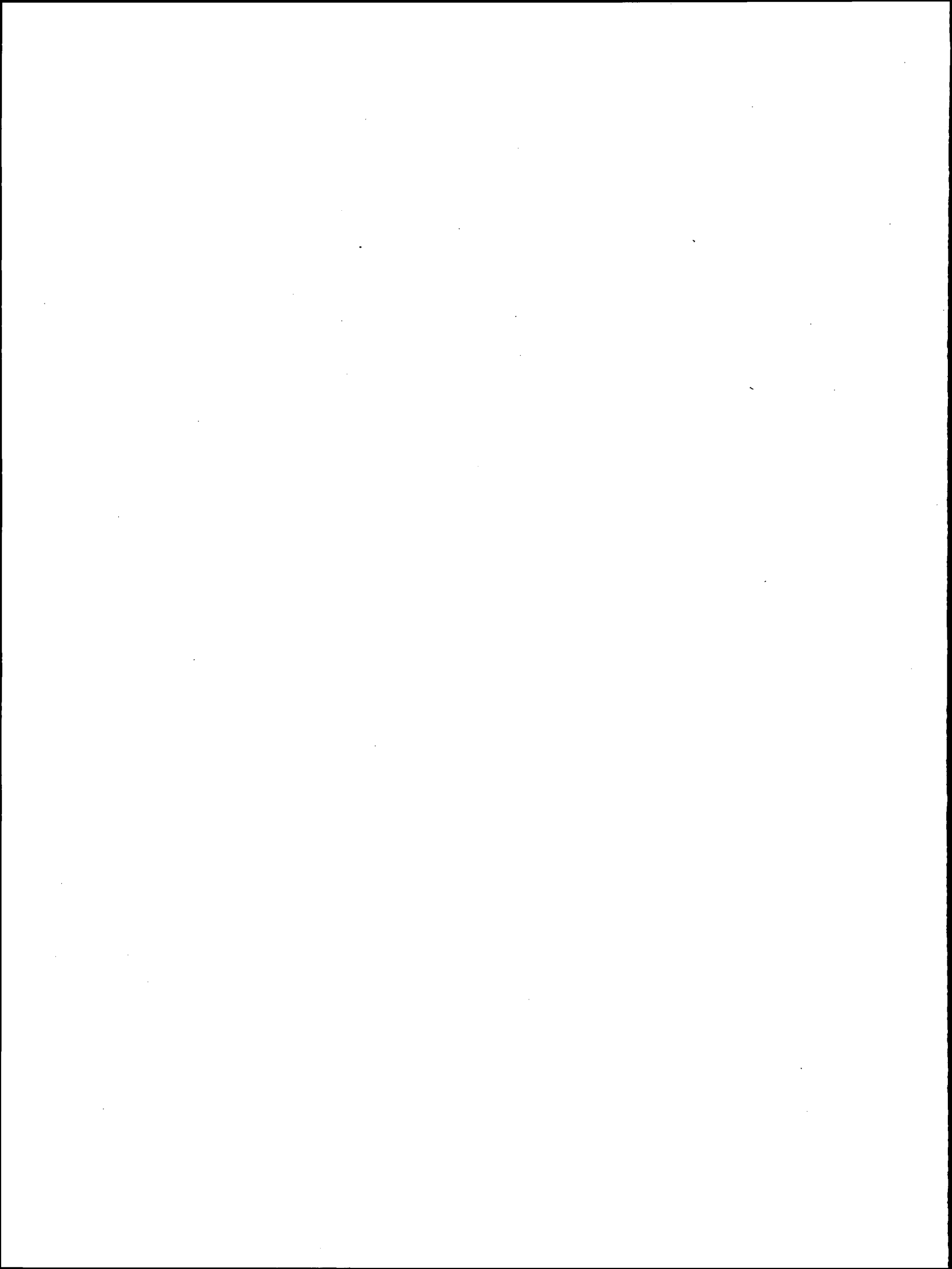
These reports consist of information on organization—activities and primary missions of subordinate forces and the disposition and condition of readiness—vessels, aircraft, and personnel; and battle narratives with graphic representations. Many of the reports include detailed appendices. These appendices consist of casualty reports, vessel damage reports, photographs, ordnance expenditure reports, awards recommendations, excerpts from lower-echelon commanders, and lessons learned.

The standardization of fleet designation led to a definite system in task force designation. A force was numbered with two digits—the first being that of the fleet from which the force was taken and the second indicating the sequence in that fleet (example: Task Force 38). Task groups within a force were numbered by adding an additional digit separated from the task force number by a decimal point (example: Task Group 38.1). To indicate a task unit within a group another decimal point and digit were added. Thus, the second task unit of the first task group of the eighth task force of the Third Fleet would be numbered 38.1.2.

Part 3. Fifth Fleet and Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces

The Fifth Fleet Action/Operation Reports were compiled by Admiral Raymond A. Spruance. These reports detail the activities of Admiral Spruance's Central Pacific fleet of carriers, cruisers, and destroyers in the invasion of the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, and the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. Fifth Fleet units defeated the Japanese Fleet in the decisive First Battle of the Philippine Sea and completed the destruction of the Japanese Fleet in the Battle of the East China Sea. These reports highlight the organization, effectiveness, and disposition of Admiral Spruance's forces. Particular highlights deal with battle strategy, casualty reports, ordnance expenditures, battle narratives, and lessons learned. Graphic representations were utilized in defining strategy and tactical operations.

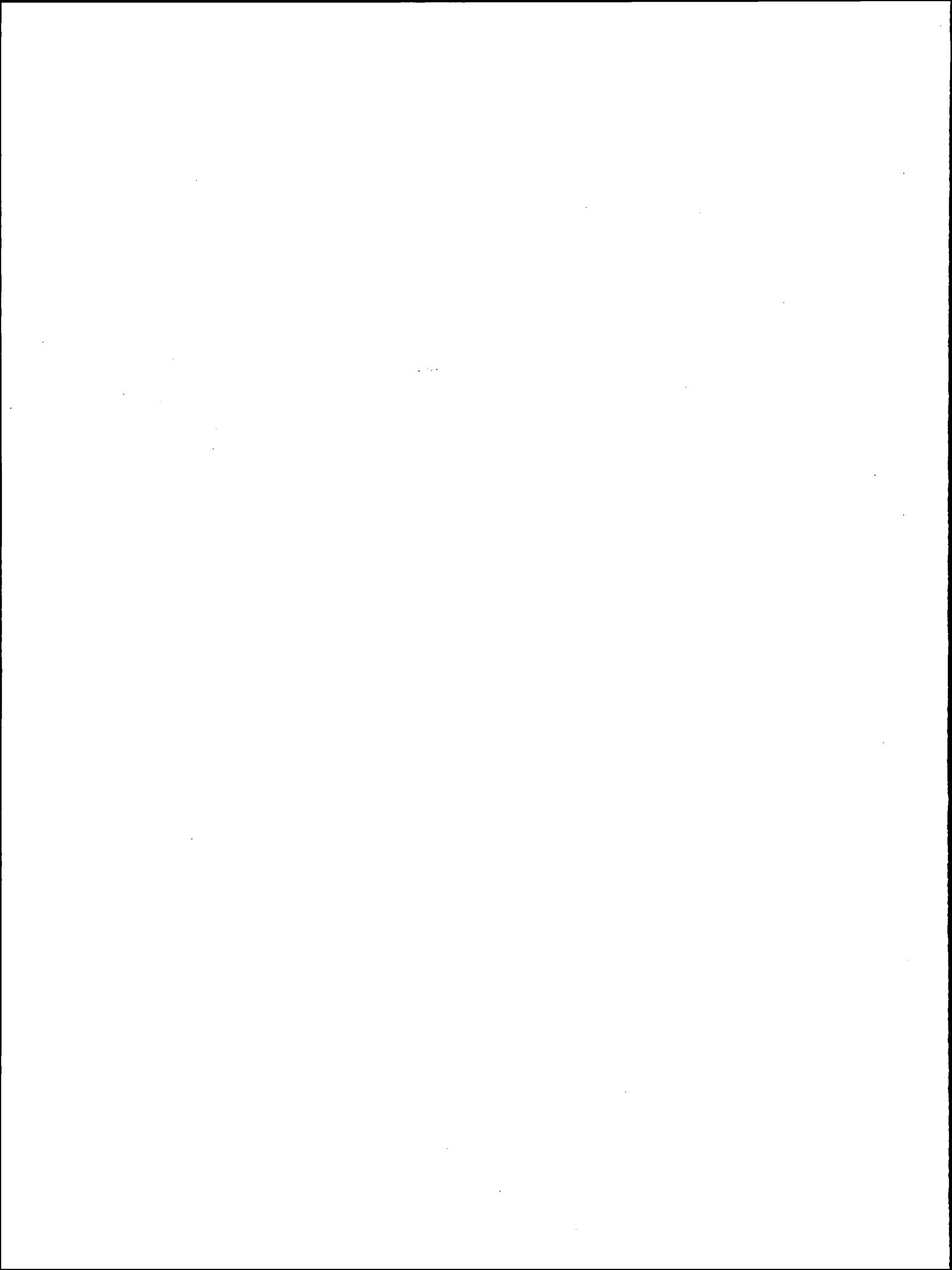
The Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Force Action/Operation Reports were compiled by the various task force, group, and unit commanders. These reports deal with the use of carrier-based aircraft and naval supporting elements. These were the forces at the forefront of the various battles, and the reports contain insights into battle management, communication, and execution of tactical planning. The narratives on the First Battle of the Philippine Sea point out the effectiveness of carrier-based aircraft against Japanese naval tactics.



SOURCE AND EDITORIAL NOTE

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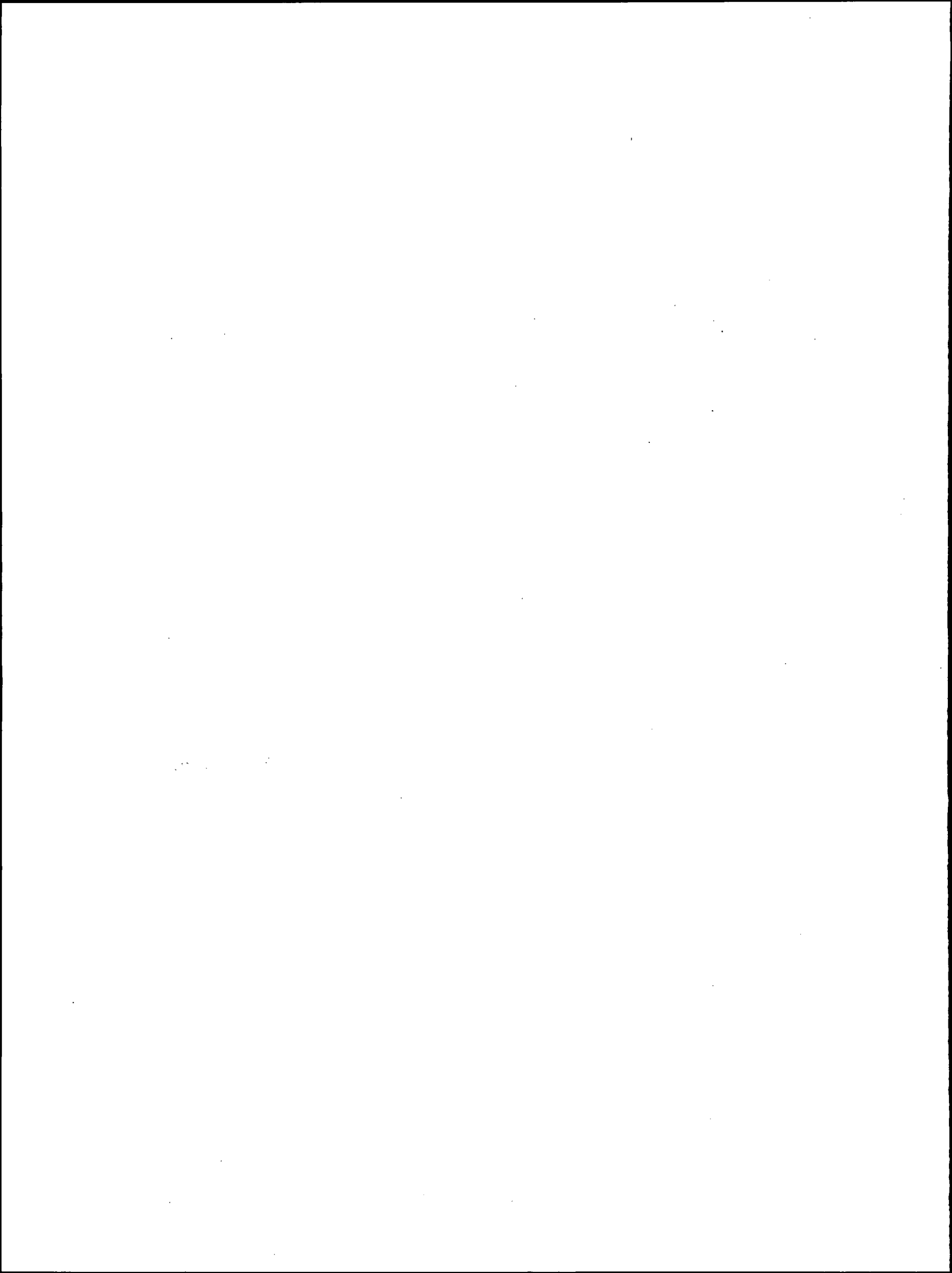
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ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS LIST

The following acronyms and initialisms are used frequently throughout this guide and are included here for the convenience of the researcher.

AV	Seaplane Tender
BatDiv	Battleship Division
BB	Battleship
CA	Heavy Cruiser
CarDiv	Carrier Division
CL	Light Cruiser
CruDiv	Cruiser Division
CV	Aircraft Carrier
DD	Destroyer
DesDiv	Destroyer Division
DesRon	Destroyer Squadron
PB4Y	Catalina-type Patrol Bomber
SS	Submarine
TF	Task Force
TG	Task Group; subunit of a Task Force
TU	Task Unit; subunit of a Task Group

The number following the initials BB, CA, CL, CVL, DD, and SS refers to the assigned vessel number and class.



REEL INDEX

Entries in this index refer to specific file reports within the micropublication *U.S. Navy Action and Operational Reports from World War II, Pacific Theater, Part 3*. These reports are arranged into two major groupings entitled Fifth Fleet and Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces. The Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces are further subdivided into task groups, which are further subdivided into task units, where available. The reports for each of the above sections are in general chronological order. The serial number preceding the report title refers to the Navy Department's document filing system. The Reel Index details each microfilmed report in the micropublication. The first line of the entry contains (left) the frame number at which the report begins and (right) the document's serial (or identification) number and the title of the report. The following line contains the author of the report, the document's date, and its page count. Reports containing a large number of oversized charts have both the total pages of the reports and the total number of frames that were used. The final lines provide an abstract of the report.

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Fifth Fleet

- 0001 **Serial 00418, Report on Japanese Counterattack at Saipan.**
R. A. Spruance. July 19, 1944. 63pp.
Narrative investigative report on the Japanese counterattack at Saipan on morning of July 7. Enclosures to this report include a description and photographs of the battlefield terrain and situation maps highlighting the position of the northern troops and landing force (including the 105th Infantry sector) on June 6 and 7. These enclosures also include a translation of a captured Japanese officer's personal account of the "Last Days of Lieutenant General Saito" and U.S. and enemy casualty reports.
- 0064 **Serial 00501, Final Report on the Operation to Capture the Marianas Islands.**
R. A. Spruance. August 30, 1944. 10pp.
Report on the capture of Saipan, Guam, and Tinian. This report outlines the conditions, problems, and lessons learned in assaulting large land-mass islands. Stress is laid on the problem of dealing with large native populations in connection with enemy guerrilla warfare.
- 0074 **Serial 040, Detachment Operation, February 18-21, 1945.**
R. A. Spruance. March 6, 1945. 4pp.
TF 58 dispatch report on results of air strikes in support of Iwo Jima landings on February 19.
- 0078 **Serial 00107, War Damage Report, April 20-May 7, 1945.**
R. A. Spruance. May 11, 1945. 17pp.
Reports of damage to Fifth Fleet ships in support of the Okinawa campaign. Statistical recapitulation and summary by type of ship are included.

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- 0095 **Serial 00185, Report of Iwo Jima Operation.**
R. A. Spruance. June 14, 1945. 12pp.
Admiral R. A. Spruance's main report concerning the occupation of Iwo Jima during the period February 16–March 16. This report discusses Operation Plan No. 11-44, which directed the commander of the Fifth Fleet to capture, occupy, and defend Iwo Jima and to develop air bases on the island, to reduce Japanese naval and air strength and production facilities in the Japanese Home Islands, and to protect air and sea communications along the Central Pacific axis. In addition, discussion of Operation Plan 13-44, the first major carrier strike against the Japanese Home Islands is discussed in its relation to the Iwo Jima operation.
- 0107 **Serial 0333, Action Report, Ryukyus Operation through May 27, 1945.**
R. A. Spruance. June 21, 1945. 73pp.
Operation Plan 14-44 directed the Central Pacific Task Forces to capture, occupy, defend, and develop air and naval bases on Okinawa, to gain and maintain control of the Nansei Shoto area, and to protect air and sea communications along the Central Pacific axis. This report highlights the implementation of the operation plan between December 31, 1944 and May 27, 1945. The report provides a brief summary and chronology of events; reports on ordnance, damage, and personnel performance and casualties; and summary of conclusions and recommendations. In addition, there is information relating air operations, forces involved, training, logistics, medical report, communications, and administration.
- 0180 **Serial 0372, Transmittal of Aircraft Action Reports Nos. 13–16.**
C. F. Barber. June 29, 1945. 32pp.
Covers air attacks on enemy shipping in the Yellow Sea area and Amami O Shima, Nansei Shoto area, from May 31 to June 4, 1945. Aircraft were launched from the *Hamlin* (AV15).
- 0212 **Serial 0664, Action Report—The Occupation of Japan, August 15 to November 8, 1945. Volume 1 of 3.**
R. A. Spruance. November 8, 1945. 61pp.
Covers the participation of the Fifth Fleet in the occupation of Japan from the cessation of hostilities to the turnover of the Fifth Fleet command to Admiral J. H. Towers. Initially, Fifth Fleet was charged with the responsibility for operations in southwestern Japan, including the Inland Sea area and Kyushu. After September 19, it relieved the Third Fleet and North Pacific Force of their responsibilities and assumed command of all naval operations in the Japanese Empire. This report provides a brief summary and chronology of events with highlights on ordnance, damage, personnel, and lessons learned. In addition, there is information relating to air, sea, and ground operations, training, logistics, medical matters, communications and administration, navigation and minesweeping, and demilitarization of Japan.
- 0273 **Serial 0664, Action Report—The Occupation of Japan, August 15 to November 8, 1945. Volume 2 of 3.**
R. A. Spruance. November 8, 1945. 107pp.
Consists of captioned photographs highlighting occupation preparations, release of American prisoners of war, and Nagasaki.
- 0380 **Serial 0664, Action Report—The Occupation of Japan, August 15 to November 8, 1945. Volume 3 of 3.**
R. A. Spruance. November 8, 1945. 2pp.
Consists of negatives of photographs in Volume 2. [Not microfilmed.]

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- 0382 **Serial 00151, Action Report of FLINTLOCK Operations.**
M. A. Mitscher. March 6, 1944. 40 pp. [43 frames.]
Covers air operations in the Marshall Islands supporting amphibious landings, between January 29 and February 11. Air strikes on Roi, Kwajalein, and Eniwetok are highlighted. Enclosures include Operation Plan 1-44 and a chronological summary of events.
- 0425 **Serial 00154, Action Report of CATCHPOLE and HAILSTONE Operations.**
M. A. Mitscher. March 8, 1944. 40pp.
Covers air operations by TG 58.4 in support of Eniwetok landings (Operation CATCHPOLE), and TGs 38.1, 38.2, and 38.3 air strikes on Truk (Operation HAILSTONE) in support of Marshall Islands campaign. Report covers the period February 12-22. Enclosures include Operation Plan 2-44, tactical organization, and chronology of events.
- 0467 **Serial 00153, Action Report of Marianas Operation.**
M. A. Mitscher. March 12, 1944. 42pp.
Covers air strikes on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam by TG 58.2 on February 22. Enclosures include Operation Plan 3-44 and chronological summary of events.
- 0496 **No Serial, Report of Bombing of *Tunny* off Palau.**
M. A. Mitscher. No Date. 14pp.
Highlights air attack on *Tunny* (SS282) by torpedo bombers of *Yorktown* (CV10) air group off Palau, on March 29, when mistaken for enemy destroyer. Enclosure consists of TG 58.3 dispatch on this incident.
- 0510 **Serial 00195, Action Report of DESECRATE ONE Operation.**
M. A. Mitscher. April 12, 1944. 81pp.
Highlights three-day air strikes and aerial mining operations against Palau, Yap, Ulithi, and Woleai Islands, in the Western Caroline Islands, between March 30 and April 1. Enclosures include Operation Plan 4-44, chronological summary of events, and damage assessment to shipping in and around Palau Harbor.
- 0591 **Serial 00196, Mining of Palau. Volume 1 of 2.**
M. A. Mitscher. April 12, 1944. 96pp.
Describes coordinated aerial mine-laying operations carried out against the enemy base on Palau, March 30-31, as part of the DESECRATE ONE Operation. Enclosures include mining reports by air groups commands on the *Lexington* (CV16), *Bunker Hill* (CV17), and *Hornet* (CV12) and photographs of the mined areas, planting, and loading.
- 0687 **Serial 00196, Mining of Palau. Volume 2 of 2.**
M. A. Mitscher. April 12, 1944. 58pp.
Enclosures continued (continues with Enclosure "G").
- 0745 **Serial 00254, Forwarding of Report on Bombing of *Tunny* off Palau.**
M. A. Mitscher. May 22, 1944. 7pp.
Report from the commander of the *Tunney* (SS282) regarding incident.
- 0752 **Serial 0166, Reports of Antiaircraft Action Against Japanese Airplanes, March 29-30.**
C. G. Steele. May 28, 1944. 59pp.
Forwards reports submitted by commander, DesRon 46, and individual vessel narratives regarding screening operation in support of TG 58.1 during Palau Island air operations.
- 0811 **Serial 00290, Action Report of Operations in Support of the Capture and Occupation of the Hollandia Area.**
M. A. Mitscher. June 1, 1944. 90pp.
Covers air operations of TGs 58.1, 58.2, 58.3, in support of landings at Tanah Merah Bay, Humboldt, and Aitape in New Guinea. Enclosures include Operation Plan 5-44 and chronological summary of events.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Force 58 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 00306, Action Report of Operations Against Truk, Satawan, and Ponape, April 29–May 1.**
M. A. Mitscher. June 3, 1944. 120pp. [123 frames.]
Covers air offensive under the DESECRATE TWO Operation by TGs 58.1, 58.2, and 58.3. Includes information on air-sea rescues and offshore bombardment operations. Enclosures include photographs of bombing results, Operation Plan 6-44, and intelligence reports.
- 0123 **Serial 00362, Forwarding of Report on Special PB4Y, June 10–11, 1944.**
M. A. Mitscher. August 8, 1944. 8pp.
Summary report of search missions by six PB4Y aircraft based at Eniwetok and serving as an offensive screen to prevent enemy search planes from sighting TF 58 en route to the Mariana Islands.
- 0131 **Serial 0045, Action Report of TF 58 Combat Operations from February 10, 1945 to March 4, 1945, Including First Carrier Raid on Tokyo and Support of Amphibious Forces Occupying Iwo Jima.**
M. A. Mitscher. March 13, 1945. 70pp.
Describes air operations of redesignated TF 38 units in strategic and close air support of Iwo Jima campaign. In addition, air reconnaissance operations were conducted in Okinawa area. Enclosures include calendar of employment of task groups, analysis of air operations against Tokyo, doctrine for conducting long-range sweep operations, analysis of aircraft availability for offensive operations, and meteorological report.
- 0201 **Serial 00388, Action Report of Operations in Support of the Capture of the Marianas. Volume 1 of 2.**
M. A. Mitscher. September 11, 1944. 131pp.
Describes air operations in strategic and close air support of landings on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian during the Mariana Islands campaign, between June 11 and August 10. In addition, offshore bombardment operations in the Marianas and strategic air strikes against the Bonin and Palau Islands, Yap, and Ulithi are highlighted. Enclosures include Operation Plans 7-44, 8-44, 9-44, narrative of operations, air plan for capture of Guam, and calendar of employment of task groups.
- 0332 **Serial 00388, Action Report of Operations in Support of the Capture of the Marianas. Volume 2 of 2.**
M. A. Mitscher. September 11, 1944. 85pp.
Enclosures continued (continues with Enclosure "B").
- 0417 **Serial 00388, Action Report of Operations in Support of the Capture of the Marianas. Volume 2 of 2 cont.**
M. A. Mitscher. September 11, 1944. 19pp. [33 frames.]
Consists of strategic, battle, and track charts.

- 0450 **Serial 00222, Report of Operations of TF 58 in Support of Landings at Okinawa, March 14 through May 28, Including Actions Against Kyushu, Nansei Shoto, Japanese Fleet at Kure, sinking of the *Yamato*, and Operations in Direct Support of Landings at Okinawa.**

M. A. Mitscher. June 18, 1945. 127pp.

Constitutes a general discussion of the employment and accomplishments of TF 58 in support of Fifth Fleet amphibious forces assaulting Okinawa and adjacent islands. This support included day and night air strikes, sweep and search operations, neutralization of enemy airfields and facilities, and supplying close air support to ground forces. Includes air strikes against enemy's *Yamato* Task Force and fleet units at Kure naval base, and strategic support strikes against Kyushu. Enclosures include calendar of employment of task groups, U.S. vessel damage, movement, and reorganization reports, logistics information, flight schedules, air group forces organization, and air defense plan for Okinawa.

Task Group 58.1

- 0577 **Serial 0029, Japanese Night Air Attacks.**

J. W. Reeves, Jr. February 27, 1944. 18pp.

Covers enemy torpedo aircraft attack during air operations against Truk between February 16 and 19.

- 0595 **Serial 0036, Report of Action Against Maloelap and Kwajalein Atolls.**

J. W. Reeves, Jr. March 1, 1944. 14pp.

Describes air operations against enemy airfields in Marshall Islands, as part of combined operations culminating in the invasion of the Marshall Islands. In addition, offshore bombardment support during landing operations is noted. Enclosures include details of targets, bomb loads, losses, and air routes.

- 0609 **Serial 0029, Report of Operations by TG 58.1.**

J. W. Reeves, Jr. May 10, 1944. 56pp.

Highlights air strikes against Wakde, Sawar, and Sarmi, in New Guinea on April 21-22 and 24 in support of Hollandia operation. In addition, air strikes are highlighted against Truk, Satawan, and Ponape, in the Caroline Islands, on April 29-30 and May 1. Statistical reports assessing damage and losses to the enemy constitute the enclosures.

- 0665 **Serial 0087, Action Report of Operations Against Truk on February 16-17, 1944.**

J. W. Reeves, Jr. May 19, 1944. 33pp.

Covers night air attacks on Truk and response from the enemy. Enclosures highlight night radar bombing and response to night enemy air attacks.

- 0698 **Serial 0136, Action Report of Operations Against Jaliut, February 20, 1944. 9pp.**

J. W. Reeves, Jr. May 19, 1944. 8pp.

Covers air strikes against bypassed enemy facilities on Jaliut following the air strikes on Truk and coinciding with Mariana Islands air operations.

- 0708 **Serial 0052, Report of Operations of TG 58.1 in Support of Landings in the Marianas, June 6-27, 1944.**

J. J. Clark. July 14, 1944. 83 pp. [88 frames.]

Covers air strikes in support of Joint Expeditionary Force on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian by destroying aircraft and facilities at Guam and Rota, in the Mariana Islands, and Chichi Jima, in the Bonin Islands. Discussion of the two-day (June 20-21) air battle with Japanese Fleet units threatening the Mariana Islands Task Force is also included. Enclosures include statistical assessments of bombing results, fighter direction and radar report, and photographs.

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- 0797 **Serial 0070, Report of Operations of TG 58.1, Carrier Task Group One, Second Phase of Operations in Support of Landings in the Marianas, June 30–August 9, 1944.**
J. J. Clark. August 16, 1944. 29pp.
Covers air strikes in support of Joint Expeditionary Force on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian by destroying aircraft and facilities at Guam and Rota, in the Mariana Islands. Strategic support air strikes were made against targets in the Bonin Islands, Iwo Jima (Volcano Islands), Palau Islands, and Yap and Ulithi in the Western Caroline Islands. In addition, units participated in offshore bombardment operations. Enclosures include statistical assessments of bombing results, bombardment and gunnery report, fighter direction and radar report, and photographs.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.1 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0070, Report of Operations of TG 58.1, Carrier Task Group One, Second Phase of Operations in Support of Landings in the Marianas, June 30–August 9, 1944 cont.**
J. J. Clark. August 16, 1944. 56pp.
Continues with enclosures.
- 0057 **Serial 0027, Report of Operations of TG 58.1 (Fast Carrier Group One) in Support of Landings at Iwo Jima, February 10–March 4, 1945.**
J. J. Clark. March 15, 1945. 62pp.
Describes direct and strategic air operations in support of Joint Expeditionary Force landings on Iwo Jima. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets in Tokyo, Chichi Jima, Okinawa, and Nansei Shoto area. Offshore bombardment operations also were conducted in support of landings. Enclosures highlight bomb damage assessments, fighter direction operations, and gunnery and bombardment activities.
- 0119 **Serial 0052, Report of TG 58.1 (Fast Carrier Group One) in Support of Landings at Okinawa, March 14–April 30, 1945.**
J. J. Clark. May 5, 1945. 151pp. [154 frames.]
Describes direct and strategic air operations in support of Joint Expeditionary Force landings on Okinawa. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets in Kyushu, Nansei Shoto area, and on Japanese Fleet units at Kure. Air strikes were conducted against the *Yamato* Task Force, and offshore bombardment operations were conducted in support of landings. Enclosures highlight bomb damage assessments, fighter direction operations, anti-aircraft screening operations, gunnery and bombardment activities, and battle damage reports. In addition, commander, Air Force, Pacific Fleet assessment of carrier air force combat proficiency is appended.
- 0273 **Serial 0070, Report of Operations of TG 58.1 (Fast Carrier Group One) for the Period May 9–28, 1945.**
J. J. Clark. June 10, 1945. 49pp.
Covers continued air operations in direct and strategic support of Okinawa campaign. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets on Kyushu and Shikoku in the Japanese Home Islands. Enclosures highlight bomb damage assessments, gunnery and bombardment exercises, anti-aircraft screening operations, fighter direction operations, and photographs.

Task Unit 58.1.2

- 0322 **Serial 039, Report of Operations during Period February 10–March 2, 1945.**
J. F. Shafroth, Jr. March 7, 1945. 98pp.
Describes anti-aircraft and anti-submarine operations in support and defense of TG 58.1 during two Jima operations by BatDiv 8. Offshore bombardment and air-sea rescue operations are highlighted. Enclosures include commander's narratives from the *Massachusetts* (BB59) and *Indiana* (BB58) and CruDiv 14.

Task Unit 58.1.22

- 0420 **Serial 0019, Commander, TU 58.1.22 (Commander, CruDiv 10), Action Report for May 9–27, 1945.**
L. J. Wiltse. June 6, 1945. 38pp.
Highlights anti-aircraft screening, and air-sea rescue operations in support of TG 58.1 during Okinawa campaign. Enclosures include individual vessel narratives.

Task Unit 58.1.3

- 0458 **Serial 0012, Forwarding of Action Reports.**
G. W. Clark. June 29, 1944. 152pp.
Forwards command and individual vessel narratives from DesRons 46 and 92. This unit conducted anti-aircraft screening and picket duty while operating in southern Mariana Islands and Bonin Islands, June 11–24, 1944.

Task Group 58.2

- 0611 **Serial 0058, Action Report of Operations Against Truk, Conducted by TG 58.2, February 16–17, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. February 25, 1944. 28pp.
Covers air strikes against enemy facilities and aircraft on Truk, in the Caroline Islands. Enclosures highlight enemy and U.S. aircraft, shipping, and personnel losses, plus track charts and operational communication plan.
- 0639 **Serial 0060, Action Report of Marshall Islands Operations Conducted by TG 58.2, January 29–February 3, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. February 25, 1944. 36pp.
Covers air operations supporting assault on Roi, Namur, and Kwajalein Atoll. These air operations were TG 58.2's contribution to Operation FLINTLOCK. Offshore bombardment operations and surface engagements are also highlighted. Enclosures highlight damage estimates to enemy facilities and aircraft, U.S. losses, and statistical information on sorties flown and ordnance expended.
- 0675 **Serial 0061, Report of Action Against Tinian and Saipan Conducted by TG 58.2, February 21–23, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. February 23, 1944. 35pp.
Describes air strikes in strategic support of Marshall Islands campaign. In addition, friendly fire incidents are highlighted. Enclosures highlight damage estimates to enemy facilities and aircraft, U.S. losses, statistical information on sorties flown and ordnance expended, and photographic interpretation report.
- 0711 **Serial 00119, Report of Operations by Task Group 58.2 Against Palau on March 30–31, 1944, and Against Woleai on April 1, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. April 5, 1944. 49pp.
Describes air strikes against aircraft, facilities, and shipping in the Palau Islands, especially targets on Peleliu and Angaur, and Woleai in the Western Caroline Islands. Defensive surface and anti-aircraft engagements are also highlighted. These operations were in support of Operation DESECRATE ONE. Enclosures include statistical assessments of bomb damage on targets.

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- 0760 **Serial 00166, Report of Operations by TG 58.2 Against Hollandia and Wakde, April 21-23, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. May 10, 1944. 54pp.
Describes direct air support operations preparatory to and during landings at Humboldt Bay in New Guinea. Strategic air strikes were conducted against enemy aircraft and facilities at Hollandia and Wadke. Enclosures include assessment of damage to enemy and operational statistics.
- 0815 **Serial 00168, Report of Operations by TG 58.2 Against Truk on April 29-30, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. May 11, 1944. 42pp.
Highlights air strikes against Truk and offshore bombardment operations against Satawan and Ponape in the Caroline Islands. Enclosures provide operational statistics, enemy losses information, and conclusions and recommendations for commander, Air Force, Pacific Fleet.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.2 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 00225, Report of Operations of TG 58.2 Against Pagan Island, June 24, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. June 28, 1944. 14pp.
Covers air strikes in support of Operation FORAGER in the Mariana Islands.
- 0014 **Serial 00227, Report of Operations in Support of Landings on Saipan, June 6-17, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. June 30, 1944. 35pp.
Summarizes strategic and direct air support missions pursuant to plan for Operation FORAGER. Strategic air strikes were conducted against Tinian, Guam, and Rota in order to neutralize enemy air capabilities. Sweep and Combat Air Patrol operations were also conducted in order to locate enemy aircraft and naval forces operating in Mariana Islands. Offshore bombardment operations were conducted against Saipan by support units.
- 0050 **Serial 00223, Action against the Japanese Fleet, June 18-22, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. July 10, 1944. 60pp.
Describes search and sweep operations and engagement with enemy naval and air forces in the Philippine Sea (First Battle of the Philippine Sea) during Operation FORAGER. Includes highlights of air strikes against Guam and interception of enemy aircraft in vicinity. Enclosures include plots of U.S. search efforts and estimated track of enemy fleet, enemy and U.S. losses and damage statistics, and operational statistics.
- 0110 **Serial 00129, Action Report—TG 58.2 Strike on Iwo Jima and Haha Jima on July 4, 1944. Volume 1 of 2.**
R. Davison. July 14, 1944. 279pp.
Describes air strikes against enemy facilities, aircraft, and shipping in Haha Jima (Bonin Islands), Iwo Jima (Volcano Islands), and Pagan Island (Mariana Islands) areas. Long-range air sweep, air-sea rescue, and offshore bombardment operations are also highlighted. Enclosures include photographs of operations against Iwo Jima and a new type of enemy cargo vessel at anchor in Haha Jima and Iwo Jima. Individual vessel narratives and the commander's narrative for CruDiv 10 are enclosed.
- 0389 **Serial 00129, Action Report—TG 58.2 Strike on Iwo Jima and Haha Jima on July 4, 1944. Volume 2 of 2.**
R. Davison. July 14, 1944. 135pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "L").

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- 0527 **Serial 00155, Action Report Covering Pre-Invasion Air Strikes and Air Support at Guam, July 6-22, 1944, and Strikes against Palau, July 23-30, 1944.**
R. Davison. August 7, 1944. 220pp.
Highlights air strikes against enemy installations, supplies, and defensive positions on Guam and Rota and efforts to deny the enemy use of their airfields on these islands. Close air support operations and effectiveness are highlighted. Air operations against Palau Islands consisted primarily of reconnaissance and photographic intelligence gathering on targets of opportunity. Enclosures include photographs of targets and individual vessel narratives for the *Wasp* (CV18) and *Franklin* (CV13).
- 0747 **Serial 0020, Forwarding of Action Report of TG 58.2 for Period February 10-March 1, 1945, Inclusive.**
R. Davison. March 12, 1945. 53pp.
Covers operations against enemy installations in Tokyo area, Amami Gunto area of the Nansei Shoto, and in direct support of landings on Iwo Jima. The operations against Tokyo and Amami Gunto were in strategic support of the Iwo Jima campaign. Highlights include a chronology of events; summaries on performance and expenditure of ordnance, battle damage, and personnel; and comments on air operations, enemy tactics, communications, intelligence, and picket activities.
- 0801 **Serial 0045, Action Report of Operations of TG 58.2 during the Period from March 14-24, 1945.**
R. Davison. March 27, 1945. 60pp.
Report summarizes air sweeps and strikes against targets on Kyushu, preparatory to the Okinawa campaign. Enemy air attacks on the *Franklin* (CV13) are highlighted. Enclosures include photographic results of air attacks and Operation Order D3-45.
- 0861 **Serial 0090, Action Report of Operations of TG 58.2 during the Period from April 1-17, 1945.**
G. F. Bogan. May 10, 1945. 44pp.
Covers direct air support operations during Joint Expeditionary Force landings on Okinawa. Strategic air support attacks were made on airfields and facilities on Kyushu. Training exercises were conducted prior to Okinawa landings. On April 17, TG 58.2 was dissolved and its units distributed among TGs 58.1, 58.3, and 58.4.

Task Unit 58.2.2

- 0906 **Serial 08, Action Report of Bombardment of Roi and Namur Islands, January 30, 1944.**
E. W. Hanson. February 3, 1944. 10pp.
Highlights offshore bombardment operations in support of Operation FLINTLOCK by BatDiv 9.
- 0916 **Serial 09, FLINTLOCK Operations.**
E. W. Hanson. February 6, 1944. 6pp.
Comments on offshore bombardment operations against Roi and Namur Islands by BatDiv 9.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Unit 58.2.2 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0011, Action Report of Bombardment of Roi and Namur Islands, January 30, 1944.**
E. W. Hanson. February 9, 1944. 226pp.
Consists of individual vessel narratives.

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- 0227 **Serial 0035, Report of Operations in Western Carolines during Air Strikes on Palau, Yap, and Woleai, March 29–31, 1944.**
R. C. Giffen. April 9, 1944. 11pp.
Highlights anti-aircraft gunfire support and air-sea rescue operations by CruDiv 6. Includes comments regarding enemy radar deception activities.
- 0238 **Serial 040, Forwarding of Reports on Antiaircraft Action by Surface Ships.**
O. M. Hustvedt. August 12, 1944. 23pp.
Forwards individual vessel narratives, by commander, BatDiv 7, for *Wichita* (CA45), *New Orleans* (CA32), and *San Francisco* (CA38) highlighting anti-aircraft actions southwest of Truk on April 29.
- 0261 **Serial 018, Composite Action Report—Strikes on Tokyo, Iwo Jima, and Nansei Shoto, February 10–March 1, 1945.**
E. W. Hanson. March 4, 1945. 5pp.
Covers screening operation by BatDiv 9 for TG 58.2 during Iwo Jima campaign.

Task Unit 58.2.21

- 0266 **Serial 052, Composite Action Report, BatDiv 6, March 14–22, 1945.**
T. R. Cooley. April 27, 1945. 127pp.
Covers screening operations during TG 58.2 air strikes on Kyushu airfields and shipping in Honshu area preparatory to the Okinawa campaign. Enclosures include vessel narratives on actions of *North Carolina* (BB55) and *Washington* (BB56).
- 0393 **Serial 060, Composite Action Report, BatDiv 6, for Period April 8–15, 1945.**
T. R. Cooley. May 5, 1945. 53pp.
Covers screening and offshore bombardment operations during TG 58.2 air support of Okinawa landings. Enclosures include vessel narratives on actions of *Washington* (BB56) and *North Carolina* (BB55).

Task Unit 58.2.3

- 0446 **Serial 11, Operation Marianas—Performance of Screen.**
S. R. Clark. February 27, 1944. 7pp.
Comments on DesRon 50's screening tactics during enemy night-attacks on TG 58.2 during approach for air strikes against Mariana Islands between February 21 and 22.
- 0453 **Serial 0100, Reports of Antiaircraft Action.**
G. R. Cooper. June 28, 1944. 37pp.
Covers DesRon 52's screening operations in support of TG 58.2 air strikes in the Mariana Islands and in the First Battle of the Philippine Sea, during June 11–19. Enclosures consist of individual vessel narratives.
- 0490 **Serial 0103, Forwarding of Antisubmarine Action Report by *Miller* (DD535) and *The Sullivans* (DD537).**
G. R. Cooper. June 28, 1944. 23pp.
Forwards reports on anti-submarine contact and attacks west of the Mariana Islands on night of June 16–17.
- 0513 **Serial 001, Action Report, February 1—March 1, 1945, Inclusive.**
J. P. Womble, Jr. March 1, 1945. 13pp.
Covers DesRon 52's screening and air-sea rescue operations in support of strategic and close air strikes during Iwo Jima campaign.
- 0526 **Serial 004, Action Report, March 14–22, 1945, Inclusive.**
J. P. Womble, Jr. March 29, 1945. 90pp.
Summary of DesRon 52's screening operations in support of air strikes on Japanese Home Islands prior to Okinawa campaign. Enclosures include individual vessel narratives and cruising disposition charts.

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- 0616 **Serial 051, Forwarding of Reports on Antiaircraft Action of *Tingey* (DD539) and Antisubmarine action of *The Sullivans* (DD537).**
J. P. Womble, Jr. May 12, 1945. 15pp.
Highlights contacts and actions as part of DesRon 52's screening force in support of Operation ICEBERG.
- 0631 **Serial 055, Antiaircraft Reports of *Twining* (DD540).**
J. P. Womble, Jr. May 14, 1945. 16pp.
Forwards action reports covering anti-aircraft actions on March 20 and April 13, while operating in DesRon 52's screen of TG 58.2 in Shikoku and Okinawa areas.

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- 0647 **Serial 0021, Report of Operations in Support of the Capture and Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, January 23–February 4, 1944. Volume 1 of 2.**
F. C. Sherman. February 26, 1944. 277pp.
Describes air operations in support of Marshall Islands campaign. Air strikes under Operation FLINTLOCK were conducted against targets on Kwajalein, Kwajalein Atoll, and Eniwetok. Enclosures include individual vessel and air group command narratives, Operation Order 1-44, and Operation FLINTLOCK track charts.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.3 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0021, Report of Operations in Support of the Capture and Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, January 23–February 4, 1944. Volume 1 of 2 cont.**
F. C. Sherman. February 26, 1944. 41pp.
- 0042 **Serial 0021, Report of Operations in Support of the Capture and Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, January 23–February 4, 1944. Volume 2 of 2.**
F. C. Sherman. February 26, 1944. 183pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "C").
- 0225 **Serial 0022, Carrier Air Attack on Truk in Support of the Capture and Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll and Green Island, February 12–19, 1944. Volume 1 of 2.**
F. C. Sherman. March 3, 1944. 284pp.
Highlights mission of TG 58.3, as one of three carrier task groups of the Truk Striking Force, to destroy enemy ships, aircraft, and shore installations at Truk and on Ponape. Enclosures include Operation Plan 2-44, CATCHPOLE Operation track charts, individual vessel and air group commands narratives, and photographs.
- 0509 **Serial 0022, Carrier Air Attack on Truk in Support of the Capture and Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll and Green Island, February 12–19, 1944. Volume 2 of 2.**
F. C. Sherman. March 3, 1944. 262pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "D").
- 0771 **Serial 0023, Report of Carrier Air Strike on the Saipan-Tinian Area, February 22, 1944.**
F. C. Sherman. March 3, 1944. 163pp.
Highlights one-day carrier air strike in Mariana Islands for the purpose of destroying aircraft, installations, and shipping and to obtain photographic intelligence on Saipan, Tinian, Guam, and Rota. An account of enemy night air attack on the task group en route is appended. Enclosures include Operation Plan 3-44, track charts, and individual vessel and air group command narratives.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.3 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0023, Report of Carrier Air Strike on the Saipan-Tinian Area, February 22, 1944 cont.**
F. C. Sherman. March 3, 1944. 208pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "C").
- 0210 **Serial 0043, Operations Against the Palau Islands, March 30-31, 1944, and Woleai Atoll, April 1, 1944.**
S. P. Ginder. April 8, 1944. 32pp.
Describes air strikes against aircraft, installations, and shipping in the Palau Islands and surrounding sea area. Highlights defense efforts against enemy night air attacks. Operational photographs and track charts constitute the enclosures.
- 0242 **Serial 00115, Action Reports of Operations Against Saipan, Tinian, and Guam from Units of TG 58.3. Volume 1 of 3.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 12, 1944. 422pp.
Details strategic and direct support of air operations in support of the Mariana Islands campaign. Offshore bombardment operations are highlighted. Enclosures consist of individual vessel and vessel and air group command narratives. These narratives describe the task group support and defense operations during the early stages of the Mariana Islands campaign.
- 0664 **Serial 00115, Action Reports of Operations Against Saipan, Tinian, and Guam from Units of TG 58.3. Volume 2 of 3.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 12, 1944. 266pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "B").

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.3 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 00115, Action Reports of Operations Against Saipan, Tinian, and Guam from Units of TG 58.3. Volume 2 of 3 cont.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 12, 1944. 67pp.
- 0068 **Serial 00115, Action Reports of Operations Against Saipan, Tinian, and Guam from Units of TG 58.3. Volume 3 of 3.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 12, 1944. 380pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "D").
- 0449 **Serial 0234, Operations Against Hollandia and Truk, April 20-May 1, 1944.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 15, 1944. 17pp.
Covers defense and direct air operations in support of landings at Tanahmerah Bay in the Hollandia area by Southwest Pacific Forces during Operation DESECRATE TWO. In addition, the post-DESECRATE TWO air strike on Truk is highlighted.
- 0466 **Serial 00116, Action Report for TG 58.3 in FORAGER Operation, Including Air Engagement Against the Japanese Fleet.**
J. W. Reeves, Jr. July 16, 1944. 166pp.
Describes direct and defensive air operations in support of landings on Saipan during Operation FORAGER, and air strikes against targets on Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Rota, and Pagan between June 11 and July 5. In addition, the air battle west of the Mariana Islands (First Battle of the Philippine Sea) between June 19 and 20, is highlighted. Enclosures include extracts from the radio and staff duty officer's logs, visual files, and comments on actions.

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- 0632 **Serial 00257, Report of Operations in Support of Landings on Guam, July 14-23, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. July 29, 1944. 24pp.
Highlights effectiveness of air strikes on Guam. Enclosures include enemy losses and operational statistics.
- 0656 **Serial 00258, Report of Operations Against Palau, July 24-30, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. July 30, 1944. 31pp.
Highlights air strikes and photographic reconnaissance operations in Palau Islands. Enclosures include statistical information regarding enemy losses and effectiveness.
- 0687 **Serial 00280, Report of Operations Against Bonin Islands, August 1-9, 1944.**
A. E. Montgomery. August 7, 1944. 18pp.
Covers air strikes on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, and on Chichi Jima and Haha Jima, in the Bonin Islands, between August 4 and 5. Includes comments on bombing effectiveness on shore installations, aircraft, and shipping. Enclosures consist of enemy loss and operational statistics.
- 0705 **Serial 0050, Report of Operations in Support of Iwo Jima Landings, February 10 through March 4, 1945, TG 58.3.**
F. C. Sherman. March 28, 1945. 222pp.
Describes the strategic and direct air operations supporting the Pacific Amphibious Forces during the early phases of the Iwo Jima campaign. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets in the Tokyo area on two occasions, February 16-17 and 25, and in the Nansei Shoto area on March 1. These air strikes were to prevent the enemy from conducting air and surface reinforcement and attack operations. Direct air strikes were conducted against enemy gun emplacements in the "softening-up" stage and later against higher enemy-held elevations, especially Mt. Suribachi. Enclosures include chronological narrative, and individual vessel and air group commands' narratives.

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.3 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0050, Report of Operations in Support of Iwo Jima Landings, February 10 through March 4, 1945, TG 58.3 cont.**
F. C. Sherman. March 28, 1945. 26pp.
Enclosures continued.
- 0027 **Serial 0069, Report of Operations of TG 58.3/38.3 in Support of Occupation of Okinawa, During the Period March 14-June 1, 1945.**
F. C. Sherman. June 18, 1945. 187pp.
Describes the strategic and direct air operations supporting the Pacific Amphibious Forces during the Okinawa campaign. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets in the Kyushu-Inland Sea area on three occasions, March 18-19, 29, and May 13-14. These air strikes were to prevent the enemy from conducting air and surface reinforcement and attack operations. This task group also participated in the Battle of East China Sea on April 7 against the *Yamato* Task Force. Direct air strikes were conducted against the Nansei Shoto area, enemy gun emplacements in the "softening-up" stage, and later against enemy concentrations. Defensive air operations were conducted against enemy kamikaze attacks. Enclosures include statistics on air-sea rescue operations, comments on use of napalm, and individual and vessel group command narratives.

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- 0214 **Serial 006, Action Report on Truk Air Strikes, February 16–17, 1944.**
R. C. Giffen. February 20, 1944. 10pp.
Covers CruDiv 6 defense operations against air and surface attacks, and air-sea rescue services.
- 0224 **Serial 007, Action Report for Night of February 21–22, 1944.**
R. C. Giffen. February 24, 1944. 22pp.
Covers defensive operations, by CruDiv 6, against enemy night attacks during TG 58.3's approach to Mariana Islands.

Task Group 58.4

- 0246 **Serial 0012, Forwarding of Preliminary Action Report.**
S. P. Ginder. February 6, 1944. 44pp.
Highlights air strikes against Taroa Island in Maloelap Atoll, and Wotje Island, Marshall Islands between January 29–31. These air strikes were in support of FLINTLOCK Operation. Enclosures include chronological summary, strike summaries, and combat and operational losses.
- 0290 **Serial 0054, Action Report on Operations in Marianas and Bonins, June 6–July 6, 1944. Volume 1 of 3.**
W. K. Harrill. July 13, 1944. 314pp.
Describes the strategic and direct air operations supporting the Mariana Islands campaign and Operation FORAGER. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets on Iwo Jima and Bonin Islands to prevent the enemy from conducting air and surface reinforcement and attack operations. In addition, air strikes and photographic reconnaissance operations were conducted against enemy targets on Pagan, Tinian, Guam, and Rota. Surface vessel sweeps were conducted in the Guam and Rota areas against enemy shipping. Direct air support operations were conducted against Saipan. Defensive and sweep air operations were conducted in an effort to locate enemy fleet units west of the Mariana Islands. Enclosures include individual vessel, and air and vessel group command narratives.
- 0604 **Serial 0054, Action Report on Operations in Marianas and Bonins, June 6–July 6, 1944. Volume 2 of 3.**
W. K. Harrill. July 13, 1944. 255pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "D").

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.4 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0054, Action Report on Operations in Marianas and Bonins, June 6–July 6, 1944. Volume 2 of 3 cont.**
W. K. Harrill. July 13, 1944. 137pp.
Enclosures continued.
- 0138 **Serial 0054, Action Report on Operations in Marianas and Bonins, June 6–July 6, 1944. Volume 3 of 3.**
W. K. Harrill. July 13, 1944. 379pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure "F").

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- 0517 **Serial 0171, Action Report on Operations in Support of Capture and Occupation of Guam and Tinian, July 14–August 13, 1944.**
G. F. Bogan. August 17, 1944. 21pp.
Highlights continued air operations in support of FORAGER Operation. Describes direct air strikes against enemy gun emplacements and concentrations on Tinian and Guam in the pre-invasion “softening-up” stage and during landings. Air strikes were conducted against targets on Rota. Enclosures include the schedule of air strikes and target maps.
- 0538 **Serial 0112, Action Report, February 10–March 1, 1945. Volume 1 of 3.**
A. W. Radford. March 1, 1945. 127pp.
Describes the strategic and direct air operations in support of Iwo Jima campaign. Strategic air strikes were conducted against targets in the Tokyo area and Bonin Islands. Maneuvers prior to operations are highlighted. Enclosures include an assessment of damage to the enemy, operational statistics, photographs, track charts, and individual vessel narratives.
- 0665 **Serial 0112, Action Report, February 10–March 1, 1945. Volume 2 of 3.**
A. W. Radford. March 1, 1945. 176pp.
Enclosures continued (Enclosure “D” continued).
- 0841 **Serial 0112, Action Report, February 10–March 1, 1945. Volume 3 of 3.**
A. W. Radford. March 1, 1945. 59pp.
Enclosures continued (begins with Enclosure “E”).

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Fifth Fleet Carrier Task Forces cont. Task Group 58.4 cont.

- 0001 **Serial 0112, Action Report, February 10–March 1, 1945. Volume 3 of 3 cont.**
A. W. Radford. March 1, 1945. 75pp.
Enclosures continued (Enclosure “F” continued).
- 0076 **Serial 0300, Action Report, March 14–May 14, 1945.**
A. W. Radford. May 25, 1945. 182pp.
Describes strategic and direct air operations in support of the Okinawa campaign. Strategic strikes were conducted against shipping in the Inland Sea area, and against aircraft and installations in the Home Islands of Shikoku and Kyushu and in the Nansei Shoto area. Combat air patrols and sweep air operations were conducted in an effort to locate enemy fleet units. Direct air strikes were conducted against enemy gun emplacements and troop concentrations on Okinawa during pre-invasion “softening-up” stage and during landings. Offshore bombardment operations were conducted by support units. Enclosures include an assessment of damage to the enemy, operational statistics, and photographs evaluating bombing results.

Task Unit 58.4.3

- 0258 **Serial 019, Action Report on Carrier Operations in Kyushu–Ryukyus Area, March 14–23, 1945.**
I. H. Nunn. April 1, 1945. 39pp.
Highlights screening operations of DesRon 47 during TG 58.4 air strikes against targets in Kyushu on March 18–19, and in Ryukyu Islands on March 23. Includes narrative of the *Haggard* (DD555).

Task Unit 58.4.4

- 0297 **Serial 051, Action Report of Carrier Operations in Tokyo, Iwo Jima, and Nagoya Areas, February 10–March 1, 1945.**

W. L. Freseman. March 3, 1945. 213pp.

Covers screening operations by DesRon 60 in support of TG 58.4 during air strikes against Tokyo on February 16–17 and 25, Chichi Jima on February 18, and in support of Iwo Jima landings on February 20–21. In addition, surface operations against enemy picket boats were conducted. Enclosures include individual vessel and group command narratives.

Task Unit 58.4.10

- 0511 **Serial 007, Action Report for Period of Detached Duty, April 29–30, 1945.**

C. R. Will. May 8, 1945. 12pp.

Covers screening withdrawal and towing of *Hazelwood* (DD531) and *Haggard* (DD555), damaged by enemy Kamikaze aircraft while in screening operation for TG 58.4 during Okinawa campaign.

Task Group 58.5

- 0523 **Serial 0059, Operations of TG 58.5 during Period March 4–June 10, 1944.**

J. H. Cassady. June 10, 1944. 5pp.

Highlights activities in operating with British Eastern Fleet, and air strikes against Sabang and Soerabaja in the Netherlands East Indies.

Task Group 58.6

- 0528 **Serial 00195, Report of Operations by TG 58.6 Against Marcus and Wake Islands, May 19–23, 1944.**

A. E. Montgomery. May 25, 1944. 28pp.

Highlights effectiveness of bombing and presents statistics on enemy losses.

Task Unit 58.6.4

- 0556 **Serial 0012, Report of Operations, May 18–21, 1944.**

L. J. Wiltse. May 24, 1944. 22pp.

Highlights sweep operation, by CruDiv 11, north of Marcus Island during TG 58.6 air strikes against Marcus and Wake Islands. Enclosures include track chart and communications information.

Task Group 58.7

- 0578 **Serial 0198, Attack on Ponape, May 1, 1944.**

W. A. Lee. August 12, 1944. 96pp.

Covers air and offshore bombardment operations by Battle Line Carrier Group (Ponape Bombardment Group) against Ponape in the Caroline Islands. Enclosures include individual vessel and group command narratives.

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- 0001 **Serial 0198, Attack on Ponape, May 1, 1944 cont.**

W. A. Lee. August 12, 1944. 206pp.

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- 0207 **Serial 049, Composite Action Report for TU 58.7.1 Bombardment of Okinawa Jima on April 19, 1945.**
T. R. Cooley. April 21, 1945. 12pp.
Covers offshore bombardment support, by BatDiv 6, for initial landings and assistance in feint demonstration landing on southeast beaches.

Task Unit 58.7.2

- 0219 **Serial 067, Action Report of Bombardment of Ponape Island by TU 58.7.2 on May 1, 1944.**
G. B. Davis. May 30, 1944. 11pp.
Covers offshore bombardment operations, of BatDiv 8, in support of Ponape Bombardment Group.
- 0230 **Serial 019, Action Report.**
W. J. Marshall. April 20, 1945. 7pp.
Covers offshore bombardment operations, by DesRon 48, against targets of opportunity in southeastern Okinawa on April 19.

Task Unit 58.7.3

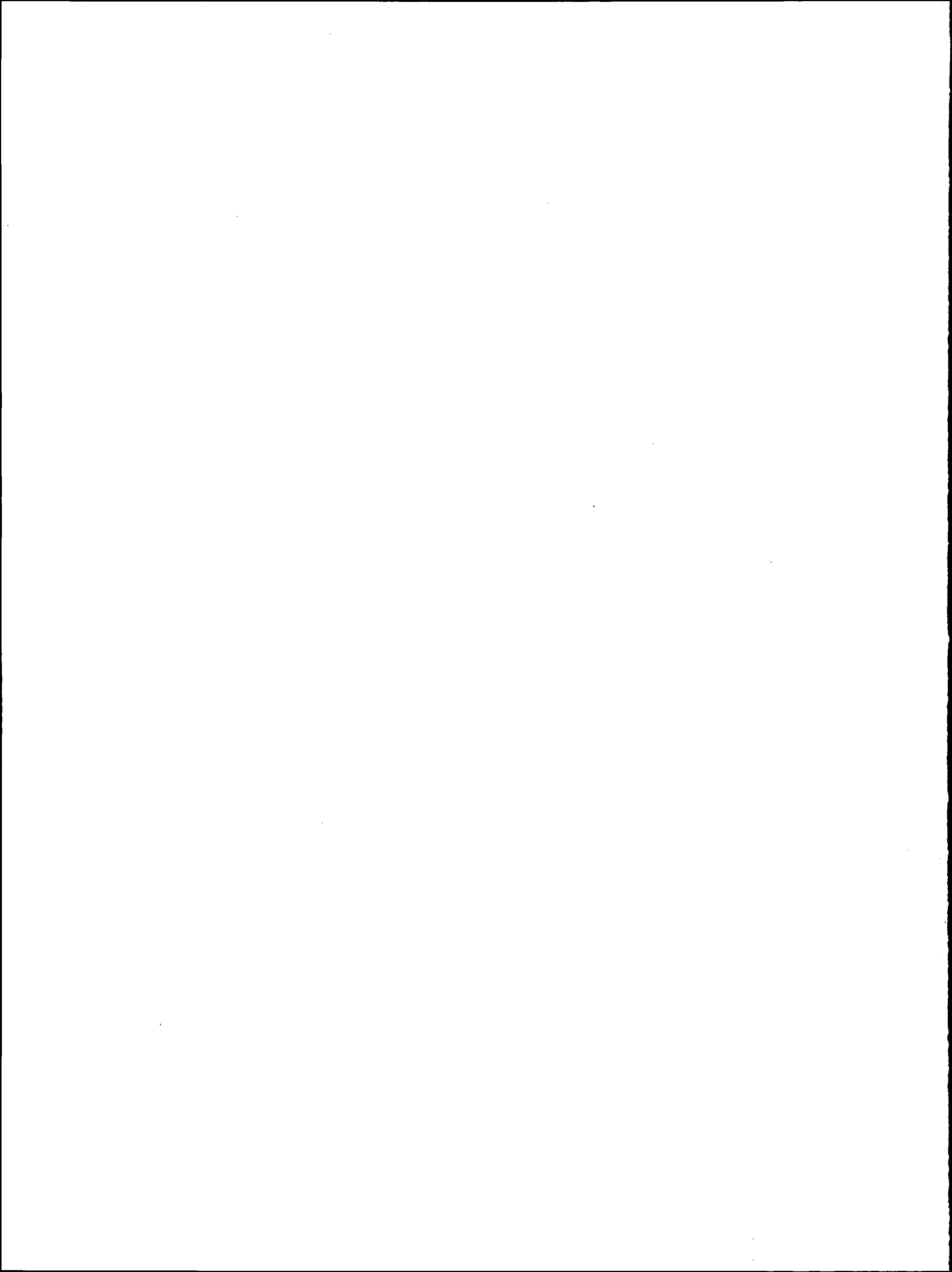
- 0237 **Serial 034, Action Report of Bombardment of Ponape Island by TU 58.7.3 on May 1, 1944.**
E. W. Hanson. May 3, 1944. 5pp.
Covers offshore bombardment operations, by BatDiv 9, in support of Ponape Bombardment Group.
- 0242 **Serial 078, Action Report of Bombardment of Saipan Island on June 13, 1944.**
G. B. Davis. July 31, 1944. 9pp.
Covers offshore bombardment operations, by BatDiv 8 (Western Bombardment Unit), in support of minesweeping efforts and in "softening-up" of landing areas.

Task Unit 58.7.6

- 0251 **Serial 07, Action Report—Harassing Group Bombardment of Saipan Island on Night of June 13–14, 1944.**
Karl F. Poehimann. June 28, 1944. 17pp.
Covers offshore bombardment of southern Saipan and northern Tinian, by DesDiv 12, in support of Saipan operations.

Task Group 58.8

- 0268 **Serial 026, Action Report of Commander, TG 58.8, from February 10–March 3, 1945.**
H. B. Jarrett. March 3, 1945. 75pp.
Covers advance scout and picket line operations during air strikes in support of Iwo Jima campaign by DesRon 53. Enclosures include individual vessel and command group narratives.
- 0343 **Serial 068, Action Report of TG 58.8 for Period of March 14–May 27, 1945.**
H. B. Jarrett. May 27, 1945. 337pp.
Covers scout and radar picket line operations, in advance of TF 58, by DesRon 53. Highlights anti-aircraft, fighter direction control, and anti-submarine activities of DesDiv 105. Enclosures include individual vessel narratives submitted by DesDiv 105.



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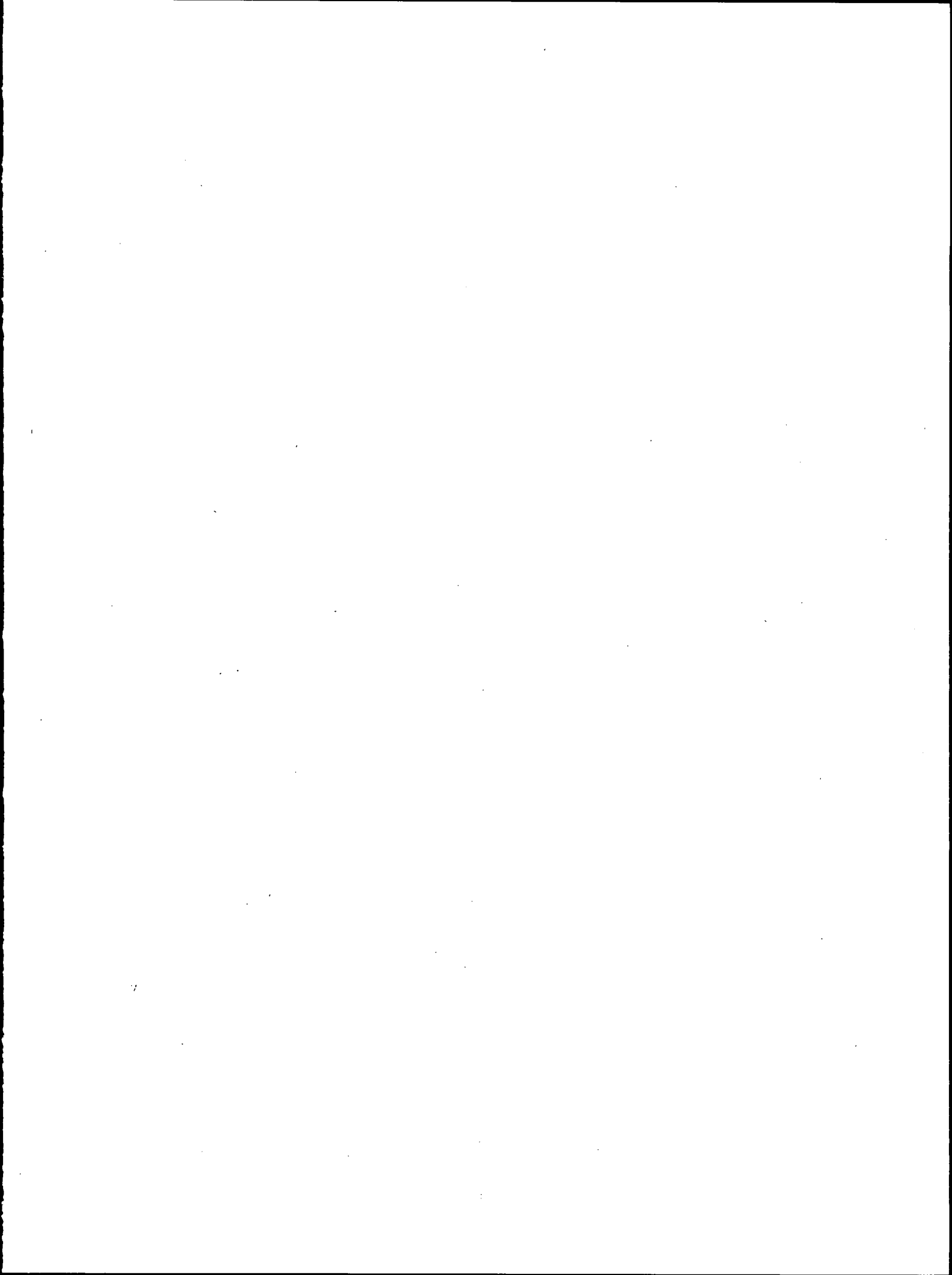
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