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CHRONOLOGY OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC.

DECEMBER 7, 1941 TO DECEMBER 31, 1943.

(See Plate VII attached)

1. There are comparatively few officers in the PACIFIC Fleet today who have been on duty in the PACIFIC since the beginning of the war, and the majority have been here less than a year. Many have been previously in locations and duties which precluded them from following the day by day progress of war in the PACIFIC very closely, and since arrival here they have had little spare time for delving into past history. The following chronology up to the end of 1943 is compiled for their benefit, as a possible aid to them in familiarizing themselves with previous events and in acquiring a broader conception of the PACIFIC War in its entirety. Many events of supreme importance to the participants, such as air-strikes, submarine operations, minor surface engagements, and the loss of planes, ships, and men, have had to be omitted for the sake of brevity. Such omission is in no way an under-rating of the event or the services performed.

2. Where damage to the enemy is mentioned, it must be understood that the figures given are the best estimates that can be made from the reports available, and are not conclusive. Air attacks, submarine attacks, and night surface actions, which have constituted the majority of our engagements, are of such a nature that accurate information on enemy losses is not always obtainable.

NOTE: Of the "Key Numbers" in this Chronology, only those indicating the more outstanding events in the flow and ebb of Japanese control have been entered on Plate VII, attached hereto.

<u>Key</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>G.C.T.</u>

December, 1941.

1 7 Japanese attack on PEARL HARBOR and other positions in PACIFIC opens war between U. S. and AXIS Powers.

✓ OAHU - PEARL HARBOR, FORD Island, HICKAM Field, KANEOHE Air Station, WHEELER Field and BELLOWS Field, plus miscellaneous points under surprise attack, resulting in the destruction of most of the aircraft on the Island and the following damage to the Fleet:

- (a) OBB's - 1 destroyed, 1 capsized, 3 suffering major damage and beached and 3 moderately damaged;
- (b) Cruisers - 3 bombed and moderately damaged;
- (c) DD's - 2 destroyed and 1 suffering major damage, and
- (d) Several auxiliaries damaged.

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December, 1941.

- 2 MIDWAY - Shelled by enemy surface force estimated at 12 ships.
3 WAKE - Attacked by 24 VB(M) from MARSHALLS.
4 GUAM - Attacked by 30 planes from SAIPAN.
5 PHILIPPINES - Attacked by planes from FORMOSA and PALAU.
All U. S. aircraft virtually wiped out.
6 HONGKONG - Attacked by planes from CHINA and attacked by ships and troops.
7 SINGAPORE - Attacked by Japanese planes.
8 THAILAND - "Invaded" by Japs.
9 CHINA - Japanese intern U. S. nationals and Marines and British nationals at SHANGHAI and TIENSIN.
10 8 U. S., GREAT BRITAIN, and NETHERLANDS declare war on JAPAN.
11 MALAYA invaded.
12 PRINCE OF WALES and REPULSE sunk by Jap. aircraft off MALAYA.
13 OCEAN and NAURU Islands bombed.
14 MAKIN and TARAWA, in GILBERTS, invaded.
15 Attacks continue on WAKE, GUAM, PHILIPPINES, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE.
16 9 WAKE repulses landing attempt.
17 9 LUZON invaded.
18 12 GUAM captured.
19 15 KAHULUI, MAUI shelled by enemy SS.
20 16 Japs. land in BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.
21 16 JOHNSTON Island shelled by enemy light surface forces.
22 17 AUSTRALIAN and DUTCH forces occupy PORTUGUESE TIMOR. PORTUGAL protests.
23 22 JOHNSTON Island shelled by enemy SS.
24 22 WAKE captured.
25 23 PALMYRA Island shelled by enemy SS.
26 25 HONGKONG surrenders.
27 26 MANILA declared an "open city." Japs continue to bomb it.

January, 1942.

- 28 1 Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham relieved by General Sir Henry Pownall as MALAYAN Commander.
29 1 MANILA occupied and U. S. forces retreat to BATAAN.
30 4 Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell named commander of all Allied forces in SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.
31 5 DUTCH BORNEO invaded.
32 10 KEWA and MENDAO, in CELEBES, invaded.
33 11 NAS, SAMOA, shelled by SS.
34 12 SARATOGA damaged by submarine torpedo, 350 miles SW of OAHU.
35 18 Japanese raid SUMATRA.
36 21 LAE and SALAMAUA, on NE NEW GUINEA Coast, abandoned after Jap air raid.

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January, 1942.

- ✓37 21 Jap landings made at MUSSAU, NEW IRELAND, and KIETA, S. end of BOUGAINVILLE Island, in SOLOMONS.
- ✓38 22 RABAU, NEW BRITAIN, occupied by Japs.
- ✓39 23 NECHES (AO) sunk by submarine in HAWAIIAN Area.
- ✓40 24 KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND, captured by Japs.
- ✓41 26- MIDWAY shelled by Jap SS.
- ✓ 27
- ✓42 30 BRITISH withdraw from MALAYA to SINGAPORE.
- ✓43 30 Battle of MACASSAR Straits - U. S. destroyers attack convoy.
- ✓44 31 Japanese seize AMBOINA, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

✓February, 1942.

- ✓45 1 MARSHALL and GILBERT Raid by U. S. carrier-based planes.
- ✓46 2 PORT MORESBY bombed by Japs.
- ✓47 3 SOURABAYA and PORT MORESBY heavily raided by Japs.
- ✓48 6 Japanese occupy SAMARINDA oil fields, BURMA.
- ✓49 8 Japanese bomb RANGOON.
- ✓50 9 Japanese landings at SINGAPORE and at FINSCHHAVEN, NEW GUINEA.
- ✓51 14 SINGAPORE surrenders.
- ✓52 18 BALI occupied by Japs.
- ✓53 PORT DARWIN raided by Jap planes, U.S.S. PEARY sunk.
- ✓54 19 U. S. - DUTCH Naval Forces raid Japanese convoy in BADANG Straits, sinking several vessels.
- ✓55 TIMOR occupied by Japs.
- ✓56 22 JAVA invaded by Japs.
- ✓57 23 ELLWOOD, California, shelled by Jap submarine.
- ✓58 24 WAKE and MARCUS Island Raid by U. S. carrier task force.
- ✓59 26 BURMA ROAD cut by Japs.
- ✓60 27- Battle of JAVA SEA. Allied Losses: U. S., - LANGLEY (OCV), HOUSTON (CA), PILLSBURY (DD), POPE (DD), PECOS (AO); BR., - EXETER (CA), 4 DD; DUTCH, - 2 Cruisers (DE RUYTER and JAVA), 2 DD; AUST., - 1 Cruiser, 1 Sloop.

March, 1942.

- ✓61 1 EDSALL (DD) sunk by aircraft south of JAVA.
- ✓62 3 MARCUS Raid, by U. S. Carrier Based planes.
- ✓63 4 OAHU raided by 1-2 Jap planes.
- ✓64 5 BATAVIA and BANDSENG occupied by Japs.
- ✓65 7 LAE and SALAMAUA occupied by Japs.
- ✓66 8 RANGOON, in BURMA, occupied by Japs.
- ✓67 10 LAE and SALAMAUA bombed by U. S. Carrier planes, as Japs occupy.
- ✓68 16 General MacArthur arrives in AUSTRALIA.

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March, 1942.

- 69 17 Announcement of arrival of U. S. Troops in AUSTRALIA.
- 70 22 PORT BLAIR occupied by Japs.
- 71 26 Japanese occupy ANDAMAN Islands, Bay of BENGAL.
- 72 30 FAISI at S. end of BOUGAINVILLE Island occupied by Japs.
- 73 31 BUKA Island at N. end of BOUGAINVILLE occupied by Japs.

April, 1942.

- 74 1 EFATE in NEW HEBRIDES occupied by U. S.
- 75 4 LORENGAU (MANUS Island) occupied by Japs.
- 76 8 BATAAN surrenders.
- 77 11 BRITISH aircraft carrier HERMES and 2 heavy cruisers sunk in INDIAN OCEAN by Jap planes.
- 78 18 TOKYO Raid by Army bombers (B-25's) from HORNET (CV).
- 79 26 Announcement of landing of AEF at NEW CALEDONIA.
- 80 30 Japs capture LASHIO, BURMA.

May, 1942.

- 81 1 TULAGI on FLORIDA Island N. of GUADALCANAL evacuated by AUSTRALIANS, Japs move into FLORIDA and GUADALCANAL Islands.
- 82 4-
8 Battle of CORAL SEA. U. S. losses: LEXINGTON (CV), SIMS (DD), and NEOSHO (AO) sunk; YORKTOWN (CV) damaged and 66 planes lost. Enemy losses: Sunk: 1 XCV (SHOHO), 1 DD, 3 AK/AP; damaged 1 CV, 1 AV, 1 DD, 1 AK, and 144 planes lost. Further Jap advance to the South halted.
- 83 6 Jap sub. sinks CHLOE (AP) and sets afire JOHN ADAMS (AP) in NEW CALEDONIA.
- 84 HOLLANDIA occupied by Japs.
- 85 13 BRITISH announce evacuation of BURMA.
- 86 26 WALLIS Island occupied by U. S.

June, 1942.

- 87 1 SYDNEY HARBOR attacked by Jap midget submarine.
- 88 2- Battle of MIDWAY. U. S. losses: YORKTOWN (CV), HAMMANN (DD) sunk.
6 150 planes lost; Jap losses: Sunk: 4 CV, 1 CA, 1 or more AP/AK; damaged: 2-3 BB, 3 CA, 1 CL, 1 AP/AK. Planes lost -275. Jap advance to West in CENTRAL PACIFIC halted.
- 89 6 ATTU and KISKA, in ALEUTIANS, occupied by Japs.
- 90 7 Jap subs shell NEW CASTLE and SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
- 91 27 Army planes (3 LB30's) bomb WAKE Island.

July, 1942.

- 92 22 BUNA and GONA, N. W. coast of NEW GUINEA, occupied by Japs.

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August, 1942.

- ✓93 3 TUCKER (DD) sunk by U. S. minefield off ESPIRITU SANTO.
- ✓94 7-
- ✓95 9 Occupation of GUADALCANAL-TULAGI by U. S.
- ✓96 7 Bombardment of KISKA Island by U. S. Cruiser-Destroyer task force.
- ✓96 8- Battle of SAVO Island. Allied losses: CANBERRA (CA), ASTORIA (CA), QUINCY (CA), VINCENNES (CA), JARVIS (DD) sunk; 1 CA, 2 DD damaged. Jap losses: 1 CA damaged. (During retirement, 1 Jap CA sunk by U. S. sub).
- ✓97 17- MAKIN Island Raid by U. S. Marine Raider Battalion, landed from NAUTILUS (SS).
- ✓98 21 Japs lose 900 dead at Battle of TENARU River, GUADALCANAL.
- ✓99 22 BLUE (DD) torpedoed by PT boat and scuttled.
- ✓100 23- Battle of EASTERN SOLOMON Islands. U. S. losses: ENTERPRISE (CV) damaged, 20 planes lost. Jap losses: 1 CV, 1 CL, 1 AP sunk; damaged: 1 CA, 1 CL, 1 AP; 100 planes lost.
- ✓101 25 MILNE BAY, NEW GUINEA, occupied by Japs.
- ✓102 28 OCEAN Island occupied by Japs.
- ✓103 30 ADAK Island, in ALEUTIANS, occupied by U. S. Army.
- ✓104 CALHOUN (APD) sunk by horizontal bombers off LUNGA POINT.
- ✓105 31 SARATOGA (CV) damaged by torpedo from SS northwest of ESPIRITU SANTO.

September, 1942.

- ✓106 5 GREGORY and LITTLE (APD's) sunk at night by Jap destroyer force bombarding GUADALCANAL.
- ✓107 13- Marines repulse Japanese at BLOODY RIDGE. Japs bombard GUADALCANAL with BB's.
- ✓108 15 WASP (CV), NORTH CAROLINA (BB), O'BRIEN (DD) torpedoed by Jap subs. (WASP sunk; NORTH CAROLINA repaired at PEARL HARBOR; O'BRIEN damaged and founders while returning to U. S. for repairs.)
- ✓109 18 GUADALCANAL reinforced by Seventh Marines.

October, 1942.

- ✓110 2 U. S. Marines occupy FUNAFUTI in ELLICE Islands.
- ✓111 5 Raid by U. S. carrier aircraft on BUIN-FAISI-TONELEI, S. end of BOUGAINVILLE Island.
- ✓112 7 ALHENA (AK) torpedoed by Jap SS.
- ✓113 11- Battle of CAPE ESPERANCE (GUADALCANAL). U. S. losses - Sunk: DUNCAN (DD); damaged: SALT LAKE CITY (CA), BOISE (CL), FARENHOLT (DD). Jap losses: Sunk: 1 CA, 4 DD; damaged: 1 CA, several DD.
- ✓114 15 MEREDITH (DD) sunk by Jap CV Group.

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October, 1942.

- ✓115 15 PORTLAND (CA) raids TARAWA, GILBERT Islands, damaging one 10,000 ton AK.
- ✓116 15- SAN JUAN (CLAA) raids Japanese picket boats on longitude 175-00 E.,
16 sinking 2 craft and obtaining 16 survivors.
- ✓117 16 McFARLAND (AVD) damaged by bombs off GUADALCANAL, with stern blown off aft of after deckhouse.
- ✓118 20 CHESTER (CA) damaged by submarine torpedo southeast of SAN CRISTOBAL.
- ✓119 22 DesDiv 9 (LAMSON, MAHAN) raid Jap patrol line, sinking a schooner and an armed naval auxiliary.
- ✓120 25 SEMINOLE (AT) and YP 284 sunk by Jap cruiser-destroyers off GUADALCANAL.
- ✓121 26 Battle of SANTA CRUZ Island. U. S. losses - Sunk: HORNET (CV), PORTER (DD); damaged: ENTERPRISE (CV), SOUTH DAKOTA (BB), SAN JUAN (CLAA); SMITH (DD); 74 planes lost. Jap losses: Damaged: 2 CV, 2 CA, 1 CL, 1 DD, 8 AK; 123 planes lost.

November, 1942.

- ✓122 7 MAJABA (AK) torpedoed by Jap sub. off GUADALCANAL. Beached and salvaged.
- ✓123 9 EDGAR ALLEN POE (AK) torpedoed by Jap SS.
- ✓124 13- Battle of GUADALCANAL (including 1 day air attack, 2 night surface
15 battles, plus intensive attack by our planes based ashore.). U. S. losses: Sunk: ATLANTA, JUNEAU (CLAA's), BARTON, CUSHING, LAFFEY, MONSSEN, PRESTON, WALKER, BENHAM (DD's). Damaged: 1 BB, 2 CA, 1 CL, 5 DD, 1 AK; 20-30 planes lost. Jap losses: Sunk: 2 BB, 1 CA, 3 DD, 12 AK/AP; damaged: 2 CA, 2 CL, 4 DL/DD; 70 planes lost.
- ✓125 30 Battle of TASSAFARONGA (GUADALCANAL). U. S. losses: Sunk: NORTHAMPTON; damaged: MINNEAPOLIS, PENSACOLA, NEW ORLEANS (CA's). Jap losses: 1 DL sunk; 2 or more DD damaged.

December, 1942.

- ✓126 3 Jap airfield on MUNDA POINT (NEW GEORGIA) discovered.
- ✓127 "Tokyo Express" bombed by U. S. aircraft north of NEW GEORGIA; 3 DD damaged.
- ✓128 7 "Tokyo Express" attacked by MTB's off GUADALCANAL; 2 DD's damaged.
- ✓129 9 On GUADALCANAL Major General Patch, USA, relieved Major General Vandegrift, USMC, and 5th Marine Regiment was relieved by Army troops.
- ✓130 11- "Tokyo Express" attacked by U. S. planes and MTB's off GUADALCANAL;
12 1 DD sunk and 6 damaged. 1 U.S. MTB sunk.
- ✓131 27 WASMUTH (DMS) foundered in ALEUTIAN gale.

January, 1943.

- ✓132 2 "Tokyo Express" attacked by U. S. planes and MTB's off GUADALCANAL; 5 DD damaged.

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January, 1943.

- 133 4 Final increment 25th USA Division arrived GUADALCANAL.
134 4-
5 U. S. Cruiser-destroyer task force bombarded MUNDA.
135 5 ACHILLES, BR. cruiser, hit by Jap VB and damaged.
136 10 ARGONAUT (SS) sunk off GASMATA, NEW BRITAIN.
137 "Tokyo Express" attacked by MTB's off GUADALCANAL; 3 DD damaged.
2 U.S. MTB's sunk.
138 12 U. S. occupied AMCHITKA in ALEUTIANS; WORDEN (DD) lost by stranding;
MIDDLETON (AK) damaged by grounding.
139 15 "Tokyo Express" attacked by planes and MTB's off GUADALCANAL and 4
DD damaged.
140 18 MOBILUBE (AO) damaged by Jap sub. off SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. KALINGO
(AK) sunk by Jap sub. off SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
141 22 PETER H. BURNETT (AK) damaged by Jap sub. off SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
142 24 U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force bombarded VILA-STANMORE Planta-
tion, KOLOMBANGARA.
143 29 HMNZS KIWI and MOA (corvettes) sank Jap sub. I-1 off GUADALCANAL.
144 29- CHICAGO (CA), sunk by 6 aircraft torpedoes south of GUADALCANAL.
30 LaVALLETTE (DD) damaged by one aircraft torpedo in same action.

February, 1943.

- 145 1 De HAVEN (DD), returning from amphibious landing at VERAHUE,
GUADALCANAL, sunk by Jap VB.
146 1- "Tokyo Express" attacked by planes and MTB's off GUADALCANAL; 4 DD
2 damaged. 3 U. S. MTB's sunk.
147 1-
2 Jap DD sunk by U. S. mine off DOMA REEF, GUADALCANAL.
148 7 "Tokyo Express" attacked by U. S. aircraft. 2 DD damaged.
149 9 U. S. Forces (Army and Marines) joined near ESPERANCE, ending all
organized resistance on GUADALCANAL.
150 10 STARR KING (AK) sunk by Jap sub. off SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
151 11 FLETCHER (DD) sank Jap sub. off GUADALCANAL.
152 GRAMPUS (SS) departed from BRISBANE for patrol and failed to return.
153 14- AMBERJACK (SS) sunk off RABAUL.
154 18 ATTU bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
155 19 INDIANAPOLIS (CA) sank Jap AK north of ALEUTIANS.
156 21 U. S. occupied RUSSELL Islands (between GUADALCANAL and NEW GEORGIA).

March, 1943.

- 157 2- Army aircraft of SOUTHWEST PACIFIC sank 19 of 22 ship Jap convoy in
5 BISMARCK SEA.
158 5- VILA-MUNDA bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force, which
6 sank 2 Jap ships (probably 2 DD) en route.

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March, 1943.

- 159 11 TRITON (SS) last heard from closing enemy convoy north of NEW IRELAND.
- 160 15-
16 VILA bombarded by 4 U. S. DD's.
- 161 26 Battle of KOMANDORSKI Islands. U. S. losses - Damaged: SALT LAKE CITY (CA), and DD's BAILEY and COGLAN. Jap losses - Damaged: 1 CA, 1 CL. Jap attempt to reinforce ATTU and KISKA thwarted.

April, 1943.

- 162 4-
5 O'BANNON (DD) sank Jap sub. off GUADALCANAL.
- 163 7 Air attack on GUADALCANAL shipping by 160 Jap planes. KANAWHA (AO), MOA (Corvette) and AARON WARD (DD) sunk; ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) damaged.
- 164 STRONG (DD) sank Jap sub. off MALAITA.
- 165 26 ATTU bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.

May, 1943.

- 166 1 PHOEBE A. HEARST (AK) sunk by Jap. sub. south of FIJI Islands.
- 167 2 WILLIAM WILLIAMS (AK) damaged by Jap. sub. south of FIJI Islands.
- 168 3 NECHES (AO) damaged in grounding off COLD BAY.
- 169 5 FINGAL (AK) sunk by Jap. sub. in CORAL SEA.
- 170 8 Jap. DD sunk, and 2 DD damaged in U. S. mine field at BLACKETT STRAIT, KOLOMBANGARA. (Damaged DD later sunk by air strike)
- 171 10 SICARD (DM) and MacDONOUGH (DD) damaged in collision in fog in ALEUTIANS.
- 172 11 ATTU occupied by U. S. Army forces.
- 173 12 EDWARDS (DD) sank Jap sub. off ATTU.
- 174 PERIDA (XAP) damaged on pinnacle rock in MASSACRE BAY.
- 175 ORMISTON (AK) damaged by Jap. sub. off Eastern AUSTRALIA.
- 176 12-
13 A U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force bombarded MUNDA-VILA, while minelayers mined the coast of KOLOMBANGARA.
- 177 13 CENTAUR (AH) damaged by Jap sub. off Eastern AUSTRALIA.
- 178 16 W. K. VANDERBILT (AK) sunk by Jap sub. south of SUVA.
- 179 17 STOREY (AO) sunk by Jap sub. west of FIJI Islands.
- 180 23 STANVAC MANILA(AO) sunk by Jap sub. south of NEW CALEDONIA.
- 181 30-
31 SHEMYA, near ATTU, occupied by U. S. forces.

June, 1943.

- 182 10 PC 487 sank Jap sub. off SHEMYA.
- 183 13 FRAZIER (DD) sank Jap sub. off KISKA.
- 184 16 MacVEIGH (AK) grounded in fog north of NIKKI Island in ALEUTIANS.

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June, 1943.

- 185 PORTMAR (AK) sunk and LST damaged by Jap sub. off AUSTRALIA.
- 186 LST and CELENO (AK) damaged in Jap air attack off GUADALCANAL.
- 187 22 MONAGHAN (DD) sank Jap sub. off KISKA.
- 188 ALUDRA (AK) and DEIMOS (AK) sunk by Jap sub. off ESPIRITU SANTO.
- 189 29- U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force bombarded VILA-MUNDA and
30 SHORTLAND-FAISI Areas, while minelayers mined SHORTLAND HARBOR.
- 190 30 HULBERT (AVD) grounded in MASSACRE BAY, ATTU.
- 191 30 Occupation of NEW GEORGIA Group started. McCAWLEY (APA) hit by Jap aircraft and sunk by MTB torpedoes. WOODLARK and KIRIWINA Island, off N.E. NEW GUINEA coast, occupied by SOUTHWEST PACIFIC Forces, and assault on SALAMAU-LAE commenced.

July, 1943.

- 192 1 RADFORD sank Jap sub. in BLANCHE CHANNEL, NEW GEORGIA.
- 193 4- Landings at RICE ANCHORAGE, on N. coast of NEW GEORGIA, by 1st
5 Marine Raiders.
- 194 VILA-BAIROKO Bombardment by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force. STRONG (DD) sunk (presumably by Jap sub).
- 195 5- 1st Battle of KOLOMBANGARA (NEW GEORGIA Group). U. S. losses:
6 HELENA (CL) sunk. Jap losses: Sunk - 2 DD. Damaged: 5 DD.
- 196 6 KISKA bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 197 10 PARAMUSHIRU bombed for 1st time by B-25's from ATTU.
- 198 PBV's sank 2 and damaged 2 AK north of ALEUTIANS.
- 199 11-
12 MUNDA, on NEW GEORGIA, bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 200 12- 2nd Battle of KOLOMBANGARA. U. S. losses - Sunk: GWIN (DD), Damaged:
13 CL's HONOLULU, LEANDER, ST. LOUIS. Jap losses - Sunk: 1 CL;
damaged: 2-3 DD.
- 201 18 LST 342 sunk by enemy sub. off NEW GEORGIA.
- 202 PARAMUSHIRU bombed by B-24's from ATTU.
- 203 19 DELLWOOD (AK) grounded and sank off ALEXAI POINT, ATTU.
- 204 20 HMS HOBART (CL) torpedoed by Jap sub. S.E. of SAN CRISTOBAL Island in SOLOMONS.
- 205 22 KISKA bombarded by combined U. S. battleship-cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 206 24 Army B-24's bombed WAKE from MIDWAY.
- 207 26 Army B-24's bombed WAKE from MIDWAY.

August, 1943.

- 208 2 KISKA bombarded by U. S. battleship-cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 209 6- Battle of VELLA GULF, (NEW GEORGIA Group). U. S. losses: none.
7 Jap losses: 3 DD sunk and 1 damaged.
- 210 8 BUCHANAN (DD) sank Jap sub. off ESPIRITU SANTO in NEW HEBRIDES.
- 211 10 TULLIBEE (SS) damaged by ramming by Jap AK.

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August, 1943.

- 212 11 MATHEW LYON (AK) torpedoed by Jap sub. northwest of ESPIRITU SANTO. Army B-24's, from ATTU, bombed PARAMUSHIRU.
- 213 12 KISKA bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 214 13 JOHN PENN (APA) sunk by Jap aircraft torpedo off GUADALCANAL.
- 215 14 M. H. De YOUNG (AK) torpedoed by Jap sub. south of FIJI Islands.
- 216 15 KISKA occupied by U. S. Army. ABNER READ (DD) damaged by mine.
- 217 VELLA LaVELLA (NEW GEORGIA Group) occupied by Allied forces.
- 218 17- "Tokyo Express" attacked by U. S. destroyer task force. No U. S. 18 losses. Jap losses - 1 DD sunk, 2 DD damaged, plus numerous barges sunk.
- 219 19 Planes and N. Z. Corvette TUI sank Jap sub. I-17, south of NOUMEA, in NEW CALEDONIA.
- 220 25 WILSON COVE and KOLOMBANGARA mined by U. S. forces; 2 DM damaged in collision during turn-away.
- 221 27 TUNNY (SS) damaged by heavy Jap depth charge attack.
- 222 28 NUKUPETAU, in ELLICE Island, occupied by U. S. forces.
- 223 31 MARCUS Island bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes.
- 224 WILLIAM S. RHEEM (AO) torpedoed by Jap sub. northwest of EFATE, in NEW HEBRIDES.

September, 1943.

- 225 1 BAKER Island occupied by U. S. Army.
- 226 3 Allies land at HOPI, HUON GULF, and BUHAN River, NEW GUINEA.
- 227 ELLET (DD) sank Jap sub. north of ESPIRITU SANTO.
- 228 11 SALAMAUA, on N.W. coast of NEW GUINEA, captured by Allied forces.
- 229 Army B-24's and B-25's from ATTU bombed PARAMUSHIRU.
- 230 12 NAVAJO (AT) sunk by Jap sub. east of ESPIRITU SANTO.
- 231 15 SAUFLEY (DD) sank Jap sub. west of NDENI.
- 232 18 TARAWA, MAKIN, and APAMAMA Atolls in GILBERTS bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes.
- 233 19 LAE, on NEW GUINEA, captured by Allied forces.
- 234 22 Allies landed at FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA.
- 235 29 McCALLA-PATTERSON (DD's) damaged in collision north of KOLOMBANGARA, while chasing Jap barges.

October, 1943.

- 236 1 YDG 4 (CHICKEN OF THE SEA - Mobile Degaussing) struck reef off NOUMEA, and sank.
- 237 2 KOLOMBANGARA, in SOLOMONS, evacuated by Japanese.
- 238 FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA, captured by Allies.
- 239 3 HENLEY (DD) sunk by Jap sub. off NEW GUINEA.
- 240 5 WAHOO (SS) lost due to enemy action.

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October, 1943.

- 1241 6- WAKE Island bombed and bombarded in 2 day attack by large carrier
7 task force.
Battle of VELLA LAVELLA (SOLOMONS). U. S. losses - CHEVALIER (DD) sunk, SELFRIDGE and O'BANNON (DD's) damaged. Jap losses - 1 DD sunk and several damaged.
- 1242 10 JOHN M. COUCH (AK) damaged and GEORGE HINES (AK) sunk by Jap planes off GUADALCANAL.
- 1243 27 TREASURY Islands, off S. end of BOUGAINVILLE Island, occupied by Allied forces. CONY (DD) damaged in air attack.
- 1244 28 Marine Parachute Battalion landed on CHOISEUL Island from APD's for diversion of Jap attention from BOUGAINVILLE landings; and withdrawn 4 November.
- 1245 31 October - 1 November.
BUKA-BONIS, at N. end of BOUGAINVILLE, bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.

November, 1943.

- 1246 1 SHORTLANDS Area, at S. end of BOUGAINVILLE, bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
- 1247 U. S. forces land at EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, BOUGAINVILLE
- 1248 1- Battle of EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. U. S. losses - FOOTE (DD) torpedoed
2 and damaged, DENVER (CL) damaged. Jap losses - 1 CL sunk, several ships damaged.
- 1249 1-
2 BUKA-BONIS bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes.
- 1250 5 RABAUl bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes. Jap losses - 1 DD sunk and 6 DD damaged.
- 1251 6- CORVINA and SCULPIN (SS's) departed for patrol and have not been
7 heard from since.
- 1252 7- CruDiv 13, plus DD's, attacked by Jap planes off CAPE TOROKINA.
8 BIRMINGHAM (CL) damaged.
- 1253 11 RABAUl bombed by U. S. carrier and land-based planes. Jap losses - 1 DI sunk, several ships damaged.
- 1254 12 CAPE SAN JUAN (AP) sunk by Jap sub. south of TONGATABU.
- 1255 12- CruDiv 12, plus DD's, attacked by Jap planes off CAPE TOROKINA.
13 DENVER (CL) damaged by torpedo.
- 1256 17 CAPELIN (SS) departed DARWIN for patrol, and has not been heard from since.
- 1257 20 Occupation of TARAWA, MAKIN, and APAMAMA Atolls in GILBERT Islands commenced by U. S. Army and Marine forces. INDEPENDENCE (CVL) damaged by Jap aircraft torpedo.
- 1258 22 FRAZIER and MEADE (DD's) sank Jap sub. I-35 off TARAWA.
- 1259 24 LISCOME BAY (CVE) sunk by Jap sub. while covering GILBERT Operation.

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November, 1943.

- ✓260 24- Battle of CAPE ST. GEORGE (NEW IRELAND). U. S. losses - none. Jap
25 losses - 3 DD sunk, 3 DD damaged.
✓261 25 RADFORD (DD) sank Jap sub. northwest of MAKIN.
✓262 27 PERKINS (DD) sunk by collision off NEW GUINEA.

December, 1943.

- ✓263 3 GUARDFISH (SS) damaged in collision with AO while exercising off
AUSTRALIA.
✓264 4 MARSHALL Islands bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes. U. S. losses -
LEXINGTON damaged by aircraft torpedo. Jap losses - sunk: 4 AK;
damaged 2 CL, 4 AK.
✓265 5 TUMULT (AM) and SAUFLEY (DD) sank Jap sub. off FLORIDA Island.
✓266 8 NAURU Island bombed and bombarded by U. S. task force. BOYD (DD)
damaged by Jap shore battery.
✓267 15 Allied troops landed at ARAWE, NEW BRITAIN.
✓268 17 Search plane sank Jap sub. in ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL, NEW BRITAIN.
✓269 20- PARAMUSHIRU bombed by PBY-5A planes from ATTU.
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✓270 23 BUKA-BONIS bombarded by U. S. cruiser-destroyer task force.
✓271 24 GRISWOLD (DE) sank Jap sub. off KOLI POINT, GUADALCANAL.
✓272 25 KAVIENG, on NEW IRELAND, bombed by U. S. carrier-based planes. Jap
losses - 1 AK, 3 barges sunk; 1 AK, 2 MTB damaged.
✓273 26 U. S. Marines landed at CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN. U. S. losses-
BROWNSON (DD) sunk; DD's LAMSON, MUGFORD, and SHAW, LST 66 and APC
15 damaged by Jap planes.
✓274 27 Eastern BOUGAINVILLE bombarded by cruiser-destroyer task force.
✓275 30-
31 PARAMUSHIRU bombed by PBY-5A planes from ATTU.

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