

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "STELLA" & "POLARIS" operating in Cape Nelson area.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" en route Oro Bay ETA 1400/1.
- (3) "BENDIGO" escorting "TASMAN" from Oro Bay to Coral Sea. "BENDIGO" proceeding Port Moresby. "TASMAN" proceeding independently to Townsville.
- (4) "GLENELG" escorting "DUNDULA" departed Milne Bay 0700/31 for Townsville ETA 0600/3.
- (5) "LATROBE" escorting TN30 (4 MV) en route Port Moresby ETA 1700/1.
- (6) "BALLARAT" escorting NT1 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" for Brisbane; "G.M. LIVANOS" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby p.m. 31/1. "BALLARAT" escorting as far as Townsville. Onward escort to be arranged. ETA Townsville 0700/3.
- (7) "GEELONG" escorting BT38 dep. Brisbane 0046/1. Convoy comprises "VAN SPIELBERGEN", towing 2 PT Boats, "GENERAL VERSPIJK" towing 2 PT Boats, "AASE MAERK" and "TABINTA". Latter vessel proceeding independently from Eustard Head. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage. Convoy ETA Townsville 4/2.
- (8) SC.744 en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 0800/2.
- (9) "GOULBURN" escorting TS12 ("KATOOMEA" "DUNTROON") departed Townsville 2108/31 en route Sydney ETA 1600/4.
- (10) "KYBRA" dep. Townsville 0530/29 for Brisbane ETA p.m. 1/2.
- (11) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 2334/31 en route Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (12) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" & 4 PT Boats Merchant Vessels: "CORIO" "PORTHAR" & approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - Merchant Vessels: Approx 24 small craft
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALEOT" "VICTORIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "H ELM" "PATTERSON"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - 6 PT Boats (2 refitting) "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" SC.746
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "POYANG"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "EAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE" "TULSA" "FULTON" "BUNBURY" "GAMBLE" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 & 13 PT Boats "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) (Repairing) "LITHGOW" "RURUMBA" " Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "HERMITAGE" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" "ARCTURUS"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 to proceed to Townsville on 3/2 to embark provisions, returning Challenger Bay on completion. "VICTORIA" to proceed there arriving 1300/5.

Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY")  
to carry out exercises between Cape Moreton and  
Caloundra on 4/2. "HELM" to be sailed from Dunk  
Is. to join T.G.44.3 in Moreton Bay by 1600/3/2.  
"SELFRIDGE" to join T.G.44.5 by p.m. 4/2.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russel Is. - Reports state that 400 Japanese were landed in  
4 sampans on Baisen Island (northernmost of Russel Group)  
at about midnight 28-29/1 having arrived from N.W.  
Baisen Is. was <sup>possibly</sup> the unloading point for the  
6 destroyers which were proceeding SE from Faisi p.m. 28/1  
and were seen at 0911/29 west of Vella Lavella course N.  
As previously pointed out these units would hardly have had  
time to reach Cape Esperance but they would have had ample  
time to reach Russel Group.  
Similarly the force of 1 heavy cruiser and 7 destroyers  
seen at 2220/26 of SW coast Santa Ysabel course South, may  
have been into Russel Group as it was thought that they had  
not reached Cape Esperance.  
Further, numerous reports have been received of  
surfaced submarines in the vicinity of the Russel Group.  
The enemy may have built up a force in the Russel  
Group for use as a "stageing-in" base. It fits in with  
their general policy of occupying all possible <sup>advance</sup> points in  
the Solomons so as to be able to bring pressure <sup>if any</sup> to bear on  
Guadalcanal from all directions when the major assault is  
made.
- (2) New Georgia - Bombers and fighters were active on and over  
Munda aerodrome 30/1 and 31/1. The strip at Vila was  
reported by reconnaissance 31/1 as not ready for use.  
At 1105/31, 2 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel were  
reported SW of Treasury Is. course 40°. These units were  
probably returning from Vila Plantation area and, if the  
position is correct, were making a wide sweep back to  
base. No units were actually sighted 30/1 en route  
Kolombangara.  
At 1435/31, one unescorted cargo vessel was reported  
entering Vella Gulf course 120° probably en route Vila  
Plantation area.  
At 1450/31, a destroyer and a 3000 ton cargo vessel  
with another small escort vessel and air cover of two float-  
planes, were sighted NW of Vella Lavella course ESE and were  
attacked at 1745/31 in Vella Gulf (see Naval Incidents).
- (3) Shortlands - At 1115/31, reconnaissance aircraft reported 28  
vessels including 3 cruisers (heavy or light), 17 destroyers,  
7 cargo vessels and 1 large unidentified vessel. Of these,  
the 3 cruisers and 14 of the destroyers may have been about  
to depart to south. A submarine was seen leaving Tonolei  
Harbour at 0945/31 when seven 4-engined flying boats and 8  
floatplanes were seen on the water, the latter taking off.  
Sightings 30/1 were reported as 22 cargo vessels and four  
destroyers.
- (4) Choiseul Is. - At 0930/31, a small vessel was sighted 25 miles  
NE Cape Alexander course 150°, speed 10 knots - possibly  
patrolling.
- (5) Ontong Java - At 1100/30, a small vessel possibly a reporting  
ship, was sighted 185 miles NE of Ontong Java.
- (6) Buka Passage - At 1630/31 the following vessels were at Buka  
Passage -  
1 destroyer  
2 - 7,000 ton transports } arrived from N.W.  
2 small cargo vessels  
One of the cargo vessels with 2 schooners and barges was  
manoeuvring along west coast possibly to land a patrol.  
At 1900/31, the destroyer and 2 transports departed  
probably south along west coast.  
Aircraft were active on and over the aerodrome on  
30/1 while 7 bombers and some fighters were seen on the  
aerodrome at 0905/31.

- (7) Rabaul - Fortresses attacking shipping at Rabaul at or before dawn 31/1 reported very few ships in Simpson Harbour indicating night dispersal.
- (8) Arawe - At about 0900/31, a small cargo vessel was sighted west of Pilelo Is. The deck was loaded with boxes and kegs.
- (9) Wewak - At 0710/31, 2 cargo vessels (8-10,000 tons) were sighted off Mushu Island, with a gunboat or small destroyer patrolling around them.  
Another vessel was in Wewak 1 mile off-shore and appeared possibly damaged. This may be the same vessel as that seen there at 0750/30.
- (10) Coral Sea - At 2010/30, there were possible indications of an enemy submarine on a line between Townsville and Port Moresby.
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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting "ISLANDER" dep. Thursday Is. en route Merauke 0120/31 ETA Merauke 2000/31.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" dep. Darwin 0833/28 for Thursday Is. ETA 0730/2.
- (3) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Darwin 1131/30 for Onslow ETA 1430/3.
- (4) "KALBOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" & "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Island 0830/30 en route Darwin ETA 2130/2.
- (5) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"  
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - At 1100/31 the following vessels were sighted at Ambon -  
1 probable cruiser  
2 destroyers  
4 merchant ships (1 large, 1 medium, 2 small)
- (2) Merauke - At 1202/31, an enemy floatplane dropped two bombs in the sea south of Merauke.
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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"  
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "VAN GALEN" "HORSHAM"  
"PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"  
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle Area - Possible enemy submarine activity was reported by "AMERICAN BUILDER" (U.S. Cargo - 6750 tons) who sent out an S.O.S. at 0123/1 when 350 miles west of Fremantle.

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#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

###### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "YANDRA" & "KAPUNDA" escorting PG32 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane 2253/30 ETA Newcastle 1800/1, ETA Sydney 2358/1.
- (2) "MORESBY" & "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting C067 departed Sydney 1413/30.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" "ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy OC66 (7 MV) to Sydney.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" dep. Brisbane 1151/29 ETA Port Melbourne 1500/1.
- X (5) "PETER H. BURNETT" estimated to arrive Sydney a.m. 2/2. "DELORAIN" towing and "MILDURA" providing A/S escort. "ST. ARISTELL" proceeding to Sydney.

###### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARJUNTA" "GYMPIE"  
"BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNWAN" "BUNDABERG"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "GOLDSTAR"  
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "BISHOPDALE"  
"MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)  
(In Reserve) "MANCORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "DOOMBA" "SPRINGDALE"

###### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MERKUR" to join Convoy GP33 and proceed to Palm Island ETA 9/2.

#### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES  
NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL)  
DRAYTON LAMSON REID HUGHES MORRIS PERKINS LANDSDOWNE  
O'BANNON MUSTIN RUSSEL ELLET (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)  
MANLEY SANDS (APD) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP)  
JUPITER ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TRYON ALGORAB (AK)  
SHELDRAKE (AM) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK (AO)  
NAVAJO (AT) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB)  
SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) CASE MERRAY McCALL FANNING  
SAUFLEY BALCH DUNLAP MURPHY SHAW CUMMINGS STRONG  
GRIDLEY HOPKINS SMITH McCAWLEY (DD) McKEAN (APD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) GAMBLE BREESE (DM) ARGONNE (AS)  
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ANTARES FOMALEAUT CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO  
CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.299
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)  
HASSAU COPAHEE ALTAMAHA (ACV) POCOMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV)  
MAHAN WOODWORTH MCCALLA (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)  
KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CHENANGO (ACV) NESCHES (AO) REGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)  
TALAMANCA (AR) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

## II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rabaul - The 6 Fortresses which attacked shipping at Rabaul 0405-0441/30 scored one hit with 500-lb bomb on an unidentified ship. Three explosions followed. Bombs were also dropped on other vessels but observations were prevented by searchlight glare.  
Bombs were also dropped near Malguna strip, dumps at Toboi Wharf and along main street N. of Simpsons Harbour. One large and one small fire were started in the Toboi Wharf dumps.
- (2) Open Bay - Shipping was again attacked 0450-0602/31 by 7 Fortresses - The 2,500 ton transport attacked by a Liberator at 1200/30 in Open Bay was probably hit by one bomb while another hit the ship's rail and exploded in the water. Personnel on deck were effectively strafed.
- (3) New Georgia - At 1745/31 in Vella Gulf 12 dive-bombers and 7 torpedo planes escorted by 6 Wildcats and 8 Aircobras attacked the destroyer and 6000 ton cargo vessel with another escort vessel, which had been sighted N.W. of Vella Lavella at 1450/31. Two direct hits and 3 near misses with 1000-lb bombs were claimed on the cargo vessel plus one sure torpedo hit: 2 hits with 500-lb bombs were claimed on the destroyer. Both were left burning, listing and dead in the water. The other escort vessel was strafed and left smoking. 8 Zero's and 2 Zero floatplanes attacked our escorting aircraft which shot down the 2 floatplanes and 3 other Zero's. 2 Wildcats were lost in combat.
- (4) Guadalcanal - During the night 29-30/1, 2 N.Z. minesweepers caught a large "I" class submarine, on the surface off Cape Esperance, shelled her and drove her ashore a gutted wreck. The submarine had troops on board.

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## III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

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1/2/43



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Noneffective</u>
Heavy Cruiser (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA ) 1 damaged 19/1	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 397 shore-based aircraft incl. 191 F, 127 B, 22 F/B, 39 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft. 188 152 22 37		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GAIEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER ) On Patrol TROUT ) K.12 ) GAR ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle K.B )	

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	<del>NATORI (damaged 21/1)</del>
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 178 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 60 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.		

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

HITAKA (poss. repairing)

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

5 converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO  
ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAHAMA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers



D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers  
10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles- Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

MAG HI  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVER POOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON  
DURBAN  
CAPETOWN  
CERES

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CALEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANCHI  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

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- (4) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN31 ("SWARTENHONDT" "BANTAM") was to depart Townsville 1100/2 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/5.
- (5) "GEELONG" escorting BT38 dep. Brisbane 0046/1. Convoy comprises "VAN SPILBERGEN" towing 2 PT Boats, "GENERAL VERSPIJK" towing 2 PT Boats, "AASE MARSK" and "TABINTA". Latter vessel proceeding independently from Bustard Head. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage. Convoy ETA Townsville 4/2.
- (6) "HELM" en route from Dunk Island to Moreton Bay to join Task Group 44.3.
- (7) "AUSTRALIA" departed Brisbane 1315/1 to Moreton Bay.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 2334/31 en route Sydney ETA 0600/6.
- (9) 12 submarines on patrol.

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Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" & 4 PT Boats, "STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "CORIO" "PORTMAR" & approx 40 small craft.
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "YOGHOW"
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "CHARON" "GORGON" "THEOPANO LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small craft.
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "VICTORIA"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON"
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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - During 1/2 much activity observed on Munda aerodrome. Two bombers landed 1310/1 and at least 17 fighters were sighted in vicinity.
- (2) Buin-Faisi-Guadalcanal - At 0820/1 an allied aircraft observed approximately 35 vessels of all classes in the Buin-Faisi area. At 1222/1 a force of 20 vessels comprising destroyers and flotilla leaders departed Faisi on an ESE course. This force was sighted and attacked (see Naval Incidents) at 1820/1 in a position 15 miles NE of Marovo Lagoon. Four hours later it was observed 9 miles N.W. by N. of Cape Esperance on an ESE course. The shadowing aircraft later reported that it had lost contact with the enemy. However, at 0348/2 portion of the force, described as 7 Flotilla leaders were seen dispersing 9 miles NE of the Russell Group and shortly afterwards three sections of the enemy force were observed dispersed west of Korrigole Bay, Santa Isabel Is. heading on NW courses.
- A later sighting at 0900 this morning reported 19 destroyers off the east coast of Vella Lavella heading N.W. One destroyer was towing a second.
- (3) Buka Passage - At 0945/1 a cargo vessel was observed at the S.W. end of the Passage getting under way.
- (4) Rabaul - Fortresses attacking Rabaul early a.m. 1/2 report sighting numerous u/i ships lying close to shore in Simpson Harbour. At 1700/1, a destroyer was observed in St. George's Channel, course 355°, speed 25 knots.
- (5) Open Bay-Ubili - One B.24 reported a stationary 100 ft. cargo vessel in the area at 1143/1 (see Naval Incidents).
- (6) Wau - Except for intermittent fire from NE of 'drome night of 30-31/1 was quiet. An enemy concentration of 800 is located 1½ miles SE of 'drome. Wandumi Village was shelled by our artillery on 31/1. Up to 0800/1 enemy activity was described as slight.
- (7) Waria Mouth - A report timed 0800/1 states that a Japanese party up to 200 strong is still south of Waria Mouth. Reinforcements are said to be arriving nightly by barge.
- (8) Russell Is. - Allied aircraft report sighting one barge on Baisen Is. a.m. 31/1. No other sign of life or activity was seen on the island.
- (9) Ontong Java - One small enemy cargo vessel, probably a weather reporting ship, was sighted midday 1/2 approx 220 miles ENE of Ontong Java. Course 50°, speed 8 knots.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "SWAN" escorting "ISLANDER" was to depart Merakke 0500/2. Due Thursday Island 2330/2.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" was due Thursday Island 0730/2.
- (3) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Darwin 1131/30 for Onslow ETA 1430/3.
- (4) "KALFOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" & "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Island 0830/30 en route Darwin ETA 2130/2.
- (5) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"  
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" to escort "ALDINGA" "FINGAL" from Thursday Is. to Darwin as soon as "ALDINGA" arrives Thursday Is.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Darwin - Between 1254 & 1323/1 an enemy aircraft was reported over Darwin. Two of our fighters took off but no interception resulted.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.  
(2) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1321/1 to RV and escort "TRINITY" to Albany ETA 1100/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"  
"JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM" "FELIAS" "DUBBO"  
"KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"  
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

X Fremantle Area - The report of possible enemy submarine activity made by "AMERICAN BUILDER" at 0123/1, has now been discounted. Vessel is proceeding on its course.

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "GOULBURN" escorting TSL2 ("KATOOMBA" "DUNTROON") departed Townsville 2108/31 en route Sydney. "GYMPIE" dep. Sydney 0044/2 to RV in position 28°45'S, 153°44'E at 1200/3 and escort to Sydney ETA 1600/4.  
(2) "HENLEY" escorting "HERMITAGE" was to depart Moreton Bay 0500/2 for Sydney.  
(3) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC67 dep. Port Phillip 0447/2. To RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C067.  
(4) "WAGGA" escorting portion Convoy OC66 en route Newcastle.  
(5) "PETER H. BURNETT" estimated to arrive Sydney a.m. 21/2. 2/2  
"ST. ARISTELL" dep. Sydney 1358/1 to take over tow.  
"DELORAIN" "LE TRIOMPHANT" providing A/S escort.  
"MILDURA" to proceed independently to Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "BOWEN"  
"DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "BUNLABERG" "KAPUNDA"  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "TOWNSVILLE" "MIZAR"  
"GOLD STAR"

Sydney (Contd.)  
 (Repairing) Warships & Aux. - "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS"  
 "BISHOPDALE" "MERKUR" "ALHENA" "WANGANELLA"  
 (Hospital Ship)  
 (In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "SPRINGDALE"  
 "ROCHAMBEAU"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP33 to depart Sydney 1100/3. "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" to act as additional escorts.
- (2) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy C063. To take over convoy from "WAGGA" at RV off Port Arthur 3/2.
- (3) "MERKUR" to join Convoy GP33 and proceed to Palm Island ETA 9/2.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Cape Liptrap (Vic.) - A report graded C.3 states that an allied aircraft observed an enemy submarine at 1737/1 18 miles SSE of Cape Liptrap.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE O'BANNON (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) MANLEY SANDS (APD) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TRYON ALGORAB (AK) CONFLICT SHELDRAKE (AM) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - MURPHY STRONG HOPKINS SMITH McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) GAMBLE BRESSE (DM) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) NASSAU COPAHEE ALTAMAHA (ACV) ROCMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) WOODWORTH McCALLA (DD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINE (AM) LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CHENANGO (ACV) NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYPHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP) TALAMANCA (AR)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Shortland Is. - At 0840/1 9 Fortresses escorted by 9 fighters bombed large cargo vessel off Shortland Is. scoring three direct hits. Four of the Fortresses were attacked off Buin by 20 Type "C" fighters. One returned badly shot up, rest missing. Remaining 5 Fortresses and all the fighters returned safely.
- (2) New Georgia - At 1820/1 an enemy convoy of 20 destroyers was attacked 15 miles NE of Marovo Lagoon by 17 Dauntless and 7 Avengers escorted by 17 fighters. Hits were claimed on four vessels. Two "TERUTSUKI" class destroyers were believed

sunk, one was left afire and 2 near misses were claimed on the fourth.

However, at 0900/2 the convoy was observed off east coast of Vella Lavella on a N.W. course. 19 ships were sighted including one in tow. 16 were proceeding at high speed, thus indicating that only one destroyer was probably sunk and three others ~~slightly~~ damaged.

(3) Open Bay-Ubili Area - One B.24 strafed and dropped 2 x 500-lb bombs on a stationary camouflaged cargo ship (100 ft.) in Open Bay-Ubili area. Nil hits.

(4) Rabaul - 7 Fortresses attacked shipping and installations at Rabaul between 0450 and 0602/31. Searchlight glare and haze prevented observation of results but bombs were dropped as follows -

2 x 1000-lbs. on dock installations near Sulphur Creek

16 x 500-lbs. across N.end Simpson Harbour from 4000-5500 ft

8 x 500-lbs. from 9000 ft. on group of ships probably off Lakunai aerodrome

8 x 500-lbs. from 4500 ft. on 3 ships moored together near Beehives

8 x 500-lbs. on lights seen N. of Praed Point

Bombs were also dropped on township and on Vunakanau aerodrome.

Very few ships were seen in Simpson Harbour.

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### III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.



For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

2/2/43



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO ) SUZUYA )	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUEU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 27 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 417 shore-based aircraft incl. 188 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 37 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDEN	
	VAN G ALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING )	
	GRENADIER )	
	GUDGEON )	On Patrol
	THRESHER )	
	TROUP )	
	K.12 )	
	GAR )	
	TAMBOR )	At Fremantle
	TAUTOG )	
	K.8 )	

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet		
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 57 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport a/c.		



B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

HITAKA (poss. repairing)  
AE UKUMA  
SENDAI

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SAN GABON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CIEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAD  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kurils-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CB)

HACHI  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PEBBISHER  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAÉ

Armed Merchant Cruisers

DRAGON  
DURHAM  
CAPE TOWN  
CERES  
CALLEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALAU NIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANCHI  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARL ISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "CHARON" to Milne Bay, "JAPARA" to Oro Bay departed Port Moresby 0733/2 ETA Milne Bay 1600/3; Oro Bay 1400/4.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" en route from Oro Bay.
- (3) "GLEMELG" escorting "DUNDULA" departed Milne Bay 0700/31 for Townsville ETA 0600/3.
- (4) "BAILARAT" escorting ET1 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "GEORGE MATTHEWS") was due Townsville 0700/3. "DAVID BUSHNELL" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" to depart Townsville for Brisbane. To pass Dent Is. Lighthouse 0600/4. "GEELONG" to RV off Dent Island and escort to Brisbane.
- (5) "SWAN" escorting "TARCONA" from Thursday Island to Port Moresby.
- (6) SC.746 departed Townsville 1117/2 for Brisbane ETA 4/2.
- (7) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 2334/31 en route Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (8) "KATCOMBA" escorting Convoy TN31 ("SWARTENHOWDT" "BANTAM") dep. Townsville 1320/2 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/5.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting BT38 dep. Brisbane 0046/1. Convoy comprises "VAN SPILBERGEN" towing 2 PT Boats, "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" towing 2 PT Boats, "AASE MAERSK" and "TABINTA". Latter vessel proceeding independently from Bustard Head. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage. Convoy ETA Townsville 4/2.
- (10) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1220/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/6.
- (11) "SELFDRIDGE" towing 3 MTB's departed Brisbane for Cairns 1656/2, ETA 0800/5.
- (12) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" exercising Moreton Bay. "HELM" en route from Dunk Island to Moreton Bay to join "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" p.m. 3/2 and carry out exercises.
- (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" & 4 PT Boats, "STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "CORIO" "PORTMAR" & approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "CHARON" "GORGON" "THEOPANO LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Palm Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFCRD" "RALPH TALBOT"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" 6 PT Boats (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "PCYANG" "VICTORIA"
(Repairing)	"BROGME" "COLAC" "STUART"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "FULTON" "BUNBURY" "KYBRA" "GAMBLE" SC.744 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 & 10 PT Boats
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 to proceed to Townsville on 3/2 to embark provisions, returning Challenger Bay on completion. "VICTORIA" to proceed there arriving 1300/5.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Guadalcanal - Five enemy raids were carried out between 2055-2115/1 and 2206/1-0400/2 each by from 2 to 4 aircraft. 16 new barges were seen p.m. 2/2 on the beach SE of Cape Esperance. These, no doubt, came with the destroyers which ran down from Faisi during night 1-2/2.
- (2) New Georgia - The Avenger torpedo planes attacking enemy destroyers at 1820/1, 15 miles NE of Marovo Lagoon, (see yesterday's Naval Incidents) were attacked by 10 Zero's of which 2 were shot down. Our covering fighters saw 30 Zero's and shot down one. Two Avengers and one Aircobra are missing.
- (3) Shortlands - Recce 0840/2 reported following shipping in Buin-Faisi-Tonolei area -
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|------------------|
| 2 heavy cruisers |
| 1 light cruiser  |
| 7 destroyers     |
| 13 cargo vessels |
| <u>23 Total</u>  |
- Three Zero's were seen on Ballale 'drome and four taking-off from Kahili.
- (4) Buka - Photos 1/2 show 13 twin-engined bombers and 21 single-engined bombers on the runway. Taxiway has been extended and revetments added since 30/1.  
At 1751/1, a transport (6-8000 tons) and one unidentified vessel were seen stationary in S.W. end Buka Passage.  
At 0811/2, a large schooner was anchored off Tinputz Bay.
- (5) Open Bay - Photos, taken when a B.24 was attacking barges off Tagada in Open Bay at 1125/2, show 2 130 ft. merchant ships and 3 barges.  
At 1600/2, a 3,000 ton cargo ship was sighted and attacked between Lolobau Is. (S. end of Open Bay) and the mainland.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Darwin 1131/30 for Onslow ETA 1430/3.  
(2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" & "TULAGI" dep. Thursday Is. 0830/30 was due Darwin 2130/2.  
(3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"  
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" to escort "ALDINGA" "PINGAL" from Thursday Is. to Darwin as soon as "ALHINGA" arrives Thursday Is.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Darwin - An unidentified aircraft was over Darwin at 1130/1.  
At 1220/2, an unidentified aircraft was over Batchelor.  
(2) Broome Area - At 1050/1, an unidentified aircraft was over Derby and at 1131/1 possibly the same aircraft was over Broome.  
At 1135/2 an unidentified aircraft was over Broome.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "ISABEL" dep. Geraldton 2245/28 escorting "CHUNGKING" to Exmouth Gulf.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1321/1 to RV and escort "TRINITY" to Albany ETA 1100/5.
- (3) "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1415/2 for RV with "ATHENE" and escort to Fremantle ETA 1100/4.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"HOBBEAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"  
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDDES"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"  
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "GOULEURN" escorting TS12 ("KATOOMBA" "DUNTROON") departed Townsville 2108/31 en route Sydney. "GYMPIE" dep. Sydney 0044/2 to RV in position 28°45'S, 153°44'E at 1200/3 and escort to Sydney ETA 1600/4k. "GOULBURN" to return to Brisbane.
- (2) "HENLEY" escorting "HERMITAGE" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1800/3.
- (3) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy C068 was to depart Newcastle C900/3. "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" to RV off Port Arthur and take over convoy.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" was to depart Port Phillip 1000/3 for Sydney.
- (5) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C067 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 0700/5, Newcastle 1300/5.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP33 (including "MERKUR" "BISHOPDALE") were to depart Sydney 1100/3 ETA Caloundra 0800/6. "MERKUR" to proceed to Palm Island ETA 9/2; "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin ETA 2230/13.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
"BOWEN" "DOBBIN" "YUNNAN" "KAPUNDA" "DELORAINÉ"  
"ROCKAMPTON" "YANDRA" "MIZAR" "GOLD STAR"  
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "MERKUR" "ALHENA"  
"BUNDABERG" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "SPRINGDALE"  
"DOOMBA" "ROCHAMBEAU"

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### SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE  
LANG HUMPHREYS O'EANNON (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) MANLEY  
SANDS (APD) FRED.FUNSTAN GEORGE CLYMER AMERICAN LEGION  
HUNTER LIGGETT JOHN PENN H.T.ALLEN (AP) ALDEBARAN  
ALCHIBA TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) CONFLICT SHELDRAKE (AM)

- ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT)  
 YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - MURPHY STRONG SMITH McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
 ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE  
 MERCURY ANTARES POMALHAUT CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT)  
 SUANICG CIMARRON (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)  
 NASSAU COPAHEE ALTAMAHA (ACV) POCOMOKE (AV)  
 ENGADINE (KAV) WOODWORTH McCALLA (DD) CATALPA  
 ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT) TRYON (AK)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
 ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - SHENANGO (ACV) NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
 BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) WEST POINT (AP)  
 TALAMANCA (AR)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVEREUIL (CL)

## II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Shortlands - (a) 16 of the destroyer force returning to Faisi from Guadalcanal were attacked approaching Faisi at 0800/2 by 10 dive bombers, 11 torpedo bombers with 20 fighters. One direct hit with 500-lb bomb is claimed on 1 destroyer and 2 near misses on another.  
 (b) 6 Fortresses, covered by 7 Lightnings and 3 Warhawks, attacked shipping at Shortlands at 1710/2, and scored 3 or possible 5 hits with 500-lb bombs on large cargo ship stationary between Ballale and Shortlands - possibly the same vessel as was hit at 0840/1. The vessel was last seen burning fiercely and listing. At least 20 enemy fighters intercepted and 9 were shot down plus 1 more probably. All our planes returned.
- X (2) Sydney - "PETER H. BURNETT" which was torpedoed 2155/22 January arrived in Sydney under tow p.m. 2/2. The torpedo hit No.5 Hold on starboard side but wool cargo took the concussion and prevented more extensive damage. The ship was abandoned by all except an armed guard in case of a second attack and 5 boats put away; four returned at daylight but the 5th carrying the Captain was unable to return.  
 Only 1 fatal casualty is reported.
- X (3) Wessel Is. - Further to the report of that attack on "PATRICIA CAM" by 1 floatplane on 22/1 the following detail has now been received:-  
 The aircraft approached the vessel in the path of the sun with engine shut off. The aircraft was not observed until bomb released. Hit obtained in main hatch and bomb exploded on ship's bottom, blowing it out. Sank in 2 minutes in 14 fathoms in position 11°19'S, 136°23'E (approx 20 miles S. Cape Wessel). Survivors bombed and machine gunned.

## III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against E. New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

*Rounds*  
 For A/DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	A TAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA } 1 damaged 19/1 AOBA ISUZU KATORI HASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU CI KITAGAMI	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)		TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 417 shore-based aircraft incl. 188 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 37 F/P, Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (1) Allied Forces

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN CALEN HERON W. B. PRESTON CEILDS	
S/P Tenders	PELIAS	
Submarine Tender	GRAYLING - )	
Submarines	GRENADIER )	
	GUDGEON )	On Patrol
	THRESHER )	
	TROUT )	
	K.12 )	
	GAR )	
	TAMBOR )	At Fremantle
	TAUTOG )	
	K.8 )	

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (1) Allied Forces

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces

C's in 6 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	A SHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (Damaged 21/1)
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 57 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport a/c		



B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

HITAKA (poss. repairing)  
ABUKUMA  
SENDAI  
SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

5 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALBIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kurils-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

DEVONSHIRE  
HAWKINS  
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DEUNTLESS  
DRAGON  
DURBAN  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE  
GLA SGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALANIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "JAPARA" to Oro Bay ETA 1400/4.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCROW" en route from Oro Bay.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting "TARCONA" from Thursday Island was due Port Moresby 0800/4.
- (4) SC.746 departed Townsville 1117/2 for Brisbane ETA 4/2.
- (5) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN31 ("SWARTENHONDT" "BANTAM") dep. Townsville 1320/2 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/5.
- (6) "GLENELG" departed Townsville 1858/3. Was due Cairns 0800/4 for boiler cleaning.
- (7) "HOBART" "PATTERSON" departed Dunk Island 2135/3. To return 1830/4.
- (8) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1220/2 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/6.
- (9) "SELFRIDGE" towing 3 MTB's departed Brisbane for Cairns 1656/2, ETA 0800/5.
- (10) S.S. "SIBIGO" towing 2 MTB's dep. Brisbane 1314/3 ETA Townsville 0600/7.
- (11) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HELM" exercising between Cape Moreton and Cape Byron during daylight 4/2.
- (12) "KYBRA" dep. Brisbane 1800/3 to carry out exercises with "AUSTRALIA" to seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion "KYBRA" to proceed to Sydney ETA 0300/8.
- (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" & 4 PT Boats, "STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "STEPHEN J.FIELD" "CORIO" "PORTMAR" "CHARON" & approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" 6 PT Boats (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "STUART" "BALLARAT" "VICTORIA" "POYANG"
(Repairing)	"BROOME" "COLAC"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GAMBLE" "TULSA" "BUNBURY" "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T.DICKMAN" SC.744 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and 8 PT Boats
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Convoy TN32 ("CANBERRA" "JASON LEE") to depart Cairns and RV with "STUART" at 0700/5. "STUART" to escort to Port Moresby.
- (2) "BAGLEY" "HELM" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T.DICKMAN" "MAUI" to depart Brisbane 0700/5. To escort to position 26°50'S, 159°E. "BAGLEY" "HELM" to return to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - Two air raids were reported on Guadalcanal 1955-2045/2 and 2255-2330/2. During first raid 1 plane dropped 5 bombs across fighter strip while our aircraft were landing. Material damage is not yet reported. During the second raid one plane dropped 7 bombs at Koli Point, (7 miles E. of Lunga) but no damage is reported. Two raids were again reported 1350-1945/3 and 2056-2150/3. Each raid was by a single plane. No damage has yet been reported.
- (2) Viru Harbour (S.W. Coast New Georgia) - <sup>0<sup>h</sup> 1/2</sup> 3 barges and a small submarine were at Viru Harbour. Some of the barges departed SE during the night 2-3/2 but some were still there a.m. 3/2, indicating that Viru Harbour is being used as a "staging" base probably between Munda and Wickham Anchorage.
- (3) Munda - 7 twin-engined aircraft were seen on Munda drome when 4 Marauders with 10 fighters attacked at 0830/3 and dropped bombs in target area. No interception was encountered. At 1303/3, 4 single-engined aircraft passed S.W. of Munda course SE.
- (4) Gizo - At 0945/3, a burning medium sized merchant vessel was seen beached on the east coast Gizo Is.
- (5) Shortlands Area - No reconnaissance report of Buin base has been received for 3/2 but a destroyer and 2 cargo vessels (8,000 & 10,000 tons) were sighted at 1815/3 20 miles S.W. Buin proceeding into the area. In addition, a destroyer and a cargo vessel were seen approaching Bougainville Strait from N. at 0900/3. The aerodrome and dispersal areas at Kahili were bombed by a Catalina at 0200/3.
- (5) Bougainville - Native reports confirm that Puruata (W.coast on north shore Empress Augusta Bay) has been occupied by the enemy.
- (6) Buka - More troops, guns, bombs and fuel have recently been landed at Buka. A large number of aircraft, many of which had arrived damaged from south, were reported on the 'drome p.m. 3/2. A cargo vessel was seen at anchor at SW end of Passage at 1015/3.
- (7) Rabaul - Reconnaissance of Rabaul 1030-1100/2 was interrupted by 15 Zero's of which 2 were damaged and possibly destroyed. 50 ships were, however, seen in the Harbour including one very large warship. Photos taken were incomplete but show -  
1 large unidentified vessel  
2 destroyers  
2 tankers (4000 and 10,000 tons)  
36 other vessels (totalling approx 164,000 tons)  
Total 41 plus 2 patrol craft  
At Lakunai aerodrome photos show:-  
6 medium bombers of which 3 damaged  
3 light bombers  
50 fighters of which 2 damaged  
Between 0500 & 0600/3, 3 Fortresses attacked Rabaul aerodromes but the target area was completely closed in. Bombs were dropped on both sides of the Harbour in the vicinity of Lakunai and Rapopo aerodromes.
- (8) Wide Bay - At 1455/3, a heavy cruiser was seen at the southern end of St. George's Channel on a southerly course. On approach of the aircraft, the cruiser turned toward Wide Bay. Bombs were dropped but fell wide. One Zero attempted interception but turned away on being fired on. At 1725/3, a destroyer was seen, also at S. end of St. George's Channel course South.
- (9) Lae - Activity on the runway has increased since p.m. 2/2 and blast bays were inspected p.m. 3/2, possibly presaging the arrival of aircraft. Photos taken 3/2 show only 2 probably serviceable aircraft on the aerodrome.
- (10) Wau - An allied patrol surprised a Japanese party 1 1/2 miles S.E. of Wau at 2100/1 and killed 15 to 20. Another strengthened patrol encountered Japanese

N.E. of Wandumi on 3/2 and killed 50-60 before withdrawing.

Wandumi was effectively shelled by artillery at about noon 2/2 when an enemy party was entering.

Patrols report the area immediately N.E. of Wau clear of enemy.

- (11) Morobe - Barges are reported to be running nightly from Amoā (6 miles N.W. Morobe) south to Waria River mouth.
- (12) Kumusi - A large party of Japanese is reported to have entered Deunia (about 15 miles up Kumusi River) p.m. 2/2. Nightly barge activity is reported in the area.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "WARREGO" & "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Darwin 1131/30 were due Onslow 1430/3.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0707/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/7.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"  
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" to escort "ALDINGA" "FINGAL" from Thursday Is. to Darwin as soon as "ALDINGA" arrives Thursday Is.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1321/1 to RV and escort "TRINITY" to Albany ETA 1100/5.
- (2) "TRCMP" departed Fremantle 1415/2 for RV with "ATHENE" and escort to Fremantle ETA 1100/4.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"  
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "TJERK HIDDERS"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"  
Port Hedland - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "SUMNER" due Sydney 1500/4 from Espiritu Santo.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 2334/31 for Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (3) "GEELONG" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" "GEORGE MATTHEWS" from RV off Dent Is. to Brisbane ETA 1200/6.
- (4) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy TS12 ("KATCOMBA" "DUNTHOON") from position 28°45'S, 153°44'E to Sydney ETA 1600/4.
- (5) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C068 departed Sydney 1643/3.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" from Melbourne to vicinity of 150°E. "ROCHAMBEAU" to proceed Samoa. "WARRAMUNGA"

- to proceed Sydney ETA p.m. 6/2.
- (7) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy CC67 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Sydney 0700/5, Newcastle 1300/5.
- (8) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "KAFUNDA" "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP33 (including "YUNNAN" "MERKUR" "BISHOPDALE") departed Sydney 1100/3 ETA Caloundra 0800/6. "MERKUR" to proceed to Palm Island ETA 0500/9. "YUNNAN" for Townsville ETA 1300/8. "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin ETA 2230/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
 "HENLEY" "DOBBIN" "DELORAIN" "WAGGA" "MIZAR"  
 "GOLD STAR" "HERMITAGE"  
 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
 "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD (AVD) THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE  
 STRONG CONY HUMPHREYS (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)  
 DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) SANDS (APD)  
 FRED. PUNSTAN AMERICAN LEGION GEORGE CLYMER JOHN PENN  
 HUNTER LIGGETT H.T. ALLEN W.P. BIDDLE (AP) ALDEBARAN  
 ALCHIBA TITANIA OBERON ALGORAB (AK) CONFLICT  
 SHELDRAKE (AM) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE, NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK (AO)  
 NAVAJO (AT) SOLACE (AH) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518  
 (3) At Noumea - MURPHY STRONG SMITH MAHAN McCAWLEY (DD)  
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
 KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES POMALHAET  
 CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)  
 PATHFINDER (AGS) ARD.2 YP.239  
 (4) At Suva - NASSAU COPAHEE (ACV) POCOMORE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV)  
 SHAW (DD) MCKEAN (APD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)  
 MENOMINEE (AT)  
 (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) KATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
 ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
 (6) At Vila - NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN)  
 PG.476 PG.477 PG.479 KITTYEAWK  
 (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.N.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)  
 (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)  
 (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Guadalcanal - Further to the reports of the enemy destroyer force which ran from Faisi to Guadalcanal p.m. 1/2-a.m. 2/2, Comsopac states that approx 20 destroyers set out and 19 were seen near Faisi a.m. 2/2 returning. Incomplete reports indicate that at least one destroyer was sunk and several damaged. In a night action off Cape Esperance, 5 motor torpedo boats were lost.  
 During day-long air activity at least 23 enemy aircraft were shot down compared with 10 of ours lost.
- (2) Open Bay - The units sighted by a Liberator 1600/2 between Lolobau Is. and New Britain coast were bombed by the aircraft. Photos show a direct hit on a 700 ton vessel which was sunk and near misses on another vessel of the same size probably inflicting damage.  
 In the other attack on shipping in Open Bay at 1125/2, no bomb hits are claimed but low-level strafing by the Liberator caused 30-50 casualties in the barges.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

4/2/43





Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 6 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGC  
TAKAC  
TONE  
HAGURO  
C HOKAI  
KUMANO )  
SUZUYA ) 1 damaged 19/1  
ACBA  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MYOKO (prob.dam.26/10)  
MOGAMI (believed sunk  
14/11)

7 light cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA ) believed sunk  
KINU ) 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11  
poss. sunk)

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 385 shore-based aircraft incl. 156 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 37 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Hotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TRCMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJEREK HIDDERS  
VAN CALEN  
HERON  
W.B.PRESTON

S/P Tenders

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
TROUT )  
K.12 )

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

GAR )  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) At Fremantle  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 57 B, 26 F/P, 16 transport a/c

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND  
E

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
LOUISVILLE  
CHICAGO

Aircraft Carriers

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

5" Cruisers

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA  
LEANDER

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

ALLY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" en route from Oro Bay.
- (2) "LATROBE" departed Port Moresby 0730/4 for Milne Bay  
ETA 2200/5.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Port Moresby 2000/4  
ETA Townsville 2000/6.
- (4) "GEELONG" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" "GEORGE MATTHEWS"  
from RV off Dent Is. to Brisbane ETA 1200/6.
- (5) "STUART" escorting "CANBERRA" "JASON LEE" to Port Moresby  
ETA 0600/7.
- (6) "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN33 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "GENERAL  
VERSPIJCK" "VAN SPILBERGEN") wasto depart Townsville  
1200/5 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/8.
- (7) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN31 ("SWARTENHONDT" "BANTAM")  
dep. Townsville 13 20/2 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/5.
- (8) "SELFRIDGE" towing 3 MTB's was due Cairns 0800/5.
- (9) s.s. "SIBIGO" towing 2 MTB's dep. Brisbane 1314/3 ETA  
Townsville 0600/7.
- (10) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1220/2 for Port Moresby ETA  
0800/6.
- (11) "KYBRA" dep. Brisbane 1800/3 to carry out exercises with  
"AUSTRALIA" to seaward of Cape Moreton. On com-  
pletion "KYBRA" to proceed to Sydney ETA 0300/8.
- (12) "BAGLEY" "HELM" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS"  
"JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" "MAUI" were to depart Brisbane  
1100/5. To escort to position 26°50'S, 159°E.  
"BAGLEY" "HELM" to return to Brisbane.
- (13) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels: "JAPARA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" & 4 PT Boats, "STELLA"
	"POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "STEPHEN J. FIELD" "CHARON"
	& approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "PORT MAR" "THEOFANO"
	LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small
	craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS" & 6 PT
	Boats (2 refitting)
	(Refitting) "VENDETTA" "GIE NELG"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH
	TALBOT" "BALLARAT" "VICTORIA" "POYANG"
	"AASE MAERSK", 4 PT Boats
	(Repairing) "BROOME"
Dunk Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "BUNBURY" "GOULBURN"
	"FULTON" SC.744 SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50 and 8 PT Boats
	(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WHYALLA" to depart Cairns 1500/5 for survey ground.
- (2) SC.744 towing 2 PT Boats to depart Brisbane p.m. 5/2 for Cairns.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - At about 1300/4 20 destroyers departed Faisi for the SE (see Naval Incidents).
- (2) Shortlands - Morning reconnaissance 4/2 sighted 22 vessels in the Buin-Faisi area including at least 9 probable cargo vessels. The reconnaissance was conducted prior to the departure of the destroyers mentioned in the previous Para. but it would appear that they were not seen. The composition of the units seen may be similar to that of the 23 vessels sighted a.m. 2/2 when there were 2 heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, 7 destroyers and 13 cargo ships.  
Aerodrome at Kahili was successfully bombed 0015-0320/4 by two Catalinas.
- (3) Buka - At 1145/4 11 fighters and 16 bombers passed over Buka course SE.
- (4) Rabaul - Lakunai aerodrome was bombed by 2 Fortresses 0430-0605/4.
- (5) Kavieng - Photos taken 1110/4 of Kavieng show one merchant vessel (8,000 tons), one small tanker and one patrol craft in Harbour, one heavy cruiser ("ATAGO" class) in Ysabel Passage (NE coast New Hanover Is.) and one heavy cruiser ("MOGAMI" class) off SW jaw of Balgai Bay. If the composition of units at Shortlands is as depicted in (2) above, it would appear that at least 4 heavy cruisers are now in the Bismarcks-Solomons area. 13 serviceable medium bombers and 3 light bombers and 4 fighters are visible on the aerodrome where constructional activity is in progress.
- (6) Jacquinet Bay - At 1900/4 1 destroyer and 2 cargo vessels (8-10,000 tons) were sighted approx 40 miles east of Jacquinet Bay course 360°. The position reported seems strange and may be further east indicating that the vessels are en route Rabaul from Shortlands.
- (7) Wewak - At 1445/4 4 small transports and one 500 ton unidentified vessel were sighted stationary in the vicinity of Wewak.
- (8) Lae - Lae aerodrome was attacked twice a.m. 4/2 by B.25's co-ordinated with Bostons each time.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" were to depart Onslow 0900/5 for Darwin.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD9 ("ALDINGA" "FINGAL") dep. Thursday Island 1945/4 for Darwin.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0707/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/7.
- (4) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"  
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "HERON" dep. Port Hedland 1930/3 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 5/1.

- (2) "TJERK HIDDES" en route Geraldton to Fremantle ETA 0600/5.  
 (3) "VAN GALEN" escorting "TRINITY" was due Albany 1100/5.  
 (4) "WALLAROO" escorting "REYNEILLA" dep. Fremantle 0755/3. "WALLAROO" to part company and proceed Albany ETA 0730/5 and provide A/S escort for "TRINITY" to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMELA" "CHILDS" "ATHENE"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" dep. Townsville 2334/31. Was due Sydney 0930/5.  
 (2) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C068 departed Sydney 1643/3.  
 (3) "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Sydney ETA p.m. 6/2 after escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" to vicinity of 159°E.  
 (4) "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting portion Convoy OC67 to Newcastle ETA 1300/5.  
 (5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP33 (including "YUNNAN" "MERKUR" "BISHOPDALE") departed Sydney 1100/3 ETA Caloundra 0800/6. "MERKUR" to proceed to Palm Is. ETA 0500/9. "YUNNAN" for Townsville ETA 1300/8. "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin ETA 2230/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "DOBBIN" "DELORAINÉ" "WAGGA" "MIZAR" "MORESBY" "GYMPIE" "GOLD STAR" "HERMITAGE" "SUMNER" "YP.504"  
 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" to depart Moreton Bay p.m. 5/2 for Sydney.  
 (2) "MORESBY" "WAGGA" to escort Convoy C069. To take over convoy from "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" at RV off Sydney p.m. 6/2.

B) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AV) BALLARD THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE NICHOLAS LA VALLETTE CONY (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED.FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P.BIDDLE (AP) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TITANIA OBERTON ALGORAB (AK) CONFLICT (AM) ARCTIC (AF) PLATTE NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) SOLACE (AH) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518

- (3) At Noumea - MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD)  
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
 KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMATAUT CASTOR (AK)  
 SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ~~PATHFINDER (AG)~~ ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - NASSAU COPAHEE (ACV) POCOMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV)  
 SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO)  
 MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
 ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - HOPKINS (DD) GAMBLE (DM) NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR)  
 ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.746 PC.477 PC.479 PATHFINDER (AG)  
 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Faisi-Guadalcanal - Additional information on the "Tokyo Express" run 1-2 Feb. leads Comsopac to the conclusion that one enemy destroyer was definitely sunk by motor torpedo boats in the night action off Cape Esperance and probably a second. Analysis of all reports indicates that 3 destroyers may have been sunk if more than 20 participated in the operation. We lost 3 motor torpedo boats in the action, not 5, as previously reported.

Another "Tokyo Express" was run last night 4-5/2. 20 destroyers departed Faisi at about 1300/4 and were reported at various stages on their SE course until they were attacked at 1600/4 by 13 Avenger torpedo planes, 7 Dauntless dive-bombers escorted by 8 Aircobras, 4 Lightnings and 15 Wildcats. 25 Zero's covered the enemy convoy. Aircraft reported one destroyer sunk and 1 badly damaged while 7 Zero's were shot down and probably 5 more: we lost 4 Avengers, 1 Dauntless and 1 Wildcat.

The convoy was attacked again at 1730/4 when it consisted of 18 destroyers. 1 additional unit was seen at this time in the distance to NW burning and headed NW, confirming the claims of the first attack.

The second attack was made by 13 Dauntless escorted by 10 Wildcats and 4 Warhawks: the convoy was covered by 35 Zero's. Two hits were claimed on one destroyer and one on another. 10 Zero's were shot down and probably 2 more: we lost 1 Warhawk while 2 Wildcats and 1 Dauntless are missing.

At 2150/4, 3 ships were seen 20 miles N. of Russell Group still on course 150° and at 0145/5 6 ships were reported retiring to west 20 miles W. of Cape Esperance although some units were thought still to be in the vicinity of Cape Esperance at 0323/5.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Araupra Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.





	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 6 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA ) 1 damaged 19/1	MYOKO (prob.dam.26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 27 submarines (SS) Approx 40 destroyers (DD) 4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 383 shore-based aircraft incl. 155 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER ) TROUT ) K.12 ) GAR ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) K.8 )	On Patrol      At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

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(ii) Enemy Forces:

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Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
LOUISVILLE

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

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10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

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2 light cruisers (CL)

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TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

LIVERPOOL

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

CALEDON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

ALAUNIA

CARTHAGE

CORFU

CHITRAL

RAV PURA

WORCESTERSHIRE

CARLISLE

NEWCASTLE  
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EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th February, 1943

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" from Oro Bay ETA Port Moresby 0900/7.
- (2) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Port Moresby 2000/4 ETA Townsville 2000/6.
- (3) "STUART" escorting "CANBERRA" "JASON LEE" to Port Moresby ETA 0600/7.
- (4) "WHYALLA" dep. Cairns 1620/5 for survey ground Cape Nelson area ETA Eschen Strait 1700/7.
- (5) "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN33 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "VAN SPILBERGEN") was to depart Townsville 1200/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/8.
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- (8) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1220/2 for Port Moresby. Was due 0800/6.
- (9) SC.746 departed Brisbane 1645/5 for Lady Elliot Island. To return Brisbane.
- (10) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP33 were due Caloundra 0800/6. "GOULBURN" escorting "KARSIK" "HEEMSKERK" dep. Brisbane 2040/5 to RV with Convoy GP33 at outer end swept channel. "GOULBURN" to assume duties of S.C. escort. On arrival vicinity Gladstone, "KARSIK" "HEEMSKERK" to proceed independantly. "KAPUNDA" to return to Brisbane for boiler cleaning. "GOULBURN" to escort "MERKUR" "G.W. McGRARY" "MONTORO" "BISHOPDALE" to Whitsunday Passage and "BOWEN" to escort "YUNNAN" "BALIKPAPAN" "YARRA" to Whitsunday Passage. On completion "GOULBURN" to proceed Gladstone, "BOWEN" to proceed Brisbane. "YUNNAN" for Townsville ETA 1300/8, "MERKUR" for Palm Island ETA 0500/9. "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin ETA 2230/31.
- (11) SC.744 towing 2 MTB's departed Brisbane 0915/5 ETA Townsville p.m. 9/2.
- (12) "BAGLEY" "HELM" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" "MAUI" dep. Brisbane 1205/5. To escort to position 26°50'S, 159°E. "BAGLEY" "HELM" to return to Brisbane.
- (13) 4 PT Boats en route Townsville to Cairns.
- (14) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BENDIGO"
	Merchant Vessels:	"JAPARA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"LATROBE" "HILO", 4 PT Boats,
		"STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels:	"STEPHEN J. FIELD" "CHARON" and
		approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels:	"GORGON" "PORT MAR" "THEOFANO
		LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"SELFRIIDGE" "PLATYPUS" & 9 PT
		Boats (2 refitting)

Cairns (Contd). - Warships & Aux. - VENDETTA "GLENELG" (refitting)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BAILARAT" "VICTORIA" "POYANG"  
 (Repairing) "BROOME"  
 Challenger Bay - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH  
 TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK"  
 Dunk Island - Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON"  
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (repairing)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" "BUNBURY" "GEELONG"  
 "FULTON" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and  
 8 PT Boats  
 (Repairing) "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kapingamarangi - An enemy force reported to consist of 2 aircraft carriers (one large, one small), 4 battleships, 6 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers & 12 destroyers was seen 170-180 miles NE Kapingamarangi between 0825-1052/5. At one time, the units were on course 240° and later some or all changed to 110°. The reporting aircraft took advantage of cloud cover to come down to 3,500 ft directly overhead of the convoy.
- (2) Ontong Java - A small plane-scouting vessel was ~~xxx~~ reported ~~at~~ 1300 and 1620/5 zigzagging 95-100 miles NE Ontong Java. The vessel was strafed and damaged. ~~and an enemy tender~~
- (3) Shortlands - At 1000/5 one large warship and 11 cargo vessels were seen in the area; 10 of the cargo vessels were in Tonclei Harbour. At 1156 the returning "Tokyo Express" entered Faisi (see Naval Incidents).
- (4) Buka - 2 medium cargo vessels were sighted 16 miles SSW Buka Passage course north at 1600/5 apparently going into Buka. At 1035/5 an enemy destroyer was seen in position 75 miles NE Buka Passage course 220° speed 15 knots.  
 Recent observations indicate about 40 aircraft operating from Buka Passage aerodrome.
- (5) Rabaul - Lakunai and Vunakanau aerodromes were bombed by 7 Fortresses during night 4-5/2.
- (6) Talasea - A cargo vessel (approx 1000 tons) was seen off Talasea at 1000/5 and probably the same vessel was seen again at 1510/5. The vessel was attacked on each occasion.
- (7) Wewak - Photographs Wewak Harbour 4/2 show one destroyer one small merchant vessel, 2 launches. Visual report of this recce given yesterday was shown as 4 small transports and one 500 ton unidentified vessel. The photos also show 3 fighters on the runway with constructional activity progressing rapidly.
- (8) Alexishafen - Photographs 4/2 show that the runway is not serviceable but is being extended.
- (9) Madang - Photographs 4/2 show that the runway is serviceable and is being extended; dispersal areas are being constructed.
- (10) Finschhafen - Photographs 4/2 show the runway to be unserviceable
- (11) Wau - in minor operations during the night 3-4/2 and early morning 4/2 several enemy attempts to break through our positions E and SE of Wau were repulsed without casualties on our side. In the same area two enemy positions had been occupied by evening 4/2.
- (12) Kumusi River - Enemy remnants apparently attempting to escape down the River on rafts were engaged during the night 2-3/2 by an army patrol and about 75 casualties inflicted.
- (13) Milne Bay - On 5/2 there were unconfirmed reports of a possible submarine in Milne Bay.
- (14A) Guadalcanal - Enemy aircraft were over Guadalcanal from 2025/4 to 0500/5 no doubt for the purpose of neutralising the airfield during landing operations which were being conducted at that time (see Naval Incidents).

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD9 ("ALDINGA" "PINGAL") dep. Thursday Island 1945/4 for Darwin.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH" dep. Darwin 0707/3 for Thursday Island ETA 1000/7.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - The township, jetty and shipping were successfully attacked 5/2 by 9 Liberators. Results have still to be assessed.
- (2) Dobo - The township was attacked 5/2 by 9 B.25's.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "HERON" dep. Port Hedland 1930/3 for Exmouth Gulf ETA a.m. 5/1.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" escorting "TRINITY" was due Albany 1100/5.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Albany - " - Warships & Aux. - "WALLAROO"  
Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "JACOB VAN  
HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDEN" "HORSEHAM" "ELIAS"  
"DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS" "ATHENE"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "WHIPPOORWILL" "PRESTON" "LARK"  
Onslow - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 1300/6. On completion of exercises with "AUSTRALIA", "KYBRA" was to proceed Sydney ETA 0300/8.
- (2) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C069 was to depart Newcastle 1030/6. "MORESEY" "WAGGA" to RV off Sydney p.m. 6/1 and take over escort.
- (3) "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Sydney 1341/5 for Fremantle.
- (4) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C068 dep. Port Phillip 2221/5 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C068.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" due Sydney p.m. 6/2 after escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" to vicinity of 159°E.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HOVEY" "ARUNTA" "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
"HENLEY" "DOBBIN" "DELORAINIE" "MIZAR" "GYMPIE"  
"GOLD STAR" "HERMITAGE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE"  
YP.504  
(Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG33 ("S. JACOB" "BAN HONG LIONG" "BUNDALEER") to depart Brisbane 1400/6. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy PG33A ("GEORGE CHAPPEY" "C.W. PEALE" "TASMAN") to depart Brisbane 1800/6.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE NICHOLAS LA VALETTE CONY SCUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P. BIDDLE (AP) SANDS (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIEA TAGANAK OBERON ALGORAB (AK) ARCTIC (AF) WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/s Vessel)  
 (3) At Noumea - MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) IA SSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT CASTOR (AK) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239  
 (4) At Suva - NASSAU COPAHEE (AGV) POGMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)  
 (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
 (6) At Vila - NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) HOMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PG.746 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK  
 (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)  
 (8) At Wellington - LIBRA (AK)  
 (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vanikoro - An enemy aircraft was over Vanikoro between 1110-1124/4 and again at 1108/5. This was probably for recce purposes as no bombs are reported to have been dropped.  
 (2) Nauru - Recce a.m. 5/2 reports a well-developed aerodrome on Nauru with construction in progress. Aircraft were seen landing.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Faisi-Guadalcanal - Further reports of the "Tokyo Express" 4-5/2, consisting of 20 destroyers which dep. Faisi about 1300/4 (as reported yesterday) show that 17 or 18 units reached Guadalcanal by about 2245/4. Landings were apparently effected from 10 to 12 destroyers between that time and 0100/5 in vicinity of Aruligo (E. of Cape Esperance), Visale (almost on the point) and at Kamimbo (Coughlan Harbour, west of Cape Esperance). The remaining 6 to 8 units probably acted in the capacity of a screening force.

Six destroyers were seen departing from the vicinity of Cape Esperance - Coughlan Harbour course 240 at 0115/5 and 5 were reported SE of Satukai Is. (southernmost New Georgia) course 290° at 0325/5.

17 destroyers were seen entering Faisi from south at 1140/5.

Enemy aircraft were over Guadalcanal from 2245/4 - 0500/5 in an effort to neutralize our air activities against their landing.

Approx 40 landing barges were seen a drift between Cape Esperance and Savo Is. at daylight 5/2.

It would appear that one destroyer was probably sunk as a result of the first air attack at 1600/4 and another severely damaged at the same time that it fell out of the convoy and was last seen retiring N.W. burning. As only 17 destroyers were seen returning into Faisi, it would appear that another unit may have been sunk by the second air attack at 1730/4 or later in the vicinity of Savo Is. where a large oil slick was seen at daylight 5/2.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

*Laundy*  
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

6/2/43





EffectiveNon-effective

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(p. 6 effective)

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO }  
SUZUYA } 1 damaged 19/1  
ACBA  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)  
MOGAMI (believed sunk  
14/11)

7 light cruisers (CL)

TATSUTA } believed sunk  
KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11  
poss. sunk)

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 366 shore-based aircraft incl. 138 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
ANIMBLA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )

K.12 )  
GAR )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

3.

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 173 shore-based a/c incl. 76 F, 57 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Effective Allied Forces:

Non-effective

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

AEUKUMA  
SENDAI

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
CHICAGO

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
HELENA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES

BRANER  
LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)

2 light cruisers (CL)

NACHI  
TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
D ANAE

DURBAN  
CAPE TOWN

CERES  
CALEDON  
CARADG  
SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "YOCHOW" from Oro Bay was due Port Moresby 0900/7.
- (2) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1517/6 ETA Milne Bay 1200/7.
- (3) "VICTORIA" dep. Cairns 1445/6 for Townsville.
- (4) "STUART" escorting "CABERRA" "JASON-LEE" to Port Moresby was due 0600/7.
- (5) "WHYALLA" dep. Cairns 1620/5 for survey ground Cape Nelson area ETA Goschen Strait 1700/7.
- (6) "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN33 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Townsville 1334/6 for Port Moresby, ETA 1600/7.
- (7) SC.744 towing 2 PT Boats departed Brisbane 0915/5 ETA Townsville 9/2.
- (8) SC.746 dep. Brisbane 1645/5 for Lady Elliot Island. To return Brisbane.
- (9) "TULSA" towing 4 PT Boats departed Brisbane a.m. 7/2 for Cairns.
- (10) Convoy GP33 - "GOULBURN" S.O. Escort. On arrival vicinity Gladstone, "KARSIK" "HEEMSKERK" to proceed independently. "KAPUNDA" to return to Brisbane for boiler cleaning. "GOULBURN" to escort "MERKUR" "G.W. McCRARY" "MONTORO" "BISHOPDALE" to Whitsunday Passage ETA 1930/8 and "BOWEN" to escort "YUNNAN" "BALIKPAPAN" "YARRA" to Whitsunday Passage ETA 0530/9. "GOULBURN" to RV with "TARONGA" and escort to Brisbane. "BOWEN" to RV with "POYANG" and escort to Brisbane. "YUNNAN" for Townsville, "MERKUR" for Palm Island, "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin.
- (11) "BAGLEY" "HELM" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" "MAUI" dep. Brisbane 1205/5. To escort to position 26°50'S, 159°E. "BAGLEY" "HELM" to return to Brisbane.
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	Merchant Vessels: "JAPARA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "KATOOMBA" "HILO", 4 PT Boats, "STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "STEPHEN J. FIELD" "BANTAN" "CHARON" "SWARTENHONDT" & approx 40 small craft
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "PORT MAN" "THEOPANO" "LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "PLATYPUS" & 13 PT Boats (2 refitting)
	(Refitting) "VENDETTA" "GLENELG"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "POYANG" 2 PT Boats
	(Repairing) "BROOME"
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH" "TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIDGE"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUGA" (repairing)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "FULTON" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and 4 PT Boats
	(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" to depart Milne Bay 1300/7 for Oro Bay.
- (2) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN34 ("JASSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") to depart Townsville 1300/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin - Kahili aerodrome was attacked 0230/6 by one Catalina.
- (2) Buka - a.m. 6/2 4 small cargo vessels were in Buka Passage. At 0305/6 the runway was bombed by a Catalina. There is continued evidence of enemy reinforcement and consolidation on Buka Is. and on the N. coast of Bougainville Is.
- (3) East of New Ireland Area - The following shipping has been sighted 5/2 & 6/2 in the waters to the E. and N.E. of New Ireland -
  - 0900/5 - 1 cargo vessel 120 miles E. Namatanai course 230°
  - 0952/5 - 1 tanker 150 miles NE Namatanai course 165°
  - 1210/6 - small W/T vessel 250 miles NE Namatanai course 200°
  - 1230/6 - W/T ship 240 miles ENE Namatanai course 200°
- (4) Buka Passage - At 0855/6 the following shipping was seen probably about 25 miles NNE Buka Passage - course 210°, speed 10 knots -
  - 1 heavy cruiser
  - 1 destroyer
  - 2 cargo vessels
- (5) Rabaul - Rabaul was harassed from 2135/5 to 0215/6 by one Fortress which dropped bombs intermittently throughout the period.
- (6) Open Bay - A 500 ton cargo vessel was seen off Tagada at 1015/6.
- (7) Finschhafen - At approximately 0800/6 a 500 ton cargo ship was seen off Finschhafen.
- (8) Lae - The aerodrome was successfully bombed by 7 B.25's at about 1400/6.
- (9) Wau - Allied activities are limited to offensive patrols which have occupied some new positions east of Wau. Between 1045 and 1300/6 about 18 enemy medium bombers and at least 50 fighters were encountered over the Wau area. Our fighters intercepted on five occasions with considerable success.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD9 ("ALDINGA" "PINGAL") dep. Thursday Island 1945/4 for Darwin.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "KOOLIGA" "BURWAH" dep. Darwin 0707/3 for Thursday Island. Was due 1000/7.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - Photos taken at the time of the attack on enemy shipping 1150/5 show 9 merchant ships 1000-10,000 tons totalling approximately 34,000 tons and one submarine chaser.
- (2) Darwin - An enemy aircraft was intercepted and destroyed over Darwin at noon 6/2.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Exmouth Gulf a.m. 5/2. Was due Carnarvon 0610/6.
- (2) "TROMP" escorting "ATHENE" dep. Fremantle 1115/6. "TROMP" to continue escort until p.m. 7/2, ETA "ATHENE" Port Phillip 1500/11.

(b) In Harbour:

Albany	- Warships & Aux. -	"VAN GALEN" "WALLAROO" "TRINITY"
Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. -	"ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
		"TJERK HIDDERS" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO"
		"KANIMELA" "CHILDS"
Geraldton	- Warships & Aux. -	"WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. -	"PRESTON" "LARK" "HERON"
Onslow	- Warships & Aux. -	"WARREGO" "INVERELL"
	Merchant Vessels:	"MAETSUYCKER"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "KYBRA" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 0300/8.
- (2) "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG33 ("S. JACOB" "BAN HONG LIONG" "BUNDALEER") departed Brisbane 1442/6. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy PG33A ("GEORGE CHAFFEY" "C.W. PEALE" "TASMAN") was to depart Brisbane 2200/6.
- (3) "MORESBY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy C069 dep. Sydney 1729/6.
- (4) "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Sydney 1341/5 for Fremantle.
- (5) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C068 to Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

X Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "WARRAMUNGA"
		"ARUNTA" "HOVEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY"
		"DOBBIN" "DELORAIN" "MIZAR" "GYMPIE"
		"ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GOLD STAR" "HERMITAGE"
		"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" "YP.504"
(Repairing)		"PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"
(In Reserve)		"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE MAHAN HOPKINS NICHOLAS LA VALETTE CONY SOUTHARD (DD) GAMBLE (DM) CURTISS MAEKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P. BIDDLE (AP) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TAGANAK OBERON TITANIA ALGORAB (AK) ARCTIC (AF) WHIPSTOCK (AO) NAVAJO (AT) PATHFINDER (AG) CONFLICT SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - ZANE TREVER MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ANTARES FOMALHAUT CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - COPAHEE (ACV) POCOMOKE (AV) ENGADINE (XAV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) MENOMINEE (AT)

- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)  
VIREO (AM) MANLEY (APD) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)  
STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CIMARRON NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN)  
PC.746 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT LARDNER (DD) LIBRA (AK) PRES.ADAMS  
PRES.JACSON PRES.HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) Guadalcanal - Comsopac reports that observers state ~~that~~ an explosion was heard off the enemy held coastal positions during the night 4-5/2 while enemy destroyers were in the vicinity. As there was no motor torpedo boat nor air attack, coupled with the fact that a large oil slick was seen near Savo Is. at daylight 5/2, Comsopac suggests that one of the destroyers hit a mine.  
This would account for the third missing unit as 20 destroyers set out from Faisi and only 17 returned. One was believed sunk by air attack at 1500/4 while at the same time a second was severely damaged and was last seen retiring to N.W. burning.
- (2) Buka Passage - The two vessels, reported yesterday as 2 medium cargo vessels 16 miles SSW Buka Passage course N. at 1600/5, were subsequently stated to be one 6-8000 ton cargo vessel and one 6-8000 ton tanker. The cargo vessel was attacked and one very near miss or possible hit was obtained on the bow.
- (3) Talasea - The 500 ton cargo vessel sighted during the morning 5/2 and probably the same vessel again at 1510/5 as reported in yesterday's "Enemy Forces". The vessel was unsuccessfully bombed in the morning but in the afternoon 2 direct hits were scored and the vessel sank in 3 minutes.
- (4) Ambon - Prior to the attack by 8 Liberators on shipping at Ambon at 1150/5, 5 merchant vessels (medium to 10,000 tons) were seen in Ambon Bay: none were seen in the inner harbour. A direct hit was scored on a 10,000 tonner which was left burning and near misses or possible hits were reported on 2 medium-sized merchantmen.  
About 10 Zero's intercepted the Liberators and five were destroyed while another was damaged. All our aircraft returned.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.  
(2) Possible diversicnary action from the Marshalls area.  
(3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.  
(4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).  
(5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

X A Summary of Japanese Naval Losses for January 1943 is attached.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

7/2/43





EffectiveNon-effective

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
 (prob. 7 effective)

ATAGO  
 TAKAO  
 TONE  
 NACHI (poss. N. Pacific)  
 HAGURO  
 CHCKAI  
 KUMANO }  
 SUZUYA } 1 damaged 19/1  
 AOEA

MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10)  
 MOGAMI (believed sunk  
 14/11)

7 light cruisers (CL)

ISUZU  
 KATORI  
 KASHIMA  
 HAGARA  
 TENRYU  
 OI  
 KITAGAMI

TATSUTA } believed sunk  
 KINU } 14/11

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)  
 Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
 Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)  
 4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
 AKITSUSHIMA  
 NISSHIN  
 KAMOI

CHIYODA (damaged 8/11  
 poss. sunk)

8 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 366 shore-based aircraft incl. 138 F, 152 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,  
 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
 Flotilla Leader  
 A.A. Ship  
 Armed Merchant Cruiser  
 Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
 TROMP  
 VAN HEEMSKERK  
 KANIMBLA  
 TJERK RIDDES  
 VAN CALEN

S/P Tenders

HERGN  
 W. B. PRESTON  
 CEILDS

Submarine Tender  
 Submarines

PELA S  
 GRAYLING )  
 GRENADIER )  
 GUDGEON )  
 THRESHER )  
 TROUT )  
 K.12 )

On Patrol

GAR )  
 TAMEOR )  
 TAUTOG )  
 K.8 )

At Fremantle

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)  
 3 light cruisers (CL)

ASEIGARA  
 KASHII  
 KUMA

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NCTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 173 shore-based aircraft incl. 76 F, 57 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANA POLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUJIO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
WICHITA  
CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
HELENA

LEANDER

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONGWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
REMLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS

8" Cruisers

GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

DEVONSHIRE

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

GAMBIA

BIRMINGHAM

ENTERPRISE

LIVERPOOL

DAUNTLESS

DRAGON

DURBAN

CAPETOWN

CERES

GALETON

CARADOC

SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALANIA

CARTHAGE

CORFU

CHITRAL

RAIPURA

WORCESTERSHIRE

CHARLISLE

NEWCASTLE

GLASGOW

EMERALD

DANAE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting "JAPARA" from Oro Bay ETA "JAPARA" Milne Bay 1200/8 ETA "BENDIGO" Townsville 0700/11.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Milne Bay 1300/7 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/8.
- (3) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1500/7 for Brisbane ETA 0700/11.
- (4) "WHYALLA" dep. Cairns 1620/5 for survey ground Cape Nelson area.
- (5) "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN33 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Townsville 1334/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/9.
- (6) SC.744 towing 2 PT's departed Brisbane 0915/5 ETA Townsville p.m. 9/2.
- (7) SC.746 dep. Brisbane 1645/5 for Lady Elliot Island. To return Brisbane.
- (8) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 ETA Cairns 0530/12.
- (9) Convoy GP33 - "GOULBURN" S.O. Escort. On arrival vicinity Gladstone, "KARSIK" "HEEMSKERK" to proceed independently. "KAPUNDA" to return to Brisbane for boiler cleaning. "GOULBURN" to escort "MERKUR" "G.W. McGRARY" "MONTORO" "BISHOPDALE" to Whitsunday Passage ETA 1930/8 and "BOWEN" to escort "YUNNAN" "BALIKPAPAN" "YARRA" to Whitsunday Passage ETA 0530/9. "YUNNAN" for Townsville, "MERKUR" for Palm Island, "BISHOPDALE" for Darwin.
- (10) "BAGLEY" "HELM" escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ARCTURUS" "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN". To escort from Brisbane to Noumea. Were due 0600/8. "BAGLEY" "HELM" to return to Brisbane.
- (11) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"KATOCMBA" "HILO" 4 PT's "STELLA" "POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels:	"STEPHEN J. FIELD" "BANTAM" and approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	"STUART" "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels:	"PORT MAR" "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "JASON LEE" approx 20 small craft
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"SWAN" "PLATYPUS" & 13 PT's (2 refitting)
	(Refitting)	"VENDETTA" "GLENELG"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. -	"BALLARAT" "POYANG" "VICTORIA" 2 PT's
	(Repairing)	"BROOME"
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALEOT" "AASE MAERSK"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. -	"HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIE"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. -	"ECHUCA"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. -	"BUNBURY" "FULTON" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 and 2 PT's
	(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "SEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOULBURN" to RV with "TAROONA" off Dent Island 1930/8 and

escort to Brisbane. "BOWEN" to RV with "POYANG" "VICTORIA" off Dent Island 0630/9 and escort to Brisbane.

- (2) "ECHUCA" to depart Maryborough p.m. 8/2 for Gladstone ETA 0600/9.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN34 ("JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") to depart Townsville 1300/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 0630/7 a cargo vessel was seen in Kula Gulf between New Georgia and Kolombangara Is. headed towards Kolombangara. This unit may be en route Vila Plantation.
- (2) Guadalcanal - Another "Tokyo Express" consisting probably of 19 destroyers departed Faisi at about noon 7/2. This force was reported again W. of Vella Lavella headed SSE and was attacked by Guadalcanal aircraft south of Rendova Island at 1735/7 (see Naval Incidents).
- (3) Shortlands - Attempts to carry out reconnaissance of Shortlands 7/2 were unsuccessful owing to weather.
- (4) Buka - a.m. 7/2 a large number of enemy aircraft were reported heading south or SE over Buka Passage.
- (5) Cape St. George - The following enemy shipping was reported off Cape St. George 7/2 -  
1540/7 - one medium transport 10 miles S. Cape St. George course 320°  
1600/7 - 3 destroyers, 4 transports 45 miles SE Cape St. George course 320°.  
In the latter sighting two smoke screens were being laid down by the destroyers.
- (6) NE New Ireland Area - At 0855/6 the following units were sighted 150 miles NE Kavieng course 210° speed 10 knots -  
1 heavy cruiser  
1 destroyer  
2 cargo vessels  
These units were erroneously reported originally and were given yesterday (7/2) as 25 miles NNE Buka Passage.
- (7) Talasea - Two 50' motor barges were sighted at 0910/6 in Riebeck Bay (W. coast Willaumez Peninsula). The barges were estimated to contain 75 men each and were strafed by a Liberator causing considerable casualties and setting one barge on fire.
- (8) Finschhafen - It is reported 7/2 that Finschhafen area is occupied by not more than 300 Japanese with the H.Q. at Kakokoç believed to be the Hospital near Finschhafen Mission. The report states that no attempt has been made to use Finschhafen aerodrome. Machine gun emplacements are located in the vicinity of Salamkaua ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile NE Finschhafen Mission) where natives report a 4" naval gun. Another naval gun believed 4" is reported by natives to be at Malaoba ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile SW Finschhafen Mission).
- (9) Lae - Reconnaissance at 1300/7 reported 12 probably fighters and 5 twin-engined aircraft on Lae aerodrome all believed to be serviceable.
- (10) Wau - The area west of Bulolo River is being cleared of Japanese, otherwise activities are limited to patrols.
- (11) Morobe - Nightly movement of barges is reported to continue from Amoa (N.W. Morobe Harbour) to Dona (at the mouth Waria River).
- (12) Opi River - An enemy party was reported 6/2 to be moving down Opi River.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD9 ("ALDINGA" "PINGAL") dep. Thursday Island 1945/4 for Darwin.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Darwin - An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was sighted over Darwin 1007/7. Interception was unsuccessful.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA Melbourne 1500/11. "TRUMP" returning Fremantle, after escort duty with "ATHENE".
- (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Geraldton 0700/7 ETA Exmouth Gulf 0800/9.

(b) In Harbour:

Albany	- Warships & Aux. -	"VAN GALEN" "WALLAROO" "TRI-NITY"
Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. -	"ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIBLA" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. -	"PRESTON" "LARK" "HERON"
Onslow	- Warships & Aux. -	"WARREGC" "INVERELL"
	Merchant Vessels:	"MAETSUYCKER"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

An enemy submarine attacked U.S.S. "HERON" off Exmouth Gulf 1845/7 (see Naval Incidents).

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "KYBRA" en route Brisbane to Sydney was due 0300/8.
- (2) "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG33 ("S. JACOB" "BAN HONG LIONG" "BUNDALEER") dep. Brisbane 1442/6.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy PG33A ("GEORGE CHAFFEY" "C.W. PHALE" "TASMAN" "GEORGE MATTHEWS") departed Brisbane 1440/7 ETA Newcastle 0540/9, Sydney 0940/9.
- (4) "MORESEBY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy C069 dep. Sydney 1729/6.
- (5) "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) dep. Sydney 1341/5 for Fremantle
- (6) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C068 to Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "HOVEY" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "HENLEY" "DOBBIN" "DELORAIN" "MIZAR" "GYMPIE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "GOLD STAR" "HERMITAGE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YP.504 (Repairing) "PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG" (In Reserve) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Gabo Island - An enemy submarine torpedoed "IRON KNIGHT" off Euros Inlet shortly after midnight on 7-8/2 (see Naval Incidents).

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B. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE  
ANDERSON NICHOLAS LA VALETTE CONY SOUTHEARD (DD)  
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (AD)  
NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN  
W.P. BIDDLE (AF) STRINGHAM SANDS (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA  
TAGANAK OBERON ALGORAB CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF)  
WHIPSTOCK PLATTE NEOSHO (AO) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM)  
YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - "ZANE TREVOR MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS  
McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ANTARES FOMALEAUT CASTOR (AK) TRYON (AP H) SONOMA (AT)  
SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) CATALPA  
ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) NATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)  
VIRED (AM) MANLEY (APD) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)  
STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CIMARRON NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) RCAMER BUTTERNUT (YN)  
PG.746 PG.477 PG.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT LARDNER (DD) LIBRA (AK) PRES. ADAMS  
PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vanikoro - An unidentified aircraft was over Vanikoro at 1015/6 and at 1025/6 four unidentified aircraft were seen again.
- (2) Nauru - 9 unidentified aircraft were seen on the runway 7/2 and 2 Zero's airborne.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Finschhafen - A 500 ton camouflaged vessel off Finschhafen (reported under Enemy Forces yesterday 7/2) was attacked by a Liberator at 0735/6. The ship burst into flames and was still burning when the aircraft returned at 1145/6 at which time she appeared completely destroyed and grounded.
- (2) Open Bay - A 500 ton camouflaged cargo ship off Tagada (reported under Enemy Forces yesterday 7/2) was attacked at 1027/6 by the same Liberator that destroyed the ship off Finschhafen. Photographs show a damaging near miss and another aircraft over the area an hour later saw no sign of the ship.
- X (3) Guadalcanal - The "Tokyo Express" consisting probably of 19 destroyers, which departed Faisi at about noon 7/2 was attacked by 15 Dauntless dive-bombers, escorted by 20 fighters, at 1735/7 20 miles S. of Rendova Is. Hits are reported on two destroyers. 15 Zero's accompanied the convoy and 2 were shot down plus one probably. All our aircraft returned.  
A second air strike was cancelled owing to weather.  
At about 0300/8, 3 or 4 ships were believed to be 10 miles NW Cape Esperance.
- X (4) Gabo Island - The British freighter "IRON KNIGHT" (4,800 tons) is reported to have been torpedoed in position 36°05'S, 150°38'E (approx 25 miles E. of Turos Inlet) shortly before 0230/8. "IRON KNIGHT", carrying ironstone for Newcastle from Melbourne, was in convoy OC68 (3 ships for Port Kembla, 2 for Sydney and 5 for Newcastle) escorted by HMAS "MILDURA" and "TOWNSVILLE". H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" first reported sighting rockets followed by 2 heavy explosions and large fires and



at 0340/8 reported that "IRON KNIGHT" had been torpedoed. Immediate search proved negative and "MILDURA" intended to return at daylight to the scene of the action to search for survivors.

This is the first attack by enemy submarine in this area since "PETER H. BURNETT" was torpedoed 22/1/43 about 420 miles E. of Sydney.

- X (5) Exmouth Gulf - U.S.S. "HERON" reported being attacked by submarine in position  $26^{\circ}00'S$ ,  $112^{\circ}53'E$  (13 miles off W. coast Dirk Hartog Is.) at 1845/7. Torpedoes passed ahead of "HERON" which dropped four depth charges in the estimated position of the submarine and then proceeded on her course.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

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For A/DIRECTOR C.C.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

8/2/43



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 7 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE NACHI (poss. N. Pacific) HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA } 1 damaged 19/1 AOBA	MYOKO (prob. 4am. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL) Approx 27 submarines (SS) Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD) 4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA HISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) Several Submarine Tenders Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons) Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft Approx 346 shore-based aircraft incl. 121 F, 149 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBIA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDUS VAN GALEN HERON W.B. PRESTON CHILDS	
S/P Tenders	PELIAS	
Submarine Tender	GRAYLING	} On Patrol
Submarines	GRENADIER	
	GUDGEON	
	THERESHER	
	TROUT	
	K.12	} At Fremantle
	GAR	
	TAMBOUR	
	TAUTOG	
	K.8	

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 168 shore-based a/c incl. 71 F, 57 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.		

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
CCPAHEE  
GREENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

WICHITA  
CHICAGO

LEANDER

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1626/8 for survey ground Cape Nelson area.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD" was to depart Milne Bay 0600/9. To escort to vicinity Port Moresby. "KATOOMBA" to return to Milne Bay. "STEPHEN J. FIELD" to proceed Cairns.
- (3) "PIRIE" departed Port Moresby 1903/8 to RV with "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" at Stephen Island and escort to Port Moresby ETA Stephen Island 1800/9, Port Moresby 1700/10.
- (4) "STUART" escorting "CANBERRA" departed Port Moresby 1917/7 for Townsville ETA 2000/9.
- (5) "BENDIGO" en route Oro Bay to Townsville ETA 0700/11.
- (6) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1500/7 for Brisbane ETA 0700/11.
- (7) "BOWEN" was to RV with Convoy TS14 ("POYANG" "VICTORIA") off Dent Island 0630/9 and escort to Brisbane.
- (8) "GOULBURN" escorting "TAROONA" from RV off Dent Island to Brisbane.
- (9) "ECHUCA" was due Gladstone from Maryborough 0600/9.
- (10) "COLAC" escorting Convoy TN33 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "VAN SPILBERGEN") dep. Townsville 1334/6 for Port Moresby ETA 1600/9.
- (11) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN34 ("JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") dep. Townsville 1210/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.
- (12) "YUNNAN" en route Townsville; "MERKUR" en route Palm Island having been escorted to Whitsunday Passage in Convoy GP33.
- (13) "VENDETTA" to RV with "BISHOPDALE" off Fitzroy Island 9/2 and escort to Darwin.
- (14) SC.744 towing 2 PT's departed Brisbane 0915/5 ETA Townsville 1400/9.
- (15) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 ETA Cairns 0530/12.
- (16) "BAGLEY" "HELM" en route Noumea to Brisbane.
- (17) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "SWARTENHONDT"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 4 PT's "STELLA"
	"POLARIS"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
	"JAPARA", and approx 40 small craft
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.
	Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"
	"ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "JASON LEE" approx 20 small craft
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "PLATYPUS" & 13 PT's (2 refitting)
	(Refitting) "GENELG"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" 2 PT's
	(Repairing) "BROOME"
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIDGE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "FULTON" "KAPUNDA"  
3C.746 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 & 2 PT's  
(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "KURUMBA" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 for Oro Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Buin-Faisi - At 0730/8 an allied aircraft reported sighting 17 ships including cargo vessels, destroyers and other warships in the Buin-Tonolei area. At the same time 17 destroyers were observed approaching Shortland Is., thus making a minimum total of 34 vessels in the area a.m. 8/2.
- X (2) Guadalcanal - "Tokyo Express" night 7/8. After being attacked south of Rendova Is. at 1735/7 the enemy convoy of 19 destroyers proceeded towards Guadalcanal. Gomsopac suggests that some of the vessels possibly called at the Russell Islands whilst the remainder made for the Cape Esperance area. Aircraft observed 3 or 4 vessels N.W. of the Cape at 0300/8 and 20 barges were seen off the Cape at 0710/8.  
At 0730/8 six destroyers entered Faisi Harbour and the remaining 13 were observed 10 miles E. of Faisi about an hour later. Two of the vessels were proceeding at a reduced speed.
- (3) Nuguria Is. - At 0800/8 an enemy tanker was observed 155 miles NNE of Nuguria Is. course 320°, speed 15 knots, apparently empty.
- (4) Kolombangara Is. - An enemy vessel was reported at 0910/7 to be approaching Vila Plantation.
- (5) Vella Lavella - On the evening of 7/2 and early morning 8/a several enemy aircraft were observed passing over Mundi Mundi on a northerly course.
- (6) Wau - Allied activity in the area mainly limited to patrols. Wandumi village was reported clear of the enemy on afternoon of 7/2.
- (7) Morobe - Evidence of intense activity in this area on 8/2. New buildings seen and a possible landing strip under construction.
- (8) Coral Sea - At 0920/8 aircraft reported sighting a submarine approx 135 miles SSW of Milne Bay. Graded C.3.
- (9) Cape York - Aurukun Mission (160 miles SSW of Cape York) reported an unidentified aircraft flying high at 1225/8, course NNE.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/9:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD9 ("ALDINGA" "PINGAL") dep. Thursday Island 1945/4 for Darwin.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0912/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/12.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - At 1057/8 an air raid was reported in progress. All clear given at 1120/8.
- (2) Aroe Is. - A B.24 reported observing at 1324/7 a 3,000 ton vessel off a small island south of Oedjir Is. (10 miles N. of Dobo).
- (3) Broome - At 0930/8 an allied aircraft sighted a Type 97 M/B approx 270 miles WNW of Broome, course 210°.

SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Geraldton 0700/7. Was due Exmouth Gulf 0800/9.
- (2) "TJERK HIDDES" dep. Fremantle 0630/8 to assist in search for submarine which attacked "HERON" Dirk Hartog Island area.
- (3) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Albany -	-- Warships & Aux. -	"VAN GALEN" "WALLAROO" "TRINITY"
Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. -	"ADELAIDE" "JACOB VAN HEEMSKERK"
		"HORSHAM" "PELIAS" "DUBBO" "KANIMBLA" "CHILDS"
Geraldton	- Warships & Aux. -	"HERON"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. -	"PRESTON" "LARK"
Onslow	- Warships & Aux. -	"WARREGO" "INVERELL"
	Merchant Vessels:	"MAETSUYCKER"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy PG33A ("GEORGE CHAFFEY" "C.W. PEALE" "TASMAN" "GEORGE MATTHEWS") departed Brisbane 1440/7, was due Newcastle 0540/9, Sydney 0940/9.
- (2) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC69 departed Port Phillip 2235/8 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MORESBY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy C069.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due Sydney 0600/9, "WARRAMUNGA" due Sydney 0745/9 after search for survivors of "IRON KNIGHT".
- (4) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1500/11.
- (5) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC68 to Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" "HOVEY"
		"HENLEY" "DOBBIN" "DELORAINE" "MIZAR" "GYMPIE"
		"KYBRA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" "GOLD STAR"
		"HERMITAGE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YP.504
(Repairing)		"PORTLAND" "NEW ORLEANS" "AL HENA" "BUNDABERG"
(In Reserve)		"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"SPRINGDALE"
(Refitting)		"WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" to escort Convoy C070 departing Newcastle 10/2. "YANDRA" to sail for Newcastle to take over convoy off Nobby Head at 1100/10. "ROCKHAMPTON" to sail with Sydney section p.m. 10/2 and join main convoy off Sydney.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "HERMITAGE" to vicinity of 159°E to depart Sydney 0800/10. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return to Sydney.
- (3) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP34 to depart Sydney 1000/10.
- (4) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy STL ("KATOOMBA" "WANAKA") to depart Sydney 1100/10 for Townsville. "GYMPIE" to return Brisbane for working up.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE  
ANDERSON NICHOLAS LA VALETTE CONY SOUTHARD (DD)  
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (DD)  
NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN  
W.P. BIDELE (AP) STRINGHAM (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA  
TAGAWAK OBERON ALGORAB CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF)  
WHIPSTOCK PLATTE NEOSHO (AD) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM)  
YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - ZANE TREVER MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS  
McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ANTARES FOMALHAUT GASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT)  
SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - PDCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) CATALPA  
ROSEWOOD (YN) KANKAKEE (AO) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA KIWI TUI (A/S Vessels)  
VIREO (AM) MANLEY (APD) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)  
STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - CIMARRON NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN)  
PG.746 PG.477 PG.478 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT LARDNER (DD) LIBRA (AK) PRES. ADAMS  
PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Nauru Is. - Aerial recon 8/2 reveals landing strip at aerodrome  
3500 x 105 feet and 24 A.A. positions. A possible seaplane  
base is also shown and a shipping dock capable of accommodating  
vessels up to 6,000 tons.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" & "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney morning 8/2  
to search for survivors of "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed and sunk  
25 miles off Turos Inlet shortly before 0230/8. The vessel  
sank in 2 minutes. "LE TRIOMPHANT" reported picking up 14  
men. Survivors believed that the rest of the complement  
were lost with the ship. The total complement was believed  
to be 50. "WARRAMUNGA" & "LE TRIOMPHANT" were ordered to  
continue the search until dark. "WARRAMUNGA" reported at  
2310/8 that she had no survivors on board. "WARRAMUNGA" &  
"LE TRIOMPHANT" were to return to Sydney early morning 9/1.
- X (2) Guadalcanal - The Commanding General, Guadalcanal, reports  
that enemy resistance is weakening on the island thus  
indicating that the last two "Tokyo Expresses" have been  
engaged in evacuating part of the Japanese forces.  
Support is lent to this suggestion by the sighting  
of empty barges floating off Cape Esperance.



III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Renewed offensive against Guadalcanal.
- (2) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls area.
- (3) Consolidation Lae-Salamaua-Wewak area.
- (4) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area (Milne Bay).
- (5) Consolidation Timor-Arafura Sea-Dutch New Guinea including possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

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9/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART	HENLEY
Submarines	VENDETTA GRAMPUS ) GRAYBACK ) GREENLING ) At Brisbane NAUTILUS ) TRITON )	
	ALBACORE AMBERJACK ARGONAUT GATO GROWLER GROUPE GUARDFISH SNAPPER SWORDFISH TUNA WAHOO	On Patrol
Submarine Tender Destroyer Tender Gunboats	K.9 FULTON DOBBIN TULSA HILO	At Sydney
Oilers	<del>VICTORIA</del> VICTORIA BISHOPDALE AASE MAERSK	KURUMBA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA ZUIHO HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO ) CHUYO ) Ferrying OTAKA

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	VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON	
	W.B. PRESTON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING )	
	GRENADIER )	
	GUDGEON )	
	THRESHER )	On Patrol
	TROUT )	
	K.12 )	
	GAR )	
	TAMOR )	
	TAUTOG )	At Fremantle
	K.8 )	

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CENTRAL PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLANDWEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEEConverted A/C Carrier  
8" CruisersSALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLISDestroyers  
Submarines15 (approx)  
23 (approx)(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)ISE  
FUJIO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
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Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
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SENDAIC. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTE CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

CHICAGO  
HEBEMA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUANDestroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMONDINDIAN OCEAN AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

GAMBIA  
MAURITIUS  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON  
DURBAN  
CAPETOWN  
CERESNEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CALEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATHA (Dutch)  
ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

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- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" from Stephen Is. to Port Moresby ETA 1700/10.
- (3) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1500/7 for Brisbane ETA 0700/11.
- (4) "BENDIGO" was to RV with "STEPHEN J. FIELD" in position 14°15'S, 148°11'E at 0700/10 and escort to Cairns. "BENDIGO" to proceed Townsville. "KATOOMBA" was due Milne Bay 0230/10 after escort duty with "STEPHEN J. FIELD".
- (5) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TS14 ("POYANG" "VICTORIA") from Dent Island to Brisbane.
- (6) "GOULBURN" escorting "TAROONA" from RV off Dent Island to Brisbane.
- (7) "VENDETTA" dep. Cairns 1800/9 to RV with "BISHOPDALE" off Fitzroy Is. "CASTLEMAINE" to provide additional escort from Thursday Island ETA "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" Thursday Is. 1030/12 ETA Darwin 1230/15.
- (8) Convoy TN35 - "STUART" escorting "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" "GEORGE McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" were to depart Townsville 1200/10. To RV with "GLENELG" escorting "FRANCIS LEWIS" off Fitzroy Is. at 0600/11. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S, 147°55'E. "STUART" to escort "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" to Port Moresby ETA 1530/13. "GLENELG" to escort "GEORGE McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" to Milne Bay ETA 1730/13.
- (9) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN34 ("JASSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") dep. Townsville 1210/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.
- (10) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GT5 ("CLEVELAND ABBE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "A RSIK") en route Gladstone to Townsville ETA 1000/11.
- (11) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 ETA Cairns 0530/12.
- (12) "BAGLEY" "HELM" en route Noumea to Brisbane.
- (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "LATRO BE"
	Merchant Vessels: "SWARTENHONDT"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM" & approx 40 small craft
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC"
	Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "JASON LEE", and approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "PLATYPUS" & 16 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN" SC.744 1 PT
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "FULTON" "KAPUNDA"  
"KURUMBA" SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.50 2 PT's  
(Repairing) "LITHGOW" "GEELONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 for Oro Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Considerable enemy air activity was reported in the Munda area early a.m. 9/2.
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance over the Shortlands - Tonolei area 9/2 was prevented by weather but 2 small ships, possibly destroyers, were seen between Shortlands and Choiseul headed towards Shortlands. In addition, one destroyer and one merchant vessel were seen off E. of Loluei Point (S.E. Bougainville) proceeding S.E. at 0935/9.
- (3) Buka - At about noon 9/2, 2 destroyers and 2 transports arrived probably from the south. Subsequently one destroyer one transport and one small cargo vessel departed in a N.W. direction. At 1700/9 vessels at Buka Passage were reported as one destroyers, one cargo vessel (1000 tons) one cargo vessel (200 tons).  
Eight twin-engined unidentified bombers passed over Buka course south at 1730/9.  
There are continued reports of consolidation in the Buka Passage area.
- (4) Lae - Enemy positions in the vicinity of Malahang were attacked p.m. 9/2 by Bostons co-operating with 7 Beaufighters.
- (5) Wau - A strong enemy party in the vicinity of Bridge Kunda (N.W. Wandumi) was overcome during the afternoon 8/2. Mopping up is in progress.
- (6) Morobe Harbour - Japanese strength at the mouth of the Waria River is now estimated as possibly 400. Supplies are brought regularly by submarines.
- (7) Kumusi River - Some survivors of the enemy remnants which attempted to escape down the river have reached Kurenada at the mouth of the Kumusi River.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0912/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/12.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "FINGAL" "ALDINGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - One enemy seaplane dropped 2 bombs in the vicinity of Merauke at 1115/8 without inflicting damage.
- (2) Kendari - The aerodrome was attacked a.m. 9/2 by 8 Liberators. Some shipping was seen but details have still to be received.
- (3) Flores Sea - At 1256/9, one destroyer and two merchant vessels were sighted about 120 miles N. Alor Island, course 2500.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "TJERK HIDDES" dep. Fremantle 0630/8 to assist in search for submarine which attacked "HERON" Dirk Hartog Is. area.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"  
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "ISOBEL" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO"  
"DUBBO" "PELIAS" "CHILDS" "KANINBLA" "TRINITY"

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"

Onslow - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 12 00/10:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" to escort Convoy C070 departing Newcastle 10/2. "YANDRA" to sail for Newcastle to take over convoy off Nobby Head at 1100/10. "ROCKHAMPTON" to sail with Sydney section p.m. 10/2 and join main convoy off Sydney.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PORTLAND" to depart Sydney 10/2. To provide escort for two days. "PORTLAND" en route U.S. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Brisbane on completion of duties.
- (3) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "HERMITAGE" was to depart Sydney 0930/10. To escort to the vicinity of 159°E. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to return Sydney.
- (4) "MORESBY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy OC69 en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (5) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP34 ("CARADALE" for Brisbane; "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" for Townsville) were to depart Sydney 1000/10 ETA Caloundra 2300/12.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy ST1 ("KATOOMBA" "WANAKA") was to depart Sydney 1000/10 for Townsville ETA 0300/14.
- (7) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1500/11.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" "HOVEY"  
"DOEBIN" "DELORAINE" "MIZAR" "MILDURA"  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR" "SUMNER"  
"BUNGAREE" YP.504  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ALHENA" "BUNDA BERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - An enemy submarine attacked "STARR KING" 150 miles East of Sydney at 0622/10 (see Naval Incidents).

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LANDSDOWNE  
LA VALETTE CONY SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC  
TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (DD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)  
FRED.FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P.BIDDLE (AP) STRINGHAM (APD)  
ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TAGANAK OBERON ALGORAB CARINA (AK)  
ARCTIC (AF) WHIPSTOCK NEOSHO (AO) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM)  
YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessels)
- (3) At Noumea - TREVER MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY POMALHAUT  
CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2  
YP.239 SC.748
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) ANTARES (AK)  
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA ~~KIWI~~ TUI (A/S Vessels)  
VIREO (AM) ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.746  
PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONONAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) TALAMANCA (AR)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting + LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GAN SEVOORT LARDNER (DD) LIBRA (K) PRES.ADAMS  
PRES.JACKSON PRES.HAYES H.T.ALLEN (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

X  
Sydney - U.S. Liberty Ship "STARR KING" (7,200 tons) was  
torpedoed at 0622/10 in position 34°15'S, 154°20'E (150  
miles E. of Sydney). Latest reports indicate that she  
is still afloat and aircraft have been despatched to the  
area.

"STARR KING" departed Sydney 1000/9 for New  
Caledonia with cargo for the Commanding General.

"IRON KNIGHT" was sunk by torpedo at about 0200/8  
in a position approx 200 miles S.W. of the scene of the  
attack on "STARR KING".

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - N.  
coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -  
Timor/Arafura Sea Islands preparatory to future  
offensive operations.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea  
area.
- (3) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls  
area.
- (4) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.

*Raundy*  
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

13/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
	PORTLAND	
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) On Reserve
		WESTRALIA )
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HENLEY
	HELM	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	GRAYBACK )	
	GREENLING )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TRITON )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	
	GROWLER )	
	GROOPER )	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH )	
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TUNA )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	EURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
	HARUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO )
	Ferrying
	OTAKA

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 7 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE NACHI (poss. N.Pacific) HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO SUZUYA	MYOKO (prob. dam. 26/10) MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11)
7 light cruisers (CL)	AOBA ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	TATSUTA ) believed sunk KINU ) 14/11
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	CHIYODA (damaged 8/11 poss. sunk)
9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 324 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 131 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEESWEEK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERE HIDDIS VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER ) TROUT ) K.12 ) GAR ) TAMBOUR ) TAUTOG ) K.8 )	On Patrol      At Fremantle

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 167 shore-based a/c incl. 71 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.		

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 - 8" Cruiser (CA)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

SHOKAKU  
TIKUMA (damaged 26/10)

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO  
ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHAN  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

CHEMANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE

6" Cruisers

WICHITA  
CHICAGO  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers  
10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
HAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

✓ HAWKINS  
✓ FROBISHER  
✓ MAURITIUS  
✓ GAMBIA  
✓ BIRMINGHAM

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DAN AE

6" Cruisers

ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS →  
DRAGON →  
DURBAN →  
✓ CAPETOWN  
✓ CERES →  
CALEDON  
CARADOC →  
SUNATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CCRFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERS\_HIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" departed Milne Bay 1500/10 for Oro Bay ETA 1800/11.
- (3) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" from Oro Bay to Port Moresby.
- (4) "BENDIGO" escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD" to Cairns ETA 1700/11. "BENDIGO" to proceed Townsville.
- (5) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TSl4 ("POYANG" "VICTORIA") from Dent Island to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 0800/12.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" to Darwin. "CASTLEMAINE" to provide additional escort from Thursday Island ETD "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" Thursday Island 1030/12 ETA Darwin 1230/15.
- (7) SC.744 towing one PT was due Cairns 1100/11 from Townsville.
- (8) Convoy TN35 - "STUART" escorting "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" "GEORGE McCRRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" ex Townsville was to RV with "GLENELG" escorting "FRANCIS LEWIS" off Fitzroy Island at 0600/11. Convoy was to split at position 11°50'S 147°55'E. "STUART" to escort "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" to Port Moresby ETA 1530/13. "GLENELG" to escort "GEORGE McCRRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" to Milne Bay ETA 1730/13.
- (9) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN34 ("JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH") dep. Townsville 1210/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/11.
- (10) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GT5 ("CLEVELAND ABBE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "KARSIK") en route Gladstone to Townsville, was due 1000/11.
- (11) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 for Cairns and Milne Bay.
- (12) "GOULBURN" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" dep. Caloundra 0145/11. To escort to Whitsunday Passage ETA 0800/13.
- (13) SC.748 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 0900/12.
- (14) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO", 4 PT's, approx 40 small craft
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "PIRIE" Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "HENRY DEARBORN" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "JASON LEE", approx 20 small craft
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "PLATYPUS" & 16 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN"
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "HELM" "BUNBURY" "FULTON" "KAPUNDA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "KURUMBA" SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.50 2 PT's (Repairing) "LITHGOW" "GEELONG"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - Comsopac reports that the defeat of the Japanese forces on Guadalcanal was completed on 9/2. The main body of our attacking force joined with the enveloping detachment which had been landed in the vicinity of Coughlan Harbour previously just east of Cape Esperance, captured or killed all resisting enemy. Isolated pockets of resistance are being mopped up.
- (2) New Georgia - Considerable air activity was reported over and in the vicinity of Munda 10/2.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 10/2 reported 26 vessels in the Shortlands area as follows -
  - 17 destroyers
  - 6 cargo vessels in Buin-Tonolei area
  - 1 very large cargo vessel off Ballale Is.
  - 2 flat top vessels, one of which had a white circle on each end of the deck with no evidence of an island.Two flights of 14 unidentified aircraft and 20 single engined fixed landing gear monoplanes flew N.W. over the N. end of Choiseulis. at approx 1640/10. The flight of 14 may be the same as some of those reported over Munda.
- (4) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 10/2 reported an enemy bomber on Gasmata strip which appeared to have been lengthened. A.A. fire was encountered from the vicinity of the runway.
- (5) St. George's Channel - Reconnaissance sighted at approximately 1830/10 the under-mentioned units approximately 50 miles SSE Cape St. George, course 3050, speed 10 knots:-
  - 1 destroyer
  - 4 transports (one 10,000 tons, 2 of 5000 tons, one smaller).
- (6) Lae - Reconnaissance at 0720/10 reported three aircraft probably bombers on the runway.
- (7) Wau - The main body of the enemy party which was overcome on 8/2 in the vicinity of Bridge Kunda (N.W. Wandumi) withdrew a.m. 9/2 through Wandumi towards N.E. Enemy troops numbering perhaps 150 were seen moving up the Wandumi track and as a result of engagement by our artillery 50 are believed to have been killed. Further enemy troops were seen 9/2 on the tracks near Wandumi.
- (8) Kumusi - Our patrols report 10/2 having killed 30 Japanese at the Kumusi River mouth.
- (9) Milne Bay - Natives report a regular daily visit of a submarine to the vicinity of Slade Is. (approx 30 miles E. of the southern entrance to Milne Bay).
- (10) Buka - The 3 ships (one destroyer, one 1000 ton cargo ship and one 200 ton cargo vessel) reported in Buka Passage at 1700/9 were still there at 1750/10. Another small cargo vessel was either ~~xxxx~~ loading or unloading at Chabai (on the N. jaw entrance to Matchin Bay on NW coast Bougainville)

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0912/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/12.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "PINGAL" "ALDINGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Toeal - The town area at Toeal was bombed by 3 Hudsons at about noon 10/2.

- (2) Kendari - Further details of the raid on Kendari 9/2 by 8 B.24's show that numerous fires were started, a possible ammunition or fuel dump was hit and installations were destroyed. A 9000 ton transport in the Harbour was bombed, no hits scored. Two enemy fighters intercepted the Liberators between Timor and Kendari on the way to the target and one was destroyed while 7-10 more fighters were encountered over Kendari and one Zero was probably destroyed.

Photographs show the following aircraft -

- 18 serviceable bombers
- 8 bombers doubtful or unserviceable
- 1 transport aircraft
- 37 Single Seater Fighters
- 11 dummy aircraft

Also a new runway and dispersal areas. One small vessel at the wharf, 7 barges and 2 launches are visible in the Harbour in addition to the 9000 ton transport attacked, while 24 motor transports, aircraft parts and stacked stores are visible on or near the wharf.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" departed Fremantle 0610/10. To escort to position 25°22'S, 100°01'E. "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle. "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" were to provide local A/S escort until 2000/10.
- (3) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" en route Onslow to Exmouth Gulf ETA 1400/11.
- (4) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1400/9 for Fremantle ETA 1500/12.

##### (b) In Harbour

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ISOBEL" "NORSHAM"
	"WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "PELIAS" "CHILDS" "KANIMBLA"
	"TRINITY"
Geraldton	- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "TJERK HIDDEN"
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK"

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C070.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" "MILDURA" "LE TRIOMPHANT" returning to Sydney, following on sinking of torpedoed U.S. Liberty Ship "STARR KING".
- (3) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Melbourne ETA 1500/11.
- (4) "MORESEY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy OC69 en route Sydney and Newcastle.
- (5) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy ST1 ("KATOOMBA" "WANAKA") dep. Sydney 1134/10 for Townsville ETA 0330/14.
- (6) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy GP34 ("CYCLE" ex Newcastle; "CARADALE" for Brisbane; "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" for Townsville) dep. Sydney 1003/10 ETA Caloundra 0001/13.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PORTLAND" "HOVEY"
	"DOBBIN" "DELOIRINE" "MIZAR" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR"
	"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" "YDG.2"
(Repairing)	"NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"
(In Reserve)	"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"



Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PORTLAND" to depart Sydney 0630/12.  
"WARRAMUNGA" to provide escort for two days. "PORTLAND"  
en route U.S. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Brisbane on  
completion of escort duties.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS" (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LA VALETTE  
CONY SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC, (TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED. FUNSTAN  
JOHN PENN W.P. BIDDLE (AP) STRINGHAM (APD) ALDEBARAN  
ALCHIBA TAGANAK ALGORAB CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF)  
WHIPSTOCK NEOSHO (AO) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM) YP.290  
YP.517 YP.518 (
- (3) At Noumea - LANSDOWNE BUCHANAN WILSON GRAYSON TREVER  
MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP)  
KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ARIDED CASTOR (AK)  
TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUANICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) ANTARES (AK)  
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN)  
PC.746 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
SOLACE (AH).  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT LARDNER (DD) LIBRA (AK) PRES. ADAMS  
PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES H.T. ALLEN (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Sydney - U.S. Liberty Ship "STARR KING" which was torpedoed  
at about 0625/10, 150 miles east of Sydney, sank at 0230/11.  
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" was despatched early a.m. 10/2  
to aid the damaged vessel and reported at 1450/10 that she  
had the whole of the ship's complement on board. "STARR KING"  
had been struck by 2 torpedoes at one hour intervals but there  
had been no casualties.

An attempt was made to take the vessel in tow but as  
indicated the vessel subsequently sank.

This makes the fifth submarine attack this year off  
the N.S.W. coast:-

- 18/1 - "KALINGO" (Br. cargo, 2000 tons) sunk
- 18/1 - "MOBILUBE" (U.S. Tanker, 10,000 tons) reached port
- 22/1 - "PETER H. BURNETT" (U.S. Liberty Ship; 7,200 tons)  
reached port.
- 8/2 - "IRON KNIGHT" (Br. Freighter; 4,800 tons) sunk
- 10/2 - "STAR R KING" (U.S. Liberty Ship; 7,200 tons) sunk.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly  
Central & Northern Solomons - N.coast New Guinea - S.W.coast  
Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls.
- (5) Increased offensive submarine activity.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	PORTLAND	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRI OMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HENLEY
	HELM	xEMM
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	GRAMPUS )	
	GRAYBACK ))	
	GREENLING ))	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TRITON )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	GROWLER )	
	GID DPER )	On Patrol
	GUARDFISH )	
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TUNA )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
	HARUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	Z UIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO ) Ferrying
	OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doutful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

7 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 324 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 131 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJENK HIDDES  
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )  
K.12 )  
GAR )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 166 shore-based aircraft incl. 70 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.



D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers DETROIT  
RALEIGH  
10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA  
KISD  
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
Aircraft Carrier ILLUSTRIOUS  
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS  
8" Cruisers DEVONSHIRE  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS  
FROBISHER  
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS NEWCASTLE  
GAMBIA GLASGOW  
BIRMINGHAM EMERALD  
ENTERPRISE DANAE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON  
DURBAN  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATRA (Dutch)  
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
A.A. Ship CARLISLE  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

12th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" from Oro Bay to Port Moresby.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" departed Port Moresby 0800/11 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/12.
- (4) "BENDIGO" escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD" to Cairns was due 1700/11. "BENDIGO" to proceed Townsville.
- (5) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TS14 ("POYANG" "VICTORIA") from Dent Island to Brisbane. Was due Caloundra 0800/12.
- (6) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" were to depart Thursday Island 1030/12 for Darwin ETA 1230/15.
- (7) "STUART" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN35 ("MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" "GEORGE McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS"). Convoy to split at position 11°50'S, 147°55'E at 230/12. "STUART" to escort "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" to Port Moresby ETA 1530/13. "GLENELG" to escort "GEORGE McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" to Milne Bay ETA 1730/13.
- (8) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 for Cairns and Milne Bay.
- (9) "GOULBURN" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" dep. Caloundra 0145/11. To escort to Whitsunday Passage ETA 0800/13.
- (10) SC.748 en route Noumea to Brisbane was due 0900/12.
- (11) "H ELM" "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 1504/11 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (12) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "HILO", 4 PT's Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH" approx 40 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "HENRY DEARBORN" "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE", approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" SC.744 "PLATYPUS" 17 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" "YUNNAN"
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE" "MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "FULTON" "KAPUNDA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "KURUMBA" SC.746 YMS.9 YMS.50 2 PT's
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GEELONG"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Enemy aircraft activity was reported 11/2 in the vicinity of Munda, Vila Plantation and Mundi Mundi. Munda was attacked by four Marauders with fighter cover at 1045/11 and Vila Plantation at 1700/11 by 4 Marauders with fighter

with fighter cover. In the latter attacked two Zero's and ~~two~~ unidentified aircraft were encountered and one probable Zero shot down.

- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance of the Shortlands area 11/2 was again prevented as the area was closed in.
- (3) Buka - At 1650/11 2 small cargo vessels only, remained in the Passage indicating that the destroyer reported there the previous day had departed.  
12 twin-engined bombers passed over Buka at about noon on the 10th on a southerly course.  
At 1445/11 2 destroyers, one probable tanker and three medium cargo vessels were sighted 5 miles off Queen Carola Harbour course 345°. This is the 5th convoy reported in the Buka - Cape St. George area proceeding on a northerly course since the beginning of this month consisting of 16 merchant vessels and a probable tanker indicating the withdrawal of troops from the Shortlands area. This does not mean that permanent defence forces have been withdrawn from the Shortlands base but more likely the return of troops probably intended for the anticipated assault on Guadalcanal.
- (4) Rabaul - Rabaul area was harassed by for 2 hours by one Fortress from midnight to 0200/11.  
Reconnaissance reported some ships in Rabaul Harbour at noon 11th but that the concentration did not appear heavy.
- (5) Wau - On 9/2 our artillery successfully harassed enemy on the tracks and in the vicinity of Wandumi, apparently causing them to withdraw towards Mubo. Our patrols are active in other sectors of this theatre.
- (6) Morobe - Between 0040 and 0318/11 one Catalina harassed enemy at the mouth of the Waria River.
- (7) Buna - At 0930/11 a submarine was reported in the vicinity of Cape Endaiadere.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "FINGAL" "ALDINGA"

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "WANGANILLA" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" departed Fremantle 0610/10.  
To escort to position 25°22'S, 100°01'E. "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle.
- (3) "TJERK HIDDUS" departed Geraldton 1145/11 for Fremantle.
- (4) "WHIPPOORWILL" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1400/9 for Fremantle ETA 1500/12.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"ISOBEL" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"  
"CHILDS" "KANIMBLA" "TRINITY"  
Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "WARREGO"  
"INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

###### (a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy C070.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due Sydney 0730/12 after investigating submarine sighting report.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PORTLAND" was to depart Sydney 0630/12. "WARRAMUNGA" to provide escort for two days. "PORTLAND" en route U.S. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Brisbane on completion of escort duties.
- (4) "MORESBY" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy OC69 en route Sydney and Newcastle.
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###### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "DELORAIN" "MILDURA"  
"NIZAR" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE"  
YDG.2  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ARUNTA"  
"HOVEY" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "ATHENE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

##### (11) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - Indications of two enemy submarines were received at 0135/11:-

33°S, 155°40'E (190 miles E. by N. Sydney)

34°20'S, 153°20'E (100 mi E. by S. Sydney)

At about 0420/11 the coming tower of a submarine was seen in a position 33°47'S, 156°22'E approx 225 miles east of Sydney.

#### B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LA VALETTE  
GRAYSON CONY SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)  
FRED. FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P. BIDILE (AP) STRINGHAM  
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YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - LANSDOWNE BUCHANAN DRAYTON WILSON GRAYSON TREVER  
MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER CRESCENT CITY  
(AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ARIDED  
CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.29
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) TALAMANCA (AP) MCKEAN (APD)  
ANTARES (AK) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) VIREO (AM)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - ANDERSON (DD) NEFSCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PG.746 PG.477 PG.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT (DD) PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON  
PRES. HAYES (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)



II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls.
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12/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA PORTLAND	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HELM RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART	HENLEY
Submarines	VENDETTA GRAYBACK ) GREENLING ) NAUTILUS ) TRITON )	At Brisbane
	ALBACORE ) AMBERJACK ) ARGONAUT ) GATO ) GRAMPUS ) GROWLER ) GROUPEL ) GUARDFISH ) SNAPPER ) SAORDFISH ) TUNA ) WANOO )	On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN FULSA BILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet ( Striking Force )	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAOMI O HARUNA KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO HAYATAKA HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO ) CHUYO ) Ferrying OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

Effective

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

7 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
Approx ~~32~~ 40-45 destroyers (DD)  
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 324 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 131 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBIA  
TJERK HIDDIS  
VAN GAL EN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON )  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )  
K.12 )

On Patrol

GAR )  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CSs in C Lt, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 166 shore-based aircraft incl. 70 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet

4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

SHOKAKU

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPANEE  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA  
CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
ACHILLES

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier

Seaplane Carrier

8" Cruisers

\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
\* ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
DEVONSHIRE  
\* GEORGIOS AVEDOFF (Greek)

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS \* GLASGOW  
GAMBIA \* EMERALD  
BIRMINGHAM \* DANAE  
ENTERPRISE DAUNTLESS  
LIVERPOOL DURBAN  
\* DRAGON CERES  
CAPETOWN CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

\* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
\* CORFU  
CHITRAL  
PAN PURA  
RANCHI  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
\* CARL ISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

\* Note: Present location uncertain

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

13th February, 1943.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDY" from Oro Bay to Port Moresby.
- (3) "COLAC" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" dep. Port Moresby 1900/12. ETA. Townsville 0200/15.
- (4) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" were to depart Thursday Island 1030/13 for Darwin. ETA. 1230/16.
- (5) "STUART" escorting "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" to Port Moresby. ETA. 1530/13.
- (6) "GLIENELG" escorting "GEORGE McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" to Milne Bay. ETA. 1730/13.
- (7) "TULSA" towing 4 PTs departed Brisbane 1015/7 for Cairns and Milne Bay.
- (8) "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane for boiler clean after escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" towards Whitsunday Passage.
- (9) "GEEKLONG" was to RV with "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" & "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" (ex Convoy GP.24) off outer end of Brisbane Swept Channel at approx. midnight 12/2 and escort to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage. Three vessels then to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (10) SC.748 en route Noumea to Brisbane, was due 0900/12.
- (11) "HELM" "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 1504/11 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (12) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "HILO", 4 PTs., "PIRIE" Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILSBERG" Approx. 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "HENRY DEARBORN" Approx. 20 small craft.
Thursday Island	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" SC.744 "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO" 17 PTs (2 refitting).
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.) "AASE MAERSK"
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON" "SELFRIDGE" "KUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "FULTON" "KAPUNDA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital ship) "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" SC.746 "FOYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 2 PTs. (Repairing) - "LITHGOW".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on arrival Moresby to return Townsville with "PORT MAR" p.m. 13/2.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" to escort "BANTAM" from Oro Bay to Milne Bay. "KATOOMBA" thence to proceed Port Moresby for fuel.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" & "BOWEN" E.T.D. Brisbane 1200/13 for exercises off Caloundra.
- (4) "GEEKLONG" after escorting 3 MVs to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage to RV with "CANBERRA" at noon 15/2 and escort her back to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES.

- (1) New Georgia - (a) Reports continue to be received of enemy aircraft activity over Munda.  
(b) Photographs reveal that there are now 66 A/A guns in the vicinity of Vila Plantation. At 1810/10 an Allied aircraft observed further clearing of the strip at Vila. A report dated 11/2 indicates that the Japanese have a radio station on Kula Gulf, 5 miles N. of Vila.  
(c) On 12/2 there was much air activity over Vella Lavella.
- (2) Shortlands - (a) An Allied aircraft sighted a.m. 12/2 three destroyers and ten cargo vessels in the Buin-Faisi area.  
(b) At approx. midday 12/2 two DD and 1 large AK dep. Faisi and were last observed off Sokovovi Pt., Vella Lavella Is. at 1800/12, probably en route Vila Plantation.  
(c) At 1800/12 five destroyers were observed west of Oana Is. (Bougainville St.) course NE.
- (3) Buka - At 1625/11, two destroyers and two cargo vessels were sighted E. of Buka Is. no course stated. At 0900/12 1 heavy cruiser and 2 destroyers were observed 78 miles ENE of Buka Passage, course 150°, speed 25.
- (4) Solomon Sea - (a) At midday 12/2 an enemy force comprising 2 cruisers, 1 destroyer and 1 small u/i vessel was sighted by an aircraft 60 miles S. by E. of Cape St. George, course NNW. The same aircraft observed the same force approx. 2 hours later, in a position 45 miles S by W of Cape St. George, course 310°, speed 20.  
(b) Shortly after 1600/12 an aircraft sighted a convoy consisting of 1 light cruiser, 2 transports (6,000 tons), 1 transport (1,000 tons) in a position approx. 60 miles SE of Wide Bay, speed 20 knots. The same force was attacked by the aircraft approx. one hour later in a position 75 miles SE of Wide Bay. No direct hits, but one transport left crippled and stationary.
- (5) Russell Islands - A report from native sources 12/2 states that enemy has evacuated Baisan Is. and probably entire Russell Group.
- (6) Salamaua - Reliable reports dated 12/2 indicate that the enemy is reinforcing Salamaua via the overland route from Madang to Lae.
- (7) Wau area - Allied land activity in the vicinity of Wau and south-east thereof was confined to harassing movements and patrols.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:  
6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "FINGAL" "ALDINGA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAJICORLIE" to escort "MULIAMA" & "ISLANDER" from Thursday Is. to Darwin on arrival of latter vessel at Thursday Is. Convoy not to proceed later than 15/2.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES.

1. DUTCH NEW GUINEA. At 1100/10 an Allied vessel was attacked by an enemy float-plane at Tanahmerah on the Digoel River, approx. 140 miles N. of Merauke. No damage resulted.
2. Ambon. During a.m. 12/2, a Liberator on reconnaissance sighted 5 vessels, including one very large ship, in Ambon Bay.
3. Saumlakdi. The same aircraft also observed at 1140/12, one small vessel in Saumlakdi Harbour.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" departed Fremantle 0610/10.  
To escort to position 25°22' S, 100°01'E. "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle.
- (3) "TJERK HIDDIES" departed Geraldton 11/5/11 for Fremantle.
- (4) "CHILDS" departed Geraldton 2000/12.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"ISOBEL" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "PELIAS" "KANIMELA"  
"TRINITY" "WHIPPOOSWILL".

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON".

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "WARREGO" "INVERELL".  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" to escort "MAETSUYCKER", when ready, to Darwin in company with "INVERELL".
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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG.34 (6 MVs) was to depart Caloundra 1100/13.
- (2) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy PG.34A ("WILLIAM KENT" "PAUL REVERE" "PORT CAROLINE") was to depart Brisbane 0800/13.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PORTLAND" departed Sydney 0700/12.  
"WARRAMUNGA" providing escort for two days. "PORTLAND" en route U.S.  
"WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Brisbane on completion of escort duties. ETA.1200/15.
- (4) "DOOMBA" escorting O.C.70 (8 MVs) was to depart Port Phillip 2300/12 for RV with "ROCKHAMPTON" & "YANDRA" who are to take over escort of convoy to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (5) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy ST.1 ("KATOOMBA" "WANAKA") departed Sydney 1134/10 for Townsville. ETA.0330/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOBBIN" "DELORAINIE" "MILDURA" "WAGGA"  
"MORESBY" "MIZAR" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2.

(Repairing) - "AUSTRALIA" "NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ARUNTA" "HOVEY" "ALHENA"  
"HUNDABERG"

(In Reserve)- "MANOCORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "ATHENE"

(Refitting)- "WARRNAMBOOL".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNBURY" on arrival Sydney to work up and thence sail for Townsville.
  - (2) "MILDURA" (ex Newcastle) and "MORESBY" (ex Sydney) escorting C.O.71 (9 MVs) ETD. Newcastle 0500/13.
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B) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

- (1) At Vanikoro - BAliARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Sante - MINNEAPOLIS (CA) ACHILLES (CL) LA VALETTE GRAYSON CONY SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED.FUNSTAN JOHN PENN W.P.BIDDLE (AP) STRINGHAM MANLEY (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIRA TAGANAK ALGORAB CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) WHIPSTOCK NEOSHO (AO) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518.
- (3) At Noumea - LANSDOWNE BUCHANAN DRAYTON WILSON GRAYSON TREVOR MURPHY STRONG SMITH JENKINS McCAWLEY (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER CRESCENT CITY (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO (AO) ARD.2 YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) TALAMANGA (AP) McKEAN (APD) ANTARES (AK) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) ADROIT (AM) MENOMINEE (AT).
- (5) At Guadalcanal area - JAMESTON (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S VESSELS) WIREO (AM) ORTOLAN (APR) ERSKINE PHELPS(AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (6) At Vila - ANDERSON (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.746 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (7) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C.) EBONY (YN) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH) Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (8) At Wellington - GANSEVOORT (DD) PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON PRES.HAYES (AP)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS. Nil.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls.
- (5) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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For A/Director, C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

13/2/43.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective  
(1) Allied Forces:

Non-effective

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PORTLAND	NEW ORLEANS
	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARABUNGA	
	LE TRI OMPHANT	
	SELEBRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HEMLEY
	HELM	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA )	
Submarines	GRAYBACK ))	
	GREENLING )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TRITON )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	CRAMPUS )	
	GROBLER )	On Patrol
	GROUPEL )	
	GUARDFISH )	
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TUNA )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9 )	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBS	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASEI
	MITSU
	NAGATO
	HAHUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO ) Ferrying
	OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel, sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

7 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

C HITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tender

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TRUMP  
VAN BEEMSKERK  
KANIBELA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
TROUT )  
K.12 )

GAR )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

A SHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Cin C l s t Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUJIO  
YAMASEIRO  
HYUGA

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU  
ALABAMA  
COPAHEE  
CHENANGO  
SUNAWNEE  
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WECHITA  
CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER

LEADER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

NETID IT  
RAIBICH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (~~CL~~ CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION

\* RAULIERS  
REVENGE

\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

\* ILLUSTRIOUS

\* ALBATRO SS

\* DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

\* ~~XXXXX~~ GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

\* HAWKINS

\* FROBISHER

6" Cruisers

\* MARIITUS

\* GLASGOW

\* SAMBIA

\* EMERALD

\* BIRMINGHAM

\* DANAE

\* ENTERPRISE

\* DAUNTLESS

\* LIVERPOOL

\* DURBAN

\* DRAGON

\* CERES

\* CAPETOWN

\* CARADOC

\* CALLEDON

\* SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

\* ALAUNIA

\* CARTHAGE

\* CORFU

\* CHITRAL

\* RANGRA

\* FANGHI

\* WORCESTERSHIRE

\* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship

Approx 27 Destroyers

Approx 9 Submarines

\* Note: Present location uncertain

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

14th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

II. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" from Oro Bay to Port Moresby ETA 0030/15.
- (3) "COLAC" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" dep. Port Moresby 1900/12 ETA Townsville 0200/15.
- (4) "BROOME" assisting "COORABIE" which is aground in position 9°29.5'S, 149°34.5'E.
- (5) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Thursday Is. 0710/13 for Darwin ETA 1530/16.
- (6) "STUART" escorting "MACUMBA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MONTORO" to Port Moresby was due 1000/14.
- (7) "TULSA" towing 4 PTs departed Brisbane 1015/7 for Cairns and Milne Bay.
- (8) "GOULBURN" returning to Brisbane for boiler clean after escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" towards Whitsunday Passage.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy GP34 ("ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") to vicinity Whitsunday Passage. Three vessels then to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (10) "GYMPIE" en route Brisbane after escort duty with H.T. "KATOOMBA".
- (11) "HELM" "BAGLEY" departed Caloundra 1025/13 to carry out exercises with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton. To proceed Sydney 14/2 ETA 16/2.
- (12) "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" departed Caloundra 1822/13 for exercises with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (13) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "PIRIE" "HILO"
	4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "PORT MAR" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" SC.744 "PLATYPUS"
	"BENDIGO" 17 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "ECHUCA" "YUNNAN"
	(A.S.I.S.) "AASE MAERSK"
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "HOBART" "PATTERSON"
	"SELFDRIDGE" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "MANUNDA (Hospital Ship)"
	"VICTORIA" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.)
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 2 PT's
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on arrival Moresby to return Townsville with "PORTMAR" p.m. 13/2.
- X (2) Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON") to proceed Brisbane 15/2.

- (3) "KALGOORLIE" to escort "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" from Thursday Island to Darwin on arrival "ISLANDER" at Thursday Island.
- (4) Convoy TN36 - "ECHUCA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" to depart Townsville 1300/14. "SWAN" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0700/15, and provide additional escort ETA Port Moresby 1200/17.
- (5) Convoy TN37 - "BALLARAT" escorting "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to depart Townsville 1300/16. "BENDIGO" to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 0700/17. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S, 147°55'E at 2230/18. "BENDIGO" to escort "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" to Port Moresby ETA 1630/19. "BALLARAT" to escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to Milne Bay ETA 2000/19.
- (6) "GEELONG" after escorting 3 MV to vicinity of Whitsunday Passage to RV with "CANBERRA" at noon 15/2 and escort her back to Brisbane.

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(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - The Commanding General estimated enemy casualties for the final offensive on Guadalcanal include 6066 dead and 127 prisoners.
- (2) New Georgia - (a) Natives report 10 barges arrived Vella Lavella dawn 12/2 from the SE.  
(b) Continued enemy aircraft activity observed over Iringila, Munda and Mundi Mundi during 13/2.  
(c) The two destroyers and cargo vessel reported 12/2 as probably en route Vila were observed early morning 13/2 off Sokovovi Point, Vella Lavella, making for Faisi. This force was unsuccessfully attacked by Soupac aircraft on 12/2 and probably reached the Vila base during the night 12/13.
- (3) Buin-Faisi - Aircraft report sighting at 0840/13 one light cruiser, 5 destroyers and 9 cargo vessels in Buin-Faisi area.
- (4) Buka - A small cargo vessel which departed Buka Passage on a southerly course via east coast was last observed off Tinputz Harbour at 1400/12.
- (5) Wewak - A B.17 reports sighting at Wewak midday 13th one light cruiser, one destroyer, one large cargo vessel (12-15,000 tons) and 3 small cargo vessels (1,000 tons).
- (6) Wau-Mubo - (a) Report dated 1800/12 states enemy is occupying a camp in vicinity of Wipainig.  
(b) A similar report states Kobiak Creek area was clear of Japanese at 1515/12.
- (7) Mitchell River - At 1430/12 a probable enemy floatplane was observed near the mouth of the Mitchell River, Cape York Peninsula.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

(1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "FINGAL" "ALDINGA"

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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Merauke - During forenoon 13/2 one twin floatplane dropped 2 H.E. bombs on Merauke township. No damage. After making two runs, it departed on NW course. 5 natives killed, 3 others injured.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" departed Fremantle 0610/10.  
(2) To escort to position 25°22'S, 100°01'E. "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle.
- (2) "TJERK HIDDERS" departed Geraldton 1145/11 for Fremantle.
- (3) "CHILDS" departed Geraldton 2000/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"ISOBEL" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"  
"KANIMBLA" "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA"  
(Hospital Ship)

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "WARREGO"  
"INVERELL"

Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"WARREGO" "INVERELL" to escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Darwin when ready.

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG34 ("JAMES COOK" "STAGEN" "KURUMBA" "STEPHEN GIRARD" "AROONA" "GEORGE M. LIVANOS") departed Caloundra 1546/13 ETA Newcastle 2300/15; Sydney 0400/16.
- (2) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy PG34A ("WILLIAM KENT" "PAUL REVERE" for Newcastle; "PORT CAROLINE" for Sydney) departed Brisbane 0815/13 ETA Newcastle, 0500/15; Sydney 0900/15.
- (3) "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C071 from Sydney,
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" was to part company with "PORTLAND" a.m. 14/2 and proceed to Wellington. To escort "NOORDAM" from Wellington to Brisbane.
- (5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC70 (8 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (6) "MIZAR" departed Sydney 0733/13 for Brisbane ETA 1730/14.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOBBIN"  
"DELORAIN" "WAGGA" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR"  
"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "AUSTRALIA" "NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ARUNTA"  
"HOVEY" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "ATHENE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"BUNBURY" on arrival Sydney to work up and thence sail for Townsville.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

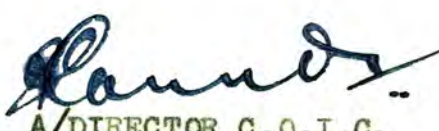
- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO ACHILLES (CL)  
TREVOR MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL LA VALETTE  
SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (AD)  
NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) FRED.FUNSTAN  
W.P.BIDDLE (AP) STRINGHAM HUMPHREYS (APD) ALDEBARAN  
ALCHIBA TAGANAK ALGORAB CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO  
WHIPTSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) CONFLICT (AM) YP.290  
YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB)  
SAN JUAN (CL) DRAYTON GRAYSON MURPHY GRIDLEY STRONG  
SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH SAUFLEY CRAVEN McCALL  
MAURY CASE CUMMINGS JENKINS (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER CRESCENT  
CITY (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ARIDED CASTOR (AK)  
TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO TALLULAH CIMARRON (AO)  
ADROIT (AM) PREBLE (DM) ARD.2 YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) TALAMANCA (AP) McKEAN (APD)  
ANTARES (AK) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN) MENOMINEE (AT)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)  
MAHAN WOODWORTH McCALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)
- (7) At Vila - CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV) FRAZIER EDWARD  
ANERSON (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PE.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON PRES.HAYES (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

NIL.  
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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central & Northern Solomons -  
North coast New Guinea - S.W.coast Dutch New  
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea  
area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) ~~Possible diversionary action from the Marshalls.~~
- (5) Increased offensive submarine activity.

  
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

14/2/43



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA) (prob. 8 effective)	ATAGO TAKAO TONE TIKUMA NACHI HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO AOBA (doubtful)	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) SUZUYA ) poss. sunk MYOKO ) 13-14/11
7 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA TENRYU OI KITAGAMI	
1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 27 submarines (SS)		
Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)		
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA NISSHIN KAMOI	
9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P, 18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMELA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDUS VAN CALEN	
S/P Tenders	HERON W.B. PRESTON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) THRESHER ) On Patrol TROUT ) K.12 ) GAR ) TAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) At Fremantle K.8 )	

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
3 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
1 converted light cruiser (XCL)		
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)		
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NOTORO	
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)		
Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.		

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers		SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO INDIANAPOLIS
Destroyers Submarines	15 (approx) 23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet 4-5 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV) 2 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	SHOKAKU
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV) 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG) Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO ENTERPRISE SARATOGA CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE WICHITA CHICAGO	
Aircraft Carriers	HELENA	LEANDER
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CIEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER	
8" Cruisers	ACHILLES SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
6" Cruisers	45 (approx) MONOWAI ASCANIA	
5" Cruisers		
Destroyers Armed Merchant Cruisers		

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu → Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(ii) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION

\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
\* ILLUSTRIOUS

ALBATROSS  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

\* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER

MAURITIUS

\* GLASGOW

GAMBIA

\* EMERALD

BIRMINGHAM

\* DANAE

ENTERPRISE

DAUNTLESS

LIVERPOOL

DURBAN

\* DRAGON

CERES

CAPTOWN

CARADOC

\* CALEDON

\* SUMATRA (Dutch)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA

CARTHAGE

\* CORFU

C HITAL

RANPURA

RANCHI

WORCESTERSHIRE

A.A. Ship

\* CARLISLE

Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

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(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY15th February, 1943I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- X (1) Task Groups 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT") and 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD") were to depart Palm Island 0300/15 for exercises. At 0930/15 Task Group 44.5 with "MERKUR" was to proceed Dunk Is. and was due 1200. Task Group 44.7 was to proceed Brisbane ETA a.m. 17/2. "AASE MAERSK" was to depart Palm Island 0900/15 for Townsville ETA 1300/15.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (3) "BROOME" assisting "COORABIE" which is aground in position 9°29.5'S, 149°34.5'E.
- (4) "STUART" escorting "PORTMAR" departed Port Moresby 1443/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/17.
- (5) "COLAC" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" dep. Port Moresby 1900/12, was due Townsville 0200/15.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" was to depart Townsville 0700/15 for Brisbane ETA 2100/17.  
(Note: "GYMPIE" was previously instructed to return Brisbane after escorting "KATOOMBA" towards Townsville. This instruction was not received by "GYMPIE" which arrived Townsville escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" 1826/14.)
- (7) "GEELONG" was to part company with Convoy GP34 ("ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") at 2359/14. To RV with "CANBERRA" 1800/15 and escort to Brisbane. "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" to proceed independently to Townsville.
- (8) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 for Cairns and Milne Bay.
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- (10) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "PIRIE" "HILO"
	4 PT's
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	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
	Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "JOSEPH HOLT"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "MACUMBA" "MONTORO"
	"SWARTENHONDT", approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - SC.744 "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO",
	17 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "BOWEN" "FULTON"
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "VICTORIA" SC.746
	SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "MIZAR" YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50 2 PT's
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" to RV with "MERNOO" "LADY ISOBEL" at Stephen Is. 0800/16 and escort to Port Moresby.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA" to depart Thursday Island 1500/15 for Darwin ETA 2130/19.
- (3) Convoy TN37 - "BALLARAT" escorting "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to depart Townsville 1300/16. "BENDIGO" to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 0700/17. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S, 147°55'E at 2230/18. "BENDIGO" to escort "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" to Port Moresby ETA 1630/19. "BALLARAT" to escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to Milne Bay ETA 2000/19.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Solomons

- a) Buin - 3 destroyers, 10 cargo vessels reported Buin-Faisi area by air reconnaissance 14/2.
- b) Buin-New Georgia - The 8000 ton cargo vessel and 2 destroyers observed approaching Kolombangara Is. from Buin afternoon 12th are now reported to have reached Vila Plantation at 2130/12. This convoy was unsuccessfully attacked by Soupac aircraft at 1130/13 while returning Faisi from Kolombangara.
  - (ii) 9 Liberators escorted by Corsairs and Lightnings attacked a large cargo vessel off Kahili at noon 13th scoring 3 direct hits with 1000-lb bombs. Vessel left smoking. Our aircraft intercepted by 30 shore-based Zero's and 15 float Zero's. 8 of our aircraft failed to return. 11 Zero's shot down, 2 others probable.
  - (iii) Late afternoon 13th 5 Aircobras and 11 Wildcats bombed and strafed Munda scoring hits on A.A. guns, runway and exploding munition dumps. 8 enemy aircraft observed on ground but none in the air.

Early evening same day 18 Dauntless and 3 Avengers escorted by Wildcats and Aircobras again attacked Munda causing large fires. 5 twin-engined bombers and 8 unidentified aircraft observed on field.
- c) Buka - 2 landing barges were sighted in Buka Passage by air reconnaissance 14/2. One large cargo vessel between Bougainville and Sohana Island.

- (2) Rabaul - Photo reconnaissance Rabaul Harbour noon 14th revealed 71 warships and merchant ships in addition to many small craft as follows -

1 light cruiser  
10 destroyers  
3 submarines  
1 minesweeper  
5 tankers  
51 merchant vessels (totalling 250,000 tons)

71  
8 small craft less than 1000 tons each

(b) Fortresses attacking Rabaul early morning 14th reported sighting at least 10 vessels in Tahili Bay and several ships dispersed around the harbour and in St. Georges Channel.

(c) Another 5 vessels including one very large flat top vessel, 3 possible light cruisers and 1 possible destroyer were reported to be seen off Wide Bay. Special daylight reconnaissances reported nil sightings.

(d) 32 Fortresses and 4 B.24's were involved in a heavy night raid on the Rabaul area early morning 14th. Results not yet assessed.

- (3) Wewak - Photos of shipping at Wewak taken forenoon 13th reveal 1 damaged destroyer, one 11,000 ton transport, 4 small merchant vessels. They also show considerable progress made in aerodrome area since 6/1.

- (4) Salamaua - (a) Noon 14th a Lightning observed two steel radio tower NNE of strip at Salamaua.

(b) Allied aircraft attacking Lae morning 14th report sighting 6 barges on the beach in Bayern Bay.

- (5) Kumusi River - A report to 2100/13 states that coast from Kumusi mouth to Iwaia is now clear of the enemy.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" en route Thursday Island to Darwin ETA 1530/16.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "FINGAL" "ALDINGA"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" escorting "MAURETANIA" dep. Fremantle 0610/10. To escort to position 25°22'S, 100°01'E. "ADELAIDE" to return Fremantle.
- (2) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1645/14 for Exmouth Gulf.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "ISOBEL" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO" "PELIAS" "KANIMBLA" "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship).

Geraldton - Warships & Aux.

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "CHILDS" "WARREGO" "INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

#### (c) Proposed Movements:

"WARREGO" "INVERELL" to escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Darwin when ready.

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy PG34 ("JAMES COOK" "STAGEN" "KURUMBA" "STEPHEN GIRARD" "AROONA" "GEORGE M. LIVANOS") departed Caloundra 1546/13 ETA Newcastle 2300/15; Sydney 0400/16.
- (2) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy PG34A was due Sydney 0900/15.
- (3) "HELM" "BAGLEY" en route Brisbane to Sydney ETA 16/2.
- (4) "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C071 from Sydney.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" was to part company with "PORTLAND" a.m. 14/2 and proceed to Wellington. To escort "NOORDAM" from Wellington to Brisbane.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy OC70 (8 MV) for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOBBIN" "DELORAIN" "WAGGA" "KYBRA" "GOLD STAR" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2



Sydney (Contd.)  
 (Repairing) - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "NEW ORLEANS"  
 "HENLEY" "ARUNTA" "HOVEY" "ALHENA"  
 "BUNDA BERG"  
 (In Reserve) - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "ATHENE"  
 "DOOMBA"  
 (Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"BUNBURY" on arrival Sydney to work up and thence sail for Townsville.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)  
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO NASHVILLE  
 HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS (CL) LAMSON CHEVALIER  
 TAYLOR STRONG TREVER MORRIS EILET HUGHES MUSTIN  
 RUSSELL LA VALETTE SOUTHARD (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC  
 TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)  
 STRINGHAM HUMPHREYS SANDS MANLEY (APD) ALDEBARAN  
 ALCHIBA TAGANAK GARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO  
 WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO MENOMINEE (AT) CONFLICT (AM)  
 YP.290 YP.517 YP.518  
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN JUAN (CL) DRAYTON GRAYSON MURPHY LARDNER SMITH  
 DUNLAP FANNING BALCH SAUFLEY CRAVEN McCALL MAURY  
 CASE CUMMINGS (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
 WHITNEY (AD) FULLER CRESCENT CITY (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE  
 MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH)  
 SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO TAILULAH CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM)  
 PREBLE (DM) ARD.2 YP.239.  
 (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) TALAMANCA (AP) McKEAN (APD)  
 ANTARES (AK) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)  
 (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI MARYLAND COLORADO (BB)  
 MAHAN WOODWORTH McCALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)  
 (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
 (7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
 FRAZIER CONWAY WALLER MEADE FLETCHER O'BANNON  
 RADFORD NICHOLAS EDWARD ANDERSON (DD) NESCHES  
 PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476  
 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK  
 (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
 MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)  
 (9) At Wellington - PRES. ADAMS PRES. JACKSON PRES. HAYES (AP)  
 (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Waria River - On nights of 11th and 12th two allied motor torpedo boats attacked enemy positions in the Waria River area. Enemy rifle and machine gun fire was encountered first night only.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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15/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers  
6" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA  
HOBART  
PHOENIX

NEW ORLEANS

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MANOORA )  
WESTRALIA ) On Reserve

Flotilla Leaders

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT

Destroyers

SELFRIDGE  
PATTERSON  
HELM  
RALPH TALBOT  
BAGLEY  
MUGFORD  
STUART

HENLEY

Submarines

VENDETTA  
GREENLING )  
NAUTILUS ) At Brisbane  
TRITON )  
ALBACORE )  
AMBERJACK )  
ARGONAUT )  
GATO )  
GRAPUS )  
GRAYBACK )  
GROWLER ) On Patrol  
GROPER )  
GUARDFISH )  
SNAPPER )  
SWORDFISH )  
TUNA )  
WAHOO )  
K.9 ) At Sydney

Submarine Tender  
Destroyer Tender  
Gunboats

FULTON  
DOBBIN  
TULSA  
HILO

Oilers

AASE MAERSK  
BISHOPDALE  
KURUMBA  
VICTORIA

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Haluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet  
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)  
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)  
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)  
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)  
5-6 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO  
MUSASHI  
MUTSU  
NAGATO  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

Z UIKAKU  
ZUIHO  
HAYATAKA

3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)  
UNYO )  
CHUYO ) Ferrying OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
TENRYU  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

7 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)  
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft  
Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 36 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMELA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN CALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )  
K.12 )  
GAR )  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) At Fremantle  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)  
3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA  
KASHII  
KUMA

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 submarines (SS)  
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

~~CinC 1st Fleet~~

4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

SHOKAKU

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA

8" Cruisers

CHEMANGO

SUWANNEE

SANGAMON

MINNEAPOLIS

LOUISVILLE

WICHITA

CHICAGO

6" Cruisers

HELENA

LEANDER

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

45 (approx)

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers DETROIT  
RALEIGH  
10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

~~Cinc 5th Fleet~~  
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA  
KISO  
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE  
\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
Aircraft Carrier \* ILLUSTRIOUS  
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS  
8" Cruisers DEVONSHIRE  
\* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS  
FROBISHER  
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS \* GLASGOW  
GAMBIA \* EMERALD  
BIRMINGHAM \* DANAE  
ENTERPRISE DAUNTLESS  
LIVERPOOL DURBAN  
\* DRAGON CERES  
CAPETOWN CARADOC  
\* CALEDON  
\* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
\* ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
\* CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPURA  
RANCHI  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
\* CARLISLE  
A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

\*Note: Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

16th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON") en route Palm Island to Brisbane ETA a.m. 17/2.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" "POLARIS" on survey duty.
- (3) "LATROBE" departed Port Moresby 1321/15 to RV with "MERNOO" "LADY ISOBEL" off Stephen Island 0800/16 and escort to Port Moresby.
- (4) "STUART" escorting "PORTMAR" departed Port Moresby 1443/14 for Townsville ETA 0600/17.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TD10 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") departed Thursday Island 1650/15 for Darwin ETA 2130/19.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy TS15 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE") departed Townsville 1310/15 for Brisbane ETA 0300/18.
- (7) "GEELONG" escorting "CANBERRA" to Brisbane.
- (8) "ECHUCA" "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN36 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK") to Port Moresby ETA 1200/17.
- (9) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 ETA Cairns a.m. 18/2.
- (10) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy BT39 ("PAINE WINGATE" "BOTH" "VIRGINIAN" (towing 2 PT's) dep. Brisbane 2010/15. "KAPUNDA" to part company at Percy Is. and proceed Gladstone.
- (11) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1127/15 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/19.
- (12) "BOWEN" was to depart Brisbane 1200/16 to RV with submarine at Caloundra and proceed for exercises.
- (13) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BROOME" "PIRIE"
	"HILO", 4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
	"VAN SPILBERGEN" "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "JOSEPH HOLT"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "MACUMBA" "MONTORO"
	"SWARTENHONDT", approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - SC.744 "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
	17 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "AASE MAERSK"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "VICTORIA" SC.746
	SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "MIZAR" YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" escorting "JANSSENS" to depart Milne Bay 1300/16 for Oro Bay.
- (2) Convoy TN37 - "BALLARAT" escorting "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to depart Townsville 1300/17. "BENDIGO" to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 0700/18. Convoy to split at position 11°50'S, 147°55'E at 2230/19. "BENDIGO" to escort "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE" to Port Moresby ETA 1630/19. "BALLARAT" to escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA" to Milne Bay ETA 2000/10.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

SOLOMONS

(1) New Georgia

- a) Vella Lavella - The 10 barges reported arriving NW coast dawn 12/2 from the SE are now reported to have contained approximately 30 men each and to have departed, 2 at dusk 12/2 and 8 at dusk 13/2.

Although the direction of departure is not given, their arrival from the South suggests they are possibly evacuees from either Guadalcanal or the Russell Group.

- b) Vangunu Is. - 30' sail craft observed Wickham Anchorage a.m. 15th.
  - c) Munda - Soupac aircraft carried out further attacks against this base on the 14th and 15th as follows -
    - a.m. 14th - 21 dive-bombers and torpedo bombers escorted by fighters attacked the air base starting large fires. A small clearing was observed in the middle of the N. coast. Tomahawk and Wildcat fighters also strafed the base silencing A.A. guns.  
A single Catalina also dropped high angle and incendiary bombs on this area near midnight starting large fires runway area.
    - a.m. 15th - 9 Avengers and 15 dive-bombers escorted by 15 Wildcats heavily bombed target area starting fires probable fuel dump. 40 enemy aircraft seen on ground. All our aircraft returned.
  - d) Vila - Before dawn 15th one Catalina dropped bombs target area. 5 searchlights observed.  
6 Marauders escorted by fighters attacked Vila later some morning starting fires.
- (2) Russell Is. - 3 Zero's observed on a SE course north of Russell Group a.m. 15th reversed course when sighted by our aircraft.
  - (3) Buka Passage - Further enemy consolidation is reported around the eastern and western approaches to this base. Enemy observation post at Matchin Bay has been further reinforced and a heavy gun is being installed at Porton (also Matchin Bay).

NEW BRITAIN

- (4) Rabaul - Fortresses attacking Rabaul early morning 15th sighted 20 unidentified vessels stationary north end Harbour indicating night dispersal. Weather prevented observation other vessels.
- (5) Talasea Area - Single enemy vessel bombed in Stettin area a.m. 15th. Results unobserved.

NEW GUINEA

- (6) Lae - Bostons attacking Lae morning 15th report sighting one small cargo vessel in Lae Harbour.
- (7) Salamaua - Recce Liberator over Salamaua aerodrome early morning 15th reports runway serviceable and two unidentified aircraft seen at edge. Heavy A.A. fire encountered.
- (8) Wau - Allied patrols continued successful mopping up operations to east of Wau p.m. 14/2.

GULF OF CARPENTARIA

- (9) Further reports received 15/2 of unidentified aircraft flying over Missions on west side of Cape York.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" en route Thursday Island to Darwin ETA 1530/16.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "PINGAL" "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - Liberators attacking Ambon morning 15th sighted a merchant vessel (8-10,000 tons) and four medium vessels off Ambon. Two direct hits were scored on the large merchant vessel.
- (2) Dilli - Allied aircraft sighted at 0730/15 three merchant ships (two of 6,000 tons and one of 3,000 tons) in Dilli Harbour.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "TJERK HIDDIES" departed Fremantle 0714/15 for escort duties.
- (2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Fremantle 1400/15 for Geraldton. Was due 0900/16.
- (3) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1645/14 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN GALEN"  
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO" "DUBBO"  
"PELIAS" "KANIMBLA" "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
Geraldton - Warships & Aux.  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "CHILDS"  
"WARREGO" "INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"WARREGO" "INVERELL" to escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Darwin when ready.

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" was due Wellington 1000/16. To escort "NOORDAM" from Wellington to Brisbane departing p.m. 16/2.
- (2) "HOVEY" departed Sydney 1355/15. Due Espiritu Santo 0700/18.
- (3) "ATHENE" departed Melbourne 1005/15 for Noumea ETA 1100/20.
- (4) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due Sydney 0700/16 after escort duty.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC71 departed Port Phillip 2300/15 for RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy CO71.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" "DOBBIN"  
"ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "YANDRA"  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "BUNBURY" "DELORAIN" "WAGGA"  
"KYBRA" "GOLD STAR" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE"  
"KURUMBA" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HENLEY" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Task Group 44.3 ("AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY"), to depart Sydney 1700/17 for Melbourne ETA 0400/19.
- (2) "ARUNTA" to depart Sydney 1600/16. To carry out full calibre firings to seaward of Cape Moreton from 1700 to 2100/17. To proceed Townsville.

(i) ENEMY FORCES

N.S.W.Coast - Possible submarine sighting reported at 0200/16 approximately 53 miles N.E. Sydney. Periscope alleged to have been sighted by Danish vessel "SJOBRIIS".

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO NASHVILLE  
HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS (CL) LAMSON CHEVALIER  
TAYLOR STRONG MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSEL  
LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRINGHAM  
SANDS MANLEY (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TAGANAK CARINA (AK)  
ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO  
MENOMINEE (AT) CONFLICT (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH  
CASE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT)  
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) PREBLE (DM) ARD.2  
YP.239.
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) McKEAN (APD) ANTARES (AK)  
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN WOODWORTH  
LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
CONWAY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS  
EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

*Quandt*  
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

16/2/43

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA )
		WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUMPA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRI OMPHANT	
	SELFDRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HENLEY
	HELM	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	GRAYBACK )	
	GREENLING )	
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TRITON )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	
	GROWLER )	On Patrol
	GROUPEL )	
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TUNA )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
	HARUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO ) Ferrying OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

EFFECTIVE

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
  
OI  
KITAGAMI

NOT-EFFECTIVE

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Mine-layers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 113 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

ADELA IDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN CALEN  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS  
PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
CRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )  
K.12 )  
GAR )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport  
aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

*Portland*

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

~~INDIANA~~ Pensacola

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battle ships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

SHOKAKU

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA  
CHENANGO  
SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

Aircraft Carriers

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

~~INDIANA~~  
HELENA ✓  
HONOLULU ✓  
ST. LOUIS ✓  
NASHVILLE ✓  
COLUMBIA ✓  
CLEVELAND ✓  
MONTE LLIER ✓  
DENVER ✓

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

50 ~~48 (approx)~~  
ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

*8" Cruisers*  
6" Cruisers

*Sudapoli*  
DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

*2*  
6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
\* ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

\* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS  
FEEFISHER

6" Cruisers

MAURITIUS \* GLA SGOW  
GAMBIA \* EMERALD  
BIRMINGHAM \* DANAE  
ENTERPRISE DAUNTLESS  
LIVERPOOL DURBAN  
\* DRAGON CERES  
CAPE TOWN CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

\* CALLEDON  
\* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
\* CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANURA  
RANCHI  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
\* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

*NO RECENT INFORMATION*  
\*Note: Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

17th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- X (1) Task Group 44.7 ("PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON") en route Palm Island to Brisbane was due a.m. 17/2.
- (2) "WHYALLA" proceeding from survey ground to Port Moresby for fuel.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting "JANSSENS" departed Milne Bay 1526/16 for Oro Bay.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting "MERNOO" "LADY ISOBEL" from Stephen Is. to Port Moresby.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TD10 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") departed Thursday Island 1650/15 for Darwin ETA 2130/19.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy TS15 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE") departed Townsville 1310/15 for Brisbane ETA 0300/18.
- (7) "STUART" was to depart Townsville a.m. 17/2 for Cairns for machinery maintenance.
- (8) "ECHUCA" "SWAN" escorting Convoy TN36 ("DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK") to Port Moresby were due 1200/17.
- (9) "TULSA" towing 4 PT's departed Brisbane 1015/7 ETA Cairns a.m. 18/2.
- (10) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy BT39 ("BOTH", "VIRGINIAN" towing 2 PT's) dep. Brisbane 2010/15. "KAPUNDA" to part company at Percy Is. and proceed Gladstone.
- (11) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1127/15 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/19.
- (12) "BOWEN" dep. Brisbane 1251/16 to RV with submarine at Caloundra and proceed for exercises.
- (13) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "BANTAM"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BROOME" "HILO"
	4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Merchant Vessels: "HENRY DEARBORN" "JOSEPH HOLT"
	"MACUMBA" "MONTORO" "SWARTENHONDT", approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - SC.744 "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
	17 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "BALLARAT" "AASE MAERSK"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFREDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux - "FULTON" "VICTORIA" "SC.746"
	SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "MIZAR" YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GOULBURN"



(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BALIA RAT" escorting Convoy TN38 (H.T.KATOOMBA "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE") to depart Townsville 1300/17 for Port Moresby ETA 1200/20.
- (2) "YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" to proceed Cairns from Townsville. When ready "BENDIGO" to escort Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" each towing 2 PT's) to Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

SOLOMONS

- (1) Bougainville Is. - A corvette and a merchant vessel were sighted off Cape Mutupina (Empress Augusta Bay) heading towards the Shortlands area a.m. 17/2.
- (2) Kahili - One Liberator attacked the aerodrome evening 15/2. Other Liberators failed to reach the target area. One missing.
- (3) Ballale - One aircraft attacked the aerodrome evening 15/2. Results not observed. Two other aircraft failed to reach the target. One missing.
- (4) Vila - A report states that the aerodrome was nearly completed by 14/2. Natives report that a fighter had landed.
- (5) Guadalcanal - A submarine was sighted west of Koli Point a.m. 16/2.

NEW BRITAIN

- (6) Ewasse - A merchant vessel (3000 tons) was sighted stationary among the islands off Ewasse (25 miles SSW of Ubili) at 1040/16.

NEW GUINEA

- (7) Lae - Recce morning 16/2 revealed no activity on aerodrome or in harbour. Tents and possible store dumps were observed 5 miles West of Lae. An enemy submarine was reported in Lae Harbour 1940/16.
- (8) Wau - A party of 40 Japanese moving towards Wau was attacked by allied patrol at 1500/14. 8 Japanese killed.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"  
"BISHOPDALE"

Merchant Vessels: "PINGAL" "ALDINGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Photos 15/2 reveal 12 ships totalling 9,000 tons, including one of 4,000 tons.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "TJERK HIDDÉS" escorting "MONTICELLO". Due Fremantle 0500/17.
- (2) "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" on escort duties.
- (3) "KANIMBLA" escorting "ROBIN TUXFORD" "ROBIN SHERWOOD" "SANTA ISABEL" "POELAU ROEBIAH" towards Persian Gulf was to depart Fremantle a.m. 17/2.
- (4) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Geraldton 1233/16 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0900/19.

(5) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1645/14 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "HORSHAM" "WALLAROO"  
"DUBBO" "PELIAS" "TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "CHILDS"  
"WARREGO" "INVERELL"  
Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"WARREGO" "INVERELL" to escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Darwin  
when ready.

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "GEELONG" escorting "CANBERRA". "LE TRIOMPHANT" departs Sydney 17/2 so as to RV before dark. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to escort "CANBERRA" to Sydney. "GEELONG" to return Brisbane.
- (2) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" departed Sydney 0147/17 to RV with Convoy C072 off Nobby Head. "TOWNSVILLE" to sail with Sydney section (including "GOLD STAR") and join main convoy off Sydney at approximately 1630/17.
- (3) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" departed Wellington 1645/16 for Brisbane ETA 0930/21.
- (4) "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC71.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "ARUNTA" "HENLEY"  
"BAGLEY" "DOBBIN" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "BUNBURY" "DELORAIN" "KYBRA"  
"GOLD STAR" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" "KURUMBA" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" to depart Sydney 1600/17. To carry out full calibre firings to seaward of Cape Moreton en route. To proceed Townsville.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" to escort Convoy GP35 departing Sydney 1700/17.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N.S.W.Coast - Search for the possible submarine reported 0200/16 by the Danish vessel "SJOBRIIS" proved negative. N.O.I.C. Sydney discounts the report.
- (2) Wilson's Promontory - A civil aircraft reported sighting a submarine 35 miles ESE of Wilson's Promontory at 0942/16. The submarine was on the surface when sighted, and subsequently submerged. Graded B.2. An aircraft searching for this submarine reported a possible submarine 39 miles SE of Wilson's Promontory at 1136/16. Graded C.4.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO NASHVILLE  
HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS (CL) LAMSON CHEVALIER  
TAYLOR STRONG MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL  
LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) NIAGARA (PG) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) STRINGHAM  
SANDS MANLEY (APD) ALDEBARAN ALCHIBA TAGANAK CARINA (AK)  
ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO  
MENOMINEE (AT) CONFLICT (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH  
CASE (DD) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT)  
SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) PREBLE (DM) ARD.2  
YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) SHAW (DD) MCKEAN (APD) ANTARES (AK)  
CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN WOODWORTH  
LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
CONWAY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS  
EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER ~~(CL)~~ (CL)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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(ii) Enemy Forces:

New Caledonia - A possible enemy submarine was reported  
inside the reef, one mile south of the Isle of Pines (60  
miles ESE of Noumea) at 0938/15. There are indications  
of enemy submarines at present operating in the Southern  
Solomons - New Hebrides - New Caledonia - Samea - Fiji area.

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Stettin Bay - Photos of the vessel attacked 15/2 reveal a  
small merchant vessel hit, beached and burning.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North  
coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -  
Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

17/2/43

A P P E N D I X

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A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA )
		WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELEFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HELM
	HENLEY	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
Submarines	GRAYBACK )	
	GREENLING )	
	GUARDFISH ) At Brisbane	
	NAUTILUS )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	
	GROWLER )	
	GROUPEL )	On Patrol
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TUNA )	
	TRITON )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
	HARUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO ) Ferrying OTAKA

heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 8 effective)

Effective

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
SUZUYA ) poss. sunk  
MYOKO ) 13-14/11

A TAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

3 Light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)  
4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft  
Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 113 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJERK HIDDIES  
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
W. E. PRESTON

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
TROUT )

K.12 )  
GAR )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) A SHIGARA  
3 light cruisers (CL) KASHII NATORI (damaged 21/1)  
KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)  
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 submarines (SS)  
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) NOTORO  
1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INDIANAPOLIS

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet  
4-5 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 light cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

SHOKAKU

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA  
CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

~~CHICAGO~~  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
45 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Noneffective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
RAMILLIES  
ROYAL SOVEREIGN

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER  
MAURITIUS  
GAMBIA  
BIRMINGHAM  
ENTERPRISE  
LIVERPOOL  
DAUNTLESS  
DRAGON  
DURBAN  
CAPETOWN  
CERES  
CALEDON  
CARADOC  
SUMATRA (Dutch)

NEWCASTLE  
GLASGOW  
EMERALD  
DANAE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA  
CARTHAGE  
CORFU  
CHITRA  
RAW PURA  
ROCESTERSHIRE  
CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" en route from Oro Bay.
- (2) SC.744 towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 1040/17 for Milne Bay  
ETA 1500/20.
- (3) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN38 (H.T. "KAT OOMBA" "MANGOLA"  
"ADMIRAL CHASE") dep. Townsville 1410/17 for Port  
Moresby ETA 1200/20.
- (4) "AASE MAERSK" was to depart Townsville 0700/18 for Dunk Is.
- (5) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy BT39 ("BOTH", "VIRGINIAN" towing  
2 PT's) dep. Brisbane 2010/15. "KAPUNDA" to part  
company at Percy Is. and proceed Gladstone.
- (6) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1127/15 for Port Moresby ETA  
0800/19.
- (7) "MIZAR" was to depart Brisbane 0830/18 en route U.S.
- (8) 12 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BROOME" "HILO"
	4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "LATROBE" "ECHUCA"
	"WHYALLA"
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK"
	"CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
	"HENRY DEARBORN" "JOSEPH HOLT" "MACUMBA"
	"MONTORO" "SWARTENHONDT" "LADY ISOBEL" "MERNOO"
	approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
	"TULSA" 19 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIE" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "VICTORIA" SC.746
	SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) "MIZAR" Y MS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50 "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "PATTERSON"
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GOULBURN" ("BOWEN" "GYMPIE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" to proceed Cairns from Townsville.  
When ready "BENDIGO" to escort Convoy TN37 ("YARRA"  
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" each towing 2 PT's) to Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

SOLOMONS

- (1) Buka - An allied aircraft (ex Soupac) sighted 12 Type "O" SSF  
floatplanes in Buka Passage and one cargo vessel 1 mile from  
SE point of Passage during morning 17/2.



(2) New Georgia

- (a) Munda - Late afternoon 17th, 13 Dauntless escorted by 16 Wildcats and 8 Cobras attacked Munda starting fires in target area. All our aircraft returned safely.
- (b) Vila - Single Catalina harassed Vila early morning 17th. Bombs dropped in target area. No A.A. or searchlights.
- (c) Vella Lavella - Two destroyers and a cargo vessel were observed off north coast of Vella Lavella Is. dusk 16/2. Probably the same vessels were sighted at 1030 and 1155/17 off the NE coast of Vella Lavella heading towards Faisi, indicating that they had probably made the night run to Vila Plantation.
- (d) Mundi Mundi - Considerable enemy aircraft activity was reported over Mundi Mundi 17/2.
- (3) Buin - Allied aircraft (ex Soupac) report sighting on 17/2 4 to 6 merchant vessels in Buin-Faisi area.

NEW BRITAIN

- (4) Gasmata - Reconnaissance aircraft reported at approx 1100/17 sighting a possible submarine and a small landing barge approx 38 miles ESE of Gasmata.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - (a) Photos taken 16/2 reveal that construction of blast bays and dispersal lanes continues  
(b) Midday 17th a single Liberator bombed and sank a two-masted schooner at Bambak (approx 14 miles E. by S. Cape Gloucester).

NEW GUINEA

- X (6) Lae - Reported that at dusk 17th an enemy submarine was in Lae Harbour. A submarine was reported to have been sighted here on the previous evening 16th.
- (7) Finschhafen - Single Fortress observed signs of much activity at Finschhafen evening 16th. No vessels observed in harbour.
- X (8) Waria River Mouth - A party of 400 Japanese was reported at Waria River Mouth p.m. 17/2. The enemy has not yet penetrated the ~~waria~~ Waria Valley. Reinforcements are reported to have arrived by a warship last week.  
Comment - Warship suggests possibly submarine.
- (9) Morobe - On night of 15th allied motor torpedo boats intercepted 6-8 enemy barges about 20 miles SE of Morobe (Hercules Bay) sinking three.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TD10 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Is. 1650/15 for Darwin ETA 2130/19.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "FINGAL" "ALDINGA" dep. Darwin 0400/17 for Thursday Is. ETA 0930/21.
- (3) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" were to depart Onslow 0900/18 for Darwin ETA 1600/22.
- (4) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" "BISHOPDALE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Dutch New Guinea - (a) Liberator on reconnaissance reports sighting early afternoon 17th 1 light cruiser or destroyer and 2 transports (3-4000 tons) approx 20 miles S. by W. Fak Fak.  
(b) Same aircraft reports sighting a small schooner in Argoeni Bay approx 35 miles SSE of Babo.
- (2) Kai Is. - Same B.24 reports sighting at 1305/17 a small unidentified vessel beached on a reef between Boei Is. and Tengah Is.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN REEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" on escort duty.
- (2) "KANIMBLA" "WAILAROO" "HORSHAM" escorting Convoy OW4 dep. Fremantle 1230/17. "WAILAROO" "HORSHAM" to part company 2030/17 and were to return Fremantle 0400/18. "KANIMBLA" to escort towards Persian Gulf returning Fremantle 0600/6 March.
- (3) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Geraldton 1233/16 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0900/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"  
"TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship).  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "CHILDS" "HERON"  
"K.12"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Fremantle - At 1130/16 an allied vessel reported sighting the periscope of a submarine approx 167 miles WSW of Fremantle.

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "GEELONG" escorting "CANBERRA". "LE TRIOMPHANT" departs Sydney 17/2 so as to RV before dark. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to escort "CANBERRA" to Sydney. "GEELONG" to return Brisbane.
- (2) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C072 (incl. "GOLD STAR" for Fremantle).
- (3) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" dep. Sydney 1737/17 for Melbourne ETA 0400/19.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" dep. Wellington 1645/16 for Brisbane ETA 0930/21.
- (5) "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC71 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (6) "SHEPPARTON" dep. Melbourne 2029/15 to survey shoal patch off Cape Otway and Wilson's Promontory; thence proceeding Sydney.
- (7) "ARUNTA" dep. Sydney 1649/17. To carry out full calibre firings to seaward of Cape Moreton en route. To proceed Townsville.
- (8) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP35 (incl. "KURUMBA" for Townsville) dep. Sydney 1657/17 ETA Caloundra 1430/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN"  
"BUNBURY" "DELOIRINE" "KYBRA" "SUMNER"  
"BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA" "BUNDA BERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES


- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AV)  
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON  
MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL CONY HOVEY  
LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) TALAMANCA (AP) ARCTIC (AF) NEOSHO  
WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO MENOMINEE (AT) VIREO (AM)  
CONFLICT (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)  
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH READ  
CUMMINGS & AULICK CASE (DD) TRACY MONTGOMERY (DM)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED  
CASTOR TITANIA (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO  
CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) PREBLE GAMBLE (DM) ARD.2 YP.239  
(4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)  
(5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN WOODWORTH  
McCALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)  
(6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)  
LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)  
(7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
CONWAY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS  
EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK  
(8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting LEANDER (CL)  
(9) At Wellington - BREESE (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) HUNTER LIGGETT  
GEORGE CLYMER AMERICAN LEGION (AP)  
(10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea.Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

  
For A/DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

18/2/43



	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	A TAGO TAKAO TONE TIKUMA NACHI HAGURO CHOKAI KUMANO AOBA (doubtful)	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) SUZUYA ) poss. sunk MYOKO ) 13-14/11
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## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
A.A. Ship	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN VENDETTA HERON W.B. PRESTON CHILDERS PELIAS BISHOPDALE	
S/P Tenders	GRAYLING ) GRENADIER ) GUDGEON ) TERESHER ) TROUT )	On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K.12	* At Fremantle
Oiler	GAR )	
Submarines	WAMBOR ) TAUTOG ) K.8 )	At Fremantle

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
PENN SYLVANIA  
NEVADA  
LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
PORTLAND

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY  
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PENSACOLA

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Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
MISSISSIPPI  
NEW MEXICO  
ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA  
CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE  
MINNEAPOLIS  
LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

Aircraft Carriers

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

5" Cruisers

Destroyers  
Armed Merchant Cruisers

HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
ACHILLES  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
50 (approx)  
MONOWAI  
ASCANIA

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (H.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DAUNTLESS
	LIVERPOOL	DURBAN
	* DRAGON	CERES
	CAPETOWN	CARADOC
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

19th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "KATOOMBA" en route Milne Bay to Port Moresby ETA 1600/19.
- (2) "WHYALLA" departed Port Moresby 1321/18 ETA Milne Bay 1300/19.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT2 ("MONTORO" for Cairns, "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby 1600/18. Convoy TO disperse at Fitzroy Island ETA "MONTORO" Cairns 1600/20, ETA "JOSEPH HOLT" Townsville 0400/21, ETA "SWAN" Townsville 1920/20.
- (4) SC.744 Towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 1040/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/20.
- (5) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.38 (H.T. "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE") dep. Townsville 1410/17 for Port Moresby ETA 1200/20.
- (6) "ARUNTA" en route Sydney to Townsville.
- (7) "KAPUNDA" was due Gladstone 0700/19,
- (8) "MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1127/15 for Port Moresby, was due 0800/19.
- (9) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BROOME" "HILO"
	4 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SPILBERGEN"
	"BANTAM" "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN"
	"FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "ECHUCA"
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK"
	"CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
	"HENRY DEARBORN" "MACUMBA" "SWARTENHONDT"
	"LADY ISOBEL" "MERNOO", approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "PLATYPUS" "BENDIGO"
	"TULSA" 19 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "COLAC" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
	2 PT's
Dunk Island	-- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	TALBOT" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "GEELONG"
	"BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "FULTON" "VICTORIA" SC.746
	SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" to depart Port Moresby p.m. 19/2 for Cairns.
- (2) "YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" to proceed Cairns from Townsville. When ready "BENDIGO" to escort Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" each towing 2 PT's) to Milne Bay.
- (3) Convoy TN39 - "BOTH" "VIRGINIAN" to depart Townsville 1300/20. "ARUNTA" to RV off Fitzroy Island 0700/21 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1200/23.
- (4) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy BT40 ("YOCCHOW" "NICOLAOU MARIA") to depart Brisbane 1800/19.



(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San Cristobal - Report timed 2057/17 indicated that enemy torpedo aircraft attacked allied shipping 24 miles NNE of Cape Surville, San Cristobal. No further details have been received.
- (2) New Georgia - Allied aircraft (ex Soupac) sighted two or three aircraft on Vila aerodrome a.m. 18/2.
- (3) Shortland-New Georgia - At 1530/18 a cargo vessel escorted by at least another ship was sighted on a SE course approx 10 miles SE of Faisi. Half an hour later probably the same force, described as 1 cargo vessel and 2 escorts, was seen on the same course approx 20 miles NNW of Sokovovi Point, Vella Lavella Is. probably en route Vila Plantation.
- (4) Shortlands - (a) 10 Liberators (ex Soupac) attacked shipping and aerodromes Buin-Faisi area early morning 18th. Nil hits on shipping but bombs dropped on Ballale runway and revetment area Kahili starting fires at latter place.  
(b) Special search (ex Soupac) reports having sighted at 1420/18, 8 destroyers and 10 cargo vessels in Buin-Faisi area.
- (5) Solomon Sea - Midday 18th a cargo vessel escorted by a small gunboat was attacked approx 57 miles ESE Cape Orford. Nil hits. Vessels were on a northerly course.
- (6) Arawe - Catalina received indications early morning 18th and later sighted possible submarine 13 miles ESE of Arawe.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Single Liberator attacked 5000 ton cargo vessel at 1130/18 approx 37 miles ENE of Cape Gloucester, course 260°. Near misses scored.
- (8) Lae - Catalina made unsuccessful dive attack night 17th on a small vessel off Lae.  
(Comment: Possibly submarine in view recent reports.)
- (9) Markham Valley - Four B.25's report 18/2 observing a new strip about 1 mile north of Wahgut (30 miles WNW Nadzab).
- (10) Kumusi-Cape Ward Hunt - Reported midday 17th that coast from Kumusi to a point 5 miles west of Cape Ward Hunt is clear of enemy.

2. NORTH ESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TD10 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Is. 1650/15 for Darwin ETA 2130/19.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "FINGAL" "ALDINGA" dep. Darwin 0400/17 for Thursday Is. ETA 0930/21.
- (3) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Onslow 0900/18 for Darwin ETA 1600/22.
- (4) 4 submarines on patrol.
- (5) "VENDTTA" dep. Darwin 1530/18 for air, sea rescue duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "BISHO DALE"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Dilli - A probable cruiser or armed transport in Dilli Harbour morning 18th was attacked by B.25's without visual results.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" on escort duty.
- (2) "KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy OW4 towards Persian Gulf returning Fremantle 0600/6 March.

(3) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Carnarvon 1300/18 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 0900/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"  
"TRINITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "PRESTON" "LARK" "CHILDS"  
"HERON" "K.12"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/19:

- (1) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane 1601/18 to RV with "OTUS" in position 33°31'S, 160°66'E at 0600/20. To escort to Sydney.
- (2) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C072 (incl. "GOLD STAR" for Fremantle).
- (3) "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" dep. Sydney 1737/17 for Melbourne were due 0400/19.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" dep. Wellington 1645/16 for Brisbane ETA 0930/21.
- (5) "MILDURA" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC71 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy GP35 (incl. "KURUMBA" for Townsville) dep. Sydney 1657/17 ETA Caloundra 1430/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TROMPHANT" "DOBBIN"  
"ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY"  
"DELORAIN" "KYBRA" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE"  
YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON  
MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL CONY HOVEY  
LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
BALLARD (AVD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA  
ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) TALAMANCA (AP) ARCTIC (AP) NEOSHO  
WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO MENOMINEE (AT) VIREO (AM)  
CONFLICT (AM) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH READ  
CUMMINGS AULICK CASE (DD) TRACY MONTGOMERY (DM)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED  
CASTOR TITANIA (AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO  
CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) PREBLE GAMBLE (DM) A D.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - ~~POCOMOKE~~ POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN WOODWORTH  
McCALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)  
LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)
- (8) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
CONWAY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS  
EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER

- BUTTERNUT (YN) PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK  
'8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)  
(9) At Wellington - BREESE (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) HUNTER LIGGETT  
GEORGE CLYMER AMERICAN LEGION (AP)  
(10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

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D. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy OW4 dep. Fremantle 1230/17.  
To escort towards Persian Gulf. "KANIMBLA"  
to return Fremantle ETA 0600/6 March.

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Aradura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

  
For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

19/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA } On Reserve
		WESTRALIA }
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HELM
	HENLEY	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
Submarines	GREENLING )	
	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TUNA )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	ARGONAUT )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol
	SNAPPER )	
	SWORDFISH )	
	TRITON )	
	WAHOO )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO
	MUSASHI
	MUTSU
	NAGATO
	HARUNA
	KONGO
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU
2-3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO
	HAYATAKA
	HITAKA (poss. Home Waters)
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO )
	CHUYO ) Ferrying
	OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
CHOKAI  
KUMANO  
AOBA (doubtful)  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
MYOKO ) poss. sunk  
SUZUYA ) 13-14/11

6 light cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40-45 destroyers (DD)

4 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

C HITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
NISSHIN  
KAMOJ

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 113 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
Flotilla Leader  
A.A. Ship  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN GALEN  
VENDETTA  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS  
PELIAS  
BISHOPDALE  
GRENADIER )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
TROUT )  
K.12 At Exmouth Gulf  
GAR )  
GUDGEON )  
TAMBOR ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

S/P Tenders

Submarine Tender  
Oiler  
Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

6 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport  
aircraft.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier <del>6</del> Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st Fleet		
4-5 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUJIO YAMASHIRO HYUGA	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers and Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	MINNEAPOLIS LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER	LEANDER
5" Cruisers	ACHILLES SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 <del>ships</del> (approx)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	MONOWAI ASCANIA	

NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser  
6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS  
DETROIT  
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet  
2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE  
\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
\* ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
DEVONSHIRE  
\* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

7.5" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

HAWKINS  
FROBISHER  
MAURITIUS \* GLASGOW  
GAMBIA \* EMERALD  
BIRMINGHAM \* DANAE  
ENTERPRISE DAUNTLESS  
LIVERPOOL DURBAN  
\* DRAGON CERES  
CAPETOWN CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

\* CALEDON  
\* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALANIA  
CARTHAGE  
\* CORFU  
CHITRAL  
RANPORA  
RANCHI  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
\* CARLISLE

A.A. Ship  
Approx 27 Destroyers  
Approx 9 Submarines

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

20th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BROOME" escorting "VAN DEN BOSCH" departed Milne Bay 1402/19 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0600/21.
- (2) "MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1517/19 for Milne Bay, was due 1200/20.
- (3) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT2 ("MONTORO" for Cairns, "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) dep. Port Moresby 1600/18. Convoy to disperse at Fitzroy Island ETA "MONTORO" Cairns 1600/20, ETA "JOSEPH HOLT" Townsville 0400/21, ETA "SWAN" Townsville 1920/20.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "FINGAL" "ALDINGA" departed Darwin 0400/17 for Thursday Island ETA 0930/21.
- (5) SC.744 Towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 1040/17 for Milne Bay ETA 1500/20.
- (6) "BENDIGO" and "TULSA" (towing 4 PT's) escorting Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" towing 1 PT "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" towing 2 PT's) were to depart Cairns 0800/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (7) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.38 (H.T. "KATOOMBA" "MANGOLA" "ADMIRAL CHASE") dep. Townsville 1410/17 for Port Moresby ETA 1200/20.
- (8) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy GT6 ("PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE") departed Gladstone 1240/19 for Townsville 0240/21.
- (9) "BOWEN" escorting "YOCHOW" departed Brisbane 0039/20 to R.V. with northbound section GP35 (including "KURUMBA") at 0700/20 and escort to vicinity of Percy Islands detaching "YOCHOW" at Gladstone. On arrival Percy Islands, "BOWEN" to return Gladstone.
- (10) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. "WHYALLA" "GLENELG" "HILO" 4 P.T's Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BANTAM" "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS "LEWIS", approx. 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. "KATOOMBA" "LATROBE" "ECHUCA" Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "HENR DEARBORN" "SWARTENHONDT" "LADY ISOBEL" approx. 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "PLATYPUS" 12 PT's ( 2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. "ARUNTA" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.) 2 PT's.
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "GEELONG" "BOWEN" "GYMPIE" "FULTON" "VICTORIA" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 (Repairing) "LITHGOW" "GOULBURN"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" to depart Port Moresby 20/2 for Cairns.



- (2) Convoy TN39 - "BOTH" "VIRGINIAN" to depart Townsville 1300/20.  
"ARUNTA" to RV off Fitzroy Island 0700/21 and escort  
to Port Moresby ETA 1200/23.
- (3) "MERKUR" to depart Dunk Island 2030/20 for Townsville ETA  
0720/21

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

NEW GEORGIA

- (1) A cargo vessel and 2 destroyers reported yesterday (19/2) probably en route Vila Plantation from Shortlands, were sighted at the mouth of the Vila River by reconnaissance during the morning 19/2.

At 0935/19 one cargo vessel was sighted 12 miles north of Sokovovi Point (Vella Lavella) course W.N.W. No escorting vessels were visible.

A.M. 19/2 two Zeros were airborne over Vila Plantation Strip possibly as cover for the ships reported there in the previous paragraph.

On the same morning aircraft were reported on the ground at Munda aerodrome.

At 1740/18 Vila was attacked by 10 dive-bombers escorted by 14 fighters.

- (2) SHORTLANDS

Morning reconnaissance 19/2 reported :-

- 1 light cruiser or destroyer
- 9 cargo vessels, including 1 large and 6 small
- 1 unspecified naval vessel.

Total 11

Shipping in the area and Kahili aerodrome were attacked by four Catalinas and 12 Fortresses during the early hours of 19/2. The attack was successful but complete results have still to be assessed.

- (3) KIETA

A.M. 19/2 one probable tanker was seen in Arawa Bay 5 miles from Kieta.

- (4) BUKA PASSAGE

A large destroyer is reported to have arrived at Buka Passage at 1510/19 and at 1541/19 the destroyer and a 1000 ton cargo vessel departed towards the North West. At the same time the aerodrome was reported as quiet.

Porton and Chabai are reported to have been re-occupied by the enemy. The enemy observation post at Porton was reported to have been withdrawn on 18/2.

- (4) GASMATA

At 1345/19 the following vessels were seen off Gasmata :-

- 1 light cruiser or destroyer
- 1 destroyer
- 1 6000 ton cargo vessel surrounded by an oil slick

All stationary.

3 barges under way.

Our reconnaissance aircraft reported the vessels still there after midnight, but the destroyer had possibly departed at 0315/20.

The cargo vessel was unsuccessfully attacked by a reconnaissance Liberator at 1635. Twelve Zeros and 1 medium bomber were encountered.

- (5) CAPE GLOUCESTER

A 1,000 ton merchant vessel, apparently with many men on deck, was sighted 12 miles N.E. of Cape Gloucester, course 170° at 1435/19. Seven Zeros were encountered in the vicinity.

- (6) ALEXISHAFEN

Photos of shipping at Alexishafen on 18/2 reveal that the vessel previously described as an auxiliary launch was in fact probably a weather reporting or communication vessel.

- (7) LAE.

At 0711/19 three fighters took off from Lae aerodrome course N.E.

Troop concentrations at Malahang were strafed by 6 Beau-fighters a.m. 19/2. Two Zeros were seen but made no attempt to intercept. Butibum and Angari, 1½ miles N.E. Lae, were

also attacked about the same time by 10 Bostons which saw 11 aircraft airborne and 4 fighters on Malahang aerodrome.

(8) SALAMAUA.

A 1,000 ton cargo vessel was seen and unsuccessfully attacked at 0938/19 in Salamaua Harbour. Subsequent reconnaissance at noon reported no sign of the vessel.

(9) WAU - MUBO.

A Japanese patrol was successfully ambushed in the Wau area on 17/2. 36 enemy were killed without loss to ourselves.

(10) SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

Enemy submarines were located on 18/2 in the following positions :-

- 1 - 17°30'S 151 E. approximately 300 miles E x S of Cairns.
  - 1 - 13°30'S 156°30'E approximately 190 miles S.E. of Rossel Is.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TD10 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Is. 1650/15 for Darwin, were due 2130/19.
- (2) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Onslow 0900/18 for Darwin ETA 1600/22.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour

Darwin - Warships & Aux. "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" "BISHOPDALE".

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) MERAUKE

Between 1028 and 1120/18 one enemy floatplane dropped 2 bombs at S.S. "HARMAN" off Merauke. No damage was inflicted. The aircraft approached from the North-west and departed in a similar direction.

(2) DILLI.

Photographs of shipping at Dilli on 18/2 reveal that the vessel previously described as a possible cruiser was in fact a 7,000 ton transport. No hits were obtained by bombs. 43 landing barges are also visible in the photographs.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Seato 1200/20:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf P.M. 18/2 for Fremantle was due 0900/20.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN CALEN"  
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" "TRINITY" DUBBO  
"PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. "LARK" "CHILDS" "HERON" "ISABEL"  
"K.12"

ALBANY

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

At 0800/19 a possible submarine was reported in the vicinity of Torbay Head, approximately 14 miles W.S.W. of Albany.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20

- (1) "PATTERSON" dep. Brisbane 1601/18 to RV with "OTUS" in position 33°31'S, 160°66E at 0600/20. To escort to Sydney.
- (2) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C073 was to depart Newcastle 100/20. "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to take over Convoy from "MILDURA" at RV off Sydney 1700/20.
- (3) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C072 (including "GOLD STAR" for Fremantle) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C072 departed Port Phillip 257/19 to RV with Convoy C072 in Wilson's Promontory area.
- (4) "KYBRA" dep. Sydney 1335/19 for Twofold Bay.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" departed Wellington 1645/16 for Townsville.

(b) In Harbour

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "DOBBIN"  
"ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY"  
"MORESBY" "DELORAINE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"  
"SPRINGDALE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy GP35 to dep. Caloundra 1500/20 for Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) SYDNEY.

An enemy aircraft was reported in the Sydney - Port Kembla area between 1855 and 2350/19.

(2) KANGAROO ISLAND

An enemy submarine is reported to have attacked "CORINDA" at 0521/20, 130 miles south east of Kangaroo Island. (See Naval Incidents).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSWON  
FLUSSER MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL HOVEY  
LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALLARD (AVD)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN  
CARINA (AK) TALAMANCA (AP) ARCTIC (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK  
PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO MENOMINEE (AT) VIREO (AM) CONFLICT  
(AM) BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA  
(CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BALCH  
READ CUMMINGS AULICK CASE (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS  
(AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP)  
KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA  
(AK) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT  
(AM) PREBLE GAMBLE (DM) AD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN  
WOODWORTH AARON WARD McALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTON NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM)  
LOCUST (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels)  
ORTOLAN (ASR) ENSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)

- (7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
 CONWAY CONY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD  
 NICHOLA EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR)  
 ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
 MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

D. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy OW4 dep. Fremantle 1230/17.  
 To escort towards Persian Gulf. "KANIMBLA" to  
 return Fremantle ETA 0600/6 March.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

SAN CRISTOBAL:

Japanese torpedo bombers attacked a transport group at  
 2000/17 24 miles N.N.E. Cape Surville. The attack was a  
 complete failure and transports and screen shot down at least  
 5 attacking aircraft. No damage or casualties was suffered  
 by our ships.

KANGAROO ISLAND.

"CORINDA" (BR. (3376 tons) reported being attacked by a  
 submarine in position 37°22'S. 139°29'E (approximately 130  
 miles S.E. of Kangaroo Island) at 0521/20. "CORINDA" was  
 travelling independently from Adelaide to Melbourne and was  
 then to join convoy. No report has yet been received as to  
 whether the attack was successful or not.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) STRONG consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
 particularly Central & Northern Solomons -  
 North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea  
 Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

*G. H. Q. S.W.P.A.*

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q. S.W.P.A.

20/2/43



6 light cruisers

ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMO I

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 323 shore-based aircraft incl. 113 F, 130 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

A.A. Ship

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBLA  
TJERK HIDDERS  
VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

VENDETTA  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender

Oiler

Submarines

PELIAS  
BISHOPDALE  
GRENADIER )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
GAR )  
TROUT )  
K.12 At Exmouth Gulf  
GUDGEON )  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) At Fremantle  
K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area(see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 175 shore-based aircraft incl. 79 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport a/c.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC First Fleet  
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA  
HITAKA

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)  
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO  
T ONE

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI  
ABUKUMA  
SENDAI  
NISSHIN

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)  
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARLAND  
COLORADO  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHEMUNG  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER

LEANDER

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 approx (approx)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DAUNTLESS
	LIVERPOOL	DURBAN
	* <del>XXX</del> DRAGON	CERES
	CAROTOWN	CARADOC
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALANIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines



DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0704/20 for surveying ground.
- (2) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1531/20 for Brisbane.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting "BANTAM" dep. Milne Bay 0838/20 for Townsville.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" dep. Port Moresby 0917/20 for Cairns ETA 1900/22. "LATROBE" to proceed Townsville ETA 0800/23.
- (5) "BENDIGO" "TULSA" (towing 4 PT's) escorting Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" towing 1 PT, "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" towing 2 PT's) dep. Cairns 0900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (6) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN39 ("BOTH" "VIRGINIAN") departed Townsville 1526/20 ETA Port Moresby 1800/23.
- (7) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP35 to vicinity Percy Is. detaching "YOCHOW" at Gladstone. On arrival Percy Is. "BOWEN" to return Gladstone.
- (8) "KAPUNDA" due Caloundra 1500/21.
- (9) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" dep. Wellington 1645/16 for Townsville.
- (10) "MERKUR" was due Townsville 0720/21 from Dunk Island.
- (11) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" SC.744 "HILO"
	6 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN" "JANSSENS"
	"GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN DER LIJN" "FRANCIS LEWIS", approx 50 small craft
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "ECHUCA" "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK"
	"CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
	"HENRY DEARBORN" "LADY ISOBEL" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
	"MANGOLA" H.T. "KATOOMBA", approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "PLATYPUS" 12 PT's
	(2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
	2 PT's
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT"
	"AASE MAERSK"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "GEELONG"
	"FULTON" "VICTORIA" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (ASIS)
	YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"KATOOMBA" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" to depart Port Moresby p.m. 21/2 for Cairns.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) New Georgia

(a) Munda airfield was attacked during the early hours 19/2 by 12 Liberators and again at 0820/20 by 12 torpedo bombers, 18 dive-bombers escorted by 32 fighters. During the latter attack 4 single-engined aircraft and 2 bombers were seen on the aerodrome.

Photos of Munda 18/2 show four fighters and four bombers on the aerodrome.

(b) Vila airfield was attacked 0136-0433/20 by 8 Liberators. Four Zero's were sighted airborne in the area.

(c) At 0745/20 a 15 ton auxiliary ketch was seen approaching Iringila (NW coast Vella Lavella) and it was still in Timbala Bay (1 mile NE Iringila) 1355/20.

(2) Shortlands - Photos of Kahili 18/2 show 75 fighters and six bombers on the aerodrome. Kahili aerodrome was attacked early a.m. 19/2 by 4 Catalinas dropping bombs in dispersal areas, on the runway and dump area. Some large explosions were caused and an unknown number of grounded aircraft were believed to have been destroyed.

Ballale Island was attacked between 0151 and 0420/20 by 6 Catalinas and 6 Fortresses. The attack was apparently successful. Kahili and Faisi seaplane base were also attacked each by one Fortress.

Reconnaissance a.m. 20/2 sighted the following vessels in the Buin-Faisi area - 2 destroyers  
5 cargo vessels.

(3) Bougainville - Native sources report on 20/2 that the enemy has vacated Poruata on the northern jaw of Empress Augusta Bay and Point Mutupina on the southern jaw.

(4) Buka - Photos of Buka 17/2 reveal 14 fighters and 5 bombers on the aerodrome.

On 20/2 a medium sized tanker arrived in the Passage from the east. This is probably the vessel that was seen in Arawa Bay (near Kieta) 19/2.

(5) Gasmata - The convoy sighted off Gasmata p.m. 19/2 consisting of probably one light cruiser, one destroyer and one medium cargo vessel was shadowed through the night 19-20/2 by a Catalina and 8 Beauforts attacked all three ships with torpedoes between 0400 and 0500/20 without scoring hits. The Catalina dropped bombs on the cruiser without observing results at 0520/20. At 0935/20 reconnaissance reported the convoy, still off Gasmata, to consist of - 1 light cruiser

1 destroyer

2 4-6,000 ton cargo vessels.

By 1255/20 the convoy of 4 vessels was reported to be proceeding east at 7 to 9 knots, and was then about 30 miles SE by east of Gasmata. 6 Fortresses and 4 B.25's set out to attack the convoy but were unable to locate the target. Gasmata aerodrome was bombed instead by the Fortresses and two landing barges in Gasmata Harbour believed to have been loaded with supplies were strafed and badly damaged by the B.25's. 3 Zero's intercepted the Fortresses while possibly 2 more Zero's were seen taking off Gasmata aerodrome.

(6) Cape Gloucester - A 5,000 ton cargo vessel was sighted by a reconnaissance Liberator at 1345/20 anchored a short distance from Cape Gloucester runway. 6 Zero's intercepted.

(7) Wau-Mubo - Our patrols remain active in the area east of Wau.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Darwin 0814/20. "CASTLEMAINE" to provide escort to Thursday Island. "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" to proceed Townsville ETA 1030/26.

(2) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Onslow 0900/18 for Darwin ETA 1600/22.

(3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"  
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "DEVONSHIRE" escorting "MONTICELLO" to Colombo departed Fremantle 1215/20. "TROMP" to provide local A/S escort until 2030/21.
- (2) "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departed Geraldton 195/20 for Fremantle ETA 0630/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN GALEN" "TJERK  
HIDDES" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TRINITY" "DUBBO"  
"PELIAS" "WHIPPOORWILL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital  
Ship).  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "HERON" "ISABEL"  
K.12

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy PG35 (7 MV) departed Caloundra 1538/20 ETA Newcastle 1538/22, Sydney 2040/22.
- (2) "GOULBURN" to carry out A/S sweep 21/2. To RV with "DUNTROON" at 0600/22 and provide escort to Brisbane.
- (3) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy C073 departed Sydney 1740/20. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to provide additional escort until daylight 21/2 and return Sydney.
- (4) "PATTERSON" escorting "OTUS" due Sydney 1500/21.
- (5) "KYBRA" dep. Sydney 1335/19 for Twofold Bay.
- (6) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (7) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC72 for Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "DOBBIN" "MILDURA" "SHEPPARTON"  
"BUNBURY" "DELORAINIE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" Y DG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA" "BUNDABERG"  
(In Reserve) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"  
"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - A possible submarine was located in position 34°39'S,  
151°45'E approximately 60 miles SSE Sydney by F.S. "LE TRIOMPHANT"  
at 2216/20.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON  
FLUSSER MORRIS ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL HOVEY

- LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) BALIA RD (AVD)  
 DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN  
 CARINA (AK) TALAMANCA (AP) ARCTIC (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK  
 PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO MENOMINEE (AT) VIREO (AM) CONFLICT (AM)  
 BUTTERNUT (YN) YP.290 YP.517 YP.518 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNLAP FANNING BLACH READ  
 CUMMINGS AULICK CASE (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
 ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER  
 NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA (AK)  
 TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM)  
 PREBLE GAMBLE (DM) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN WOODWORTH  
 AARON WARD McCALLA LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - WICHITA LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER  
 MONTEPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE SANGAMON (ACV)  
 CONWAY CONY WALLER FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS  
 EDWARD (DD) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476  
 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
 MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLAGE (AH)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

There were indications 19/2 of three enemy submarines in the vicinity of Banks Islands (North New Hebrides).

D. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy OW4 dep. Fremantle 1230/17.  
 To escort towards Persian Gulf. "KANIMBLA" to  
 return Fremantle ETA 0600/6 March.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Kangaroo Is. - MV "CORINDA", which reported being attacked by a submarine 130 miles SE of Kangaroo Is. at 0521/20, was sighted by aircraft at 0920/20. She was then proceeding on her course and signalled that she required no assistance. No further details have yet been received.
- (2) Buin-Faisi - Enemy shipping in Buin-Faisi area was attacked 0212-0255/19 by 12 Fortresses with the following results -  
 9,000 ton cargo vessel hit from 6000 ft. by 500-lb bomb simultaneously with another 500-lb skip-bomb hit from 200 ft. Ship left burning furiously.  
 7,000 ton cargo vessel received two 500-lb skip-bomb hits from 200 ft. Heavy smoke ensued but no flames.  
 8,000 ton cargo vessel hit by 500-lb skip-bomb from 200 ft. Bomb seen to enter ship's side but did not explode. Another similar bomb burst 10 ft. from ship while another salvo dropped from 1500 ft. fell around the vessel, with the nearest 30 ft. away.  
 3,000 ton cargo vessel received a possible hit and a 10 ft. miss from 5,500 ft.  
 Bombs were also dropped on the Faisi seaplane anchorage.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions  
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern  
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.  
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura  
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea  
area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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21/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HELM
	HENLEY	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
Submarines	GREENLING )	
	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH ) At Brisbane	
	NAUTILUS )	
	TUNA )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS ) On Patrol	
	GRAYBACK )	
	SNAPPER )	
	TRITON )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO	MOBAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
(prob. 6 effective)	TAKAO	MYOKO ) poss. sunk
	TIKUMA	SUZUYA ) 13-14/11
	NACHI	
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA (doubtful)	

6 light cruisers

ISUZU  
KAFORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 309 shore-based aircraft incl. 108 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

A.A. Ship

VAN HEEMSKERK

Armed Merchant Cruiser

KANIMBLA

Destroyers

TJERK HIDDES

VAN CALEN

VENDETTA

S/P Tenders

HERON

W.B. PRESTON

CHILDS

Submarine Tender

PELIAS

Oiler

BISHOPDALE

Submarines

GRENADIER )

THRESHER )

GAR )

TROUT )

K.12 ) At Exmouth Gulf

GUDGEON )

TAMBOR ) At Fremantle

TAUTOG )

K.8

On Patrol

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 174 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMARA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE  
PORTLAND  
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (SAIPAN - BONNINS - FORMOSA - JAPAN)

C in C First Fleet  
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

HITAKA

2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

TONE

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

CHOKAI

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

ABUKUMA

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

SENDAI

Approx 30 Destroyers &

NIOSHIN

Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

NEW MEXICO

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

ENTERPRISE

8" Cruisers

SARATOGA

6" Cruisers

CHENANGO

SANGAMON

SUWANNEE

LOUISVILLE

WICHITA

HELENA

LEANDER

HONOLULU

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

50 (approx)

5" Cruisers

Destroyers



D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non-effective.

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruiser	DETROIT
	RALEIGH

10 Destroyers  
10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

Cin C 5th Fleet	
2 light Cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)  
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	≡ RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	≡ ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	≡ ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	≡ GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	≡ GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	≡ EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	≡ DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DAUNTLESS
	LIVERPOOL	DURBAN
	≡ DRAGON	CERES
	CAPE TOWN	CARADOC
	≡ CALLEDON	
	≡ SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	≡ CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE.	
A.A Ship	≡ CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

≡ Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 Submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

22nd February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Port Moresby 0856/21 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/23.
- (2) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0704/20 for surveying ground.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Port Moresby 1917/21 for Townsville ETA 2200/23.
- (4) "GLENELG" escorting "BANTAM" dep. Milne Bay 0838/20 for Townsville.
- (5) "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" dep. Port Moresby 0917/20 for Cairns ETA 1900/22.
- (6) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1531/20 for Brisbane.
- (7) "PIRIE" "SC.744" escorting Convoy FCL ("GEORGE W. McCRARY" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "VAN DER LIJN" "JANSSENS") were to depart Milne Bay 1100/22 ETA Cairns 1400/24.
- (8) "BENDIGO" "TULSA" each towing 2 PT's escorting Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" towing 1 PT, "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" towing 2 PT's) dep. Cairns 0900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN39 ("BOTH" "VIRGINIAN") departed Townsville 1526/20 ETA Port Moresby 1800/23.
- (10) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy GP35 to vicinity Percy Is. detaching "YOCHOW" at Gladstone. On arrival Percy Is. "BOWEN" to return Gladstone.
- (11) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" dep. Wellington 1645/16 for Townsville ETA 1730/22.
- (12) "KAPUNDA" escorting BT40 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE") dep. Brisbane 0400/22.
- (13) "GOULBURN" dep. Caloundra 1821/21 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (14) "MUGFORD" dep. Caloundra 1717/21 to RV with "PENNANT" vicinity 159°E and escort to Brisbane.
- (15) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 6 PT's Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN", approx 50 small craft
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "HENRY DEARBORN" "LADY ISOBEL" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA" approx 20 small craft.
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "PLATYPUS", 14 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "COLAC" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.) "MERKUR"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "GEELONG" "FULTON" "VICTORIA" "SC.746" SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" "BURWAH" to depart Thursday Island 1200/23 for Darwin ETA 2130/27.
- (2) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 ("DUNTROON" "DARVEL" "VICTORIA") to depart Brisbane 2300/22.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia:
  - (a) Munda airfield was attacked by 4 B.24's before dawn 21/2 and later by 12 torpedo bombers, 12 dive bombers escorted by 17 fighters.
  - (b) Vila Plantation area was bombed before dawn 21/2 by one B.24.
- (2) Shortlands - Between 0230 and 0420/21 2 Catalinas attacked Ballale aerodrome and 3 Catalinas bombed Kahili. Reconnaissance a.m. 21/2 reported probably 12 or 13 vessels in the Buin-Tonolei Harbour area including one possible light cruiser, 3 destroyers and 2 cargo ships; remainder unspecified.
- (3) Bougainville - Enemy activity at Numa Numa (NE coast) is reported possibly in connection with preparations for a new landing strip.
- (4) Buka - The tanker which arrived at Buka 20/2 from the east had departed, direction unknown, by 1600/21.
- (5) St. George's Channel - At 1430/21 the following vessels were sighted approximately 10 miles NW of Cape St. George course 330°, speed 16 knots -
  - 1 cargo vessel (4,000 tons)
  - 1 unidentified small vessel
  - 1 gunboatThe second named vessel was 2 miles ahead of the other two vessels.
- (6) Open Bay - At 1345/21 a well camouflaged 1,000 ton cargo ship was seen stationary in a small bay adjacent to Powell Point. Bombs were dropped but no hits claimed.
- (7) Gasmata - At 1720/21 a 6,000 ton two-masted schooner was sighted in an inlet 3 or 4 miles east of Gasmata.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - Photos 21/2 show the runway probably unserviceable but 15 blast bays under construction.
- (9) Madang - Photos 21/2 show considerable activity on the aerodrome including the construction of dispersal areas and A.A. batteries.
- (10) Lae - 7 pinnaces were seen leaving Lae Harbour at 1945/21.
- (11) Mubo Area - Our patrols remain active and it was thought that the majority of enemy troops had been forced to withdraw 19/2 to the Wipaining-Waipali area. The enemy are reported to be concentrating in the vicinity of Guadagazal Saddle. Villages and main tracks in the area were strafed a.m. 21/2 by 7 Bostons.
- (12) Buna Area - Enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the vicinity of the Dobodura Strips between 2200 and 2230/20 causing no material damage. At 0130/21 more bombs were dropped without causing damage west of Hariko (4 miles SE Buna).
- (13) Milne Bay - At about 2030/21 2 enemy bombers dropped bombs in the Milne Bay area without causing damage or casualties.
- (14) Brisbane - There were indications 21/2 of an enemy submarine in the Brisbane area.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" dep. Darwin 0814/20. "CASTLEMAINE" to provide escort to Thursday Island. "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" to proceed Townsville ETA 1030/26.
- (2) "WARREGO" "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" dep. Onslow 0900/18 for Darwin ETA 1600/22.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOOLIE"  
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - B.24's reported the following shipping in Ambon Bay  
1200/21 - 1 cruiser or merchant vessel (8-10,000 tons)  
2 medium merchant vessels.  
Aircraft attacked but results have not yet been assessed.
- (2) Darwin - An enemy aircraft attacked an allied convoy in the  
vicinity of Cape Londonderry at 0956/21 (see Naval Incidents).

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "TROMP" returning Fremantle after escort duty.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDERS" on escort duty.
- (3) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 2300/20 for Fremantle ETA  
a.m. 24/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TRINITY" "DUBBO"  
"PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" K.12

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Geraldton - A possible enemy aircraft was over the Geraldton  
area shortly after 1300/21.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy PG35 (7 MV) departed  
Caloundra 1538/20 ETA Newcastle 1538/22, Sydney  
2040/22.
- (2) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy C073 departed  
Sydney 1740/20. "KYBRA" providing additional escort.
- (3) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (4) "YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC72 for  
Sydney and Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "PATTERSON"  
"BUNBURY" "DELORAIN" "BUNDABERG" "SUMNER"  
"BUNGAREE" "OTUS" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"  
"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON MORRIS  
ELLET HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSEL LA VALETTE (DD) CURTISS  
MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)

- ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AP) NEOSHO  
 WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO (AM)  
 SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
 SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH DUNIA P PANNING BALCH READ  
 CUMMINGS AULICK CASE McCAWLEY BUCHANAN (DD)  
 MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE)  
 WHITNEY (AD) FULLER (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
 ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA (AK) ATHENE (AVG) TRY ON (APH)  
 SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
 WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
 ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPPELLIER (CL) FLETCHER  
 O'BANNON RADFORD NICHOLAS GANSEVOORT (DD) TALAMANCA  
 JOHN PENN (AP) NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER  
 PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK)  
 MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
 Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

D. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"KANIMBLA" escorting Convoy OW4 dep. Fremantle 1230/17.  
 To escort towards Persian Gulf. "KANIMBLA" to  
 return Fremantle ETA 0600/6 March.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Darwin - H.M.A.S. "WARREGO", with H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" escorting  
 "MAETSUYCKER" from Onslow to Darwin ETA 1600/22, reported  
 being attacked by a single enemy aircraft at 0956/21 when  
 in vicinity of Cape Londonderry. Three bombs were dropped  
 wide of the mark and our air cover, a continuous patrol of  
 4 Beaufighters, drove off the raider.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.  
 particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North  
 coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -  
 Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea  
 area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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22/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA FARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON BENLEY RALPH TALBOT BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART	HELM
Submarines	GREENLING ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) At Brisbane NAUTILUS ) TUNA ) ALBACORE ) AMBERJACK ) GATO ) GRAMPUS ) On Patrol GRAYBACK ) SNAPPER ) TRITON ) K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK KURUMBA VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIHO	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	OTAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	ATAGO	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TAKAO	MYOKO ) poss. sunk
(prob. 6 effective)	TIKUMA	SUZUYA ) 13-14/11
	NACHI	
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA (doubtful)	

6 light cruisers (CL)

ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMOJ

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 383 shore-based aircraft incl. 182 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

A.A. Ship

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANAMEIA  
TJERK RIDDES  
VAN GALEN  
VENDETTA  
HERON

S/P Tenders

W.S. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender

Oiler

Submarines

PELIAS  
BISHOPDALE  
GRENADIER )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
GAR )  
TROUT )  
K.12 At Exmouth Gulf  
GUDGEON )  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) At Fremantle  
K.8 )

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

A SHIGARU

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 174 shore-based aircraft incl. 78 F, 56 B, 24 F/P, 16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREAEffectiveNon-effective(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS <del>MINNEXX</del>	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	CHUYO	
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE CHOKAI	
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI NISSHIN	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)		
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER	LEANDER ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 <del>xx</del> (approx)	



D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RABILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DAUNTLESS
	LIVERPOOL	DURBAN
	* DRAGON	CERES
	CAPE TOWN	CARADOC
	* CALIFORNIA	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALANIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WOLLESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

II. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) Task Group 44.5 ("HOBART" "SELFREDGE" "RALPH TALBOT") and "AASE MAERSK" were to depart Dunk Island 0900/23 for Challenger Bay ETA 1400/23. "MERKUR" due Palm Island 1500/23 from Townsville.
- (2) "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Port Moresby 0856/21 for Oro Bay ETA 1400/23.
- (3) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1305/22 for Darwin ETA 2130/26.
- (5) "GLENELG" escorting "BANTAM" departed Milne Bay 0838/20. "BANTAM" to proceed independently to Townsville after entering Grafton Passage. "GLENELG" to proceed Cairns.
- (6) "KATOOMBA" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Port Moresby 1917/21 for Townsville ETA 2200/23.
- (7) "MANUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1531/20 for Brisbane ETA 0730/24.
- (8) "PIRIE" "SC.744" escorting Convoy FC1 ("GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "VAN DER LIJN" "JANSSENS") dep. Milne Bay 1100/22 ETA Cairns 1400/24.
- (9) "BENDIGO" "TULSA" each towing 2 PT's escorting Convoy TN37 ("YARRA" towing 1 PT, "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" towing 2 PT's) dep. Cairns 0900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (10) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN39 ("BOTH" "VIRGINIAN") departed Townsville 1526/20. "BALLARAT" to RV at 1200/23 and escort to Port Moresby. "ARUNTA" to proceed to Port Moresby to escort Convoy NT3.
- (11) "BOWEN" en route Gladstone after escort duty with Convoy GP35.
- (12) "KAPUNDA" escorting BT40 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE") departed Brisbane 0400/22.
- (13) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT41 ("DUNTROON" "DARVEL" "VICTORIA") was to depart Brisbane 1000/23.
- (14) "MUGFORD" dep. Caloundra 1717/21 to RV with "PENNANT" vicinity 159°E and escort to Brisbane.
- (15) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 6 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: approx 50 small craft.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "KARSIK"
	"CLEVELAND ABBE" "BALIKPAPAN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	"LADY ISOBEL" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA"
	approx 20 small craft.
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "LATROBE" "PLATYPUS"
	14 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "SWAN" "COLAC"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "FULTON" "GOULBURN"
	SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9
	YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy NT3 ("CLEVELAND ABBE" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY DEARBORN") to depart Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville ETA 0800/26.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - At 1540/21 a suspected submarine was sighted by A/S patrol aircraft 7 miles NNE Lunga Point. Two direct hits were claimed with depth charges dropped and patches of oil observed. Contact was maintained until destroyers arrived on the scene.
- (2) Tulagi was raided by enemy planes during the night 21-22/2. Bombs dropped fired a munitions dump.
- (3) Santa Ysabel - A.A. positions on Rekata Bay and the area generally were strafed during a fighter sweep by 12 Lightnings, 8 Aircobras and 6 Corsairs at 1845/22. No enemy aircraft were seen on the water or in the air.
- (4) Choiseul - A party of Japanese, not more than 50, landed at Bambatana (approximately the centre of the S.W. coast of Choiseul) during the night 20-21/2.
- (5) New Georgia - (a) One warship and one other vessel unloaded at Vila Plantation at 2200/19 departing 7 hours later. Another steamer with one warship unloaded at the same place 2200/20 again departing 7 hours later. Aircraft preceded the ships on both days, possibly on A/S patrol. During the night 21/2 9 barges moved from Vila to Munda.  
(b) Munda was raided from 0145 to 0305/22 by 3 B.24's. At about the same time 2 B.24's attacked Vila.  
Photos 22/2 show 4 fighters and 4 bombers on the Munda drome.
- (6) Shortlands - (a) Ballale and Kahili were each ~~was~~ raided by one Catalina between 0300 and 0330/22. Photos 22/2 show 8 fighters and a bomber on Ballale aerodrome and 53 fighters and 5 bombers on Kahili aerodrome.  
(b) Reconnaissance at 0800/22 reported the following shipping in the Buin area -  
3 destroyers  
11 cargo vessels  
Total 14 plus one other cargo vessel beached.
- (7) Buka - Photos 22/2 show 17 fighters and 5 damaged bombers on the aerodrome. These aircraft do not appear to have been moved for several days.
- (8) Lorengau - (a) A 50' boat was seen in Lorengau Harbour at 1555/22 by reconnaissance. Bombs were dropped but missed the target.  
(b) Building construction is apparent in the town while improvement and extension of the runway area appears to be in progress.
- (9) Rabaul was attacked at dawn 22/2 by 6 B.17's. First priority target was shipping but in spite of close search until after daylight had broken no shipping was sighted in Simpsons Harbour. 2 ships were seen W. of Ataliklikun Bay and one of these was attacked. Other bombs were dropped in the Harbour area and on Lakunai aerodrome.  
Photographs taken on reconnaissance at 1410/22 show the following shipping in the harbour area -  
1 light cruiser  
11 destroyers  
1 destroyer tender  
1 unidentified naval auxiliary  
2 submarine chasers  
2 tankers (one 2,000 and one 9000 tons)  
59 merchant vessels aggregating 299,000 tons  
Total 77 ships plus 2 submarines  
In addition 3 Flying Boats off Sulphur Creek  
2 floatplanes off Malaguna  
14 fighters  
1 or more bombers ) Lakunai

10 fighters }  
23 bombers } Vunakarau

This represents the highest recorded total of merchant shipping in Rabaul Harbour: the previous highest was on 30/12/42 when 88 vessels were visible including 52 MV totalling 271,000 tons. The last photographic reconnaissance was on 14/2 when there were 71 vessels visible including 51 MV totalling 250,000 tons.

- (10) Open Bay - A well camouflaged 400 ton vessel was seen by recce in the vicinity of Powell Point at 1130/22. Bombs were dropped but missed the target. A 40' motor launch was also seen in the area. A well camouflaged 1000 ton vessel was in the same area p.m. 21/2.
- (11) Lae - Butibum Village and Malahang were successfully attacked between 1020 and 1035/22 by 6 Beaufighters, 12 B.25's and 6 Bostons. 2 Zero's (uncertain whether serviceable or not) and 3 other aircraft were seen on Malahang Strip.  
The Bostons continued a coastal sweep to the Waria River Mouth.
- (12) Mubo - Villages and tracks in the Mubo area were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons 1545-1615/22.
- (13) Morobe - 2 possible submarines were reported in Morobe Harbour 1800/22.  
Considerable barge activity was reported 22/2 at the Waria River Mouth.
- (14) Port Moresby - Enemy aircraft raided Port Moresby twice during the night 21-22/2. In the first raid bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Hombrons Bluff: no damage reported. In the second attack probably 2 aircraft dropped bombs on Laloki aerodrome slightly damaging the runway only.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "VENDETTA" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BISHOPDALE" dep. Darwin 0814/20. "CASTLEMAINE" to provide escort to Thursday Island. "VENDETTA" "BISHOPDALE" to proceed Townsville ETA 1030/26.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL" "WARREGO"  
Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA" "MAETSUYCKER"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - An enemy aircraft was over Merauke at about 1115/22. The aircraft was thought possibly to be a Zero.
- (2) Darwin Area - The aircraft which attacked the small allied convoy 21/2 (reported yesterday's Appreciation -22/2) is now defined as being a medium bomber probably on a regular recce route.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDERS" on escort duty.
- (2) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 2300/20 for Fremantle ETA a.m. 24/2.
- (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 0735/22 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 25/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN CALEN" "TRINITY"  
"DUBBO" "PELIAS" "W.B.PRESTON" "WANGANELLA"  
(Hospital Ship)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL" K.12

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Geraldton - ~~xxx~~ The possible enemy aircraft reported over Geraldton 21/2 (see yesterday's appreciation - 22/2) has now been identified as friendly.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy PG35 was due Sydney 2040/22.
- (2) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC73 departed Port Phillip 2057/22 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy CO73.
- (3) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "PATTERSON"  
"YANDRA" "WAGGA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BUNBURY"  
"DELORAINE" "BUNDABERG" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE"  
"OTUS" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"  
"SPRINGDALE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy CO74. "BUNDABERG" to depart Sydney to pick up convoy off Nobby's Head at 1100/24. "TOWNSVILLE" to sail with Sydney section p.m. 24/2 and join main convoy off Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Wilson's Promontory - There were indications p.m. 22/2 of one or possibly two submarines off Wilson's Promontory.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO (AM) SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 KIWI (A/S Vessel) YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ DRAYTON LARDNER REID CASE McCAWLEY BUCHANAN (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT AMERICAN LEGION (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA (AK) ATHENE (AVG) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 YP.239

- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) WATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - MAHAN GANSEVOORT (DD) TALAMANCA JOHN PENN (AP)  
NESCHES PLATTE (AO) IGBI (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477  
PC.479 KITTYHAWK
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Espiritu Santo - A light enemy air raid was carried out on  
Espiritu Santo at 0045/22.

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions  
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern  
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.  
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura  
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New  
Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

23/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
5" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA } On Reserve
		WESTRALIA } On Reserve
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATERSON	HELM
	HENLEY	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
Submarines	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TUNA )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	On Patrol
	GRAYBACK )	
	GREENLING )	
	SNAPPER )	
	TRITON )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKANU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	A TAGO	MOCAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
(prob. 6 effective)	TAKAO	MYOKO ) poss. sunk
	NACHI	SUZUYA ) 13-14/11
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA	

6 light cruisers (CL)

ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 386 shore-based aircraft incl. 185 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

A.A. Ship

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
TROMP  
VAN HEEMSKERK  
KANIMBIA  
TJERK HIDDES  
VAN GALEN  
VENDETTA

S/P Tenders

FERRON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Oiler

Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
BISHOPDALE  
TAMBOR )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
GAR )  
TROUT )  
K.12 At Exmouth Gulf  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
K.8 )

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (1) ALLIED FORCES:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

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Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAH COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	SALT <del>LAKE</del> LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)		SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	CHUYO	
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI	
2 Light Cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)	NISSHIN	
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)		
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)		
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)		
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER	LEANDER ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DAUNTLESS
	LIVERPOOL	DURBAN
	* DRAGON	CERES
	CAPETOWN	CARADOC
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	* CARLISLE	
A.A. Ship		
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

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(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "BROOME" escorting "VAN DEN BOSCH" to position 12 miles S.W. of Brumer Island. "VAN DEN BOSCH" to proceed independently to Townsville. "BROOME" to proceed to Port Moresby.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
- (3) "PIRIE" "SC.744" escorting Convoy FCl ("GEORGE W. McCRARY" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "FRANCIS LEWIS" "VAN DER LIJN" "JANSSENS") dep. Milne Bay 1100/22 ETA Cairns 1400/24.
- (4) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy NT3 ("CLEVELAND ABBE" "HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL") departed Port Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville ETA 0800/26.
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- (10) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEEMSKERK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "TULSA" "HILO" 12 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	"YARRA"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "BOTH" "VIRGINIAN"
	"LADY ISOBEL" "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "LATROBE" "PLATYPUS"
	15 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "SWAN" "GLENELG"
	"KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) "KURUMBA"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "MUGFORD" "FULTON"
	"GOULBURN" "SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - A single enemy aircraft bombed a fighter strip on Guadalcanal between 0247 and 0340/23. Slight casualties and damage were inflicted.
- (2) New Georgia - Munda airfield and Vila Plantation area were each attacked by 4 Liberators between midnight and 0245/23. Munda airfield was reported quiet all day 23/2.

- (3) Choiseul - The party of approximately 50 Japanese reported to have landed at Bambatana 20-21/2 were apparently on a foraging raid as they proceeded further SE down the coast and apparently returned N.W. during the night of 22/2.
- (4) Solomons-Enemy Aircraft - Reports on photographs in yesterday's appreciation (23/2) were wrongly recorded as on 22/2. These were in fact 21/2. Approximately simultaneous photographs a.m. 22/2 show the following -
- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| Kahili  | - 60 fighters; 5 bombers   |
| Ballale | - 5 fighters; no bombers   |
| Buka    | - 17 fighters, 5 bombers (in same position as previously reported) |
- Faisi S/P base - 21 Zero floatplanes; 2 four-engine F/Bs  
Munda was not photographed.
- (5) Kavieng - Two cargo vessels (8-10,000 tons) were sighted 40 miles west of New Hanover course east, speed 8-10 knots at 1500/23.
- (6) Cape St. George - At 1334/23 the following ships were reported in the vicinity of Cape St. George, course 300°, speed 20 knots:-  
1 destroyer  
1 cargo vessel (3000 tons)
- (7) Wide Bay - An unauthenticated report from aircraft gave the following shipping in Wide Bay, course 145° at 0930/23 -  
1 transport  
3 probable destroyers  
No confirmation has been received of this report.
- (8) Rabaul - Shipping and ground installations at Rabaul were attacked by 6 Fortresses at about 0600/23. About 12 ships were seen in Blanche Bay or St. George's Channel but results of the attack have still to be assessed. The larger portion of bombs was dropped on the wharf and town area at the northern end of the harbour.
- (9) Open Bay - The small vessel reported in the vicinity of Powell Point on 21, 22 & 23/2 is shown by photographs to be wrecked.
- (10) Lorengau - Photos of Lorengau taken 22/2 confirm that the runway has been cleared and extended. Much track activity is shown and new buildings appear in the township. Visual recce 1500/23 reports that the runway appears to be about 7000 ft. long and unserviceable except for emergency use. No aircraft were seen.
- (11) Wewak - Photos of Wewak 1100/23 reveal one 10,000 ton merchant vessel and several small vessels in the harbour: 25 fighter aircraft on the aerodrome where work on dispersal lanes and bays is in progress.  
Reconnaissance aircraft was intercepted by 6 fighters thought to be Zero's.
- (12) Alexishafen - Photos of Alexishafen aerodrome 22/2 reveal a possible new taxiway.
- (13) Markham-Ramu Valleys - Patrols report 21/2 that no Japanese have been sighted in the Markham River Valley in the Kaiapit - Guruf area (50 miles NW Lae) since 30/1 and that the area west of Kaiapit has been cleared of the enemy since that date: also that between 19/1 and 19/2 no enemy activity was observed in the Ramu Valley between Kesam and Sepu (approx 40 miles S.W. Madang).
- (14) Mubo - Enemy troops appear to continue to be retiring 22/2 eastwards towards the Guadagazal Saddle area while our air attacks on enemy positions on the Guadagazal Ridge have forced some of the troops there to withdraw towards Mubo.  
Enemy positions in the Guadagazal area were attacked morning and afternoon 23/2 by Bostons.
- (15) Lae - Ground installations were bombed after dark 22/2 by one B.17 while positions in the Lae area were bombed and strafed a.m. 23/2 by 6 B.25's.  
Photos of Lae 23/2 show only one serviceable fighter on the aerodrome.
- (16) Morobe Area - Throughout the night 22-23/2 enemy positions at Bau, Zaka, Dona and Sappa were bombed and strafed by Bostons while 8 barges seen 2 or 3 miles south of Lasanga Is. (approx 30 miles up the coast from Morobe) heading south were strafed, probably damaged and beached or turned back.

- (17) Kumusi Delta was reported clear of the enemy a.m. 22/2.  
 (18) Woodlark Is. - An enemy submarine was seen and attacked by aircraft approximately 55 miles ENE of Woodlark Is. at 1450/23.

At 2052/22 there were indications of an enemy unit in the vicinity of a position approximately 200 miles south of the above reported submarine.

- (19) Milne Bay - 2 enemy air raids were made on Milne Bay area 22-23/2. Slight casualties and damage were inflicted.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting "MAETSNYCKER" departed Darwin 1342/23 for Townsville ETA 2030/28.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1305/22 for Darwin ETA 2130/26.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE" "INVERELL"  
 Merchant Vessels: "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - 6 to 10 Zero's attacked a reconnaissance Liberator over Penfoei (Koe pang) at 0920/23. Two Zero's were destroyed and one more probable.
- (2) Kai Is. - 0910-0925/23 the Barracks area at Toeal was successfully attacked by two waves of Hudsons consisting of 6 and 2 units respectively.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 2300/20 for Fremantle; was due a.m. 24/2.
- (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 0735/22 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 25/2.
- (3) "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" departed Carnarvon 2130/22 for Fremantle ETA Geraldton 0700/25.
- (4) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TRINITY"  
 "DUBBO" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" departed Sydney 0039/24 for Newcastle to escort Convoy C074. "TOWNSVILLE" to sail with Sydney section p.m. 24/2 and join main convoy off Sydney.

- (1) "KYBRA" was to depart Twofold Bay 1200/24 to proceed on A/s and R.D.F. search duties.
- (3) "MORESEY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC73.
- (4) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP36 were to depart Sydney 1100/24 ETA Caloundra 0800/27.
- (5) "PATTERSON" departed Sydney 1037/23 for Brisbane ETA 0600/25.
- (6) "GYMPIE" departed Sydney 0246/23 for Brisbane.
- (7) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDUS" on escort duty.
- (8) "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"LE TRIOMPHANT" "ROCKHAMPTON"
		"WAGGA" "TOWNVILLE" "BUNBURY" "DELORAINÉ"
		"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" "OTUS" YDG.2
(Repairing)		"NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA"
(In Reserve)		"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"
(Refitting)		"WARRNAMBOOL"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS (CL)  
LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR  
STRONG (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA  
ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO  
WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO (AM) SKYLARK (AM)  
YP.290 KIWI (A/S Vessel) YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ  
CONYNGHAM DRAYTON LARDNER REID CASE McCAWLEY  
BUCHANAN (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)  
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT TALAMANCA  
AMERICAN LEGION (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA (AK) ATHENE (AVG)  
TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM)  
ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN GANSEVOORT  
WOODWORTH AARON WARD McCALLA (DD) JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP)  
THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RIGEL (AR)  
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV) LIBRA (AK)  
TRACY (DM)
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

New Zealand - At 0015/23 there were indications of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of the eastern entrance to Cook Strait.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

24/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	HOBART	
	PHOENIX	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) On Reserve
		WESTRALIA )
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SEMPRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	HELM
	HENLEY	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
Submarines	VENDETTA	
	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TUNA )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	On Patrol
	GRAYBACK )	
	GREENLING )	
	GROUPEL )	
	SNAPPER )	
	TRITON )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
	ZUIKAKU	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIHO	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	OTAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	ATAGO	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)
Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TAKAO	MYOKO ) poss. sunk
(prob. 6 effective)	NACHI	SUZUYA ) 13-14/11
	HAGURO	
	KUMANO	
	AOBA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	ISUZU	
	KATORI	
	KASHIMA	
	NAGARA	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	



1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)  
 Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
 Approx 40 destroyers (DD)  
 3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
 AKITSUSHIMA  
 KAMOI

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
 Several Submarine Tenders  
 Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)  
 Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft  
 Approx 373 shore-based aircraft incl. 172 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
 18 Obs. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser  
 Flotilla Leader  
 A.A. Ship  
 Armed Merchant Cruiser  
 Destroyers

ADELAIDE  
 TROMP  
 VAN HEEMSKERK  
 KANIMBLA  
 TJERK HIDDES  
 VAN GALEN

S/P Tenders

HERON  
 W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender  
 Submarines

CHILDS  
 PELIAS  
 TAMBOR )  
 THRESHER ) On Patrol  
 GAR )  
 TROUP )  
 K.12 At ~~Exmouth Gulf~~  
 GRENADIER )  
 GUDGEON ) At Fremantle  
 TAUTOG )  
 K.8 )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) ALLIED FORCES

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA) ASHIGARA  
 3 light cruisers (CL) KASHII NATORI (damaged 21/1)  
 KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)  
 Approx 7 submarines (SS)  
 1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)  
 Approx 188 shore-based aircraft incl. 89 F, 56 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,  
 16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA  
 MISSISSIPPI CALIFORNIA  
 PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE  
 NEVADA

Converted A/C Carrier  
 Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
 NASSAU  
 ALTAMAHA  
 COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND SALT LAKE CITY  
 MINNEAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO  
 PENSACOLA

Destroyers  
 Submarines

15 (approx)  
 23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC ~~est~~ Fleet

6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA  
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE  
TIKUMA  
CHO AI  
ABUKUMA  
SENDAI  
NISSHIN

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA

8" Cruisers

CHEMANGO

6" Cruisers

SANGAMON

SUWANNEE

LOUISVILLE

WICHITA

HELENA

LEANDER

HONOLULU

ACHILLES

ST. LOUIS

NASHVILLE

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

Destroyers

SAN JUAN

50 (approx)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

RALEIGH

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)

KISO

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD  
TRENTON  
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE  
RESOLUTION  
\* RAMILLIES  
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier  
Seaplane Carrier  
8" Cruisers

\* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
\* ILLUSTRIOUS  
ALBATROSS  
DEVONSHIRE

7.5" Cruisers

\* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

PROBISHER  
MAURITIUS \* GLASGOW  
GAMBIA \* EMERALD  
BIRMINGHAM \* DANAE  
ENTERPRISE DURBAN  
LIVERPOOL CERES  
DAUNTLESS CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

\* DRAGON  
CAPETOWN  
\* CALEDON  
\* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
ALANNA  
CARTHAGE  
\* CORFU  
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- (3) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
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	"YARRA"
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	"PLATYPUS" 11 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	"TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "KATOOMBA"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "FULTON" "GOULBURN"
	SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49
	YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN43 ("DUNTROON" "CHARON") to depart Townsville 2200/26 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/28.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin - Reconnaissance a.m. 24/2 reported -
  - 1 destroyer
  - 1 small tanker
  - 8 cargo vessels (incl. 1 large, 6 medium, 1 small)Total 10 vessels
- (2) Cape St. George - At 1050/24 the following vessels were sighted by a reconnaissance Liberator 4 miles WNW of Cape St. George, course 170°, speed 15 knots -
  - 1 destroyer
  - 1 cargo vessel (6000 tons)Bombs were dropped on the cargo vessel but nil hits recorded. Two Zero's approached but did not attack.
- (3) Rabaul - Shipping at Rabaul was attacked at dawn 24/2 by 7 Fortresses. Results have not yet been assessed. Shipping was sighted as follows -
  - 10 vessels in harbour of which two of 10,000 tons, 1 of 3,000 tons, 1 of 1,000 tons
  - 5 others vessels and a submarine were seen dispersed in St. George's Channel.
- (4) Open Bay - B.17's returning from Rabaul sighted at 0515/24 a 10,000 ton cargo vessel stationary off-shore in the southern end of Open Bay.
  - A Liberator over the wrecked vessel off Powell Point at 1050/24 was intercepted by 3 Zero's. Another Liberator over the same area at 1300/24 was intercepted by 8 Zero's of which 4 were shot down.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - One unidentified aircraft and 3 trucks were seen on Cape Gloucester runway at 0900/24.
- (6) Admiralty Is. - At 1500/23 a tanker described as "ONDO" class (1923; 15,000 tons; oil cargo capacity 8,000 tons) was sighted about 80 miles NNE Lorengau, course 140°, speed 12 knots.
- (7) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1230/24 sighted a possible cargo vessel (3-5,000 tons) in Mushu Passage with possible cargo on deck. The vessel was stationary when first seen but on approach of the aircraft proceeded on course 325°. Two barges were seen in Wewak Harbour.
  - It will be recalled that photos at 1100/23 showed one 10,000 ton vessel and several small vessels in Wewak Harbour.
  - The reconnaissance 24/2 sighted 11 fighters on the runway.
- (8) Madang - It was reported 23/2 that enemy forces at Madang were short of food and raiding inland.
- (9) Lae - At 1000/24, Yanga and Angari Villages and Malahang Strip were bombed and strafed by 7 B.25's. Four aircraft were seen on Malahang strip of which one was taking off. A possible submarine was sighted off Lae.
- (10) Mubo Area - Our patrols moving eastwards from Wau report no contact with the enemy.
  - Enemy positions in the Guadagasal Saddle and tracks north of this Saddle were bombed and strafed by two waves each of three Bostons a.m. 24/2.
- (11) Morobe Area - Enemy positions at the mouth of the Waria River were strafed by one flight of the Bostons which attacked Mubo in the above Para.
  - B.25's which attacked Lae sighted possible aircraft hidden in undergrowth alongside Dona strip.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Darwin 1342/23 for Townsville ETA 2030/28.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0456/24 for Thursday Island. "KALGOORLIE" to proceed Maryborough.

- (3) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1305/22 for Darwin ETA 2130/26.  
 (4) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - Extraordinary enemy aircraft reconnaissance was carried out south of Kisar Island p.m. 23/2 and a.m. 24/2. This may be in connection with convoy movements or cover for unloading operations at Laval on the NE end of Timor where considerable shipping activity was reported about Christmas time.  
 (2) S.W. Coast Dutch New Guinea - A 3,000 ton merchant vessel was sighted at Babo p.m. 24/2. The vessel was bombed by the reconnaissance Liberator and a direct hit obtained on the bow with a 100-lb bomb. The town and wharf area were also bombed. One enemy fighter attempted to intercept. Kaukenau was bombed by another Liberator 24/2. Three unspecified vessels were sighted 45 miles west of Kaukenau, course N.W.  
 (3) Darwin - An unidentified aircraft was over Darwin at 1400/24.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 2300/20 for Fremantle; was due a.m. 24/2.  
 (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 0735/22 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 25/2.  
 (3) "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" departed Carnarvon 2130/22 for Fremantle was due Geraldton 0700/25.  
 (4) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "VAN GALEN" "TRINITY"  
 "DUBBO" "PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON"  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C074.  
 (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "OTUS" was to depart Sydney 0600/25 for Fremantle.  
 (3) "KYBRA" departed Twofold Bay 1200/24 to proceed on A/S and R.D.F. search duties.  
 (4) "MORESBY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Convoy OC73.  
 (5) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP36 departed Sydney 1125/24 ETA Caloundra 0830/27.  
 (6) "PATTERSON" departed Sydney 1637/23 for Brisbane, was due 0600/25.  
 (7) "GYMPIE" departed Sydney 0246/23 for Brisbane.  
 (8) "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "TJERK HIDDES" were due Melbourne 0925/25.  
 (9) "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" "BUNBURY"  
"DELORAINIE" "SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS (CL)  
LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR  
STRONG (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER (AV)  
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA  
ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO  
WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO (AM) SKYLARK (AM)  
YP.290 KIWI (A/S Vessel) YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ  
CONYNGHAM DRAYTON LARDNER REID CASE McCAWLEY  
BUCHANAN (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS)  
LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) FULLER HUNTER LIGGETT TALAMANCA  
AMERICAN LEGION (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY  
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR TITANIA (AK) ATHENE (AVG)  
TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM)  
ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) MAHAN GANSEVOORT  
WOODWORTH AARON WARD McCALLA (DD) JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP)  
THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA NESCHES PLATTE (AO) RICEL (AR)  
ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 KITTYHAWK (APV) LIBRA (AK)  
TRACY (DM)
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - SHELDRAKE (AM)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

New Zealand - The condition of a mine washed ashore at New  
Plymouth 15/2 suggests that it could not have been in the  
water for more than 6 weeks.

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabaul - Shipping at Rabaul was attacked shortly after 0600/3  
by 6 Fortresses with the following results -

3 Hits were obtained with 500-lb bombs on a large  
destroyer or light cruiser near Malaguna Strip. HAWAII

Near misses, 20-25 ft., from a 7,000 ton cargo  
vessel between Praed Point and Duke of York Island.

2 small schooners in Ataliklikun Bay were strafed.

The 12-13 ships seen were dispersed as follows -

5 or 6 warships off-shore at Malaguna

1 vessel west of Matupi Island

4 probable cargo ships along S. shore Praed Point

2 cargo vessels between Praed Point and Duke of

~~York~~ York Is.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions  
S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern  
Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.  
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura  
Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New  
Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

*W. G. L. ...*

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

25/2/43





Light Cruisers (CL) - 6

ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITACAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMOJ -

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 382 shore-based aircraft incl. 181 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

TROMP  
KANIMBLA  
VAN GALEN  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender

Submarines

PELIAS  
TAMBOR )  
TIRESHER ) On Patrol  
GAR )  
K.12 )  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER )  
GUDGEON ) At Fremantle  
TAUTOG )  
TROUT )

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHICARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 186 shore-based aircraft incl. 87 F, 56 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Fomosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA  
HITAKA

SHOKAKU

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)  
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO  
TONE  
TIKUMA  
CHOKAI

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

ABUKUMA  
SENDAI  
~~KISSEI~~  
NISSHIN

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)  
4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARY LAND  
COLORADO  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE

LEANDER  
ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER

Destroyers

SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
50 (approx)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RAL EIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N.Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8 " Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	CAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CERES
	DAUNTLESS	CARADOC
	* DRAGON	
	CAPETOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

26th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "BALLARAT" escorting "KARSIK" from Port Moresby to Oro Bay ETA 1400/26.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
- (3) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy NT3 ("CLEVELAND ABBE" "HENRY DEARBORN") "DAVID BUSHNELL") departed Port Moresby 1830/23 for Townsville was due 0800/26.
- (4) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD12 - "WANAKA" "BURWAH" - departed Thursday Island 1950/24 for Darwin ETA 1330/28.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Thursday Island 1025/23 for Townsville was due 0701/26.
- (6) "COLAC" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" "SWARTENHONDT" departed Townsville 1018/24 for Brisbane ETA 0600/28.
- (7) "SWAN" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN40 ("PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE" towing 2 PT's, "BAN HONG LIONG" towing 2 PT's) departed Cairns 0930/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/27.
- (8) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN41 ("KURUMBA") departed Townsville 0025/25 for Port Moresby ETA 1000/27.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting "VICTORIA" "DUNTROON" departed Caloundra 1615/23. On arrival Whitsunday Passage "DUNTROON" to proceed independently to Townsville. "GEELONG" to escort "VICTORIA" until "STUART" escorting Convoy TS17 is met, when "GEELONG" is to join "STUART". "STUART" escorting Convoy TS17 was to depart Townsville 0800/26.
- (10) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEEMSKERK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "TULSA" "HILO"
	12 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	"YARRA" "BOTH"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VIRGINIAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
	"MANGOLA"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PIRIE" "SC.744"
	"PLATYPUS" 11 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH"
	TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA"
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD"
	"FULTON" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" SC.746 SC.748
	"POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN42 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"

- "JASON LEE" "YOCHOW" "S. JACOB") to Port Moresby.  
 "ARUNTA" "KAPUNDA" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"  
 "JASON LEE" to depart Townsville 1800/26. "S. JACOB"  
 "YOCHOW" to RV off Fitzroy Island 0800/27.  
 (2) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN43 ("DUNTROON" "CHARON") to  
 depart Townsville 2200/26 for Port Moresby ETA  
 1700/28.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons-Enemy Aircraft - Approximately simultaneous photographs  
 24/2 show the following -
- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Kahili          | - 41 fighters, 1 bomber.<br>Field half obscured by cloud.        |
| Ballale         | - 4 fighters, 2 bombers. Partial<br>cover only.                  |
| Faisi           | - 6 Zero floatplanes, 2 four-engine F/Bs.<br>Partial cover only. |
| Munda           | - Nil.   |
| Vila Plantation | - Nil.   |
| Buka            | was not covered.   |
- (2) New Georgia - Vila Plantation area was bombed by one Hudson  
 during the early hours 25/2.
- (3) Buin-Kahili aerodrome and area also Faisi were bombed in bad  
 weather before dawn 25/2 by 7 Liberators.
- (4) St. George's Channel - At 1600/25, 3 unclassified vessels were  
 seen in St. George's Channel. The sighting was made from a  
 distance and no further detail could be given.
- (5) Rabaul - Shipping was attacked at about dawn 25/2 by 5 Fortresses.  
 Results have still to be assessed. Some bombs were also dropped  
 on the town area and Vunakanau dispersal areas.
- (6) Gasmata - Photographs 25/2 show constructional work in progress on  
 dispersal loops and bays at the aerodrome. A Fortress and a  
 Liberator both bombed the runway a.m. 25/2.
- (7) Wewak - Photographs 24/2 show that the vessel sighted in Mushu  
 Passage (reported yesterday's appreciation 25/2) was a  
 possible minelayer.  
 Photographs 25/2 show the following -  
 1 destroyer  
 1 minelayer, poss. "SHIMUSHU" class (1200 tons)  
 1 other small vessel  
 several barges.  
 The visual sighting included a 6,000 ton cargo vessel which  
 was possibly not shown in the photos which were partly  
 obscured by clouds.
- (8) Alexishafen - At 1225/25 a 600 ton cargo ship was sighted  
 stationary at Alexishafen. Two hits or near misses were  
 scored with bombs.  
 Photos show that work continues on the strip and  
 clearing is in progress although it is doubtful if the  
 runway is serviceable.
- (9) Madang - Reconnaissance 25/2 reported that the strip was  
 serviceable and work is in progress on the runway and  
 dispersal strips. No aircraft were seen but A.A. fire was  
 encountered.
- (10) Mubo Area - Reports indicate continued withdrawal of the enemy  
 to the Guadagasal Saddle where enemy positions were bombed  
 and strafed a.m. 25/2 by 6 Bostons. Tracks in the vicinity  
 were also strafed.
- (11) Morobe - The aircraft seen hidden near the Dona strip 24/2 is  
 now believed to be a Tiger Moth aircraft with probable R.A.A.F.  
 roundels.
- (12) Submarine Activity - On 23-24/2 there were indications of enemy  
 submarines as follows -  
 one off Salamaua  
 one N.W. Woodlark Island  
 one 350 miles east of Bowen.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Darwin 1342/23 for Townsville ETA 2030/28.
- (2) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0456/24 for Thursday Island. "KALGOORLIE" to proceed Maryborough.
- (3) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1305/22 for Darwin ETA 2130/26.
- (4) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - Photographs 24/2 show a short runway at Timika (11 miles E. Kaukenau) and 6 new machine-gun emplacements.
- (2) MacCluer Gulf - Reconnaissance a.m. 24/2 sighted a vessel shown by photographs to be about 2000 tons near Kokas in the Bay of Sekar (S.coast near entrance MacCluer Gulf).
- (3) Darwin - An enemy aircraft was over Darwin and Batchelor at about noon 25/2.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" departed Carnarvon 2130/22 for Fremantle was due Geraldton 0700/25.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/28.
- (3) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1410/25 on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "DUBBO" "PELIAS"  
"W.B.PRESTON" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL"  
"WHIPPOORWILL"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C074.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "OTUS" was to depart Sydney 0600/25 for Fremantle ETA 1600/4 March.
- (3) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP36 departed Sydney 1125/24 ETA Caloundra 0830/27.
- (4) "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" "BUNBURY"  
"MORESEY" "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "DELORAINÉ"  
"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "HELM" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
"TJERK HIDDÉS" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Newcastle Area - Shortly after midnight 25-26/2 D/F indications of an enemy unit were obtained from a position 32°29'S, 153°09'E (50 miles ENE Port Stephens - N.S.W.). Searches were instituted and a Hudson located and attacked a submarine in position 32°05'S, 153°18'E (60 miles NE by E. Port Stephens or about 30 miles North of D/F fix) at 0550/26.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA  
ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE  
CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT MORRIS  
ANDERSON HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL ELLET (DD) JAMESTOWN (PG)  
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (AV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)  
VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK)  
ARCTIC (AF) GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)  
NAVAJO (AT) VIREO SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 KIWI (A/S Vessel)  
YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ DUNLAP BALCH FANNING  
AULICK CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR)  
ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP)  
KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED  
CASTOR (AK) ATHEME (AVG) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICC  
CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - PDCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN)  
WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR)  
MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SUWANNEE SANGAMON  
CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT FRAZIER AARON WARD EDWARDS (DD)  
JOHN PENN H.T. ALLEN (AP) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA  
NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 RC.479  
KITTYHAWK (APV) LIBRA (AK) TRACY (DM)
- (8) At Auckland - ACHILLES (CL) MONOWAI (A.M.C) EBONY (YN)  
ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE (AH)  
Refitting - LEANDER (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON  
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (CL)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabaul - The attack on shipping at Rabaul by 7 Fortresses at about dawn 24/2 resulted as follows -

- 1 10,000 ton ship hit by 500-lb skip-bomb but no explosion seen.
- 1 minelayer-type vessel received 4 x 500-lb near misses, within 20 ft.
- 1 minelayer-type vessel, possibly same vessel as above, received very near miss from 500-lb dropped on skip-bombing run.
- 1 warship twice attacked and in conducting violent avoiding manoeuvres, ran on a reef.



III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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26/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	BOBART	
	PHOENIX	
	ADELAIDE	
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
Armed Merchant Cruisers		MANOORA ) WESTRALIA ) On Reserve
Destroyers	ARUNTA	
	NARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	HELM
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDEN	
Submarines	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH )	
	NAUTILUS ) At Brisbane	
	TUNA )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	GATO )	
	GRAMPUS )	
	GRAYBACK ) On Patrol	
	GREENLING )	
	GROUPEL )	
	SNAPPER )	
	TRITON )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA
<del>Heavy Cruisers (CA)</del>	<del>ATAGO</del>	

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 6 effective)

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
KUMANO  
AOBA  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
MYOKO ) poss. sunk  
SUZUYA ) 13-14/11

6 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)  
Approx 27 submarines (SS)  
Approx 40 destroyers (DD)  
3 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA  
KAMO I

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 382 shore-based aircraft incl. 181 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

### WESTERN SECTION

#### (i) Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

TROMP  
KANIMBLA  
VAN GALEN  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON  
CHILDS

Submarine Tender

Submarines

PELLIAS  
TAMBOR )  
THRESHER ) On Patrol  
GAR )  
K.12 )  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER ) At Fremantle  
GUDGEON )  
TAUTOG )  
TROUT )

### 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

#### (i) Allied Forces:

3 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

#### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

3 light cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA  
KASHII  
KUMA

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 185 shore-based aircraft incl. 87 F, 56 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,  
16 transport aircraft.

**B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA**

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	IDAHO MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS	SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA
Destroyers	15 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet 6-7 Battleships (BB)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV) 2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA	SHOKAKU
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV) 3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	CHUYO TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI	
2 light cruisers (CL)	ABUKUMA SENDAI NISSHIN	
1 Seaplane Carrier (AV) 4 Converted S/P Tenders (X AV) 6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA) Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG) Approx 27 Submarines (SS)		

**C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA**

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO NEW MEXICO	
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE WICHITA	
6" Cruisers	HELENA HONOLULU ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER	LEANDER ACHILLES
5" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	
Destroyers	50 (approx)	

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CERES
	DAUNTLESS	CARADOC
	* DRAGON	
	CAPETOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CONFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL  
ACTIVITY

27th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
- (2) "ECHUCA" escorting "BOTH" was to depart Milne Bay 0800/27 for Port Moresby.
- (3) "WARREGO" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" was to depart Thursday Island at 1200/27 for Merauke. E.T.A. a.m. 1 March
- (4) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0456/24 for Thursday Island, "KALGOORLIE" to proceed Maryborough.
- (5) SC.744 was to depart Cairns 1000/27 for Brisbane for repairs. E.T.A. 1200/3 March.
- (6) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS.17 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BISHOPDALE") departed Townsville 1015/26 for Brisbane.
- (7) "COLAC" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" en route Townsville to Brisbane.
- (8) "SWAN" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN40 ("PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE" towing 2 PT's, "BAN HONG LIONG" towing 2 PT's) departed Cairns 0930/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/27.
- (9) "WARRAMUNGA" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN42 (WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE") departed Townsville 2030/26 "S. JACOB" "YCHOW" were to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0800/26 and join convoy. Convoy to proceed to Port Moresby.
- (10) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN41 ("KURUMBA") departed Townsville 0025/25 for Port Moresby was due 1000/27.
- (11) 3 YP's 233, 236, 291 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1000/1 March
- (12) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP36 were due Caloundra 0830/27, "GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1745/26 to RV and escort Northbound portion. "TIME" "STAGEN" "GOULBURN" to part company when "H T KATOOMBA" is met, and escort "KATOOMBA" to Brisbane. "MILDURA" "YANDRA" detailed for Convoy PG36 (see Eastern and Southern area).
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO" "TULSA" "HILO"
	12 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
	"YARRA" "BOTH" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
	Small Craft : Approx 50.
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VIRGINIAN" "ADMIRAL CHASE"
	"MANGOLA"
	Small Craft : Approx. 20
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "PIRIE" "PLATYPUS"
	11 PT's (2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "STUART"  
 "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD"  
 "FULTON" "GYMPIE" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG"  
 (A.S.I.S.) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)  
 (Repairing) "LITHGOW".

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN43 ("DUNTROON" "CHARON") to depart  
 Townsville 1800/27 for Port Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal: At 1415/26 a possible submarine was located by a patrol aircraft a mile off Cape Esperance. Depth charges were dropped, but subsequent surface and air search proved negative.
- (2) New Georgia: Munda airfield was attacked by 18 dive bombers escorted by 16 fighters at 1245/26. 8 aircraft were seen on the ground and one was destroyed while hits were obtained on others. A/A was silenced.
- (3) Rekata Bay: At 1925/25 one enemy aircraft landed at Rekata Bay.
- (4) Shortlands: Reconnaissance a.m. 26/2 reported 6 ships in the Buin Faisi area, of which 1 or possibly 3 were destroyers and the rest cargo vessels.  
 At noon a fighter sweep by 26 aircraft was made over Kahili. No A/A was encountered and no aircraft was seen on the ground or in the air.
- (5) Rabaul: Incomplete reconnaissance was made at 0700/26 of Rabaul Harbour. 48 vessels were sighted in the western half of the harbour but owing to weather conditions other areas could not be seen.
- (6) Open Bay: Reconnaissance at 0730/26 saw 2 small vessels off Powell Point and another 2 off Ubili. Bombs were dropped but no hits claimed.  
 At 0800 7 vessels comprising 4 medium cargo ships, 2 small unidentified vessels and one possible submarine were sighted about 12 miles north west of Ubili. These vessels may have been in convoy, but owing to adverse weather the ships could not be located after 1000/26. Two strikes, one of 4 Liberators and the other of 9 Fortresses, were despatched but were unable to locate the target.
- (7) Gasmata: At 1445/26 Gasmata aerodrome was bombed by 3 Liberators as alternative target to the convoy previously mentioned. Subsequently the same target was bombed by 2 Fortresses also as alternative target.
- (8) Wewak: At about dawn 26/2, 6 Fortresses attacked shipping and the aerodrome at Wewak.
- (9) Madang: Photographs taken 1115/26 show no apparent change and no aircraft visible.
- (10) Lae: Before dawn 26/2 a Fortress on search for possible enemy submarine activity in the Lae - Salamaua area bombed Lae aerodrome and strafed shore installations. The town area and the runway were again bombed p.m. 26/2 by 4 Fortresses as alternative target to the Open Bay convoy.
- (11) Mubo: 8 Bostons bombed and strafed Guadagasel Saddle area and tracks in the vicinity during a.m. 26/2. One flight continued coastal sweep to the Waria River mouth.
- (12) MAROBE: A ground report 26/2 states that no Japanese were at Marobe Harbour, but that all enemy in the area were south of the river in the vicinity of Kobo and Bau and upstream to the mountains opposite Dona aerodrome.

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2. NORTHWESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27.

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD12 ("WANAKA" "BURWAH") departed Thursday Island 1950/24 for Darwin ETA 1330/28.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1305/22 for Darwin ETA 2130/26.
- (3) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) North West Coast New Guinea: Photographs of Wakde Island a.m. 26/2 show a runway 1400 yards long under construction and a strip 1300 yards long under construction at Hollandia Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" departed Geraldton 1630/25 for Fremantle ETA 0700/27.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/28.
- (3) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1410/25 on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "DUBBO"  
"PELIAS" "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "ISABEL"  
"WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG36 were to depart Caloundra 0700/27.
- (2) "OTUS" en route Sydney to Melbourne.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" was to depart Sydney so as to pick up Convoy C075 off Nobby's Head at 1000/27. "ROCKHAMPTON" was to sail with Sydney section 1700/27 to join main convoy off Sydney.
- (4) "AUSTRALIA" "HELM" "HENLEY" "BAGLEY" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "WAGGA" "MORESEY" "BUNBURY" on escort duty.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC74 departed Port Phillip 2139/26 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C074

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" "DELORAINÉ"  
"SUMNER" "BUNGAREE" "YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TJERK HIDDÉS"  
"SPRINGDALE"  
(Refitting) "WARRNAMBOOL"



B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA  
ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE  
CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT MORRIS  
ANDERSON HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL ELLETT (DD) JAMESTON (PG)  
CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (AV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)  
VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK)  
ARCTIC (AF) GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO)  
NAVAJO (AT) VIREO SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 KIWI (A/S VESSEL)  
YP.516 YP.517 YP.518
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV)  
SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ DUNLAP BALCH FANNING  
AULICK AULICK CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM)  
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD)  
TALAMANCA (AP) KINGFISHER NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT  
ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) ATHENE (AVG) TRYON (APH) SONOMA  
(AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 YP.239
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT  
(YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN  
(ASR) MONOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP)  
PATHFINDER (AG)
- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SUWANNEE SANGAMON  
CHENANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT FRAZIER AARON WARD EDWARDS (DD)  
JOHN PENN H.T.ALLEN (AP) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA  
NESCHEs (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479  
KITTYHAWK (APV) LIBRA (AK) TRACY (DM)
- (8) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP) SOLACE  
Refitting - ACHILLES (CL) (AH)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON  
PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabaul - The attack on shipping at Rabaul 0430-0630/25 by 5 Fortresses provided the following results :-

2 skip-bomb runs at 200 ft. on 6 - 8000 ton vessel, similar to converted seaplane tender KAGU MARU (6,800 tons gross carrying probably 13 seaplanes) off S.Coast, Duke of York Island, 4 bombs very near or hit. Seemed to be settling when last seen.

2 skip-bomb runs on 2-300 ton cargo ship off Matauatawal Pt. North shore Open Bay; 1 bomb very near and smoke seen coming from ship; 4 bombs at small cargo ship also off Matauatawal Pt. - probably same vessel.  
Results not observed.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
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Non-effective

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	ADELAIDE	
	VAN HEEMSKERK	
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	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELEFRIDGE	HELM
	HENLEY	
	PATTERSON	
	RALPH TALBOT	
	BAGLEY	
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	TJERK HIDDES	
Submarines	GATO )	
	GROWLER )	
	GUARDFISH )	At Brisbane
	NAUTILUS )	
	TUN A )	
	ALBACORE )	
	AMBERJACK )	
	GRAM PUS )	
	GRAYBACK )	On Patrol
	GREENLING )	
	GROUPEL )	
	SNAPPER )	
	TRITON )	
	K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	KURUMBA	
	VICTORIA	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
3-4 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	ZUIKAKU	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	OTAKA

Heavy Cruisers (CA)  
(prob. 6 effective)

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
KUMANO  
AOBA  
ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
MYOKO ) poss. sunk  
SUZUYA ) 13-14/11

6 Light Cruisers (CL)

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx 382 shore-based aircraft incl. 181 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P,  
18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

## 2. WESTERN SECTION

### (i) Allied Forces:

Flotilla Leader  
Armed Merchant Cruiser  
Destroyers  
S/P Tenders

TROMP  
KANIMBLA  
VAN GALEN  
HERON  
W.B.PRESTON

Submarine Tender  
Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
GAR )  
K.12 )  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER ) At Fremantle  
GUDGEON )  
TROUT )

## 3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

### (i) Allied Forces:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

### (ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx 185 shore-based aircraft incl. 87 F, 56 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,  
16 transport aircraft.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAFAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA

Destroyers  
Submarines

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet  
6-7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

SHOKAKU

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA  
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)  
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

CHUYO  
TONE  
TIKUMA

2 light cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI  
ABUKUMA  
SENDAI

2 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

NISSHIN  
KAMOI

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)  
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)  
Approx 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD& PG)  
Approx 27 Submarines (SS)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE  
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND

ACHILLES

~~MONTE~~ MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

DENVER  
LEANDER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E.fective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers	DETROIT
	RALEIGH
10 Destroyers	
10 Submarines	

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 7 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON
	RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	* RAMILLIES	
	REVENGE	
	* ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruisers	DEVONSHIRE	
	* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	* GLASGOW
	GAMBIA	* EMERALD
	BIRMINGHAM	* DANAE
	ENTERPRISE	DURBAN
	LIVERPOOL	CERES
	DAUNTLESS	CARADOC
	* DRAGON	
	CAPE TOWN	
	* CALEDON	
	* SUMATRA (Dutch)	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	* CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTER SHIRE	
A.A. Ship	* CARLISLE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

28th February, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "WHYALLA" "STELLA" on survey duty Goschen Strait area.
- (2) "ECHUCA" escorting "BOTH" departed Milne Bay 0716/27 for Port Moresby ETA 1900/28.
- (3) "WARREGO" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" departed Thursday Island 1331/27 for Merauke. ETA a.m. March 1st.
- (4) "BROOME" escorting "VIRGINIAN" departed Port Moresby 1717/27 for Townsville ETA 2000/1 March.
- (5) "TULSA" was due Cairns 1100/28.
- (6) SC.744 departed Cairns 1035/27 for Brisbane for repairs ETA 1200/3 March.
- (7) "LATROBE" was to depart Cairns 1200/28 for Thursday Island.
- (8) "STUART" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS17 ("HENRY DEARBORN" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "CLEVELAND ABBE" "BISHOPDALE") dep. Townsville 1015/26 for Brisbane.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN43 ("DUNTRON" "CHARON") departed Townsville 1912/27 for Port Moresby ETA 1700/1 March.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN42 ("WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" "JASON LEE" "S.JACOB" "YCHOW") to Port Moresby ETA 1700/1 March.
- (11) "GOULBURN" dep. Caloundra to RV with "COLAC" escorting "SWARTENHONDT". "GOULBURN" to escort "SWARTENHONDT" to Brisbane. "COLAC" to proceed Brisbane.
- (12) YP's 233, 236, 291 en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA 1000/1 March.
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT"
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG"
	"HILO" 16 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "MASAYA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "YARRA"
	"BAN HONG LIONG" "PAINE WINGATE" "BONTEKOE"
	"VAN HEEMSKERK"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "KURUMBA"
	Merchant Vessels: "ADMIRAL CHASE" "MANGOLA"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "PLATYPUS" 11 PT's
	(2 refitting)
Challenger Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "RALPH TALBOT" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR" "VICTORIA"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "KATOOMBA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "MUGFORD" "FULTON" "GYMPIE" SC.746 SC.748 "POYANG" (ASIS) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"LITHGOW"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Faisi-Vila - A small convoy reported to consist of 2 corvettes and a cargo vessel departed Faisi at 1120/27 course ESE. The convoy was located at 1530/27 approximately 40 miles from Faisi on course SE. At 1740/27 the convoy was attacked by Soupac aircraft off the NE tip of Vella Lavella (see Naval Incidents). No shipping movements between Faisi and Vila Plantation have been reported since 20th February.
- (2) New Georgia - Munda airfield was bombed by one Hudson during the night 26-27/2 and at 1600/27 was again attacked by 17 dive bombers escorted by 15 fighters which dropped 17 x 1000-lb daisy cutters. The target area was photographed by a Liberator prior to the attack. Pictures were developed and interpreted in the air and the best targets radioed to the strike.
- (3) Shortlands - Photographs 26/2 show the following aircraft:-

Kahili	- 61 fighters, 5 bombers
Ballale	- 12 fighters, 1 bomber
Faisi	- 20 float Zero's

Other areas were not covered.

Two reconnaissances a.m. 27th reported 7 vessels in the Buin-Faisi area comprising probably

1-3 destroyers
1 possible 8,000 ton transport
3-5 medium cargo vessels

During the noon reconnaissance 4 Zero's were seen taking off Kahili.
- (4) Lae - a.m. 26/2, 4 large barges carrying about 200 Japanese arrived at Labu from Lae.

At least 10 barges are being used for local transport while visits are made by barges to the beached ship off Malahang.

Labu Village was bombed and strafed by 4 B.25's 1600-1625/27.
- (5) Mubo Area - Ground activity was limited to patrols while the enemy appears to be continuing his withdrawal to the Guadagasal Saddle area.
- (6) Morobe Harbour - Enemy activity continues in the Mambare River mouth area.
- (7) Buna Area - A possible enemy submarine was located approximately 2 miles NE of Oro Bay at 1922/26 (see Naval Incidents).
- (8) Port Moresby - A suspicious object thought to be a submarine was sighted on the surface approximately 40 miles SSE Port Moresby at 0200/27.
- (9) A possible submarine was sighted by aircraft at 1455/27 in position 24°10'S, 159°44'E course 250°. The position is approximately midway between Brisbane and Noumea and south of Chesterfield Reef.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy TD12 ("WANAKA" "BURWAH") departed Thursday Is. 1950/24 for Darwin ETA 1330/28.
- (2) 4 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALAGNA" "BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Merauke - One enemy bomber on reconnaissance was over Merauke 0927-1950/27.

8. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" was due Fremantle 1000/28 from Geraldton.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle ETA 1900/28.
- (3) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1410/25 on escort duty.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" "TRINITY" "DUBBO"  
"PELIAS" "W.B.PRESTON" "HERON"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "MILDURA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG36 departed Caloundra 0832/27 ETA Sydney 1732/1 March.
- (2) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy C075.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC74 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (4) "WAGGA" escorting "SUMNER" was to depart Sydney 0900/28 for Brisbane ETA 1700/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HENLEY" "HELM"  
"BAGLEY" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MORESEY"  
"BUNBURY" "DELORAIN" "BUNGAREE" YDG.2  
(Repairing) "NEW ORLEANS" "ALHENA"  
(In Reserve) "MANOCRA" "WESTRALIA"  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TJERK HIDDEN"  
"WARRNAMBOOL" "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "OTUS"

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - BALLARD (AV)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - "ENTERPRISE (CV) NASHVILLE HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO (CL) LAMSON MEADE LA VALETTE GRIDLEY CHEVALIER JENKINS TAYLOR STRONG FARENHOLT MORRIS ANDERSON RUSSELL ELLETT (DD) CURTISS MACKINAC TANGIER WRIGHT (AV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) BREESE (DM) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CARINA (AK) ARCTIC (AF) GEORGE CLYMER (AP) NEOSHO WHIPSTOCK PATUXENT (AO) NAVAJO (AT) VIREO SKYLARK (AM) YP.290 YP.516 YP.517 YP.518.
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) MURPHY SMITH READ DUNLAP BALCH FANNING AULICK CUMMINGS PERKINS (DD) MONTGOMERY (DM) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AS) LASSEN (AE) WHITNEY (AD) TALAMANCA (AP) NEVILLE MERCURY FOMALHAUT ALGORAB ARIDED CASTOR (AK) ATHENE (AVG) TRYON (APH) SONOMA (AT) SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) ADROIT KINGFISHER (AM) ARD.2 YP.239 YMS.8, YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
- (4) At Suva - POCOMOKE (AV) CATALPA ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (5) At Nandi - MAHAN LANG (DD) KANKAKEE (AO)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AG)



- (7) At Vila - NEW MEXICO MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON  
 CHEMANGO (ACV) GANSEVOORT FRAZIER AARON WARD EDWARDS (DD)  
 JOHN PENN H.T.ALLEN (AP) THORNTON (AVD) LACKAWANNA  
 NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479  
 KITTYHAWK (APV) LIBRA (AK) TRACY (DM)
- (8) At Auckland - LEANDER (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES (AK) MOUNT VERNON (AP)  
 SOLACE (AH)  
 Refitting - ACHILLES (CL)
- (9) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES. JACKSON  
 PRES. ADAMS PRES. HAYES CRESCENT CITY (AP)
- (10) At Papeete - CHEVREUIL (Sloop)

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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) ENEMY FORCES

"KANIMBLA" due Fremantle 0600/6 March after escort duty.

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II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Faisi-Vila Area - The transport and 2 escort vessels which departed Faisi at 1120/27 for SE, were attacked at 1740/27 by 14 Dauntless dive-bombers escorted by 11 Lightnings, 6 Kittyhawks and 7 Corsairs, off NE tip of Vella Lavella. The transport was hit by 2 1000-lb bombs and 2 x 500-lb or lighter bombs and was last seen burning fiercely. One of the escort vessels, described as a corvette, was also hit and left burning.
- No enemy fighter cover is specifically mentioned but the report states that 1 float zero was shot down and one probably damaged while our losses in combat were one fighter shot down and 2 missing.
- (2) Wewak - During the attack on shipping at Wewak 0300-0640/26 by 6 Fortresses, a 5,000 ton cargo ship received a direct hit and 2 near misses with 500-lb 3½ sec. delay bombs delivered from 150 ft. in a skip-bombing run.
- (3) Buna Area - H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" reported that she obtained contact with a submarine at 1922/26 in position 8°52'S, 148°35'E (approx 18 miles NE of Oro Bay) and dropped six depth-charges. Investigations next morning produced a good stationary contact in the position of the attack and several large oil patches 2 miles to south.

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive against eastern New Guinea area.
- (3) Possible attempt to occupy Merauke.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

*W. J. ...*

For DIRECTOR C.O.I.C.  
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

28/2/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruisers  
6" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA  
HOBART  
PHOENIX  
ADELAIDE  
VAN HEEMSKERK

NEW ORLEANS

Armed Merchant Cruisers

MANOORA )  
WESTRALIA ) On reserve

Destroyers

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
SELF RIDGE  
HELM  
HENLEY  
PATTERSON  
RALPH TALBOT  
BAGLEY  
MUGFORD  
STUART  
VENDETTA

Submarines

TJERK HIDDES )  
GATO )  
GROWLER )  
GUARDFISH ) At Brisbane  
NAUTILUS )  
TUNA )  
ALBACORE )  
AMBERJACK )  
GRAMPUS )  
GRAYBACK ) On Patrol  
GREENLING )  
GROUPEL )  
SNAPPER )  
TRITON )

Submarine Tender  
Destroyer Tender  
Gunboats

K.9 ) At Sydney  
FULTON )  
DOBBIN )  
TULSA )  
HILO )  
AASE MAERSK )  
BISHOPDALE )  
KURUMBA )  
VICTORIA )

Oilers

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)

CinC Combined Fleet  
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)  
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)  
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)  
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)  
3-4 Battleships (BB)

YAMATO  
MUSASHI  
MUTSU  
NAGATO  
ZUIKAKU  
ZUIHO  
UNYO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)  
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)  
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

OTAKA

6 heavy cruisers

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
NACHI  
HAGURO  
KUMANO  
AOB

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)  
MYOKO ) poss. sunk  
SUZUYA ) 13-14/11

6, light cruisers (CL)

ISUZU  
KATORI  
KASHIMA  
NAGARA  
OI  
KITAGAMI

1 or 2 converted light cruisers (XCL)

Approx. 27 submarines (SS)

Approx 40 destroyers (DD)

2 seaplane carriers (AV)

CHITOSE  
AKITSUSHIMA

9 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft

Approx. 380 shore-based aircraft incl. 179 F, 118 B, 22 F/B, 43 F/P

18 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

Flotilla Leader

Armed Merchant Cruiser

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

TROMP  
KANIMBLA  
VAN GALEN  
HERON  
W.B. PRESTON

Submarine Tender

Submarines

CHILDS  
PELIAS  
TAMBOR )  
TAUTOG ) On Patrol  
THRESHER )  
GAR )  
K.12 )  
GRAYLING )  
GRENADIER ) At Fremantle  
GUDGEON )  
TRO UT )

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES

(i) Allied Forces:

4 submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleet

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

3 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 2/1)

KUMA

1 converted light cruiser (XCL)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane carrier (AV)

NOTORO

1 Converted S/P Tender (XAV)

Approx. 106 shore-based aircraft incl. 87 F, 76 B, 3 F/B, 24 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA  
WASHINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO  
NEW MEXICO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

SARATOGA  
CHENANGO  
SANGAMON  
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE  
WICHITA  
HELENA  
HONOLULU  
ST. LOUIS  
NASHVILLE  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
LEANDER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN  
50 (approx)

ACHILLES

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

IDAHO  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA  
CALIFORNIA  
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier  
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND  
NASSAU  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

PORTLAND  
MINNEAPOLIS

SALT LAKE CITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA

Destroyers

15 (approx)  
23 (approx)

(ii) Enemy Forces: (Saipan-Bonins-Formosa-Japan)

CinC 1st Fleet

6 - 7 Battleships (BB)

ISE  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO  
HYUGA  
HARUNA  
KONGO

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

SHOKAKU

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

HAYATAKA  
HITAKA

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE  
TIKUMA

2 light cruisers (CL)

CHOKAI  
ABUKUMA

2 Seaplane Carriers (AV)

SENDAI  
NISSHIN  
KAMOI

4 Converted S/P Tenders (XAV)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 30 Destroyers & Gunboats (DD & PG)

Approx. 27 submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-Effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser

INDIANAPOLIS

6" Cruisers

DETROIT

10 Destroyers

10 Submarines

RALEIGH

(ii) Enemy Forces: (N. Honshu-Kuriles-Aleutians)

CinC 5th Fleet

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA  
KISO

Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)

Approx. 7 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers                      CONCORD  
   TRENTON  
   RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships                      WARSPIRE  
   RESOLUTION  
   \* RAMILLIES  
   REVENGE  
   \* ROYAL SOVEREIGN  
Aircraft Carrier                \* ILLUSTRIOUS  
Seaplane Carrier                ALBATROSS  
8" Cruisers                      DEVONSHIRE  
   \* GEORGIOS AVEROFF (Greek)  
7.5" Cruisers                    HAWKINS  
   PROBISHER  
6" Cruisers                      MAURITIUS                      \* GLASGOW  
   GAMBIA                        \* EMERALD  
   BIRMINGHAM                   \* DANAE  
   ENTERPRISE                   DURBAN  
   LIVERPOOL                   CERES  
   DAUNTLESS                   CARADOC  
   \* DRAGON  
   CAPE TOWN  
   \* CALEDON  
   \* SUMATRA (Dutch)  
Armed Merchant                   ALAUNIA  
Cruisers                        CARTHAGE  
   \* CORFU  
   CHITRAL  
   RANPURA  
   RANCHI  
   WORCESTERSHIRE  
A.A. Ship                        \* CARLISLE  
Approx. 27 Destroyers  
Approx. 9 Submarines

\* Note: No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines