

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 734

Date 1 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "SC.746" "SC.732" and "YMS.314" on A/S patrol vicinity Langemak.
- (2) "MORESBY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1600/29 to RV with "KOTA AGOENG" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "STUART" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1840/31 to RV with "SEA FLASHER" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (5) "PC.1124" departed Port Moresby 1500/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/1.
- (6) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Cairns 1100/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/2.
- (7) "PC.477" departed Townsville so as to RV at 0800/1 off Grafton Passage with "ORIZABA" (AP) and escort to Milne Bay.
- (8) "CASTLEMAINE" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN213 proceeding to RV at 1600/1 off Fitzroy Island.
"CASTLEMAINE" escorts Portion "A" ("OZARK") to Port Moresby ETA 1000/4; remainder escort Portion "B" (5MV) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/4.
- (9) 19 LCI's departed Townville 1840/31 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1045/29 for Port Moresby ETA 1000/2 Feb.
- (11) "IA TOOMBA" (AMS) departed Port Moresby 1345/29 for Prince Edward Is. to render assistance to "FA.2" aground.
- (12) "GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 1145/31 to relieve "PC476" of A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (13) "YMS's 47,48" departed Cairns 0809/31 to sweep Grafton Passage and approaches.
- (14) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 1340/31 for outer A/S patrol off Grafton Passage.
- (15) "ML.811" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (16) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) proceeding Townsville ETA Feb.1.
- (17) "ML.809" departed Cairns 1527/29 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/4 Feb.
- (18) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0800/30 for Brisbane ETA 2000/2 Feb.
- (19) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP.105 (3MV) departed Sydney 0800/30 ETA Caloundra 2300/1 Feb.
- (20) "SC.749" escorting "ISLANDER" (bound Cairns and Merauke) departed Brisbane 1030/31 for Lady Elliott Island area.
- (21) "COWRA" escorting Convoy QL.51 (4 ships) departed Caloundra 1555/30 ETA Bustard Head 2030/1, whence "COWRA" proceeds to RV at 0200/1 with "JOHN CARROLL" and escort to Brisbane.
- (22) "ECHUCA" escorting 1 MV departed Sydney 1820/30 for Caloundra ETA 1400/2

(23) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "MANGOLA"
-and- "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.

(24) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Anschoffen

- Warships & Aux. - SC's 650, 703, 741, 748, YMS's 11, 53,
73, 331, 334, 335, PG.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428,
801, 803, 819 "WESTRALIA" (APA) *PORTUNUS* (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "J.MUIR" "A.D.WHITE"
"T.C.POWER" "T.CRAWFORD" "N.J.SINNOTT" "D.MCLEAY"
"S.CRANE" "F.G.NEWLANDS"

Megum Island

- Warships & Aux. -

Merchant Vessels: "G.STIRLING"

Lae

- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)

Merchant Vessels: "VAN DEN BOSCH" "W.H.BYERS"
"P.G.HEWITT" "CHIPPEWA" "SAN ANTONIO" "E.D.BAKER"
"F.A.WARDELL" "YOCROW"

~~Merebe~~

~~- Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP)~~

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PG.1131

YMS 313, SC's 637, 648, 736, 744,
"SUSQUENANNA" "TRINITY" (AG) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
"OCTANS" (AF)

Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "JOHN I.NOLAN" "D.F.BARRY"
"K.LUCKENBACH"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - SC.734 "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)

Merchant Vessels: "J.KING" "M.FULLER" "W.PROUSE"
"W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "J.DEERE" "NOORDAM" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP"

Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux. - YMS.50 SC.982

Goodenough Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "A.THOMAS" "F.B.LINDERMAN"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)

"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
"DALY" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE" "MULLANY"

"RALPH TALBOT" "ARUNTA" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" (DD)

"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) "GILMER" "ARARAT"

"BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" "STAWELL" (AMS)

SC's 630, 698, 699, 735, 737, 738, 743, 750 YMS's 49,

52, 70, 71, 72, 315, 336 YP's 233, 278, 283, ML's 424,

425, 430, 541, 816, 818 PC.1119, 1120, 1121, 1122,

1133, 28 LST's 14 APC's, 29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON"

(AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)

"AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA"

"VICTORIA" (AO) "YOOPIA" (AGP) "POLARIS" (AGS) "POYANG"

"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE)

(Repairing, Refitting) "SHAW" (DD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN)

Merchant Vessels: "ALAMO" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"J.ALDEN" "ANHUI" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "S.K.
BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F.BILLINGS" "F.P.BLAIR"
"F.N.BLANCHET" "S.BOLIVAR" "J.G.BRADY" "SAMUEL
BRANNON" "ANSON BULINGHAME" "D.BURNHAM" "CAPE GREIG"
"CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "P.CHANDLER" "CITY OF
HOUSTON" "DALY CROCKETT" "H.DODGE" "GEO.EASTMAN"
"JOSIAH EARL" "F.A.EILERS" "F.C.EMERSON" "ETAMIN"
"ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "W.B.FARISH" "D.D.FIELD"
"J.M.GOODHUE" "GREY LAG" "N.HAPGOOD" "F.J.IRWIN"
"ISOLATOR" "KATOOMBA" "D.HEWES" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE"
"INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "J.B.KENDRICK"
"CONRAD KOHRS" "ALF.LINDBERG" "ZOBELIA LYKES" "MACTAN"
"MANA" "J.MANSFIELD" "L.MERRETT" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST
FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK" "MONTEREY"
"MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "MOUNT VERNON" "NORLAGO"
"PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE"
"PONCE" "W.C.RALSTON" "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "P.T.ROWE"
"A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO"
"W.C.SQUIRE" "R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "VAN DER LIJN"
"H.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "ROBERT J.WALKER" "R.P.WARNER"
"ED.N.WESTCOTT"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "BOWEN" (AMS)

Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "CHARON" "J.CARROLL"

"BRASTAGI" "MACEDON" "M.M.STEWART" "GERVAIS" "CANBERRA"

"STAGEN" "CHAS.L.SMITH".

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "KAPUNDA" "LITHGOW"
(AMS) SC's 742, 747, 981, YMS's 8, 46 YMS's 51
YP's 233 ML's 804, 805, 820 YMS's 51 YP's 233
ML's 804, 805, 820 PC's 477, "PLATYPUS" (AR)
"TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Thursday Is.
Townsville

- Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI"
- Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)
"KANIMBLA" (APA)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "DELORAINIE" "GOULBURN"
"GYMPIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "WHYALLA" "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
"HERON" "HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808,
821, 827 YMS's 9, 10, 316 PC's 1123, 1134,
SC's 731, 10 LCIs "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)
(Repairing, Refitting) - SC.745.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nissan Island - A.m. 31 Jan. a comparatively small allied party landed at Nissan Island. At approx. the same time an enemy party, probably from 5 barges, also landed. No further details available.
- (2) New Hanover Area - At 1150/30 aircraft reported a small freighter (500-1000 tons) at Tingwon Island, off S.W. New Hanover.
- (3) Rabaul - A.m. 30 Jan. another co-ordinated attack was made on Rabaul airfields:-
At 1115/30 Lakunai was attacked by 26 Mitchells with 47 fighters escorting. Several fires were started including a large one on the N.W. end of the runway. Our bombers were not intercepted but 26 enemy fighters which were seen taking off from Lakunai and Rapope during the approach engaged the fighter cover. Two were shot down and another three probably were shot down. One Corsair was lost.
At 1130/30 Vunakanau was attacked by 18 Liberators with 15 Lightnings and 4 Corsairs escorting. A good pattern of bombs was dropped across the runway and 5 medium bombers nearby were probably damaged. Four Zeros were seen airborne but only 1 contacted our aircraft. All our planes in this group returned though A/A damaged 6 Liberators.
Sightings at this time indicated 3 destroyers and 1 cargo vessel off the N. coast of Gazelle Peninsula and 4 destroyers and 2 cargo vessels in Simpson Harbour, in addition to the aircraft carrier previously reported. A subsequent special strike failed to locate any aircraft carrier in the area.
At 1815/30 16 Dauntless and 18 Avengers with 50 fighters covering attacked shipping but results are not yet fully assessed. A/A was reported as the heaviest yet encountered, while aggressive interception was affected by 30 fighters of which 21 were shot down and another 3 probably shot down by our fighter cover. Two Corsairs and one Avenger were lost.
- (4) Mandates - Bismarcks - During the night 30 Jan. a convoy comprising 2-3 cargo vessels with 6 escorts was reported in a position approx. 300 miles S.E. of Palau. The convoy apparently split here, 1 freighter with 3 escorts continuing towards Truk, another freighter with 3 escorts heading S.E. (see Naval Incidents).
- (5) N.Coast New Guinea - At 0142/31 a Catalina reported 1 small freighter (1000-1500 tons) 27 miles N.W. of Aitape, course 110°.
- (6) Hansa Bay - At approx. 1000/30 A/A positions at Hansa Bay were attacked by 5 Mitchells while shipping was attacked by another 8 Mitchells (see Naval Incidents).
- (7) Alexishafen area - Shortly after 0900/30 stores near Bostrem Bay and at Vitar Plantation were each attacked by a flight of 7 Mitchells
At 1330/30 2 small ships at Alexishafen were attacked by 6 Mitchells with Thunderbolts escorting, but results are not yet assessed.
At 0930-1000/31 A/A positions and coastal targets between Alexishafen and Uligan Harbour were attacked by 12 Bostons. Several gun positions were put out of action, villages were bombed and strafed and a camouflaged bomber on Alexishafen No.1 strip were strafed.

(8) Bogadjim Road - Bridges were attacked:-

- (a) 1330/29 by 17 Kittyhawks.
- (b) 1030/31 by 6 Bostons.
- (c) 1030/31 by 5 Vengeances.

In the last named attack 4 direct hits were scored on bridges over the Gori River but otherwise results were not observed due weather.

(9) Saidor area - Approx. 100 Japs were encountered 28 Jan. by our patrols at Teteri (8½ miles W.N.W. of Saidor). A fierce engagement followed and 43 Japs were killed before our patrol withdrew to the E. side of the Mot River. Our casualties were light.

(10) Upper Ramu Valley - After occupying Orgeruna No. 2 (about 8 miles W. of Daumcina - on the principal trail leading East towards Yaula area) midday 30 Jan. without opposition, Australian troops proceeded and captured Orgeruna No. 1 (½ mile further to the N.E.) after overcoming light opposition. Our forward elements continued another 1½ miles N.E. of Kisa without opposition, where apparently great quantities of abandoned food and stores were found.

2. NORTHWESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "ML.815" escorting "BABINDA" departed Millingimbi 1400/31 for Darwin ETA 1720/2.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ARICKAREE" departed Darwin 1100/31 for Thursday Is. ETA 0830/3.
- (3) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
Melville Bay - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELI"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(1) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Eilanden River - The enemy party which assaulted our O.P. near the mouth of Eilanden River apparently departed downstream after being repulsed. Subsequently on 31 Jan. Kittyhawks and Vengeances located 4 barges at the mouth of the Lorentz River (10-15 miles N. of Eilanden River mouth) and sank them.

Ceram area - At 1405/31, one destroyer and one medium / large merchant vessel on course 120°, were located by Liberators just S. of the Gorong Group (off S.Eastern Ceram). The shipping was attacked but results are not yet complete. Five-seven floatplanes and 3 Zeros intercepted our aircraft.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

(1) "ADELIADÉ" (CL) departed Fremantle 1100/31 for escort duties ETA Port Philip 0530/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDÉS" (DD) "DUBBO"
"HORSHAM" (ASM) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER"
(ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
"PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY) SC.739
YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Milne Bay 1400/27 for Sydney ETA 1600/2.
- (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "WILCANNIA" "KIAMA" escorting Convoy PG.104 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 1200/30 for Newcastle ETA 0800/1 and Sydney ETA 1600/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SEROPSHIRE" (EA) "PRINGLE" "SAMPSON" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "DENT" (APD) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "COLAC" "BENDIGO" "WAGGA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) ML's 812, 317, 822, 823 ML's 824, 826
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) "MAHOORA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(a) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) to depart Sydney 1500/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7, carrying out exercises off Cape Moreton en route, from 1600 to 2200/5.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls: Following the bombing of Taroa at 1243/29 by 3 Liberators the island was again attacked at 1400/29 by 7 Mitchells. Six Zeros intercepted and we lost one plane. Barracks and hangars were hit, a ship of 100 feet set on fire and 10 fighters and one bomber believed destroyed on the ground. Photographs taken during the earlier Liberator strike show 20 aircraft on the Taroa airfield of which 5 were bombers. It will be recalled that at this time 8-10 Zeros intercepted.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

CinC Eastern Fleet estimates probably 3 enemy submarines are at present operating in the Indian Ocean thus:-

- (a) One near Socotra (believed German) possibly moving into the Gulf of Aden as a result of the sinking of "SAMOURI" (British Liberty Ship) 95 miles E.N.E. of Socotra a.m. 26 Jan., and of "SURADA" (British - 5,400 tons) 55 miles E.N.E. of Socotra night 26 Jan.
- (b) One in the vicinity of Nine Degrees Channel: "WALTER CAMP" (U.S. Liberty Ship) was torpedoed in position 10°N, 71°49'E early a.m. 26 Jan. A D/F fix was obtained to the westward of Lacadive Is. approx midnight 27-28 Jan.
- (c) Although there is no definite evidence, it is considered probable that a third submarine is operating in the area immediately E. of Ceylon.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Hansa Bay - During the attack on shipping at Hansa Bay at 1000/30, by 8 escorted Mitchells, two freighters (2500 tons each) were sunk in addition to one small freighter or lugger.

- (2) Carolines - A U.S. submarine sank a 7,500 ton cargo vessel during the night 30 Jan. approx 300 miles S.E. of Palau.
X
- (3) S.China Sea - A U.S. submarine claims sinking 3 cargo vessels and 1 tanker (totalling 25,500 tons) also damaging another 10,000 ton tanker in the area S. of Formosa within the last few days.
X

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE
I. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u> <u>Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	MIDWAY FANSHAW BAY	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON SHAH	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO NOSHIRO AGANO (poss. Japan)
<u>L(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KAFORI
<u>XAV/CVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM * SHAW REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE	BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BLACKFISH DACE DARTER GATO GUARDFISH SCAMP	On Patrol	15	25
	PETO BALAO S.38	At Brisbane		
	CERO K.9	At Milne Bay At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS DENT	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 20 twin-eng.)	268		
	Light & M/Bombers	178		
	Bombers	46		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Floatplanes	50		
	Obsn. A/C	15		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA		ISE MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY		* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO ZUIHO TATHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON GREENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHIYODA * OTAKA * UHYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA) Poss. Mandates NACHI) * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		6
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUEARI * ISUZU * NAGARA
<u>(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER PATROLLER	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI KINU NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS UNICORN	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER) BILLFISH) BONEFISH) BOWFIN) COD) CREVALLE) On Patrol FLASHER) HADDO) HAKE) NARWHAL) ROBALO) REDFIN) TINOSA) K/12) BLUEIFHS) CABRILLA) POMPOM) At Fremantle PUFFER) RASHER) RATON) RAY)		6-12 (incl. some German U-boats)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.) 114

Light & M/Bombers 24

SE/Bombers -

Floatplanes 65

Flying Boats 3

Obsn. A/C 6

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 735

Date 2 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "SC.746" "SC.732" and "YMS.314" on A/S patrol vicinity Langemak.
- (2) "MORESEBY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "SC.698" "YMS's 71, 72" departed Milne Bay 1700/1 for Buna ETA 1300/2.
- (4) "PC.477" departed Townsville so as to RV at 0800/1 off Grafton Passage with "ORIZABA" (AP) and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1700/2.
- (5) "WARREGO" proceeding to RV at 1800/2 with "KANIMBLA" (APA) and escort to Finschhafen.
- (6) "CASTLEMAINE" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN213 proceeding to RV at 1600/1 off Fitzroy Island. "CASTLEMAINE" escorts Portion "A" ("OZARK") to Port Moresby ETA 1000/4; remainder escort Portion "B" (5MV) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/4. Portion "B" includes "TRIANGULUM" towing 2 PT's.
- (7) 11 LCI's departed Townville 1840/31 for Milne Bay.
- (8) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0915/1 for Sydney ETA 1800/4.
- (9) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" escorting 4 MV's were to depart Milne Bay 0600/2 for Townsville.
- (10) "GAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is., relieved "KATOOMBA" at 1320/1.
- (11) "GLENELG" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (12) "YMS's 47,48" departed Cairns 0809/31 to sweep Grafton Passage and approaches.
- (13) "LITHGOW" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
- (14) "ML.811" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (15) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) proceeding Townsville ETA Feb.2.
- (16) "ML.809" departed Cairns 1527/29 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/4 Feb.
- (17) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0800/30 for Brisbane ETA 2000/2 Feb.
- (18) "SC.749" escorting Convoy LQ51 (2MV) departed Gladstone 1830/1 for Brisbane ETA 2359/2.
- (19) "ECHUCA" escorting 1 MV departed Sydney 1820/30 for Caloundra ETA 1400/4
- (20) "GALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (21) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - SC 705 YMS's 53, 331, 334 PC.1132
YP.280 ML's 427, 428, 801, 803, 819 "WESTRALIA (APA)
"PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "J.MUIR" "T.C.POWER"
"T.CRAWFORD" "N.J.SINNOTT" "D.MCLEAY" "S.CRANE"
"F.G.NEWLANDS"

Megum Island

- Warships & Aux. -
Merchant Vessels: "G.STIRLING"

Lae

- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)

Buna

- Merchant Vessels: "W.H. BYERS" "P.C. HEWITT" "CHIPPEWA" "SAN ANTONIO" "F.A. WARDELL" "YOCROW"
- Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC. 1131 YMS's 11, 73, 313, 335 SC's 637, 648, 650, 736, 741, 744, 748 "SUSQUEMANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HAIL" (LSD) "OCTANS" (AF)

Oro Bay

- Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "D.F. BARRY" "K. LUCKENBACH" "A.D. WHITE"
- Warships & Aux. - SC. 734 "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
- Merchant Vessels: "J. KING" "M. FULLER" "W. PROUSE" "W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "J. DEERE" "SEAMAN A. KNAPP".

Woodlark Is.
Goodenough Is.
Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - YMS. 50 SC. 982
- Merchant Vessels: "A. THOMAS" "S. BRANNON"
- Warships & Aux. - "NASEVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL) "FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "DALY" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART" (DD) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "ARARAT" "BENALLA" "GLADSTONE" "STAWELL" (AMS) SC's 630, 699, 735, 737, 738, 743, 750 YMS's 49, 52, 70, 313, 336, YP's 233, 278, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 541, 816, 818, PG 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133, 28 LST's 14 APC's, 29 PT's "CTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "GOUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP) "POLARIS" (AGS) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN)

- Merchant Vessels: "ALAMO" "ALGOA PATRIOT" "ALGOA PEGASUS" "J. ALDEN" "ANHUI" "W.O. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "E.D. BAKER" "S.K. BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F. BILLINGS" "F.P. BLAIR" "F.N. BLANCHET" "S. BOLIVAR" "J.G. BRADY" "ANSON BULINGHAME" "D. BURHAM" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "P. CHANDLER" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "DALY CROCKETT" "H. DODGE" "GEO. EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL" "F.A. EILERS" "F.C. EMERSON" "ETAMIN" "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "W.B. FARISH" "D.D. FIELD" "J.M. GOODHUE" "GREY LAG" "N. HAPGOOD" "F.J. IRWIN" "ISOLATOR" "KATOOMBA" "D. HINES" "A. HILL" "B.F. IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "KATOOMBA" "J.B. KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS" "ALF. LINDBERG" "F.B. LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "MANA" "J. MANSFIELD" "L. MERRETT" "G.V.L. MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN E. MACK" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "J.I. NOLAN" "NOORDAM" "NORLAGO" "PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONGE" "W.C. RALSTON" "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPH" "P.T. ROWE" "A. SALCRAINE" "J.S. SARGEANT" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA FLASHER" "SIBIGO" "W.C. SQUIRE" "R. STUART" "W.B. SUBJETTE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN DER LIJN" "H.V. WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "ROBERT J. WALKER" "R.P. WARNER" "ED.N. WESTCOTT"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "BOWEN" (AMS) "MANUNDA" (AH)
- Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "CHARON" "J. CARROLL" "BRASTAGI" "MACEDON" "M.M. STEWART" "GERVAIS" "CANBERRA" "STAGEN" "CHAS. L. SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC"

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) SC's 742, 747, 981, YMS's 8, 46 YMS's 51 YP's 233 ML's 804, 805, 820 PC's 477, "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Thursday Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "PULAGI" "THEBENS" "BIDELIA" "SCHWEDAGON" "A. RAVALLI"

Townsville
Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "DELORAINNE" "GOULBURN" "GYMFIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "WHYALLA" (AMS) "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" (A/S) "HERON" "HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 19, 316 PC's 1123, 1134 SC's 731 10 LCI's "CYSTER BAY" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)

(Repairing, Refitting) = SC. 745.

(c) Proposed Movements

- (1) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" "YANDRA" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy PG.105 (2MV) to depart Caloundra 1200/2.
- (2) "ECHUCA" "SC.731" "YMS.316" escorting Convoy QL.52 (5MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/2. On arrival Bustard Head "YMS.316" proceeds independently to Cairns for onward routing to Milne Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Empress Augusta Bay -

- (a) 0830/30, after 30 minute artillery bombardment a combined infantry and tank assault team launched an attack to clear the enemy from the area 300 yards E. of our positions E. of the Torokina River. At 1000/30 the objective was reached against a stiff resistance and our troops are now consolidated. Twenty Jap pillboxes were demolished and 80 Japs killed in the engagement. Our own casualties were relatively light.
- (b) Jan. 30-31, three enemy barges attempting to leave the Jaba River by night were thwarted by an allied gunboat.

(2) Nissan Island - Jan 30-31, a further report reveals that a successful reconnaissance of Nissan Island was carried out by an allied raiding party. At 0130/1, the entire party was successfully withdrawn save for a few casualties. About 20 Japs were located on the atoll at Sunset 31 Jan.

(3) Kavieng - At 1130/1, two small cargo ships were sighted by aircraft.

(4) Rabaul -

- (a) A.m. Jan 31, Rabaul airfields were again attacked:-

At 1028/31, Tobera was attacked by 17 Liberators and 16 Lightnings and 4 Corsairs escorting. A pillar of black smoke covering the entire South side of the runway and also a small fire in the revetment area were observed. Photos show 20 hits S.E. of the runway, 8 hits on the E. end of the strip, 14 hits in the clearing E. of the strip, 7 in the area E. of the operations building. No interception was encountered. Nine cargo ships and 1 hospital ship were observed in the harbour, also 1 cargo vessel leaving.

At 1035/31, Tobera was again attacked by 24 Dauntless and 18 Avengers. The harbour was closed in preventing the primary target - shipping - being attacked. Hits were scored on the runway and revetment areas destroying 6 and damaging 15 aircraft. Buildings near the strip were also damaged. 46 escorting fighters destroyed 8 plus 4 probables of 20 or more enemy fighters. We lost 2 Dauntless and 2 Corsairs. The fighters reported a great pall of smoke over Tobera.

- (b) Photographs 1000/1 show the following aircraft on three of the Rabaul airfields:-

	<u>F.</u>	<u>D/B.</u>	<u>M/B.</u>	
Vunakanau	5	14	28	
Rapopo	2	-	5	
Tobera	55	-	1	
	<u>62</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>34</u>	- Total 110 A/c.

All runways are serviceable. There was no coverage of the other airfields or of Simpson Harbour.

(5) Mandates - Bismarcks -

- (a) At 1244/1, an outward bound convoy comprising 2 small freighters and 3-4 destroyers was unsuccessfully attacked by 3 Mitchells 20 miles S.W. of Mussau Island. This would appear to be a small convoy returning from Rabaul to the Mandates.
- (b) At 0235/2, a hospital ship outward bound was sighted by aircraft 10 miles S.E. of Cape Matanalem, New Hanover.

(6) Arawe -

- (a) Several small scale air raids have been reported:-
2150/30: One aircraft ineffectively dropped 2 bombs.
1000/31: Two enemy aircraft raided causing slight casualties.
0910/1: Two aircraft dropped 2 bombs causing few casualties.
- (b) Jan. 31, a party of Japs occupied prepared positions at Lupin aerodrome with 3 LMG's, 1 HMG and 12 riflemen.

- (7) Cape Gloucester - Jan. 30, a marine patrol which crossed the Natamo River found enemy bivouac areas and emplacements evacuated. There are signs of a general evacuation through an unknown village 6 miles S. of Natamo Point towards the area E. of Borgen Bay.
- (8) Manus Island - Feb. 1, a heavy strike by 7 squadrons of Liberators was scheduled for the Admiralty Islands but heavy weather forced the aircraft to return. Four Mitchells on a photographic mission reached the Island and observed one floatplane in Seeadler Harbour and a probable bomber on the Momote strip.
- (9) Vanimo area - At 0309-0415/1, a small to medium freighter off Vanimo Bay on an Easterly course was attacked by 2 Liberators (see Naval Incidents). At 0400/1, 2 merchant vessels were sighted at Dauntings Bay ~~(Vanimo area)~~ (Vanimo area) one of which moved off in a S.Easterly direction.
- (10) Hansa Bay - Between 1045 and 1155/1, targets of opportunity including a village and some gun emplacements in the Hansa Bay area were strafed by 8 Thunderbolts.
- (11) Madang - At 0845/1, a small freighter was seen by aircraft off Beliau Is.
- (12) Saidor - At 0204 and 0230/31, 2 alerts were sounded and one aircraft was over the area. No bombs were dropped.
- (13) Upper Ramu Valley - Throughout 31 Jan., strong enemy positions on Crater Pimple 500 yards N.E. by E. of Kankiryu were further attacked by our troops. During the attack an attempt at counter attack by the enemy was repulsed with casualties inflicted on the Japanese. Known enemy killed throughout the day totalled 36.
- (14) Reiss Point - During 31 Jan., Australian troops continued their advance along the coastal track and at 1000/31 reached a point 3 miles W. by S. of the Timbe River mouth. Approx. 30 dead Japs were observed along the track between Singor and the Timbe River.
- (15) Finschhafen - At 1425/31, allied shipping at Finschhafen was attacked by a single enemy aircraft (See Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "ML.815" escorting "BABINDA" departed Millingimbi 1400/31 for Darwin ETA 1720/2.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ARICKAREE" departed Darwin 1100/31 for Thursday Is. ETA 0830/3.
- (3) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Darwin</u>	- Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
<u>Millingimbi</u>	- Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
	Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - At 1132/1, Merauke was reconnoitred by a single enemy aircraft.
- (2) Ceram Area - Results of the attack on shipping by 12 Liberators at 1505/31 have now been assessed. One direct hit and several near misses were scored on the bow of the merchant vessel causing smoke and fires.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Fremantle 1100/31 to RV at 1100/1 with "MERIPOSA" and escort to Pory Phillip ETA 0530/5.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDERS" (DD) departed Fremantle 2230/1 for Geraldton were due 0845/2.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBEO" "HORSHAM"
(AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
"PEELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739
YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Milne Bay 1400/27 for Sydney ETA 1600/2.
- (2) "SAMPSON" (DD) departed Sydney 1600/1 for Noumea ETA 1000/4.
- (3) "WOODWORTH" (DD) proceeding Sydney ETA February 2.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SEROFSHIRE" (CA) "PRINGLE"
"VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "DENT" (APD)
"CASCOYNE" (Frigate) "COLAC" "BENDIGO" "KIAMA"
"WAGGA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO"
(PG) "BUNGAREE" (GM) "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" (A/S
Vessels) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "MANOORA" (APA)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANELLA" (AE)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GRELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) to depart Sydney 1500/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7, carrying out exercises off Cape Moreton en route, from 1600 to 2200/5.
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - Attacks on the Marshalls were continued on Jan. 30, when carrier based aircraft shot down 4 fighters over Taroa and strafed 39 grounded aircraft destroying at least eight. On the same day a floatplane was destroyed by a single allied aircraft over Wotje which also destroyed fuel dumps and magazines. We lost 6 fighters and 4 torpedo bombers but one fighter pilot and one bomber crew were rescued and 2 other pilots are believed safe.

On the night of Jan. 30-31 Wotje and Taroa were each shelled for 6 hours by destroyers and during the 30th, 2 heavy cruisers bombarded Taroa while another hit Wotje. Excellent results were reported by a second naval striking force on Jan. 31. The airfield was thoroughly covered causing fires and explosions. Heavy coastal artillery was silenced without damage to our ships.

Malcoelap was bombed by 9 Mitchells in the afternoon of 31 Jan. No interception was encountered. Taroa was bombed by 2 Catalinas the same evening. Wotje was bombed on the same afternoon by 9 Mitchells starting a large fire. Wotje was also attacked by 4 Liberators in the evening starting large fires while 3 Venturas and 5 Liberators hit Mille dropping 20 tons of bombs plus incendiaries. Kwajalein was heavily attacked by 8 Liberators which dropped 23 tons of bombs starting fires while Roi was hit by another 7 Liberator dropping 21 tons of bombs, causing large fires visible all night.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

Marshalls (Contd) -

The attacks were followed up during the night of Jan.31-Feb.1 by 11 Liberators which set fire to 4 ships at Kwajalein dropping 33 tons of bombs, while Wotje was harassed by 9 Liberators and Mariners and Catalinas were over Taroa Island.

During Jan.31, a continuous fighter patrol was maintained over Mille Island.

Details of the reported allied landing operations are not yet to hand.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Cocos Island - AT 1000/1, Cocos Island was reconnoitred from the N. by a single enemy aircraft.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Vanimo Area - In the attack on the freighter off Vanimo Bay, direct hits were scored with 1000 lb. and 500 lb. bombs starting a fire and explosions. The vessel is claimed as sunk.
 - (2) Finschhafen - Allied shipping at Finschhafen was attacked by a single enemy aircraft which dropped 2 bombs scoring a near miss on "STEPHEN CRANE" (U.S. Liberty Ship) in the entrance to Langemak Bay, causing slight damage and casualties.
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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Marshalls, Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
 - (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Marshalls, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
 - (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
 - (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON SHAH MIDWAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KATORI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE	BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS	Approx 40 5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalla
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) DACE) DARTER) On Patrol GATO) GUARDFISH) SCAMP) PETO) BALAO) At Brisbane S.38) CERO) At Milne Bay K/9) At Sydney		15	25
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANORRA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS DENT	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-engined) 256
 Light & M/Bombers 178
 SE/Bombers 44
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/c 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALBIGH RICHMOND	ABURUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO ZUIHO (est. en route Truk) TAIHO (poss. Mandates)
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE MISSION BAY SANGAMON NASSAU CHENANGO COPAHEE BARNES CORREGIDOR CORAL SEA ALTAMAHA LONG ISLAND	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE	CHIKUMA) Poss. Mandates NACHI)
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD	TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?	2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER PATROLLER	CHITOSE (en route Japa
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI KINU NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS UNICORN	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN CALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER) BILLFISH) BONEFISH) BOWFIN) COD) CREVALLE) FLASHER) On Patrol HADDO) HAKE) NARWHAL) ROBALO) REDFIN) TINOSA) K. 12) BLUEFISH) CABRILLA) POMPOM) At Fremantle PUFFER) RASHER) RATON) RAY) PELIAS) ORION)		6-12 (incl. some German U-boats)

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.) 114
Light & M/Bombers 24
SE/Bombers -
Floatplanes 65
Flying Boats 3
Obsn. A/c 6

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 736

Date 3 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "SC.746" "SC.732" "YMS.314" on A/S patrol vicinity Langemak.
- (2) "MORESEY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "PC.477" departed Townsville so as to RV at 0800/1 off Grafton Passage with "ORIZABA" (AP) and escort to Milne Bay due 1700/2.
- (4) "WARREGO" proceeding to RV at 1800/2 with "KANIMBLA" (APA) and escort to Finschhafen.
- (5) "CASTLEMAINE" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.213 proceeding to RV at 1600/1 off Fitzroy Island. "CASTLEMAINE" escorts Portion "A" ("OZARK") to Port Moresby ETA 1000/4; remainder escort Portion "B" (5 MV) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/4. Portion "B" includes "TRIANGULUM" towing 2 PTs.
- (6) 11 LCIs departed Townsville 1840/31 for Milne Bay.
- (7) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0915/1 for Sydney ETA 1800/4.
- (8) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" escorting Convoy MV.61 departed Milne Bay 0600/2 for Townsville ETA 1200/5.
- (9) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy NT.71 ("CANBERRA" "CHARON") departed Port Moresby 1745/2 for Cairns ETA 1030/4.
- (10) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is., relieved "KATOOMBA" at 1320/1.
- (11) "GLENELG" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (12) "LITHGOW" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
- (13) "ML.811" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (14) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) proceeding Townsville ETA Feb.3.
- (15) "ML.809" departed Cairns 1527/29 for Thursday Is. ETA 1200/4.
- (16) "ECHUCA" "SC.731" "YMS.316" escorting Convoy QL.52 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 1802/2 ETA Bustard Head 0302/4, where "YMS.316" detaches and proceeds independently to Cairns for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (17) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy PG.105 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 1155/2 for Newcastle ETA 1400/4 and Sydney ETA 2000/4.
- (18) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor	- Merchant Vessels: "N.J.SINNOTT"
Finschhafen	- Warships & Aux. - SC.703 YMS's 53, 331, 334 PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428, 801, 803, 819 "WESTRALIA" (APA) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

- Finschhafen - Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "J.MUIR" "T.C.POWER"
"T.CRAWFORD" "D.McLEAY" "S.CRANE" "F.G.NEWLANDS"
- Megum Island - Merchant Vessels: "G.STIRLING"
- Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "W.H.BYERS" "P.C.HEWITT" "CHIPPEWA"
"SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.WARDELL" "YOCROW"
- Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131
YMS's 11, 71, 72, 73, 313, 335 SC's 637, 648, 650
SC's 698, 736, 741, 744, 748 "SUSQUEHANNA"
"TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "OCTANS" (AF)
"PING WO" (ASIS)
Merchant Vessels: "ANHUI" "D.F.BARRY" "GORGON"
"K.LUCKENBACH" "A.D.WHITE" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
- Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - SC.734 "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "J.KING" "M.FULLER" "W.PROUSE"
"NORLAGO" "J.DEEFE" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "ALAMO"
- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50 SC.982
- Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "A.THOMAS" "S.BRANNON" "SEA FLASHER"
- Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN"
"DRAYTON" "DALY" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE"
"MULLANY" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
"STUART" (DD) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
(APD) "ARARAT" "BENALLA" "GLADSTONE" "STAWELL"
(AMS) SC's 630, 699, 735, 737, 738, 743, 750
YMS's 49, 52, 70, 315, 336 YP's 233, 278, 283
ML's 424, 425, 430, 541, 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119
PC's 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133 28 LST's
14 APC's 29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYGUS"
(ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE
MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA"
"VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP) "POLARIS" (AGS)
"POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AR)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PATRIOT" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"J.ALDEN" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "E.D.BAKER"
"S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F.BILLINGS" "F.P.
BLAIR" "F.N.BLANCHET" "S.BOLIVAR" "J.G.BRADY"
"ANSON EURLINGHAME" "D.BURNHAM" "CAPE GREIG"
"CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "P.CHANDLER" "CITY OF
HOUSTON" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "DAVY CROCKETT" "H.DODGE"
"GEO.EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL" "F.A.EILERS"
"F.C.EMERSON" "ETAMIN" "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD"
"W.B.PARISH" "D.D.FIELD" "J.M.GOODHUE" "GREY LAG"
"N.HAPGOOD" "F.J.IRWIN" "ISOLATOR" "KATCOMBA"
"D.HEWES" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL"
"JAPARA" "J.B.KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS" "KOEA
AGOENG" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MASTAN"
"MANA" "J.MANSFIELD" "L.MERRETT" "G.V.L.MEYER"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK"
"MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "J.I.NOLAN"
"NORDAN" "PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
"PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "W.C.RALSTON" "RAMO"
"A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "P.T.ROWE" "A.SALGRAINE"
"J.S.SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE"
"R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN DER
LIJN" "H.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "ROBERT J.WALKER"
"R.P.WARNER"
- Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "MANUNDA" (AH)
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
"MACHDON" "M.M.STEWART" "GERVAIS" "STAGEN"
"CHAS.L.SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC"
- Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
SC's 742, 747, 981 YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48, 51
YP's 233 ML's 804, 805, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Thursday Is. - Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "THEDENS" "BIDELIA"
"SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI"
- Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "DELORAINÉ"
"GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
"HERON" "HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
ML's 868, 821, 827 YMS's 9,10 PC's 1123, 1134
SC.749 YP.291 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)
5 APC's
(Repairing, Refitting) - SC.745

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "A.RAVALLI" "SCHWEDAGON" to depart Thursday Is. 0900/4 for Darwin ETA 1930/7.
- (2) "HERON" (AVP) to depart Caloundra 1900/3 for Mackay ETA 1500/5.
- (3) "PC.1123" to depart Caloundra 1200/3 for Cairns ETA 1400/5 for onward passage to Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - During the night 31 Jan.-1 Feb. barges were heard in the Choiseul Bay area. Enemy positions at Choiseul Bay were bombarded a.m. 1 Feb. by destroyers.
- (2) Buka Passage - At 0500/1, an enemy submarine 25 miles W.S.W. of Buka Passage was depth charged by a destroyer possibly with success. Other destroyers searching the area later reported a small oil slick and strong odour of diesel oil. Shore fire was encountered from the E. end of Buka Passage by the latter destroyers.
- (3) Nissan Is. - Our reconnaissance party having withdrawn from Nissan Is. estimate that there were probably a total of 70 Japs there.
- (4) N. Bismarck Sea - At 1040/2, one small merchant ship with one escort, possibly a destroyer, was sighted by aircraft 60 miles W.S.W. of New Hanover, course 90°.
- (5) S.E. New Britain - At 1230/1, aircraft reported a submarine submerging off Cape Archway (N. extremity Wide Bay). At 1155/2, a submarine was attacked by one of 3 reconnaissance Mitchells 40 miles S. of Jacquinot Bay on course S.W., possibly bound for Gasmata on a transportation mission.
- (6) Arawe - Patrols 1 Feb. report that the enemy has definitely withdrawn from Lupin aerodrome, some 250 yards to the North. At 2255/1, a single enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Arawe.
- (7) Rein Bay Area - At 1625/1, a barge containing 20-25 Japs was strafed by 2 Aircobras 200 yards off-shore, just E. of Rein Bay. A.m. 2 Feb. the coast from Cape Gauffre to Rein Bay was bombed and strafed by 2 Squadrons of Mitchells.
- Cape Gloucester - Ground forces report that the enemy force which evacuated Nakerop 28 Jan. was estimated at 700. Patrols in the Cape Gloucester-Borgen Bay area continue to make very slight enemy contacts only.
- (9) Hansa Bay - Madang - Preliminary aircraft report indicates 5 ships heading S.E. 80 miles N. of Madang shortly before 0350/3.
- (10) Alexishafen - Stores and supplies at Alexishafen were attacked by 4 Squadrons of Liberators 2 Feb. causing large fires and explosions.
- (11) Madang - At noon 2 Feb. Amele and Nohanob Missions were attacked by 48 Bostons, which completely demolished Amele Mission building and inflicted other severe damage in both target areas.
- (12) Saidor-Sio - Our patrols continue active in the Saidor area with only very slight enemy contacts. Our outpost at Sibog (7 miles W.S.W. of Saidor) was attacked on 1 Feb. Enemy strength in the Cape Iris Area (approx 10 miles W. of Saidor) is estimated at 800. At 1440-1500/1, enemy positions in the Cape Iris area, particularly at Biliau Mission and Teteri Village, were attacked by 15 divebombing Kittyhawks with 7 Kittyhawks escorting.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ARICKABEE" departed Darwin 1100/31 for Thursday Is. due 0830/3.
- (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE"
(AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Sorong - Stores and dumps at Sorong were attacked noon 2 Feb. by 12 Liberators. Two or three small sea trucks and some 30 barges were seen near the jetty. Another possible small sea truck was seen 43 miles S. by W. of Sorong (off S.W. Vogelkop Peninsula) heading towards the entrance to Macclaur Gulf.
- (2) Ceram Area - Photographs of the shipping attacked 1505/31 Jan. off S.E. Ceram Island heading S.E., show a freighter transport of 3100 tons heavily laden with deck cargo including motor transport. The vessel was probably badly damaged by 4 near misses visible in the photographs.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Fremantle 1100/31 to RV at 1100/1 with "MARIPOSA" and escort to Port Phillip ETA 0530/5.
(2) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" (DD) departed Geraldton 1615/2 for Colombo.
(3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1341/2 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASH) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Milne Bay 1400/27 for Sydney was due 1600/2.
(2) "SAMPSON" (DD) departed Sydney 1800/1 for Noumea ETA 1000/4.
(3) "SHAH" (CV(E)) proceeding Melbourne ETA Port Phillip Heads a.m. Feb.5.
(4) "WARRNAMEOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP.106 (1 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/3 for Caloundra.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "PRINGLE"
"WOOLWORTH" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "DENT"
(APD) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "CCLAC" "BENDIGO"
"KIAMA" "WAGGA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "DOOMBA" "KYBERA" (A/S Vessels)
"GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) ML's 812, 817
ML's 822, 823, 824, 826 "YUMA" (ARD)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"MANCORA" (APA)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANNELIA" (AH)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) to depart Sydney 1500/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7, carrying out exercises off Cape Moreton en route, from 1600 to 2200/5.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - At midday 1 Feb. a U.S. submarine reported two "FUSO" class battleships seen departing Truk on course 290°.
- (2) Marshalls - On 1 Feb. 5 small islands extending immediately N.W. from Kwajalein Island were captured by U.S. forces and simultaneously 4 islands extending immediately S.E. of Mamur (adjacent to Roi at N. extremity of the triangle of Kwajalein Atoll), were also occupied. There was little opposition and our casualties were light. On the same day, a landing was also made at Majuro Atoll where no enemy were found.

Concurrently with landings, carrier based aircraft and strong surface forces bombed and shelled Taroa (Easternmost and main island of Maloelap Atoll) and Wotje, while Mamur and Roi (in Kwajalein Atoll) were continuously shelled. Both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Islands are now under field artillery fire.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X Marianas - During the night 31 Jan-1 Feb. a U.S. submarine destroyed one large transport tender and another u/i ship off Saipan, course 120°.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North Coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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MOST SECRET
3 February, 1944

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSEAW BAY SHAH	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON MIDWAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYCKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KATORI
<u>XAV/XCVB</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE	Approx 40 BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHIES	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE)		15	25
	BLACKFISH)			
	DACE)			
	DARTER)	On Patrol		
	GATO)			
	GUARDFISH)			
	PETO))			
	SCAMP)			
	BALAO)			
	S.38)	At Brisbane		
	CERO	At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN	10 APA		
	MANOCRA	5 APD		
	WESTRALIA	5 AKA		
	ALGORAB			
	GILMER			
	SANDS			
	HUMPHREYS			
	BROOKS			
	DENT			
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON		?	?
	OTUS			
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL	PROMETHEUS		
	PLATYPUS			

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 243
 Light & M/Bombers 178
 Bombers 44
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/c 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
WEST VIRGINIA
COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
IDAHO
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

ISE
MUTSU (poss. sunk)
* KONGO
* HARUNA
* YAMATO
* HYUGA (being modernised)

CV

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON

SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU

CV(L)

COWPENS
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY

* HAYATAKA
HITAKA
* RYUHO
ZUIHO (est. en route Truk)
TAIHO (poss. Mandates)

CV(T)

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HOSHO

CV(E)

SUWANNEE MISSION BAY
SANGAMON NASSAU
CHENANGO COPAHEE
BARNES CORREGIDOR
CORAL SEA ALTAMAHA
LONG ISLAND

JINYO) Poss. still
KAIYO) East Indies

CA

BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

CHEKUMA) Poss. Mandates
NACHI)

OCA

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3

CL

* OAKLAND
* RENO
* CONCORD

TATSUTA
YAHAGI
* KISO
* YUBARI
* ISUZU
* NAGARA
* NOSHIRO

CL(T)

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KASHII

AV/CVS

POOMOKE

-

NAV/XCVS

-

3

DD

Approx 35

Approx 30

SS

Approx 50

Approx 30

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?

2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

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- (2) "WARREGO" proceeding to RV at 1800/2 with "KANIMBLA" (APA) and escort to Finschhafen.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" escorting Convoy MV.61 (3 MV) departed Milne Bay 0600/2 for Townsville ETA 1200/5.
- (4) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1320/2 for Townsville ETA 0830/4.
- (5) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is., relieved "KATOOMBA" at 1320/1.
- (6) "PC.1133" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (7) "LITHGOW" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
- (8) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (9) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) departed Gladstone 1715/3 for Townsville ETA 1700/4.
- (10) "HERON" (AVP) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Mackay ETA 1600/5.
- (11) "PC.1125" was to depart Caloundra 1200/3 for Cairns ETA 1400/5 for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (12) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.43 ("SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI") was to depart Thursday Is. 0900/4 for Darwin ETA 1930/7.
- (13) "ECHUCA" "YMS.316" escorting QL.52 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 1802/2 were due Bustard Head 1902/3, where "YMS.316" detaches and proceeds independently to Cairns for Onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (14) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP.106 (1 MV ex Newcastle) departed Sydney 0814/3 for Caloundra ETA 2230/5.
- (15) "DELORAINIE" proceeding Sydney ETA 2000/4.
- (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor - Merchant Vessels: "N.J.SINNOTT"
Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 703, 734, 748 YMS's 53, 331
YMS's 334, 335 PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428
ML's 801, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G.ERADY"
"T.CRAWFORD" "S.CRANE" "D.MCLEAY" "J.MUIR" "F.G.
NEWLANDS" "T.C.POWER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
Megum Island - Merchant Vessels: "G.STIRLING"
Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "W.H.BYERS" "P.C.HEWITT" "CHIPPEWA"
"SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.WARDELL" "YOCROW" "L.MERRITT"
"VAN DER LIJN"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131
YMS's 71, 72, 73, 313 SC's 637, 648, 650, 698, 736
SC's 741, 744 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER
HALL" "(LSD) "OCTANS" (AP) "PING WO" (ASIS)
"EENALLA" (AMS)

Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACH"
"A.D.WHITE"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "J.KING" "M.FULLER" "W.PROUSE"
"NORLAGO" "J.DEERE" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "ALAMO"

Woodlark Is.
Goodenough Is.
Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - YMS.50 SC.982
- Merchant Vessels: "A.THOMAS" "S.BRANNON" "SEA FLASHER"
- Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAWSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN"
"DRAYTON" "DALY" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE"
"MULLANY" "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY"
"STUART" (DD) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
(APD) "ARARAT" "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "GLADSTONE"
"ELENEG" "MILDURA" "STAWELL" (AMS) SC's 630, 699
SC's 732, 735, 737, 758, 743, 746, 750 YMS's 49, 52
YMS's 70, 314, 315, 336 YP's 233, 278, 283
ML's 424, 425, 430, 541, 816, 818 PC's 476, 477
PC's 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124 28 LST's 14 APC's
29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL"
(ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE"
"SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP)
"POLARIS" (AGS) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "PYRO" (AE)
"WESTRALIA" (APA)

(Note): SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE
BAY NOT SHOWN.

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PATRIOT" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"J.ALDEN" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "S.K.BARLOW"
"FLOYD BENNET" "F.BILLINGS" "F.P.BLAIR" "R.N.BLANCHET"
"S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "D.BURNHAM"
"CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "P.CHANDLER"
"CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "DAVY CROCKETT"
"H.DODGE" "J.D.DOTY" "GEO.EASTMAN" "JOSIAH EARL"
"F.C.EMERSON" "ETAMIN" "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD"
"W.B.PARISH" "D.D.FIELD" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
"J.M.GOODHUE" "GREY LAG" "N.HAFGOOD" "D.HEWES" "A.HILL"
"F.J.IRWIN" "ISOLATOR" "D.HEWES" "A.HILL" "B.F.IRVINE"
"INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "J.B.KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS"
"KOTA AGOENG" "J.LIEN" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA
LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD" "G.V.L.MEYER"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK"
"MONTEREY" "MONTICELLO" "MORMACDALE" "NORMACLARK"
"J.I.NOLAN" "NOORDAM" "F.OLDER" "ORIZABA" "PATRAS"
"PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE"
"W.C.RALSTON" "RAMO" "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "PT.ROWE"
"A.SALCRINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO"
"W.C.SQUIRE" "R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "TRIANGULUM"
"VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SWOLL" "E.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER"
"ROBERT J.WALKER" "R.P.WARNER" "K.D.WIGINS"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
"MACEDON" "M.M.STEWART" "GERVAIS" "STAGEN"
"CHAS.L.SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC" "OZARK"

Thursday Is.

- Warships & Aux. - ML.809
Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "THEDENS" "BIDELLA" "ARICKAREE"

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "KAPUNDA" (AMS)
SC's 742, 747, 981 YMS's 8, 46, 47, 48, 51 YP.233
ML's 805, 811, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville
Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "GOULBURN"
"GYMPIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9,10
PC.1134 SC's 731, 749 YP.291 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
"MERKUR" (AF) 5 APC's

(Repairing, Refitting) - SC.745

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.731" escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO" towing 2 barges to depart Caloundra 1500/4. On arrival Bustard Head, "SC.731" proceeds Gladstone to escort Convoy LQ.53.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - To 1500/2, enemy positions $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.E. of the Torokina River mouth were shelled by our artillery while enemy positions in the Jaba River area (12 miles S.E. of Cape Torokina) were shelled by our coastal guns.
- (2) Numa Numa Area - Feb. 2, an enemy party was engaged by one of our patrols 5 miles W. by N. of Numa Numa sustaining between 40-50 casualties. Our patrol suffered no losses.
- X (3) N. Bismarck Sea - At 0330/3, a small convoy including one medium freighter transport and 2 or 3 escorts 35 miles S.W. of New Hanover on course 260°, was attacked by 3 Catalinas. Some hits were reported but final results have not yet been assessed.
- At 1205/3, the same convoy was sighted some distance to the East when the Freighter was reported to be on fire and 40 minutes later the escorts were sighted leaving the merchant ship and heading North.
- This may have been a convoy outward bound from the Bismarcks to the Mandates area which turned back after suffering attack.
- At 1445/3, a Soupac Liberator drove off three intercepting fighters in the vicinity of the convoy.
- (4) Kavieng - 0012/3-0234/4, a dump area North of Kavieng airfield was bombed by a single R.A.A.F. Catalina, starting 2 small fires. No shipping was sighted in the Harbour.
- (5) Gasmata - 1317/3, dump and camp areas on the Angen River (20 miles East of Gasmata) were bombed by 26 Beauforts escorted by 15 Kittyhawks and 16 Spitfires. Excellent coverage of the target was reported.
- (6) Ara we - On the night Jan.31-Feb.1, Arawe air strip was shelled by our mortars and artillery while probable enemy positions between Untingalu and our outpost line were also shelled.
- On Feb.3, our patrol in the Sigul River area (5 miles North of the airfield) was held up by enemy positions.
- (7) Hollandia - Photographs Feb. 1 show 78 medium and 43 light bombers on the Hollandia airfields excluding fighters.
- X (8) Wewak - (a) 1000/3, a probable destroyer was sighted by aircraft in Victoria Bay (Kairiru Island) and at 1115/3, one small freighter transport and 5 sea trucks were reported by aircraft at Muschu Island.
- (b) 1055-1215/3, Wewak airfields were heavily bombed by a strong force of Liberators and Mitchells with Thunderbolt escort. Preliminary strafing was effected by the Thunderbolts arriving before the bombers. Considerable damage to dump areas and grounded aircraft and A/A positions was caused and large fires were started. Some interception was encountered but complete combat reports are not yet to hand.
- (9) Hansa Bay -
- (a) 1115/3, 2 sea trucks were sighted by aircraft in Hansa Bay.
- (b) 0935-1040/3, targets of opportunity from Hansa Bay to Uligan Harbour were bombed and strafed by 11 Bostons whose primary target - the convoy reported off Karkar Island (refer Summary No. 736, para 9) - was not located. Three Mitchells on reconnaissance over the W. Bismarck Sea also failed to locate the convoy.
- (10) Upper Ramu Valley - Feb. 2, our forces advancing down the Mindjim River road have cleared Paipa No.2 and have advanced to a point 1 mile S.E. of Paipa No. 1 without opposition. Some abandoned positions were found. Patrols have advanced 1 mile N.W. of Paipa No.1 inflicting casualties on an enemy party. On the left flank our troops have occupied a position near Mataloi No.1 (5 miles W. of Daumoina) and patrols are operating forward of Biri (2 miles to the N.W. of Mataloi No.1).
- (11) Reiss Point - Feb. 2, a point 5 miles W. of the Timbe River mouth was reached by our patrols.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

(1) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timoeaka - 2255/2-0023/3, the runway and dispersal loop at Timoeaka and Keaukwa village were bombed and strafed by 2 Catalinas starting fires.
- (2) Sorong - Photographs taken by the Liberators which attacked Sorong on Feb. 2 reveal a new airfield under construction at Sermati (15 miles S.W. of Sorong). Clearing is in progress and 5 revetments have been completed with 4 under construction suitable for night bombers. Sixty barges and small craft up to 200 tons are shown in the Sorong area. Eight heavy A/A positions are shown occupied and continued activity in the area.
- (3) Merauke - 0745-0805/3, the area W. of Merauke was reconnoitred by 2 or 3 enemy aircraft.
At 0904/3, Tanahmerah (150 miles N. of Merauke) was reconnoitred by a single enemy aircraft.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDEN" (DD) departed Geraldton 1615/2 for Trincomalee.
- (2) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1341/2 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AM)
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 12 00/4:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Fremantle 1100/31 to RV at 1100/1 with "MARIPOSA" and escort to Port Phillip ETA 0530/5.
- (2) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0915/1 for Sydney ETA 1800/4.
- (3) "SHAH" (CV(E)) proceeding Melbourne ETA Port Phillip Heads a.m. Feb. 5.
- (4) "BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1759/3 for Townsville and Milne Bay ETA 0700/8.
- (5) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.105 (1 MV) departed Caloundra 1155/2 ETA Sydney 2000/4.
- (6) "WHYALLA" was detached from Convoy PG.105 at 1730/3 to escort one straggling MV to Newcastle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "PRINGLE"
"WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "DENT"
(APD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "COLAC"
"KIAMA" "WAGGA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "BINGERA" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" (A/S
Vessels) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826 "YUMA" (ARD)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"MANOORA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - -
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) to depart Sydney 1500/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7, carrying out exercises off Cape Moreton en route, from 1600 to 2200/5.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - At 1655/1, fires and explosions were started in the fuel storage area at Nauru by 5 Venturas which dropped 4 tons of bombs. The area was also strafed. No interception was encountered.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - On Feb. 1, 2 small islands extending immediately S.W. of Roi were occupied in addition to those previously reported.

At 0730/2, following ship and shore artillery bombardment, landings were effected on the Western tip of Kwajalein Island with no opposition on the beaches. By 1600/2, a line running N.W. across the island 1300 yards East of the beachhead was held. Opposition from rifle, machine gun and mortar and artillery fire was encountered during the last 1000 yards. 11,000 troops, including tanks, had by then been landed and the attack continues. Our casualties were light. About 45 prisoners have been taken, and an estimated 600 Japs have been killed to date in this area.

At 0945/2, landings were effected on the Southern shores of Roi and Namur Islands respectively against light opposition. By 1655/2, the whole of Roi and three quarters of Namur had been occupied and mopping up continues.

At 0930/1, Mille runways and installations were bombed and strafed by 19 Dauntless dropping 13 tons of bombs. The runways were left definitely unserviceable.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol duties in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO) Poss. Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY SHAH	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON MIDWAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEPESHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA CYODO * AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KATORI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE	BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS PRINGLE WOODWORTH	Approx 40 5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Caroline Marshall
<u>DD</u>	ALBACORE BLACKFISH DACE DARTER GATO GUARDFISH PETO SCAMP BALAO S.38 CIERO K.9	On Patrol At Brisbane At Milne Bay At Sydney	15	25
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. F. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS DENT	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 249
 Light & M/Bombers 183
 SE/Bombers 41
 Flying Boats 2
 Biocatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/c 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSHISHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA		ISE MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY		* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO ZUIHO (est. en route Truk) TAIHO (poss. Mandates)
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHEWANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies * OTAKA * UNYO CHIYODAI
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA) Poss. Mandates NACHI) * MAYA * NOSHIRU
<u>OGA</u>	-		6
<u>CL</u>	* OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>SS</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	Approx 50 ?		Approx 30 2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	PATROLLER	BATTLE	CHITOSE (en route Japan)
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITACAMI (damaged) KINU NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS UNICORN	KAMO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BOWFIN COD CREVALLE FLASHER HADDU HAKE NARWHAL ROBALO REDFIN TINOSA K.12 BLUEFISH CABRILLA POMPOM PUFFER RASHER RATON RAY	On Patrol	6-12 (incl. some German U-boats)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION	At Fremantle	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.) 114
Light & M/Bombers 24
SE/Bombers -
Floatplanes 65
Flying Boats 3
Obsn. A/c 6

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 738

Date 5 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- X (1) "WARREGO" escorting "KANIMBLA" (APA) en route Milne Bay to Finschhafen was due 0700/5.
 X (2) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Milne Bay 0630/4 for Finschhafen was due 0700/5.
 (3) "MORESEBY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
 (4) "PC.1133" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
 (5) "PIRIE" to depart Fitzroy Is. 1400/5 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/7.
 (6) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy MV.62 (4 MV and "OCTANS" (AF)) departed Milne Bay 1600/4 for Cairns ETA 1700/6.
 (7) 5 LCT's departed Milne Bay 1630/3 for Sydney ETA 0600/11.
 (8) "PC.477" departed Milne Bay 1200/3 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 0800/5.
 (9) "YMS.316" (ex Convoy QL.52) proceeding independently to Cairns for onward routing to Milne Bay.
 (10) "GAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is.
 (11) "LITHGOW" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
 (12) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
 (13) "PC.1123" was to depart Caloundra 1200/3 for Cairns ETA 1400/5 for onward routing to Milne Bay.
 (14) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) departed Gladstone 1715/3 for Townsville was due 1700/4.
 (15) "HERON" (AVP) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Mackay ETA 1600/5.
 (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
 (17) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy LQ.52 (3 MV) departed Port Curtis 1830/4 for Caloundra ETA 0600/6.
 (18) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy GP.106 (1 MV ex Newcastle) departed Sydney 0814/3 for Caloundra ETA 2230/5.
 (19) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saïdor	- Merchant Vessels: "N.J.SINNOTT"
Finschhafen	- Warships & Aux. - SC's 703, 734, 748 YMS's 11, 53 YMS's 331, 334, 335 PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428 ML's 801, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G. BRADY" "W.N.EYERS" "T.CRAWFORD" "S.CRANE" "D.MCLEAY" "J.MUIR" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "T.C.POWER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "A.D.WHITE"
Megum Island	- Merchant Vessels: "G.STIRLING"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "P.C. HEWITT" "CHIPPEWA" "SAN ANTONIO"
 "P.A. WARDELL" "YOCHOW" "L. MERRITT" "VAN DER LIJN"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) Pc. 1151 YMS's 71, 72
 YMS's 73, 313 SC's 637, 659, 698, 736, 741, 744
 "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "PING WO" (ASIS)
 "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "D.F. BARRY" "GORGON" "K. LUCKENBACH"
 "ETAMIN" "JOS. EARL" "M. FLINDERS" "A. THOMAS"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "J. KING" "M. FULLER" "W. PROUSE" "J. DOTY"
 "FORMAGO" "P. OLDER" "SEAMAN A. KNAPP" "ALAMO"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS. 50 SC. 982

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - -
 Merchant Vessels: "KOTA AGOENG" "S. BRANNON" "JOHN DEERE"
 "SEA FLASHER"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
 "FLUSSER" "REID" "LAWSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
 "DALY" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
 "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART" (DD)
 "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)
 "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" "GLENELG" "STAWELL" (AMS)
 SG's 630, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 743, 746, 750
 YMS's 49, 52, 70, 314, 315, 336 YP's 233, 278, 283
 ML's 424, 425, 430, 541, 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119
 PC's 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124 28 LST's 14 APC's
 29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "MAYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL"
 (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE"
 "SHEKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "KOOPA" (AGP) "POLARIS" (AGS) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
 "PYRO" (AE)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "J. ALDEN" "W.O. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "BARBARA C."
 "S.K. BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F. BILLINGS" "F.P. BLAIR"
 "F.N. BLANCHET" "S. BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "ANSON BURLINGHAME"
 "D. BURNHAM" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE"
 "P. CHANDLER" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.C. CLAIRBORNE"
 "DAVY CROCKETT" "H. DODGE" "GEO. EASTMAN" "F.C. EMERSON"
 "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "W.B. FARISH" "D.D. FIELD"
 "J.M. GOODHUE" "GREY LAG" "N. HAPGOOD" "D. HEWES"
 "F.J. IRWIN" "ISOLATOR" "B.F. IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL"
 "JAPARA" "J.B. KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS" "J. LIND"
 "F.B. LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J. MAN SFIELD"
 "G.V.L. MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANES"
 "NORMAN E. MACK" "MONTEREY" "MONTICELLO" "NORMACDALE"
 "NORMACLARK" "NOORDAM" "ORIZABA" "PATRAS" "PENNANT"
 "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "W.C. RALSTON"
 "RAMO" "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPH" "A. SALGRAINE"
 "J.S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO" "W.C. SQUIRE"
 "R. STUART" "W.B. SUBJETTE" "TRIANGULUM" "VAN DEN BOSCH"
 "VAN SWOLL" "H.V. WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "ROBERT J. WALKER"
 "E.P. WARNER" "K.D. WIGINS"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "MULAIAM" "J. CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
 "MACEDON" "M.M. STEWART" "GERVAIS" "STAGEN" "CHAS. L.
 SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC" "OZARK"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML. 809
 Merchant Vessels: "FULAGI" "THEDENS" "BIDELLA" "ARICKAREE"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "KAPUNDA"
 "KATOOMBA" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" (AMS) SC's 742
 SC's 747, 981 YMS's 8, 46, 47, 43, 51 YP. 233
 ML's 805, 811, 820 PC. 477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS) "MANUNDA" (AH)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "COWYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "GOULBURN"
"GYMPIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10
PC.1134 SC's 731, 749 YP.291 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
"MERKUR" (AF) 5 APC's
(Repairing, Refitting) - SC.745

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) to depart Caloundra 1800/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - Enemy camp areas on the Central shores of Empress Augusta Bay were shelled by artillery 2-3 Feb.
- (2) Buka - At 1945-2130/3, six enemy medium bombers and floatplanes bombed U.S. destroyers operating W. of Buka. No damage was sustained in spite of near misses. Early next morning, Sarime Plantation was bombarded by three destroyers. Return fire was encountered from the shore.
- (3) Rabaul - At 1200/3, Tobera was attacked by 34 Dauntless and 23 Avengers escorted by 39 Corsairs, 8 Hellcats and 11 Kittyhawks. Hits were scored on the runway and in the revetment areas where many parked aircraft were seen to explode. 10-15 Zeros were encountered over the target and our fighter cover shot down 7 certain and 7 probable.
At 1400/3, Lakunai was attacked by 15 Liberators escorted by 14 Lightnings and 17 Corsairs. Bombs fell across the revetment areas starting fires at Sulphur Creek. Some 35-40 Zeros intercepted and 6 were shot down plus another 2 probably shot down. Three Corsairs are missing.
Aircraft participating in the latest strike reported a destroyer in Talili Bay heading West.
- (4) Kavieng - At 0030/4, Kavieng aerodrome was bombed by one R.A.A.F. Catalina.
- X (5) Bismarcks-Mandates - At 1045/3, a U.S. submarine reported a convoy comprising 2 cargo vessels, 2 "PUBUK" class destroyers and one unidentified escort vessel 18 miles E. of Emirau Island course 180°. (See Naval Incidents).
At 1445/3, a Soupac Liberator reported two cargo vessels and 2 destroyers 15 miles North of New Hanover (approx 40 miles further South than the earlier sighting) probably the same convoy apparently heading for Kavieng via Ysabel Passage. The Liberator was attacked by 3 Zeros, one of which was at least damaged. The Liberator also suffered damage but landed at Cape Gloucester.
Final assessment of the attack on the probable N-bound convoy seen 0330/3 and 1205/3 S.W. of New Hanover is given in Naval Incidents.
- (6) Admiralty Islands - A.m. 3 Feb. Momote strip, Hyane Harbour and odd small craft in Lorengau area were bombed and strafed by 3 reconnaissance Mitchells. Lorengau was again attacked noon 4 Feb. by escorted Liberators but details are not yet to hand.
- (7) S. Bismarck Sea - At 1230/4, a possible submerged submarine was attacked by aircraft 60 miles N. of Garove Island, course 360°.
- (8) Gasmata - The dump area at Amgen River was attacked at 1520/4 by 16 divebombing Kittyhawks.
- (9) W. New Britain - Patrols both from Arawe and Cape Gloucester are active with little or no enemy contact. One patrol from Cape Gloucester found a number of graves and 19 dying Japs at Namuramunga (E. coast Borgen Bay).
- (10) Wewak - Details of the heavy strike on Wewak airfields 3 Feb. show that at 1055/3, 16 Thunderbolts led the strike in a sweep but met no opposition. Immediately afterwards Wewak runway was bombed by 21 Liberators with 2000 and 1000 lb. bombs and Boram runway by 32 Liberators with 1000 lb. bombs. Direct hits were scored on both runways and at least 12 parked aircraft were destroyed at Wewak. Approx one hour later Dagua airfield was attacked by 40 Mitchells and But airfield by 18 Mitchells. At this time, the fighters which had intercepted the heavy bombers were landing or had just landed and 18 planes were destroyed on But while out of 60-70 aircraft lined up along

(10) Wewak (Contd) -

the Dagua runway, 40-50 were claimed destroyed by strafing and parachute fragmentation bombs from minimum altitude.

Both heavy and medium bombers were escorted, involving 93 Thunderbolts, 66 Lightnings and 38 Kittyhawks. The heavy bombers were not intercepted during the strike but about 40 enemy fighters chased them after leaving the target and 8 were shot down plus one probable by our fighter cover. The second strike encountered no aerial opposition. In addition, 16 of the Lightnings met a flight of 6 enemy medium bombers with 6-8 fighters escorting at 1200/3 and all 6 bombers were shot down. We lost no aircraft, although several were damaged by A/A.

Dagua was again attacked shortly before noon 4 Feb. by Liberators but results are not yet complete.

X (11) Wewak-Hansa Bay - At 0120/4, a Navy Catalina reported one medium merchant vessel (2-4500 tons) 5 miles N.E. of Sepik River mouth on course 295°.

A preliminary report indicates that at 1230/4 a small freighter was seen by aircraft 14 miles N. by W. of Hansa Bay on course 120°.

(12) Sepik River - At 1120/4, Marienberg on the Sepik River was bombed and strafed by 12 Bostons with 8 Thunderbolts escorting. The majority of the buildings were destroyed, a probable sawmill demolished and a barge slipway believed badly damaged.

(13) Alexishafen - At 1035/4, supplies and installations near No. 2 strip were attacked by 29 Mitchells with Lightnings escorting. The target area was well covered and in addition 2 single-engined aircraft on No. 2 strip were possibly destroyed.

(14) Madang Area - At 1100/3, Nobinob was bombed and thoroughly strafed by 12 Bostons.

At 1040/4, Gragat Island and Modilon Plantation, both at the entrance to Madang Harbour, were bombed and strafed by 29 Mitchells. A small submersible oil barge or midget submarine were seen in Gragat Harbour.

(15) Saidor-Sio - On 3 Feb. Australian elements continued their advance westward from Sio, reaching a point 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles W. of the Timbe River mouth.

(16) Huon Gulf - At 0945/3, a single enemy fighter ineffectively attacked a Liberty ship with escort off S.E. Huon Peninsula.

NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.43 ("SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI") en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1930/7.
- (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Merauke - At 0930/4, an enemy aircraft probably on reconnaissance was over Merauke.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" "TJERK HIDDLES" (DD) departed Geraldton 1615/2 for Trincomalee.
- (2) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1341/2 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" (AMS)
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL"
(PY) SC.739 YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(I) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Sydney 1437/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7 exercising off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/5 en route.
- (2) "BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1759/3 for Townsville and Milne Bay ETA 0700/9. En route to put into Brisbane departing again p.m. 6 Feb.
- (3) "WHYALLA" was detached from Convoy PG.105 at 1730/3 to escort one straggling MV to Newcastle.
- (4) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.105 (1 MV) departed Caloundra 1155/2 ETA 1900/5.
- (5) "PRINGLE" (DD) departed Sydney 1142/4 for Noumea.
- (6) "DENT" (APD) in company with "PAWNEE" (Tag) departed Sydney 1223/4 for Noumea.
- (7) "SHAH" (CV(E)) proceeding Melbourne ETA Port Phillip Heads a.m. Feb.5.
- (8) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Fremantle 1100/31 to RV at 1100/1 with "MARIPOSA" and escort to Port Phillip was due 0530/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ARUNTA"
"WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "KIAMA"
"WAGGA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE"
(CM) "BINGERA" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)
"GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826 "YUMA" (ARD)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"MANOORA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANILLA" (AH)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Fiji Area - At 0237/4, a submarine was reported by a merchant ship 150 miles N. of Fiji.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Truk - At 1210/4, a light cruiser was reported by aircraft about 50 miles S.W. of Truk on course 220°.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Mandates-Bismarcks -

- (a) At 1045/3, a U.S. submarine claimed two possible hits on a "FUBUKI" Class destroyer in the convoy previously reported.
- (b) At 0330/3, 3 Navy Catalinas attacked a medium sized freighter transport with 3 or 3 escorts 35 miles S.W. of New Hanover on course 270°. Two 1000 lb. and two 500 lb. bomb hits were obtained amidships leaving the ship ablaze and settling.

At 1115/3, 3 Mitchells attacked a freighter transport of 2-4500 tons proceeding South with 2 destroyers 30 miles S. of Cape Matanalem. Two direct hits and 4 near misses were scored and the ship was also strafed. When first observed by the Mitchells, the ship was already smoking and there were signs of a possible bomb hit amidships indicating that this was in fact the ship attacked earlier by the Catalinas. The convoy was covered by one enemy floatplane which retired after a short engagement.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines, and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Empire
<u>GV</u>	-	SARATOGA ESSEX BUNKER HILL	-	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	PRINCETON * INDEPENDENCE	-	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSEAW BAY SHAH	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON MIDWAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KATORI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE	Approx 40 BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS PRINGLE WOODWORTH	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA		ISE MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HAHUNA * YAMATO * HUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY		* HAYATAKA HITAKA * KYUHO ZUIHO (est.en route Truk) TAIHO (poss.Mandates)
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS	JINYO) KAIYO) Poss. still CHITOSE East Indies
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA) NACHI) Poss. Mandates
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND *RENO * CONCORD		TAT SUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NASHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>V/CVS</u>	POOOMOKE		-
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET
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DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	PATROLLER	BATTLER UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA ACBA
<u>CL</u>	CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI (damaged) KINU NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER) BILLFISH) BONEFISH) BOWFIN) COD) CREVALLE) FLASHER) HADDO) On Patrol HAKE) NARWHAL) ROBALO) REDFIN) TINOSA) K.12) BLUEFISH) CABRILLA) POMPOM) At Fremantle PUFFER) RASHER) RATON) RAY)		6-12 (incl. some German U-boats)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (W.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.)	114
Light & M/Bombers	24
SE/Bombers	-
Floatplanes	65
Flying Boats	3
Obsn/ A/c	6

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 739

Date 6 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- X (1) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" (DD) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 0800/7.
- X (2) "BUSH" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1445/4 for Brisbane ETA 0800/7.
- X (3) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1345/5 for Sydney ETA 1530/8.
- (4) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (5) "MORESBY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (6) "PC.476" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (7) "PIRIE" departed Fitzroy Is. 1400/5 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/7.
- (8) "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TN.214 (3 MVs) departed Fitzroy Is. area at approx 1400/5 for Milne Bay.
- (9) "EROOME" "BALLARAT" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy MV.62 (4 MV and "OCTANS" (AF)) departed Milne Bay 1600/4 for Cairns ETA 1700/6.
- (10) "SG.703" departed Milne Bay 0600/5 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 2000/7.
- (11) 5 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1630/3 for Sydney ETA 0600/11.
- (12) "YMS.316" (ex Convoy QL.52) proceeding independently to Cairns for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (13) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is.
- (14) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- X (15) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) departed Brisbane 1736/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (16) "PC.1123" was to depart Caloundra 1200/3 for Cairns due 1400/5 for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (17) "HERON" (AVP) departed Brisbane 2055/3 for Mackay due 1600/5.
- (18) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Sydney 1437/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7, exercising off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/5 en route.
- (19) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Townsville 1330/4 for Brisbane ETA 1530/6.
- (20) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (21) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saider - Merchant Vessels: "N.J.SINNOTT"
Pinschhafen - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (AMS) SG.734 YMS.53
YMS's 331, 334 PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428
ML's 801, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "KANIMBLA"
"WESTRALIA" (APA)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAILADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G.BRADY"
"W.N.BYERS" "T.CRAWFORD" "S.CRANE" "D.MCLEAY"
"T.C.POWER" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "A.D.WHITE"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "PC.HEWITT" "SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.
 WARDELL" "YOCHOW" "L.MERRITT" "VAN DER LIJN"

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 "S.BAMBERGER"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.50"

Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "KOTA AGOENG" "S.BRANNON" "JOHN
 DEERE" "SEA FLASHER"

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 "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART"
 (DD) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD)
 "ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" "GLENELG" "STAWELL" (AMS)
 SC's 630, 650, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 743
 SC's 746, 748, 750, 982 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 70, 73
 YMS's 314, 315, 335, 336 YP's 233, 278, 283
 ML's 424, 425, 430, 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119, 1120
 PC's 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133 28 LST's 14 APC's
 29 PT's "GTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL)
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 GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "F.CHANDLER"
 "CHIPPEWA" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
 "DAVY CROCKETT" "H.DODGE" "GEO.EASTMAN" "F.C.
 EMERSON" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "W.B.FARISH" "D.D.FIELD"
 "GREY LAG" "N.HAPGOOD" "D.HEWES" "F.J.IRWIN"
 "ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA"
 "J.B.KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS" "J.LIND" "F.B.
 LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD"
 "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS"
 "NORMAN E.MACK" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK"
 "J.MUIR" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORDAM" "ORIZABA" "PATRAS"
 "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE"
 "W.W.C.RALSTON" "RAMO" "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH"
 "A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEADEVIL" "SIBIGO"
 "W.C.SQUIRE" "G.STIRLING" "R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE"
 "TRIANGULUM" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SWOLL" "H.V.WHITE"
 "MARY WALKER" "R.P.WARNER" "K.D.WIGINS"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "CASTLEMAINE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
 "MACEDON" "M.M.STEWART" "GERVAIS" "STAGEN" "CHAS.L.
 SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC" "OZARK"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809
 Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "THEDENS" "BIDELLA"
 "ARICKAREE"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA"
 "BUNDABERG" (AMS) SC's 742, 747, 981 YMS's 8, 46, 47
 YMS's 48, 51 YP.233 ML's 805, 811, 820 PC.477
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "LITHGOW"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "BENDIGO" "COWRA"
"ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "SWAN" "TOWNSVILLE"
"WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HALF MOON"
(AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827
YMS's 9, 10 PC.1134 SC's 751, 749 YP.291
"MERKUR" (AF) 5 APC's
(Repairing, Refitting) - SC.745

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" to escort "MONTAUK POINT" towing a floating dry dock, departing Caloundra 1200/6. On arrival Lady Elliott Is., "TOWNSVILLE" proceeds Brisbane to escort Convoy PG.107.
- (2) "COWRA" escorting Convoy QL.53 (5 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/6 for Bustard Head. "COWRA" detailed for Convoy LQ.53.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG.106 (2 MV) to depart Caloundra 1200/6 for Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - During the night 3-4 Feb. one barge heading out of Choiseul Bay was intercepted by PT's, forced back on to Taro Island and severely shot up.
- (2) Treasury Is. - At 2142/4, 5-6 enemy aircraft dropped approx 30 bombs on Treasury Is. causing negligible damage. One bomber was claimed by A/A.
- (3) Empress Augusta Bay - Approx 2130/4, an estimated 3-5 enemy bombers of which one was a medium bomber and another a divebomber, bombed Piva airfield causing slight damage.
- (4) N.E.Bougainville - Local sources report 4 Feb. that a small Jap post at Namatoa (N.E.Bougainville) was wiped out by local natives armed with clubs. Five Japs were killed.
- (5) Buka - An unidentified ship was reported by aircraft 2030/4 approx 40 miles S.W. of Buka Passage.
- X (6) Rape St. George - At 1701/5, a submarine was sighted 20 miles W. of Cape St. George.
- (7) Rabaul - At 1130-1230/4, a co-ordinated air attack was made on Rabaul. Vanakanau was bombed by 18 Liberators with 34 fighters escorting. The dispersal area was well covered by bombs and one grounded aircraft is reported destroyed. 6-8 fighters intercepted and one was shot down. The fighter cover, however, encountered 20-30 Zeros of which 2 were shot down for the loss of 2 Corsairs.
At the same time, probably Tobera was bombed by 25 Mitchells with 45 fighters escorting. Bombs were patterned across the runway. No interception was encountered although 3 enemy fighters were seen nearby but they declined to engage.
Three Zeros were encountered by 7 Corsairs circling Rabaul as a finale and one Zero was destroyed.
- (8) Kavieng - At 0010-0142/5, Kavieng airfield was bombed by one Catalina.
- (9) Cape Hoskins - At 1900-1210/5, Cape Hoskins aerodrome was attacked by a substantial formation of escorted Liberators which dropped 167 tons of bombs on the target. Cape Hoskins was an alternative target to Kavieng.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - At 0942/5, a single Zero ineffectively bombed shipping off Cape Gloucester.
- (11) Tadji - Photos 23 Jan. show two fighters on Tadji airfield and on 24 Jan. three fighters. These are the first aircraft reported on this airfield.
- (12) Wewak - Details concerning the second day's strike on But and Dagua airfields at 1100-1115/4, show that But was raided by 27 Liberators and Dagua by 30 Liberators, all escorted. Two hundred tons of bombs were dropped on the 2 aerodromes. There was no interception.
At 1100/5, one escort vessel and one 3000 ton ship in addition to a considerable number of barges were reported by aircraft in the Wewak-Muschu Island area.
- (13) Sepik River - Marienberg was attacked 1120-1305/4 by 46 Bostons with 24 Thunderbolts escorting (not by 12 Bostons only, as reported in yesterday's Summary No. 739).
At 0125/5, a small vessel possibly 1500-2500 tons, was seen by a Catalina in Broken Water Bay on course 135°.

(14) Hansa Bay - At 0020/5, a small freighter (500-1000 tons) was unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft 14 miles N. Hansa Bay, course 120°.

A.m. 5 Feb., Hansa Bay camp area, the waterfront and Awar airfield were attacked by 24 Bostons and 37 Mitchells with escort. One small vessel (1000 tons) was reported sunk in addition to a lugger and three barges. One t/e aircraft on the airfield was strafed besides large explosions and fires throughout the target.

(15) Rai Coast - Forward elements of the Australian troops reached Sari River (36 miles S.E. of Saidor) on 4 February without enemy contact.

(16) Fijischhafen - A single enemy aircraft was reported over Cape Cretin at 1615/4.

(17) Upper Ramu Valley - At 1200-1230/4, suspected Japanese concentrations at Atemble were bombed and strafed by 16 Aircobras.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.43 ("SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI") en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1930/7.
- (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - At 2130-2327/4, Ambon airfields including Liang, Laha and Namlea, were attacked by 12 Liberators and 2 Mitchells. One small sea truck was seen at Liang.
- (2) Kaimana - At 1200/5, Kaimana was attacked by 3 Liberators starting large fires. Four possible sea trucks were seen near the main jetty.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1341/2 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
(AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY) SC.739
YP.288

Exmouth
Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "MARIPOSA" was to depart Port Phillip Heads 1100/6. "ADELAIDE" escorts till nightfall Feb. 8, thence returning Melbourne; "MARIPOSA" proceeds Wellington ETA 0600/10.
- X (2) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) departed Sydney 1611/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "COLAC" escorting Convoy GP.107 (4 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/6 for Caloundra.
- (4) "SHAH" (CV(E)) proceeding Melbourne was due Pt. Phillip Heads a.m. Feb. 5.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHEROPSHIRE" (CA) "ARUNTA"
"WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"DELORAIN" "KIAMA" "WAGGA" "WHYALLA" "WILCANNIA"
(AMS) "HILC" (PG) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "BINGERA"
"DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "GOLD STAR"
(AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) ML's 812, 817, 822, 823
ML's 824, 825 "YUMA" (ARD)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "MANOORA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "MARIPOSA" (AP)
"BUNBURY" (AMS) "WANGANILLA" (AH)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls: All organized resistance was overcome at Roi and Namur by 1300/3 Feb. Roi casualties were light but at Namur they were undetermined as considerable trouble was caused by mines and block houses.

On Kwajalein Is. the counter-attack on the night 2-3 Feb. was broken up by shore and ship bombardment. Our advance continued at 0615/3 and by 1700/3, all but one third of the island had been captured. 1250 Jap dead were counted, and 43 prisoners taken from the estimated garrison force of 2000.

On 1 February, Wotje and Taroa were each shelled by one heavy cruiser, which reported the islands as desolate and no planes nor gunfire was seen. One heavy cruiser attacked both Wotje and Taroa on 2 Feb.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

X Indian Ocean - Enemy submarines continue offensive activity. SS "FORT BUCKINGHAM" (British Liberty Ship) was apparently torpedoed and sunk midnight 20 January in the area west of Nine Degree Channel and SS "OLGA E. EMBYRICOS" (Greek - 4677 tons) was sunk by submarine at the entrance to Gulf of Aden night 29 January. The first-mentioned sinking is probably the victim of the unit responsible for the sinking of "WALTER CAMP" on 26 January in the same area (refer Summary 734, 1 Feb.)

The submarine, believed German, which sank "SAMOURI" and "SURADA" both on 26 Jan. N.E. of Socotra and which was believed ~~to be~~ possibly to be moving into the Gulf of Aden (refer Summary 734 - 1 Feb.) was probably responsible for the second above reported sinking.

A D/F fix on 3 Feb. of a Japanese submarine in the area E. of Ceylon indicates a third unit operating in the Indian Ocean while CinC. Eastern Fleet estimates possibly a fourth unit may still be operating on short range patrol in coastal belt off E. coast India from Calcutta to Ceylon.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

X
Truk - Night 1 Feb. a U.S. submarine reports sinking an "AMAGIRI" Class destroyer off the South Passage into Truk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO YAMASHIRO (Poss. Empire)
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	PANSHAW BAY SHAH	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA CYODO AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	KATORI
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS PRINGLE WOCFORTH	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * EYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO TAIHO (Poss. Carolines)
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO EARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SAINT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA) Poss. NACHI) Carolines * MAYA * MCGAM
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAEAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	9		KA SHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POOCMOKE		-
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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Date 7 February, 1944.

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA.(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" (DD) escorting "FAIRLAND" "FAIRISLE" "SLOTTERJICK" "HOWELL LYKES" proceeding Milne Bay were due 0800/7.
- (2) "BUSH" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1445/4 for Brisbane ETA 0800/7.
- (3) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1345/5 for Sydney ETA 1530/8.
- X (4) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1400/5 for Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- X (5) "GILMER" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1200/6 for Cairns ETA 1100/7.
- (6) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (7) "YMS's 315, 313" "SC.750" "ML.801" escorting Convoy GB.30 ("R.P.WARNER" "F.P.BLAIR" for Langemak, "Y.19" for Lae) departed Milne Bay 1300/6, ETA Buna 1600/7, Lae 1000/8, Langemak 1600/8.
- (8) "MORESBY" (AMS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (9) "POLARIS" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/6 to RV at 1000/7 with "MORESBY".
- (10) "STUART" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0500/6 to RV with "SEA SNIPE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (11) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1600/6 to RV with "CAPE MENDOCINO" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (12) "PC.476" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (13) "PIRIE" departed Fitzroy Is. 1400/5 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/7.
- (14) "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy TN.214 (3 MVs) departed Fitzroy Is. area at approx 1400/5 for Milne Bay.
- (15) "SC.703" departed Milne Bay 0600/5 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 2000/7.
- (16) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MACEDON" departed Port Moresby 1245/6 for Townsville ETA 0345/9.
- (17) 5 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1630/3 for Sydney ETA 0600/11.
- (18) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is.
- (19) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (20) "YMS's.47, 48" were to depart Cairns 0700/8 for M/S duties Grafton Passage.
- (21) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) departed Brisbane 1736/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (22) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "MONTAUK POINT" towing a floating dry dock departed Caloundra 1401/6. "TOWNSVILLE" escorts to Lady Elliott Island thence returns Brisbane.
- (23) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Sydney 1437/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1930/7.

- (24) "LITHGOW" departed Townsville 0130/7 for Brisbane ETA 0400/9 and Port Melbourne, due Feb.16.
- (25) "COWRA" "SC.745" escorting Convoy QL.58 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 1524/6 for Bustard Head ETA 1600/7.
- (26) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG.106 (1 MV) departed Caloundra 1430/6 for Sydney ETA 1200/8.
- (27) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (28) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor
Finschhafen - Merchant Vessels: "H.J.SINNOTT"
- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (AMS) SC.734 YMS.53
YMS's.331, 334 PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428, 803
ML.819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "KANIMBLA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G.BRADY"
"W.N.BYERS" "T.CRAWFORD" "S.CRANE" "D.MCLEAY"
"T.C.POWER" "ED.H.WESTCOTT" "A.D.WHITE"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "P.C.HEWITT" "SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.
WARDELL" "YOCROW" "L.MERRITT" "VAN DER LIJN"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 YMSs.71,72
SC's 637, 698, 736, 744 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "HENALLA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACH"
"ETAMIE" "JOS.EARL" "M.FLINDERS" "A.THOMAS"
"J.M.GOODHUE" "M.FULLER"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "J.KING" "W.PROUSE" "J.DOFY"
"NORLAGO" "F.OLDER" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "ALAMO"
"S.BAMBERGER" "BORGFRED" "L.LYDCHE" "J.H.RUSK"

Woodlark Is.
Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.50"
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"D.BURNHAM" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE"
"P.CHANDLER" "CHIPPEWA" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.C.
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"F.C.EMERSON" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "W.B.FARISH"
"D.D.FIELD" "GREY LAG" "N.HAPGOOD" "D.HEWES"
"ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA"
"J.B.KENDRICK" "CONRAD KOHRS" "J.LIND" "F.B.
LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MAESFIELD"
"J.W.MELDRUM" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY
HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE"
"MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "ORISABA"
"PATRAS" "PENNYANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE"
"PONCE" "RAMO" "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "A.SALCRANE"
"J.S.SARGENT" "SEADEVIL" "SEAMOTES" "SIBIGO" "W.C.
SQUIRE" "G.STIRLING" "R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE"
"TRIANGULUM" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SWOLL" "H.V.WHITE"
"MARY WALKER" "K.D.WIGINS"

Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - ML's.426. 802 "STAWELL" (AMS) Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI" "M.M.STEWART" "STAGEN" "CHAS.L.SMITE" "LAKE ORMAC" "OAZRK" "TEXAS SUN"
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - ML.809 Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "THEDENS" "BIDELLA" "ISLANDER"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BROOME" "BALLARAT" "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA" "BUNDABERG" (AMS) SC's.742, 747 SC.981 YMS's 8, 46, 51, 316 YP.233 ML's.805, 811 ML.820 PC's 477, 1123 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "OCTANS" (AF)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)
Mackay	- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "BENDIGO" "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "SWAN" (AMS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "MANUNDA" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10 PC.1134 SC's731 SC.749 YP.291 "MERKUR" (AF) 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.747" to depart Cairns 1500/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/10.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Treasury Is. - During the night 5 Feb, 2 enemy aircraft dropped about 40 bombs, including parafrags, on Treasury Island without effect.
- (2) Empress Augusta Bay -
 X (a) During the night 4/5 Feb, PT boats and gunboats contacted 4 loaded barges heading south off Matsunkei. (3½ miles SSE of Motupena Pt.). One barge, apparently loaded with ammunition and supplies, was destroyed. The remaining 3 barges turned back north and beached. The PT's returned at daylight and finished them off.
 During the same night another barge was contacted 1 mile NW of the Puriata River (12 miles SE of Motupena Pt.) and driven on to the beach.
- (b) During the night 5/6 Feb, there were 3 alerts at Torokina. At 2100/5 1 or 2 enemy aircraft were contacted by a Ventura night fighter who scored hits on one bomber. At 0022/6, 2 enemy aircraft dropped 3 bombs East of Diva causing slight casualties. A probable dive bomber was possibly hit by A/A.
- (3) Buka Passage area -
 (a) At 1635/4 Sarime Plantation (23 miles S. of Buka) was bombed and strafed by 6 Dauntless.
 (b) During the night 4/5 Feb, a floatplane ineffectively harassed PT boats.
 (c) At 0630/5, Hahela Mission (just E. of Buka airstrip) was bombarded by 3 destroyers while several Corsairs strafed the target at the same time.
- (4) Nissan Is. - At 0145/6, a large barge heading northwest, 6 miles W. of Nissan Island, was intercepted and sunk by allied destroyers.
- (5) Kavieng - At 0030/6, Kavieng runway, revetments, searchlights and barracks area were bombed by 1 Catalina starting a small fire.
- X (6) C. St. George - At 1140/6, a submarine was sighted by aircraft 17 miles WSW of Cape St. George.
- (7) Rabaul -
 (a) Between 1045 and 1102/5, a co-ordinated attack was made on Lakunai airdrome. The first attack was made by 44 Dauntless and 24 Avengers covered by 39 Corsairs, 24 Warhawks and 8 Hellcats. Numerous direct hits rendered the runway unserviceable (photographs confirm). Several large fires and explosions were caused and A/A guns were silenced. 2 direct hits set the "HIRSTEIN" hulk on fire. The bombers sighted 20/25 enemy fighters but only 6 attacked. Escorting fighters encountered 20/40 enemy fighters, 3 or 4 of which followed as far as Cape St. George. 5 fighters were definitely destroyed plus 3 probables for the loss of 1 Avenger, 2 Warhawks and 1 Corsair.

(7) Rabaul (Contd.) -

The second attack was made by 13 Liberators escorted by 19 Corsairs and 15 Lightnings who dropped 156 x 500 lb bombs across the runway and dispersal areas starting fires. 25 enemy fighters were airborne but only a few made a half hearted attempt at intercepting dropping aerial bombs. The fighter escort met only 2/4 Zekes near Tobera. The Liberators destroyed 2 enemy fighters and the escorts probably destroyed 1.

- (b) Photographs taken shortly after the above attack show the following aircraft:

	F.	D/B.	L/B.	M/E.	F/P.
Tobera	7	-	-	1	-
Lakunai	6	3	2	-	-
Rapope	2	-	-	4	-
Vunakanau	-	15	-	27	-
Simpsons Harbour	-	-	-	-	10

Total 77 A/C including 15 18 2 32 10

All the airdromes save Lakunai are serviceable. At Lakunai 30 craters are shown on the strip and the concrete runway and bomber mat are unserviceable.

The shipping coverage on Feb.5 is incomplete but photos on Feb.6 reveal the following:

Simpsons Harbour: 2 large submarines
1 small submarine
1 subchaser
1 medium cargo ship
7 small cargo ships
230 barges.

The "Hirstein" hulk has a large hole top side half and is surrounded by a large oil slick while the "Atago Maru", damaged in a previous strike, is unchanged.

Vunapope: 2 small cargo ships
47 barges.

- (c) At 0005/7 a patrol aircraft reported having attacked 2 small boats 20 miles NNE of Rabaul on course 295°.
- (8) Cape Pemas - At 1105/6, 2 destroyers on course 300° were sighted by aircraft 33 miles WNW of Cape Pemas, possibly proceeding north for escort duties.
- (9) Cape Dampier - Between 0830 and 1340/6, gun emplacements and barges at Cape Dampier were bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 3 Mitchells who destroyed 3 machine gun positions and killed approximately 20/25 Japanese, and destroyed 3 serviceable barges.
- (10) Cape Hoskins -
(a) At 1204/5, a final report reveals that Cape Hoskins airdrome was attacked by 44 Liberators escorted by 66 Lightnings. The runway was considered unserviceable after the attack.
(b) Feb.5, a report from ground sources states that enemy barges depart from Cape Hoskins before dusk, assembling at Gavuvu Bay, arriving at Watum Is. (9 miles NW of Rabaul) before dawn.
- (11) Gasmata area - 1217-1240/5, Lindenhafen Plantation was bombed by 2 B24s as an alternative target to Kavieng.
- (12) Arawe - At 0833/5, 1 enemy aircraft dropped 1 bomb at Arawe without effect.
- (13) Cape Gloucester - At 2345/5, 4 bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft causing no casualties and minor damage and at 0105/6, 4 more bombs were dropped again without effect.
- (14) Admiralty Islands - At 1216/6, Momote airdrome was attacked by 25 Liberators escorted by 16 Lightnings. About 70 tons of bombs were dropped on the dispersal areas but low clouds prevented assessment of results. Momote strip appeared rough but possibly serviceable with small craters filled in. One small freighter (possibly 1000/1500 tons) was seen off Lorengau.
- (15) Wewak -
(a) At 1225/5, a small freighter (2000/4500 tons), apparently carrying ammunition, and a probable gunboat, were attacked by 3 Mitchells (See Naval Incidents). Two floatplanes were also damaged and 5 barges set on fire. The estimated total of 150 barges were observed around Muschu and Kairiru Islands, which is an unusually large concentration of these craft.

(15) Wewak (Contd.) -

(b) Between 0915 and 0945/6, the Muscha Island area was swept by 20 Bostons covered by 33 Kittyhawks hunting for the reported barge concentration. About 35 barges were seen and strafed; in addition shipping was also attacked (See Naval Incidents). Fighter cover destroyed 4 intercepting enemy fighters. A large merchant ship of approximately 3/4000 tons was seen 14 miles NW of Valif Island, heading N.E.

(16) Sepik River mouth - At 0110/6 an unidentified vessel on course 280° off the Sepik River mouth was unsuccessfully attacked by a Catalina. The vessel was described as a slender ship resembling a seatruck without the stack.

(17) Hansa Bay area -

(a) At 1200/6, an enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down by 4 Thunderbolts over Hansa Bay.

(b) Between 1514 and 1535/6, targets of opportunity between Bogia Harbour and Cape Croisilles were bombed and strafed by 7 Mitchells who destroyed 2 bridges and strafed and damaged bridges and villages along the entire route.

(18) Saidor - On Feb 5 Japanese digging-in NW of Wiwai (3½ miles SSW of Cape Iris) were shelled by allied artillery.

(19) Lepsius Point - On Feb 5 Australian troops advancing along the Rai Coast reached Lepsius Point.

(20) Buna area - At 1528/5 a single enemy aircraft attacked a small allied merchant ship without effect.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES.

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.43 ("SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI") en route Thursday Is. to Darwin ETA 1930/7.

(2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA" "BURWAH"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Tanimbar Islands - Between 1755 and 1907/6, Larat, Adoet and Lingat in the Tanimbar Group were bombed and strafed by 3 Mitchells damaging buildings and barges and strafing personnel.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL"
(PY) SC.739 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.286

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "MARIPOSA" departed Port Phillip Heads 1100/6. "ADELAIDE" escorts till 1930/8 thence returning Melbourne; "MARIPOSA" proceeds Wellington ETA 0600/10.

- (2) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) departed Sydney 1611/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10.
 (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "COLAC" escorting Convoy GP.107 (4 MV) departed Sydney 0840/6 for Caloundra ETA 1330/8.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ARUNTA"
 "WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAINÉ"
 "KIAMA" "WAGGA" "WYALLA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO"
 (PG) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "BINGERA" "DOOMBA" "KYERA"
 "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE"
 (YDG) ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826 "YUMA" (ARD)
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
 "MANCOORA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
 "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "HEELONG" (AMS)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

San Cristobal Island - At 2025/5 a possible submarine was contacted by an allied destroyer 40 miles NE of Cape Surville, San Cristobal Island and at 0830/6, a submarine, possibly the same, was sighted by aircraft 15 miles S^W of the eastern tip of Guadalcanal Island.

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls - By 1700/5 the capture of Kwajalein, Ebeye and Loi Islands was completed by allied troops. Enemy casualties in the southern area of Kwajalein Atoll are reported as 1240 killed and 51 captured. By 1400/5 the capture and occupation of Majuro was completed.

On Feb 3, a cargo ship of 3000 tons was sighted by aircraft in Wotje Lagoon while at approximately 2230/4 a 2000 ton cargo ship was attacked and destroyed at Emidj by 6 Venturas.

Mille Atoll was bombed and strafed between 0830 and 0900/4 by 8 Kittyhawks.

At Eniwetok, on Feb 3, aircraft reported the strip operational with 1 aircraft present.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Wewak area - The probable gunboat and the small freighter attacked in the Wewak area were both claimed sunk by direct hits with 1000 lb bombs.

The following results were reported from the attack by 20 Bostons on shipping in the Wewak area:

One small seatruck and one corvette were strafed and left burning by Bostons. A freighter of 2500 tons was strafed by the escorting Kittyhawks leaving it burning fiercely after explosions had occurred on deck. A small freighter was also strafed and set afire by the fighters.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Empire
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY SHAH	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHOKAI SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARJUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS WOODWORTH	HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) CERO) DACE) GATO) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP)	On Patrol	15	25
	BALAO) S.38)	At Brisbane		
	DARTER	At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>	
Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	214
Light & M/Bombers	179
SE/Bombers	41
Flying Boats	2
Seaplanes	50
Unsn. A/c	15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENN SYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUKA * YAMATO *- HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>GV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO TAIHO (Poss. Carolines)
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHU
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA) Poss. NACHI) Carolines * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

C.O.I.C.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 741

Date 8 February, 1944.

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (2) "YMS's 315, 313" "SC.750" "ML.801" escorting Convoy GB.30 ("R.P.WARNER" "F.P.BLAIR" for Langemak, "Y.19" for Lae) departed Milne Bay 1300/6, ETA Buna 1600/7, Lae 1000/8, Langemak 1600/8.
- (3) "MORESEBY" (Sloop) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (4) "POLARIS" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0700/6 to RV at 1000/7 with "MORESEBY".
- (5) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1600/6 to RV with "CAPE MENDOGINO" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (6) "PC.476" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (7) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1400/6 for Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (8) "ROCKHAMPTON" "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN.215 (2 MV) proceeding to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1400/8, proceeding thence to Milne Bay ETA 1100/10.
- (9) "MILDURA" was to depart Fitzroy Is. area at approx. 1400/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/10.
- (10) "PIRIE" departed Fitzroy Is. 1400/5 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/7.
- (11) "SC.747" departed Cairns 1505/7, for Milne Bay ETA 1005/10.
- (12) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MACEDON" departed Port Moresby 1245/6 for Townsville ETA 0345/9.
- (13) 5 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1630/3 for Sydney ETA 0600/11.
- (14) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Is.
- (15) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (16) "PC.477" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
- (17) "YMS's 47, 48" departed Cairns 0700/8 for M/S duties Grafton Passage.
- (18) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) proceeding Brisbane ETA 0500/9.
- (19) "YP.236" was to depart Cairns 0700/8 for Caloundra ETA 0600/12.
- (20) "GILMER" (APD) departed Townsville 0030/8 for Sydney ETA 0800/10.
- (21) "YMS's 8, 46" departed Cairns 1300/7 for Caloundra ETA 2000/10.
- (22) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) departed Brisbane 1736/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (23) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) departed Sydney 1611/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10.
- (24) "BENDIGO" was to depart Brisbane 0600/8 for Milne Bay.
- (25) "LITHGOW" departed Townsville 0130/7 for Brisbane ETA 0400/9 and Port Melbourne, due Feb.16.
- (26) "SC.745" escorting "MERKUR" (AF) was to depart Caloundra 1200/3. "SC.745" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Gladstone; "MERKUR" proceeds Townsville ETA 1100/11 for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (27) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "COLAC" escorting Convoy GP.107 (4 MV) departed Sydney 0840/6 for Caloundra ETA 1330/6.

(28) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.

(29) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor
Minschhafen - Merchant Vessels: "N.J.SINNOTT"
- Warships & Aux - SC's 698, 734 YMS's 53, 71, 72, 331, 33.
PC.1132 YP.280 ML's 427, 428, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS"
(AGP) "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G.BRADY"
"A.THOMAS" "W.N.BYERS" "T.CRAWFORD" "S.CRANE" "
"D.MCLEAY" "J.EARL" "T.C.POWER" "ED.N.WESTGOTT"
"A.D.WHITE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
Lae - Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "P.C.HEWITT" "SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.WARDELL"
"D.F.HARRY" "YOCROW" "L.MERRITT" "VAN DER LIJN"
"J.M.GOODHUE"
Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 YP.278
SC's 637, 736, 744 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "BENALLA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACH" "ETAMIN"
"GEO.EASTMAN" "M.FULLER" "BARBARA C." "H.DODGE"
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "J.KING" "W.FROUSE" "J.DOTY" "KOTA"
AGCENG "F.OLDER" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "S.BAMBERGER"
"BOGFPRED" "L.LYDCHE" "J.H.RUSK"
Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.50"
Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "JOHN DEERE" "SEA FLASHER"
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
"HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAM SON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
"RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART" (DD)
"ARARAT" "GLADSTONE" "KAPUNDA" "GLENELG" (AMS)
SC's 630, 650, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 743, 746,
SC's 748, 982 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 70, 73, 314, 335, 336
YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 816, 818 PC.476
PC's 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1133 28 LST's 14 APC's
29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL"
(ASR) "MATAGORDA" "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK"
"BISHOPDALE" "SHIKELLAWY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
"KOCOPA" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)
"PYRO" (AE) "CALANARES" (AP)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALAMO" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"J.ALDEN" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.C.BARBOSA"
"S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F.BILLING" "F.N.BLANCHET"
"S.BDLIVAR" "BOOTES" "ANSON EURLINGHAM" "D.BURNHAM"
"CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE POGE" "P.CHANDLER"
"WM.E.CHANNING" "CHIPPEWA" "CITY OF HOUSTON" "W.C.
CLAIRBORNE" "DAVY CROCKETT" "F.C.EMERSON" "LUCIUS
FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND" "W.B.FARISH"
"D.D.FIELD" "GREY LAG" "N.HAPGOOD" "D.HEWES" "ISOLATOR"
"B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "J.B.KENDRICK"
"CONRAD KOHRS" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES"
"ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD" "J.W.MELDRUM"
"G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN
E.MACK" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR"
"F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "F.B.OLSON" "ORIZABA"
"B.T.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
"PAUL REVERE" "PCNCE" "RAMO" "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH"
"A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEADEVIL" "SEA SNIPE"
"SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE" "SLOTERDIJK" "G.STIRLING"
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "R.STUART" "W.B.SUBJETTE"
"TRIANGULUM" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "VAN SWOLL" "H.V.WHITE"
"MARY WALKER" "K.D.WIGINS"
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "WARREGO" (Slocp)
"STAWELL" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA)
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
"M.M.STEWART" "STAGEN" "CHAS.L.SMITH" "LAKE ORMAC"
"TEXAS SUN"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809
 Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "BIDELLA" "ISLANDER"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN"
 "KATOOMBA" "BUNDABERG" (AMS) SC's 703, 742, 981
 YMS's 51, 316 ML's 805, 811, 820 PC's 477, 1123
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "OCTANS" (AF)
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "TOWNSVILLE"
 (AMS)
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "COWRA" (AMS)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUSH" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "ECHUCA"
 "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "H.T.ALLEN"
 (APA) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "MANUNDA" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
 ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10 PC.1134 SC's 731, 749
 YP.291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Milne Bay Feb.10 proceeding out of SWPA.
- (2) "PG.1123" and "YMS.316" each towing 2 PTs to depart Cairns for Milne Bay shortly.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" to escort Convoy PG.107(3 MV).
- (4) "ECHUCA" to escort Convoy QL.54 (8 MV).

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - During 6 Feb enemy pillboxes south of Jaba River and bridges in the area were attacked by 8 Dauntless.
- (2) Nissan Is. - At 1100/6, 4 barges beached were attacked and damaged by 2 Venturas. P.m. 6 Feb., 4 barges at Pinipel Is. were strafed by 4 Aircobras.
- X (3) St.George's Channel area - At 1050/7 a surfaced submarine was reported by aircraft 40 miles south of Cape.St.George. This is the third successive day on which a submarine has been sighted in St.George's Channel area indicating regular transportation missions either to south coast New Britain or Buka-Bougainville.
- (4) Rabaul - Lakunai airfield was again attacked midday 6 Feb. At 1115/6 the runway and revetment area were heavily bombed by 32 B25s with 72 fighters covering. Approximately 40 enemy fighters were encountered by our fighter cover and 13 were shot down in addition to 4 probably shot down. At 1130/6 Lakunai was again the main target for 20 Liberators covered by 48 fighters. A few bombs were also dropped on Tobera. Ten Zeros were seen by our bombers but only 3 attacked. 10-15 Zeros were encountered by the fighter cover and 6 were probably destroyed. All our planes returned from both strikes.

Photographs prior to the above-mentioned strikes show the concrete strip at Lakunai to be unserviceable and subsequent strikes are reported to have inflicted further severe damage. These photographs show 35 fighters and 5 bombers on Lakunai.

- (5) Kavieng - Night 6-7 Feb, Kavieng airfield and township was harassed by 1 Liberator and 1 Catalina.
- (6) Gasmata - At 1400/7, camp area on Amgen River was bombed by 16 Kittyhawks.
- (7) Arawe - At 1640/7 a single enemy plane bombed the jetty area at Arawe causing a few slight casualties.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - A party of 11 Japanese was encountered by one of our patrols 6 Feb., at Bambok, near Cape Gauffre. Eight were killed and the other 3 taken prisoner.

At 1215/6, enemy aircraft dropped 1 bomb ineffectively near the airdrome perimeter and during night 6-7 Feb. enemy aircraft in flights of 2 or 3 were responsible for 4 alerts. At 0900/7 a single enemy fighter was over Cape Gloucester and was shot down by a patrolling Thunderbolt.

- (9) Wewak - At 1318/6, after the attack on shipping in the area by Bostons, reconnaissance B.25s saw 3 possible small freighters or oilers in Wewak Harbour and another burning freighter 1 mile NE of Kairiru Is.

- (9) Wewak (Contd.)
At 0950/7, 4 Thunderbolts made a sweep over Wewak and did not encounter any enemy aircraft nor did they see any aircraft on the Wewak, Boram, But or Dagua airfields.
- (10) Hansa Bay - At 1200/6 a single enemy reconnaissance plane was encountered over Hansa Bay by 3 Thunderbolts which shot the enemy plane down.
At 0830/7, 3 possible merchant ships were reported in Hansa Bay by reconnaissance Mitchells.
- (11) Madang - Gragat Is., at the entrance to Madang Harbour, was bombed noon 6 Feb. by 11 Liberators as alternative target to Momote. At 1100/7, mission buildings in the Madang area were bombed by 5 Vengeance.
- (12) Bogadjim - At 1315/6 Erima Plantation was bombed by 6 Liberators as alternative to Momote.
- (13) Rai Coast - On 6 Feb advanced Australian elements reached a point $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles W. x N. of Lepsius Point apparently without enemy contact.
- (14) Finschhafen - At 2254/6, 4 enemy aircraft were over the Finschhafen area and 1 bomb was dropped near the airfield causing slight damage.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.43 ("SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI") en route Thursday Is. to Darwin due 1930/7.
- (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "PREMANTLE"
"INVERELL" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "SUVA"
"BABINDA" "BURWAH"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
(AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.286

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1345/5 for Sydney ETA 1530/8.
- (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy PG.106 (1 MV) departed Caloundra 1430/6 for Sydney was due 0600/8.
- (3) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "MARIPOSA" departed Port Phillip Heads 1100/6. "ADELAIDE" escorts till 1930/8 thence returning Melbourne; "MARIPOSA" proceeds Wellington ETA 0600/10.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ARUNTA"
"WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAINÉ"
"KIAMA" "WHYALLA" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG)
"BUNGARREE" (CM) "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels)
"GOLD STAR" (AG) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826 "YUMA" (ARD)
(Repairing & Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"MANOCRA" (APA)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
"BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) to depart Sydney 1800/9, carrying out gunnery exercises off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/10, and proceeding thence Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (2) "SHAH" (CV(E)) to depart Port Melbourne 1300/8 for Fremantle.
- (3) "YUMA" (ARD) towing one floating dock to depart Sydney a.m. Feb. 9 for Melbourne.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Truk - At 0600/6, an enemy convoy comprising 3 large tankers with 3 destroyers was reported by U.S. submarines, 150 miles WSW of Truk on course 260°, speed 13.6 knots.
- (2) Marshalls - During 6 Feb, the central and southern portions of Gegugwe and Bigej Islands (the next two islands after Ebeye and Loi running N. from Kwajalein Is.) were captured after moderate resistance was overcome. By 6 Feb. all the islands on the north coast of Kwajalein Atoll were secured except for Ebaddon Island (the most westerly), also the islands on the eastern coast. On the same date all other islands on the western side as far as Ennugenliggerlip Passag (one-third of way along) were reconnoitred. Enemy dead on Roi and Namur Islands are estimated at 2,500 combat troops of which naval bombardment and bombing is believed responsible for 50-75%.

The following air-strikes are reported:

- (a) Eniwetok, by carrier-based aircraft, 5 Feb; 35 tons of bombs on runways and surroundings destroying 2 grounded planes.
- (b) Eniwetok, a.m. 6 Feb. No details yet.
- (c) Wake, 5 Feb. by 18 aircraft.
- (d) Mille, 1645/5 by 3 Liberators plus 8 Kittyhawks. Entire island pitted with bomb craters and 1 large cargo vessel observed sunk in harbour.
- (e) Malcoelap, 1659/5 by 9 B25s, bombing and shelling installations.
- (f) Taroa, 1730/5 by 12 Liberators; practically no A/A encountered.
- (g) Wotje, 1700/5 by 9 Mitchells.
- (h) Wotje, 1730/5 by 16 Liberators.
- (i) Jaluit, 0850/6 by 14 Kittyhawks.

A.m. 7 Feb., runways and airdrome installations on Taroa Island were bombarded by a heavy cruiser task force. There was no sign of serviceable enemy aircraft.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

X Latest reports indicate that there were probably 3 enemy submarines operating in the Indian Ocean 6 Feb:

- (a) 1 (believed German) in the entrance to Gulf of Aden (refer Naval Incidents).
- (b) 1 in the area West of Nine Degrees Channel although there have been no reports of activities of this unit since the sinking of "OLGA E. EMBIRICOS" night 29 Jan.

- (c) 1 Japanese unit in the area E. to S.E. of Ceylon as fixed by D/F 3 Feb. within 200 miles of position $6^{\circ}\text{N. } 89^{\circ}\text{E.}$ and thought possibly to be moving towards Ceylon.
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Indian Ocean - "CHUNG CHENG" (U.S. Liberty ship) was sunk by submarine a.m. 4 Feb., 60 miles N. of Socotra. Another previously unreported sinking in this area is "FORT DELAMAUNE" (Classification not known: Possibly British Liberty type) sunk S.E. of Socotra, probably on 25 Jan. These reports make five reported sinkings in the Socotra-Gulf of Aden area between 20 Jan. and 4 Feb. probably all the work of one unit believed to be a German submarine. The five victims total approximately 30,000 tons gross.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Empire
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY SHAH	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BAILARD CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS WOODWORTH	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)
		HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES		

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BLACKFISH) CERO) DACE) GATO) GUARDFISH) PETO)	On Patrol	15	25
	BALAO) S.38)	At Brisbane		
	DARTER) SCAMP)	At Milne Bay		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 214
 Light & M/Bombers 179
 B/Bombers 41
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/C 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	GOLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MCHTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKAA HITAKA * RYUGO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHU
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MINAY PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS	JINYU) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		NACHI * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	* OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAMAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	PATROLLER	BATTLE UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
	CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER) BILLFISH) BONEFISH) COD) CHEVALLE) FLASHER) On Patrol HAKE) NARWEAL) PUFFER) ROBALO) REDFIE) TINOSA) K.12) BLUEFISH) BOWFIN) CABRILLA) At Fremantle HADDO) POMPOM) RASHER) RATON) RAY) PELIAS) ORION)		17 (incl. 6 German)

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 28 twin-eng.)	114
Light & M/Bombers	24
SE/Bombers	-
Floatplanes	65
Flying Boats	3
Obsn. A/C	6

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 742

Date 9 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREANORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (2) "MORESBY" (Sloop) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "ARARAT" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (4) "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" "SC.744" "SC.982" escorting Convoy MV.63 departed Milne Bay 1600/7 for Townsville ETA 1600/10.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1100/10.
- (6) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Brisbane ETA 0200/13.
- (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" "BR00ME" escorting Convoy TN.215 ("SWARTENHONDT" "S.GIRARD") proceeding to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1400/8, proceeding thence to Milne Bay ETA 1100/10.
- (8) "MILDURA" was to depart Fitzroy Is. area at approx. 1400/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/10.
- (9) "SC.747" departed Cairns 1505/7, for Milne Bay ETA 1005/10.
- (10) 5 LCI's departed Milne Bay 1630/3 for Sydney ETA 0600/11.
- (11) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Island.
- (12) "ML.804" on inner A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (13) "PC.477" on A/S patrol outside Grafton Passage.
- (14) "YMS's 47, 48" departed Cairns 0700/8 for M/S duties Grafton Passage.
- (15) "PC.1123" "YMS.316" each towing 2 PTs were to depart Cairns 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/11.
- (16) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0815/8 for Caloundra ETA 0600/12.
- (17) "YMS's 8, 46" departed Cairns 1300/7 for Caloundra ETA 2000/10.
- (18) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) departed Brisbane 1736/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (19) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) departed Sydney 1611/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10.
- (20) "BENDIGO" was to depart Brisbane 0600/8 for Milne Bay.
- (21) "SC.745" escorting "MERKUR" (AF) was to depart Caloundra 1200/8; "SC.745" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Gladstone; "MERKUR" proceeds Townsville ETA 1100/11 for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (22) "COWRA" escorting Convoy LQ.53 (1 MV) departed Port Curtis 2100/8 for Caloundra ETA 1200/9.
- (23) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "COLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.107 (3 MV) were to depart Caloundra at 1200/9 for Sydney.
- (24) "ECHUCA" was to carry out A/A practice vicinity Pile Light at 1000/9 proceeding thence to escort Convoy QL.54.
- (25) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (26) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area
Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - SC's 698, 713, 734, 750, 882
YMS's 53, 71, 72, 313, 315, 331, 334 PC.1132
YP.280 ML's 427, 428, 801, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
"WESTRALIA" (APA)
- Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ANHUI" "J.G.BRADY"
"F.P.BLAIR" "A.THOMAS" "W.N.BYERS" "S.CRANE" "J.M.
GOODHUE" "D.MCLEAY" "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "T.C.POWER"
"ED.N.WESTCOTT" "H.J.SINNOTT" "A.D.WHITE"
"MATTHEW FLINDERS" "R.P.WARNER"

Lae

- Warships & Aux. - -
- Merchant Vessels: "PC.HEWITT" "SAN ANTONIO" "F.A.
WARDELL" "D.F.BARRY" "YOCHOW" "L.MERRITT" "VAN DER
LIJN"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 YP.278
SC's 637, 736 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)
"CARTER HALL" (LSD)
- Merchant Vessels: "BORGON" "K.LUCKENBACH" "ETAMIN"
"GEO.EASTMAN" "M.FULLER" "BARBARA G." "H.DODGE"
"J.H.RUSK"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
- Merchant Vessels: "W.PROUSE" "J.DOTY" "KOTA AGOENG"
"SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "S.BAMBERGER" "L.L.DYCHE"
"D.D.FIELD"

Woodlark Is.
Goodenough Is.
Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
- Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "ORIZABA" "SEA FLASHER"
- Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
"HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAKAN" "DRAYTON"
"RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART"
(DD) "GLADSTONE" "GLENELG" (AMS) SC's 630, 650
SC's 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 743, 746, 748
YMS's 11, 49, 52, 70, 73, 314, 335, 336
YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 816, 818
PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133
28 LST's 14 APC's 29 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "MATAGORDA" "SAN PABLO"
(AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" "SHIKELLAMY"
"KURUMBA" (AO) "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP)
"POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "CALAMARES" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"JALDEN" "W.C.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.C.BARBOSA"
"S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "F.BILLING" "F.N.
BLANCHET" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "BOGFRED" "ANSON
EURLINGHAM" "D.BURNHAM" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
"CAPE MENDOCINO" "CAPE POGE" "P.CHANDLER"
"WM.E.CHANNING" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "DAVY CROCKETT"
"JOHN DEERE" "F.C.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMELE"
"LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND" "GREY LAG"
"N.HAPGOOD" "D.HEWES" "ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE"
"INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "J.B.KENDRICK" "J.KING"
"CONRAD KOHRS" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL
LYKES" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD"
"J.W.MELDRUM" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY
HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK" "MONTEREY" "MORMAGDALE"
"MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO"
"F.B.OLSON" "B.T.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PENNAANT" "JAMES
D.PHALAN" "H.T.RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "RAMO"
"A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "A.SALGRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT"
"SEA DEVIL" "SEA SNIPE" "SIBIGO" "W.C.SQUIRE"
"SLOTERDIJK" "G.STIRLING" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "R.STUART"
"W.B.SUBJETTE" "TRIANGULUM" "VAN SWOLL" "H.V.WHITE"
"MARY WALKER" "K.D.WIGINS"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - "ML's 426, 802" "WARREGO" (Sloop)
"PIRIE" "STAWELL" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA)
- Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "BRASTAGI"
"M.M.STEWART" "STAGEN" "CHAS.L.SMITH" "BAKE ORMAG"
"TEXAS SUN"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809
 Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "BIDELLA" "ISLANDER"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN"
 "CASTLEMAINE" "KATOOMBA" "BUNDABERG" (AMS)
 SC's 703, 742, 981 YMS.51 ML's 805, 811, 820
 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "OCTANS" (AF)
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "BUSH"
 "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 "LITHGOW" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "MANUNDA" (AH) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
 ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10 PC.1134
 SC's 731, 749 YP.291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Milne Bay Feb.10 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "ECHUCA" to escort Convoy QL.54 (8 MV) departing Caloundra 1600/9.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - On Feb. 6 Kuraio Mission (24 miles N.W. of Cape Torokina) was occupied by a patrol which contacted the enemy. Two enemy were encountered moving South $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further to the North, one of which was killed. It is recalled that on Jan. 9, a patrol established a perimeter at Kuraio Mission withdrawing subsequently.

Bombardment of enemy positions in the Jaba River mouth area was continued.

On Feb. 7, an enemy pillbox and huts 5 miles N.E. of Motupena Point were bombed and hit by two Dauntless.

- (2) Buka Passage Area - On Feb. 7, some new coral surfacing on the Buka aerodrome was reported by aircraft.

On the night Feb.7-8, a 100 ft. schooner was strafed by PT boats off Queen Cabola Harbour (N.W. Buka Island)

- (3) Rabaul -

- (a) Rabaul airfields were again struck in concerted attack on Feb. 7.

At 1025/7, Tobera was attacked by 59 Dauntless, 22 Avengers escorted by 46 Corsairs, 18 Warhawks and 8 Hellcats. Fifty tons of bombs were dropped scoring five direct hits on A/A positions, one direct hit on a bomber in a revetment, six bombs fell near 7 aircraft in a central revetment area and 17 tons of bombs fell on the runway which was rendered probably unserviceable. 30-40 enemy fighters were seen, only 5 of which pressed their attacks. The escorting fighters drove off another 40 enemy fighters destroying 11 plus 8 probables. The primary target, Yunakanau, was closed in at the time of the attack.

At 1058/7, Yunakanau was attacked by 17 Liberators with 17 Corsairs and 15 Lightnings escorting. 158 x 1000 lb. bombs were dropped on the runway and dispersal areas but results were obscured by clouds. 16-21 fighters intercepted, one of which was shot down and six probably destroyed. An additional 15-20 fighters were intercepted by the escort, one of which was probably destroyed. All our aircraft returned.

- (b) At 0330/8, shipping in Rabaul Harbour was attacked by 5 Avengers each carrying 1 x 2000 lb. bomb. Results are not finally assessed as yet. Four or five cargo vessels and two submarines were observed in Keravia Bay.

- (c) Photographs taken between 1030 and 1135/7 reveal the following:

Aircraft:	F.	D/B	M/B	L/B	F/P	F/B
Yunakanau (prior to attack)	3	18	25	-	-	-
Lakunai	15	2	-	2	-	-
Rapopo	2	-	3	-	-	-
Simpson Harbour	-	-	-	-	16	1

Total 85 a/c whereof 20 F.20D/B 28 2 16 1

Photos of Yunakanau after the attack giving only partial coverage show 15 fighters and 12 bombers.

(3) Rabaul (Contd) -

Shipping:

9 small cargo vessels
228 barges

(Keravia Bay was not covered).

(d) At 0135/9, three Northbound barges were attacked by aircraft 11 miles N.N.E. of Rabaul.

(4) Gasmata - A preliminary report indicates that the dump area at Augem River was attacked by three Squadrons of Beauforts escorted by Spitfires and Kittyhawks.

(5) Talasea Area -

(a) At 0900/8, 3 barges and 2 small boats were strafed and damaged by Beaufighters.

(b) On Feb. 8, buildings in the Talasea area and one probably unserviceable divebomber were strafed by 2 Aircobras.

(6) Arawe - Several small, mostly ineffective, raids were reported on Feb. 7-8.

At 0058/8, two aircraft dropped 2 bombs without result.
At 2335/7, one plane dropped bombs again without effect.
At 1820/7, slight damage and casualties was caused by another raid.

At 1030/8, one aircraft dropped 2 bombs causing slight casualties.

(7) Cape Gloucester Area - On the night of Feb. 7, 6 Japs were killed and 2 prisoners taken near Alaido.

At 0029/8, 2-4 enemy aircraft were over Cape Gloucester but only one bomb was dropped.

(8) Admiralty Islands - On the night of Feb. 7-8, 4 unidentified aircraft/ were reported near Momote by a Catalina.

At 1340/8, a patrol Liberator dropped two bombs on Momote supply areas. The Momote strip was reported serviceable, but no aircraft were visible.

(9) Blup Blup Harbour - At 0230/8, three boats (2 of which were like PT boats, the other larger) were unsuccessfully attacked by a Catalina 7 miles West of Blup Blup Island (45 miles N.W. of Hansa Bay).

At 0738/3, 12 landing barges were sighted by aircraft 27 miles N.E. by N. of Blup Blup Island.

(10) Wewak - At 0135/9, small patrol boats were sighted by aircraft 30 miles E.N.E. of Wewak.

(11) Hansa Bay - At 0815/8, about 25 barges were sighted in Hansa Bay.

(12) Alexishafen - At 1053-1103/8, Alexishafen was bombed and strafed by 11 Bostons escorted by 16 Thunderbolts. Oil fires were started destroying at least 50 drums. A camouflaged three masted 100 ft. vessel was seen off the W. side of Malmal Island.

(13) Madang - (a) At 1045-1057/8, supplies and installations were bombed and strafed by 4 Squadrons of Mitchells escorted by 2 Squadrons of Thunderbolts. Full details are not yet to hand.

(b) At 1110-1145/8, Amele Village was strafed by 2 Aircobras.

(14) Rain Coast - By 2230/8, Australian forces had reached Weber Point and forward elements were within 8 miles of Yagomi, the eastern outpost of the Sidor perimeter. Many Jap head were found on the way.

(15) Finschhafen Area - At 1610/7, one enemy bomber dropped one bomb on Cape Gretin, causing some damage but no casualties.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

(1) "INVEREIL" escorting Convoy DT.42 ("ALDINGA" "YARRA" for Thursday Is.; "SUVA" for Melville Bay ETA 0900/11; "BABINDA" for Groote Eylandt ETA 1700/11) departed Port Darwin 0821/8 ETA Thursday Is. 1630/12.

(2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "COOTAMUNDRA"
"FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COCLEBAR" "BURWAH" "SCHWEDAGON"
"A.RAVALLI"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - At 2055-2205/7, the coal jetty and dump area at Ambon were bombed by 6 Liberators causing large fires and periodic explosions. At the same time, the barracks area was bombed by 7 other Liberators causing large explosions and fires.
- (2) Kai Islands - Between 2029 and 2051/8, the wharf and barracks area at Toeal was bombed by 7 Mitchells, starting fires.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- X (1) "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO" "HORSEHAM"
(AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
"ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPCORWILL" (AMS)
"PELLIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISEEL" (PY) SC.739
YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.286

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) escorting "MARIPOSA" departed Port Phillip Heads 1100/6. "ADELAIDE" escorts till 1930/8 thence returning Melbourne; "MARIPOSA" proceeds Wellington ETA 0600/10.
- (2) "GILMER" (APD) departed Townsville 0830/8 for Sydney ETA 0800/10.
- (3) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) departed Milne Bay 1400/6 for Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (4) "YUMA" (AT) towing one floating dock was to depart Sydney a.m. Feb. 9 for Melbourne, proceeding later to Fremantle.
- X (5) "SHAH" (CV(E)) was to depart Williamstown 1005/8 for Fremantle ETA 0700/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ARUNTA"
"DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MUELLANY" "AMMEN"
"WOODWORTH" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"DELORAINIE" "KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA"
"WILCANNIA" (AMS) "HILO" (PG) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
"DOGMA" "KYBERA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "MANCORA" (APA) "WANGANILLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEBELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements;

- (1) "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) to depart Sydney 1800/9, carrying out gunnery exercised off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/10, and proceeding thence to Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (2) "VENDETTA" to depart Sydney a.m. Feb.10 for Brisbane for onward routing Milne Bay.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Carolines -
 - (a) Between 1255 and 1330/6, five cargo vessels, and one auxiliary patrol vessel were seen by aircraft at Ponape Island and one submarine 40 miles S. of the island. On the following day, photographs revealed two large cargo vessels, 4 patrol craft and 75 barges in Ponape Harbour.
 - (b) Between 1255 and 1315/7, Satawan Island (on the S.E. perimeter of the Carolines Group) was attacked by a reconnaissance Liberator. A dump of 100 oil drums was completely destroyed. The runways, taxiways and revetments appeared in excellent condition but no aircraft were seen.
- (2) Marshalls -
 - (a) At 2209/4, an enemy submarine was attacked 55 miles W. of Ailinglapalap. Results were believed good.
 - (b) By the evening of Feb. 7, enemy losses in the Southern sector of Kwajalein Atoll were 4650 killed and 173 captured while in the Northern sector the figures were 3472 killed and 91 captured.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

X Indo-China - Further U.S. submarine successes are reported. On Feb.6, a convoy including 9 unidentified vessels, one destroyer, one subchaser and 4 fishing boats with floatplane cover, was attacked off Kamrah Bay and two cargo vessels were reported sunk. The course of the convoy was not reported.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE
1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Empire
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY SHAH	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON MATAGORDA	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS WOODWORTH	Approx 40 HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WEELES	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BALAO) BLACKFISH) CERO) DACE) GATO) GUARDFISH) PETC)	On Patrol	15	25
	S.38 K.9	At Brisbane At Sydney		
	DARTER) SCAMP)	At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOCORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	214		
	Light & M/Bombers	179		
	Bombers	41		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Floatplanes	50		
	Obsn. A/C	15		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DE</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MITSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HUYGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIEAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS GELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		NACHI * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>GL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XVA/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 743

Date 10 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "MORESBY" (Sloop) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (2) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (3) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) departed Sydney 1611/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10
- (4) "BENDIGO" was to depart Brisbane 0600/8 for Milne Bay.
- (5) "GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 0930/9 to RV with "ROSEVILLE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (6) "STAWELL" escorting Convoy MF.16 ("CHAS.L.SMITH" for Buna ETA 1015/11 "M.M.STEWART" for Milne Bay) departed Port Moresby 2015/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1945/10.
- (7) "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1100/10.
- (8) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Brisbane ETA 0200/13.
- (9) "PC.1123" "YMS.316" each towing 2 PT's were to depart Cairns 1500/8 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/11.
- (10) "ARARAT" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (11) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) rendering assistance to "F.A.3" vicinity Prince Edward Island.
- (12) "PC.477" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol; "YMS's 47,48" on M/S duties, Grafton Passage.
- (13) "SC.745" escorting "MERKUR" (AF) was to depart Caloundra 1200/8; "SC.745" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Gladstone; "MERKUR" proceeds Townsville ETA 1100/11 for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (14) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1135/9 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/13.
- (15) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy QL.54 (6 MV, 1 LCT, 1 PT in tow) departed Caloundra 1625/9 for Bustard Head ETA 0400/11.
- (16) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0815/8 for Caloundra ETA 0600/12.
- (17) "YMS's 8, 46" departed Cairns 1300/7 for Caloundra ETA 2000/10.
- (18) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "GOLAC" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.107 (3 MV) departed Caloundra at 1147/9 for Sydney ETA 1700/11.
- (19) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) engaged in salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (20) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 750, 882 YMS.53
 YMS's 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP.280 ML.427
 ML's 428, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "WESTRALIA" (APA)
 Merchant Vessels: "ANHUI" "J.G.BRADY" "F.P.BLAIR"
 "A.THOMAS" "W.N.BYERS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "D.MCLEAY"
 "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT"
 "A.D.WHITE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "R.P.WARNER"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 801, 806
 Merchant Vessels: "SAN ANTONIO" "D.F. HARRY" "L. MERRITT"
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 YP.278
 SC's 637, 698, 736, 737, 746 YMS's 71, 72, 347
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
 "CALAMARES" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K. LUCKENBACH" "GEO. EASTMAN"
 "M. FULLER" "BARBARAC." "H. DODGE" "J. H. RUSK" "R. STUART"
 "ED. N. WESTCOTT"
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W. FROUSE" "J. DOTY" "KOTA AGOENG"
 "SEAMAN A. KNAPP" "S. BAMBERGER" "L. L. DYCHE" "ORIZABA"
 "D. D. FIELD" "VAN DER LIJN"
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S. BRANNON" "SEA FLASHER"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
 "MCBEY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
 "FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
 "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART"
 (DD) "GLADSTONE" "ERCOONE" "ROCKHAMPTON" (AMS)
 SC's 630, 650, 699, 732, 735, 738, 741, 743, 747, 748
 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 70, 73, 313, 314, 336
 YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 816, 818
 PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133
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 "J. MUIR" "P. G. NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "F. B. OLSON"
 "B. T. OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN"
 "T. C. POWER" "H. T. RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "RAMO"
 "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPH" "A. SALGRAINE" "J. S. SARGENT"
 "SEA DEVIL" "SEA SNIPE" "SIBIGO" "W. C. SQUIRE"
 "SLOTERDIJK" "G. STIRLING" "CLAUS SFRECKLES" "W. B.
 SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "TRIANGULUM" "VAN SWOLL"
 "F. A. WARDELL" "H. V. WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "WICHITA FALLS"
 "K. D. WIGINS" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML's 426, 802 "WARHEGO" (Sloop) "MILDURA"
 "PIRIE" (AMS) "KANIMELA" (APA)
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J. CARROLL" "STAGEN" "LAKE
 ORMAC" "TEXAS SUN"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809

Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN"
 "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "KATOOMBA"
 "BUNDAEERG" (AMS) SC's 703, 742, 744, 981, 982
 YMS.51 ML's 805, 811, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
 "OCTANS" (AP)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" (AMS)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "BUSH"
"CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
"LITGOW" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827
YMS's 9, 10 PC.1134 SC's 731, 749 YP.291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" to depart Milne Bay Feb.10 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "GLADSTONE" escorting "KAILUA" to depart Milne Bay 1600/10 for Thursday Is. "GLADSTONE" then proceeds Adelaide via Townsville and Sydney.
- (3) "PC.1134" escorting "HENRY T.ALLEN" (APA) to depart Caloundra 0400/12 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/15.
- (4) "LITGOW" to depart Caloundra 1630/10 for Sydney ETA 1200/12.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - On the night Feb.8-9, PT boats scored many hits on one barge in Choiseul Bay and shelled Siposai Island.
- (2) Bougainville Is. - During the night Feb.8-9, PT boats strafed Sal Is. (8 miles S.W. of Buka Passage) and Mik Mik Is. (18 miles S. by W. of Buka Passage) while landing craft gunboats shelled the area South of Motupena Point. PT boats operating off Torau Bay (S.E. Bougainville) on the same night ineffectively were strafed by one floatplane. Other attacks were made on the Mibo River area (S.W. Bougainville Island).
- (3) Buka Passage - On Feb. 8, huts on Teopasina Plantation were strafed by 3 Aircobras starting a large fire.
- (4) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1415/9, 4 auxiliary vessels and one escort vessel were sighted by aircraft 50 miles N.N.W. of Kavieng, heading North. At 1530, the aircraft reported scoring a hit on the escort vessel. At 0001/10, a five ship convoy, probably the same, was unsuccessfully attacked by a search plane 60 miles N. by E. of Cape Siemens (Mussau Is.). These preliminary reports would indicate a possible outward bound convoy proceeding from Mandates to Bismarcks, but if the identification of the vessels is correct, it might possibly be a group of escorts proceeding outwards to RV with an inbound convoy.
- (5) Kavieng - At 0127-0207/9, the aerodrome and dispersal areas at Kavieng were bombed by one Catalina. A large unidentified vessel, probably a warship, and 3 small vessels were sighted by this aircraft in the Kavieng area.
- (6) Rabaul -
 - (a) All major Solomons air strikes on Feb.8 were grounded by weather, but at 0542/8, Lakunai revetment areas were bombed by 5 Avengers starting one fire. At 0430/9, a possible submarine wake on course 270° was sighted by these aircraft underway between Buka and Cape St. George, indicating a possible submarine returning from a transportation and supply run to the Solomons.
 - (b) At 0130/8, 4 barges were attacked by a patrol aircraft 20 miles N.E. of Rabaul, indicating continuous barge activity during the night hours between Rabaul and New Ireland.
- (7) Arawe - Patrol activity continues. Reports on Feb. 5 indicate increased enemy activity in the general area. New numbers of Japanese are reported at Didmop (8 miles N.E. by N. of the air strip), at Wasum (22 miles E.N.E. of Cape Merkus) and at Angoring (10 miles further E.S.E.). On Feb.7, a party of Japanese 300 strong were reported 4½ miles N.E. by N. of the Ithi River mouth. Defence positions were being dug and underground kitchens had been constructed. The strength of this party is reported to be increasing slowly.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - Nuisance raids continue. At 2205/8, 6 unidentified aircraft were over the area and an alert was sounded at 2255/8. No damage was reported in either case.
- (9) Wewak - Between 0015 and 0130/9, a very considerable number of barges was reported in the Wewak-Sepik River mouth area by a Catalina. At least 8 were strafed and sunk and others were bombed and strafed with unobserved results. Two possible small ships together with barges were sighted in Kairiru Strait.

- (10) Hansa Bay - At C304/9, two small fast patrol vessels were attacked by a patrol Liberator 7 miles N.N.E. of Hansa Bay. These vessels are probably armoured escort barges.
- (11) Alexishafen -
 On Feb. 8, the jetty area at Alexishafen and two fighters of
 (a) undetermined serviceability were divebombed and strafed by 18 Kittyhawks. The two aircraft were set on fire.
 (b) 1047-1102/8, Alexishafen was attacked by an additional 12 Bostons, starting a large fire in the township. A small sea truck was sighted near the mouth of a river.
- (12) Madang - A final report reveals that between 1045 and 1105/8, stores and installations at Madang were bombed and heavily strafed by 24 Mitchells escorted by 32 Thunderbolts. Good coverage of the target area was reported.
- (13) Herwarth Point - Between 1052 and 1125/9, Mindiri Village and reported gun positions at Herwarth Point were bombed and strafed by 24 Bostons escorted by 12 Kittyhawks, starting fires and destroying several huts.
- (14) Saidor Area - During Feb. 7-8, an estimated 440 enemy retired along the track leading South and West of the Saidor perimeter. On the night of Feb. 7, our artillery at Yagomi fired effectively at Gabutamon (6 miles to the South).
- (15) Rai Coast - On Feb. 9, Australian troops advancing Westwards from Weber Point killed 26 Japanese and took 5 prisoners, all armed and in good condition. Hundreds of dead Japs were reported on the track West of Gali No. 2. By 2200/9, forward elements were reported approx 1 mile South of Yagomi and it would appear that a junction of Australian and American forces in this area is imminent.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.42 ("ALDINGA" "YARRA" for Thursday Is.; "SUVA" for Melville Bay ETA 0900/11; "BABINDA" for Groote Eylandt ETA 1700/11) departed Port Darwin 0821/8 ETA Thursday Is. 1830/12.
- (2) 13 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "COOTAMUNDRA"
 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "COCLEBAR" "BURWAH" "SCHWEDAGON"
 "A.RAVALLI"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "PATROLLER" (CV(E)) departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.
- (2) "SHAH" (CV(E)) departed Williamstown 1005/8 for Fremantle ETA 0700/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO" "HORSHAM"
 (AMS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS"
 "CRION" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY) SC.739 YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.286

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- X (1) "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) departed Sydney 1811/9, carrying out gunnery exercises off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/10, and proceeding thence to Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (2) "ADELAIDE" (CL) proceeding Melbourne from escort duties Tasman Sea.
- (3) "WOODWORTH" (DD) departed Sydney 2104/9 for Purvis Bay due a.m. Feb.13.
- (4) "HILO" (PG) departed Sydney 1810/9 for Brisbane ETA 1200/11.
- (5) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP.108 (4 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/10 for Galoundra.
- (6) "YUMA" (AT) towing one floating dock departed Sydney 1008/9 for Melbourne ETA 0900/12, proceeding later to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACRE" "MULLANY"
"AMMEN" "VENDETTA" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELOIRINE"
"KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE"
(CM) "DOOMBA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "MANOORA" (APA) "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" to depart Sydney a.m. Feb.10 for Brisbane for onward routing to Milne Bay.
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kapingamarangi - At 1300/9, an enemy bomber was encountered and destroyed by a patrol Liberator 300 miles E. by S. of Kapingamarangi Island.
- (2) Marshalls - The following air strikes are reported:
- Mille: At 2245/6, runways and gun positions were bombed and strafed by 22 Dauntless, 11 Kittyhawks and two photo planes.
- Taroa: At 1141/7, runways and harbour facilities were bombed by 8 Liberators dropping 24 tons of bombs, starting fires.
- Wotje: At 1014/7, runways and revetments were bombed by 9 Liberators which dropped 27 tons causing explosions and fires.
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

X S.China Sea - On 26 Jan. a U.S. submarine sank a 6600 tons cargo vessel approximately 240 miles S.E. of Saigon.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defenses Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Posse. YAMASHIRO) Empire
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY SHAH	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE SUZUYA * KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BCISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	FERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON NATAGORDA	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELFUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMDEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS WOODWORTH	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)
		HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES		

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE) BALAO) BLACKFISH) CERO) DACE) DARTER) GATO) GUARDFISH) PETO)	On Patrol	15	25
	S.38 K.9	At Brisbane At Sydney		
	SCAMP	At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE		?	?
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PIATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	205
Light & M/Bombers	185
SE/Bombers	36
Flying Boats	2
Floatplanes	50
Obsn. A/c	24

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DE</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO NEW MEXICO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA BRETON WHITE PLAINS MIDWAY	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		NACHI * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI * KISC * YUBARI * ISUZU * WAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCCMOKE		-
<u>W/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 744

Date 11 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- X (1) "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" were due to depart Milne Bay 1300/10 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
- (2) "MORESBY" (Sloop) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (4) "ML.802" under tow by "WATO" (Tug) departed Port Moresby 0816/10 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/11.
- (5) "PC.1123" "YMS.316" each towing 2 PT's en route Cairns to Milne Bay were due 1100/11.
- (6) "BENDIGO" departed Brisbane 8 Feb. for Milne Bay.
- (7) "ARARAT" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (8) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Brisbane ETA 0200/13.
- (9) "PC.477" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (10) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1135/9 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/13.
- (11) "BROOME" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy MV/64 departed Milne Bay 1647/10 for Cairns ETA 1000/12.
- (12) "KANIMBLA" (APB) departed Townsville 2036/10 for Cairns, was due 0900/11.
- (13) "GLADSTONE" escorting "KAILUA" departed Milne Bay 1615/10 for Townsville ETA 0700/16, via Great North East Chamel. "GLADSTONE" thence to proceed Adelaide via Sydney.
- (14) "MERKUR" (AF) en route Brisbane to Townsville was due 1100/11 for onward routeing to Milne Bay.
- (15) "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) departed Sydney 1811/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/13, carrying out gunnery exercises off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/10.
- (16) "YP.236" departed Cairns 0815/8 for Caloundra ETA 0600/12.
- (17) "HILO" (AGP) en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 1200/11.
- (18) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 750, 882 YMS's 71,72
YMS's 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP's 278, 280
ML's 427, 428, 803, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
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"GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "W.N.BYERS" "J.M.GOODHUE"
"D.MCLEAY" "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOH"
"J.H.RUSK" "A.D.WHITE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
"R.P.WARNER"
Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 801, 806
Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "BARBARA C."
"H.DODGE"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PG.1131
SC's 637, 736, 737, 746 YMS. 347 "SUSQUEHANNA"
"TRINITY" (AO) "GARTER HALL" (LSD) "CALAMARES" (AF)
Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "E.LUCKENBACH" "E.FULLER"
"R.STUART"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "W.FROUSE" "SEAMAN A.KNAPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
"S.BAMBERGER" "D.D.FIELD" "VAN DER LIJN"

Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux. - YMS.50

Goodenough Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "W.E.CHANNING"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX" "BOISE" (CL)
"HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
"RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "MUGFORD" "BAGLEY" "STUART" (DD)
"GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "GLENELG" "STAWELL" (AMS)
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"F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "F.B.OLSON" "B.T.OSBORNE"
"PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "T.J.POWER"
"H.T.RAINEY" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "RAMO" "ROSEVILLE"
"A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPE" "A.SALCRAINE" "SAN ANTONIO"
"J.S.SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA SNIPE" "SIBIGO"
"W.C.SQUIRE" "SEOTERFIJE" "G.STIRLING" "CLAUS
SPRECKLES" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "TRIANGULUM"
"VAN SWOL" "F.A.WARDELL" "ED.N.WESTCOPT" "H.V.WHITE"
"MARY WALKER" "WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.WIGINS" "YOCROW"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "MILDURA" "PIRIE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "STAGEN" "LAKE
ORMAC" "TEXAS SUN"

Thursday Is.

- Warships & Aux. - ML.809 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN"
"CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" "KATOOMBA"
"SHEPPARTON" "BUNDABERG" (AMS) SC's 703, 742, 744
SC's 981, 982 YMS's 47, 48, 51 ML's 805, 811, 820
PG. 477 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "OCTANS" (AF) "CALEDONIAN
SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" (AMS) "WARREGO" (Sloop)

Mackay

- Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone

- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" (AMS) SC.745

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "BUSH" (DD)
"COWRA" "ECHUCA" "GOULEURN" "GYMPIE" (AMS) "SHAN"
(Sloop) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB"
(AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 8, 9, 10, 46 PG.1134
SC's 731, 749 YP.291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PC.1134" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) to depart Caloundra 0400/12 for Townsville ETA 1800/13.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - At 0124/10, 3-6 enemy planes ineffectively raided Piva airfield area. At 0825/10, at least two enemy planes were again over the area and one bomber was shot down by a Ventura.
- (2) Numa Numa Area - Our patrol s operating 7-8 Feb. in the area immediately West of Numa Numa contacted an enemy ambush party killing 2 Japs without loss to themselves.
Local sources report that a large Japanese party from the direction of Buka met another large party from the South, at Tiaraka (5 miles N.W. of Numa Numa) and camped there p.m. 8 Feb.
Tiaraka was bombed 9 Feb. by 8 Aircobras.
- (3) Buka - Photos 9 Feb. show that the runways at both Buka and Bonis airfields were unserviceable and no aircraft were present.
- (4) Rabaul -
(a) At 1240/9, Vunakanau was attacked by 58 Dauntless and 24 Avengers with 74 fighters escorting. 16 direct hits were claimed on the concrete runway. 35-40 Zeros were seen airborne but only a few engaged our aircraft. Our fighter cover shot down 2 Zeros and probably shot down another. One Warhawk is missing.
At 1300/9, Vunakanau was again attacked by Mitchells dropping 128 x 500 lb. bombs. 37 Corsairs escorted. 45-60 enemy fighters were airborne of which only 4 attacked the Mitchells. 10 Jap fighters were shot down. One Corsair was lost.
Simultaneously Tobera was bombed by 19 Liberators and the runway and nearby revetments well covered. 30-40 Zeros were encountered which attacked aggressively. Eight were shot down and 6 probably shot down without loss to our formation.
At 0600/10, Tobera, Rapopo and Lakunai airfields were each raided by 2 Avengers.
- (b) Photographs 1330-1400/9 show:-
- | | <u>F.</u> | <u>D/B.</u> | <u>L/B.</u> | <u>M/B.</u> |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lakunai (90%) : | 29 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Vunakanau (70%) : | 1 | 5 | - | 12 |
| Tobera (75%) : | Nil | | | |
| Rapopo : | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Keravat : | Nil | | | |
- Total 52 a/c whereof 31 F. 7 D/B. 2 L/B. 12 M/B.
- The concrete strip at Lakunai was unserviceable but the bomber mat serviceable. A portion of the concrete runway at Tobera was unserviceable and craters on Vunakanau runway probably rendered it unserviceable. The runway at Duke of York Island airfield is now a quarter surfaced, while Keravat remains serviceable in emergency only with work still in progress.
Photographic coverage of Simpson Harbour only at the same time showed:
2 submarines (one large, one small)
8 small freighters
225 barges.
- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further detail concerning the convoy sighted North of Kavieng on 9 Feb. (refer Summary No. 743) indicates that the composition of the convoy sighted at 1415/9, 25 miles N. of Kavieng on course 360°, was 3 auxiliaries and 2 escort vessels. One floatplane was covering the enemy convoy.
At about midnight 9-10 Feb., aircraft reported a 5 ship convoy, probably the same group, approx 60 miles N. of Mussau Island. Probably the same convoy was again sighted at 0730/10 35 miles further to the N.W. still on course 360°.

- (6) Cape Gloucester - Our patrols reached Kokopo (2 miles E.S.E. of Cape Gauffre) on 9 Feb. without enemy contact.
- (7) Wewak - At noon 10 Feb., Boram airfield and dump areas nearby were attacked by 63 escorted Liberators. There was no interception and no enemy aircraft were sighted in the target area.
- (8) Madang Area - At 0440/10, three small unidentified vessels were seen by a Liberator 18 miles E.N.E. of Alexishafen on course 100°. Dragat Island was bombed midday 10 Feb. by 8 Liberators.
- (9) Rai Coast - At 1030/10, advanced Australian elements made contact with the artillery outpost of the American Saidor perimeter at Yagomi.
- Movement of enemy troops over the mountain trail which by-passes Saidor to the South apparently continues. 492 Japs were seen from 6 Feb. up to a.m. 9 Feb., of which two parties involving 70 and 195 Jap troops respectively were apparently retiring as organized units.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAN" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.42 ("ALDINGA" "YARRA" for Thursday Is.; "SUVA" for Melville Bay ETA 0900/11; "BABINDA" for Groote Eylandt ETA 1700/11) departed Port Darwin 0821/8 ETA Thursday Is. 1630/12.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI"

(1i) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Islands - At 0910/9, Dokabarat strip on Trangan Island and small craft in the vicinity were bombed and strafed by six Beaufighters.
- (2) Ambon - Between 2100 and 2359/9, Halong and Amahai were bombed by five Liberators under bad weather conditions.
- (3) Timor - At midnight 9-10 Feb. Lautem was bombed by 4 Liberators which were unable to locate targets at Ambon. One enemy night fighter was encountered.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "SHAH" (CV(E)) departed Williamstown 1005/8 for Fremantle ETA 0700/13.
- (2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 1600/9 for Fremantle ETA 0800/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY) SC.739 YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "LITHGOW" was to depart Caloundra 1630/10 for Sydney ETA 0830/12.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "COLAC" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.107 (3 MV) departed Caloundra 1147/9 for Sydney ETA 1700/11.
- (3) "VENDETTA" was to depart Sydney 0800/11 for Brisbane for onward routing to Milne Bay. including "GOLD STAR" (AG)
- (4) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP.108 (4 MV) departed Sydney 1045/10 for Caloundra ETA 2115/12.
- (5) "ADELAIDE" (CL) proceeding Melbourne from escort duties Tasman Sea.
- (6) "PATROLLER" departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.
- (7) "YUMA" (AT) towing one floating dock departed Sydney 1008/9 for Melbourne ETA 0900/12, proceeding later to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"AMMEN" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAIN" "KIAMA"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
"KYBRA" "DOOMEA" (A/3 Vessels) ML's 812, 817, 822
ML's 823, 824, 826
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "MANOORA" (APA) "WANGANILLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S
Vessel)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MANOORA" to depart Newcastle 16 Feb. for training at Cairns thence to Milne Bay.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kwajalein - The capture and occupation of the entire Kwajalein Atoll was completed by evening 8 Feb. having taken 8 days since the original landings 31 Jan. - 1 Feb.
- (2) Tarao (Malaelap) Atoll - was bombarded 1000-1300/9 during the course of which 200 x 8" shells were fired into the target. No signs of enemy activity were observed. The runway and barracks had previously been bombed and strafed by 8 Mitchells at 0930/8.
- (3) Jaluit - At 0700/8, Sydney Pier at Jaluit was bombed by 16 Kittyhawks.
- (4) Wotje - Runways were bombed and strafed at 1045/8 by 9 Mitchells.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER GATO GUARDFISH PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	S.58 K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTIS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMICUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 205
 Light & M/Bombers 185
 B/Bombers 36
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/c 24

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	- 22	AKITSUSHIMA 5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC - EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MOMPEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA KITAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA PRINCE WILLIAM LONG ISLAND	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA BRETON WHITE PLAINS MIDWAY	JINYO) Poss. still KAIYO) East Indies CHITOSE CHIYODA OTAKA (poss. Carolines) * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		TAKAO * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KMSO * YUBARI * ISUZU * NAGARA * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		5
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 745

Date 12 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- X (1) "PHOENIX" (CL) departed Milne Bay 0710/11 for Sydney ETA 0800/14.
 (2) "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) departed Sydney 1811/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/13,
 carrying out gunnery exercises off Cape Moreton 1600-2200/10.
 (3) "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" departed Milne Bay 1300/10
 proceeding out of S.W.P.A.
 X (4) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 for Sydney ETA 0700/16.
 (5) "MORESBY" (Sloop) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
 (6) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5,
 Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11,
 Buna ETA 1800/13.
 (7) "ARARAT" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
 (8) "PYRO" (AE) departed Milne Bay 1200/8 for Brisbane ETA 0200/13.
 (9) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1135/9 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/13.
 (10) "BALLARAT" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
 (11) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.216
 ("MERKUR" (AF) and 4 MV) were to depart vicinity Fitzroy Is.
 at 0800/12. "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escort 2 MV to Port
 Moresby; "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escort "MERKUR" (AF) and 2 MV
 to Milne Bay ETA both portions 1300/14.
 (12) "BROOME" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy MV.64 (2 MV, 2 APC's) departed
 Milne Bay 1647/10 for Cairns ETA 1000/12.
 (13) "GLADSTONE" escorting "KAILUA" (for Thursday Is., ETA 1600/13, thence
 Darwin) departed Milne Bay 1800/10 for Townsville ETA
 0700/16, via Great North East Channel. "GLADSTONE" thence
 proceed Adelaide via Sydney.
 (14) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy LQ.54 (2 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/11 for
 Brisbane ETA 1015/13.
 (15) "PC.1134" escorting "HENRY T.ALLEN" (APA) was to depart Caloundra
 0400/12 for Townsville ETA 1800/13.
 (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) proceeding to resume salvage operations on
 "WANAKA" vicinity Corbett Reef.
 (17) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 737, 746, 750, 882
 YMS's 314, 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP.280
 ML's 427, 428, 803, 819 "FORTUNUS" (AGP)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.G.BRADY" "F.P.BLAIR" "GEO.
 EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "W.N.BYERS" "J.M.GOODHUE"
 "D.MCLEAY" "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN" "N.J.
 SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK" "A.D.WHITE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
 "R.P.WARNER"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 801, 806
 Merchant Vessels: "D.B.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "BARBARA C."
 "H.DODGE" "R.STUART"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) Pc.1131 YP.278
 SC's 637, 650, 736, 741, 748 YMS's 71, 72, 347
 "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACH" "M.FULLER"
 "CHAS.L.SMITH" "AN HUI"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W.FROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
 "J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "S.BAMBERGER" "D.D.FIELD"
 "VAN DER LIJN" "F.BILLINGS" "H.T.RAINEY"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50 "GLENELG" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "F.C.EMERSON"

Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "W.E.CHANNING" "S.GIRARD"
 "RAMO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "NASEVILLE" "BOISE" (CL) "HOBBY"
 "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA" "FLUSSER"
 "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON" "STUART"
 (DD) "GASCOYNE" (Frigate) "BENDIGO" "STAWELL" (AMS)
 SC's 630, 698, 699, 732, 735, 738, 743, 747
 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 53, 70, 73, 313, 316, 334, 336
 YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 802, 816, 818
 PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1133
 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
 "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SAN PAOLO" (AVP)
 "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA"
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" "OYSTER BAY"
 (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ABIGAIL ADAMS" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
 "ALCOA PATRIOT" "J.ALDEN" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.E.AYER"
 "J.C.BARBOSA" "S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "S.BOLIVAR"
 "BOOTES" "BORGFRED" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE GREIG"
 "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE MENDOCINO" "CAPE POGE" "CEFALO"
 "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "T.M.GOOLEY" "S.CRANE" "DAVY
 CROCKETT" "JOHN DEERE" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "LUCIUS
 FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND" "GREY LAG" "N.
 HAPGOOD" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "B.F.
 IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "J.E.KENDRICK"
 "SEAMAN A.KWAPP" "GONRAD KOHRS" "KOTA AGOENG" "J.LIND"
 "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES" "ZOELLIA LYKES"
 "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER"
 "NANCY HANKS" "NORMAN E.MACK" "W.H.MACLENNAN"
 "MONTEREY" "MORMACBALE" "MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR"
 "F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "FREMONT OLDER" "F.B.OLSON"
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 "G.STIRLING" "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W.B.SUBJETTE"
 "SWARTENHONDT" "TRIANGULUM" "VAN SWOLL" "ED.N.WESTCOTT"
 "H.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.
 WIGGINS" "YOGHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "MILDURA" "PIRIE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "J.CARROLL" "STAGEN"
 "TEXAS SUN" "ORIZABA" "PAUL CHANDLER"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809 "GAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 Merchant Vessels: "TULAGI" "BIDELLA" "ISLANDER" "ALLARA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE"
 "KATOOMBA" "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA)
 SC's 703, 742, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 47, 48, 51
 ML's 805, 811, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (Sloop)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - SC.745

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) "EUSE"
"CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "SYMPLIE"
(AMS) "HILO" (AGP) "SWAN" (Sloop) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
"ALGORAB" (AKS) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 8, 9, 10
YMS.46 SC's 731, 749 YP's 236, 291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" escorting Convoy QL.55 (7 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/13.
"COWRA" detailed for Convoy LQ.55.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.108 (4 MV) to depart Caloundra at 1200/13.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - One of our patrols encountered intense mortar fire E. of Torokina River mouth 8-9 Feb.
At 2136/10, a single enemy plane ineffectively bombed Torokina and at 0348/11, another enemy plane again bombed Torokina without inflicting damage.
- (2) Numa Numa - At 0700/10, Tiaraka area, where parties of Japs were reported camped 7-8 Feb. was bombarded by U.S. destroyers. At 0730/10, Teopasino (15 miles N.N.W. of Numa Numa) was also bombarded by the same destroyers.
- (3) Nissan Island - P.m. 10 Feb. aircraft reported a cargo vessel at Nissan Island.
- (4) Rabaul - At 0900/10, Vunakanau was attacked by 59 Dauntless and 24 Avengers, with 69 Corsairs and Warhawks escorting. The concrete runway was hit several times in addition to several A/A positions, while bombs also fell among parked bombers. 55-60 enemy fighters were seen airborne but only 5 attacked our bombers. 11 were shot down and 3 probably shot down. One Dauntless, one Avenger, and one Corsair are missing.
At 1300/10, Vunakanau was again attacked by 24 Mitchells with 30 Corsairs escorting. Hits were again scored on the concrete runway and in the revetment areas. Only one Zero attacked our bombers although 40-50 were observed airborne. One Zero was destroyed; one Corsair was lost.
At 1312/10, Tobera was attacked by 21 Liberators with 9 Corsairs and 17 Lightnings escorting. Hits were scored across the centre of the runway and amongst revetments. Strong fighter opposition was encountered including approx 30 by the Liberators which shot down 9 plus 4 probables, and about 60 by our fighters which destroyed 12 plus one probable. The enemy fighters encountered by the Liberators may have been some of the same aircraft encountered by the Mitchells formation.

Photos were taken of the Harbour and airfields both morning and afternoon. A combination of these photos, which appears to give complete coverage, shows the following shipping in Simpson Harbour, Keravia Bay and off Vunapope:-

5 escort vessels (175-240 feet)
2 submarines (320-340 feet)
1 tanker (410 feet - apparently new arrival)
2 medium cargo ships (incl. 1 damaged 24 Jan.)
10 small freighters (1000 tons or less)
Nearly 400 barges
17 floatplanes

Photos of the airfields prior to the morning strike showed 80 aircraft on Lakunai, Tobera, Vunakanau and Rapopo, including 43 fighters, 16 divebombers, 21 medium bombers. Coverage after the afternoon raid showed only 20 fighters otherwise little change. Both the concrete runway and bomber mat at Lakunai were still serviceable; Tobera unserviceable; Vunakanau unserviceable showing extensive damage; Rapopo serviceable; Keravat serviceable in emergency. Duke of York Island slight additional surfacing.

- (5) Cape St. George - Four enemy fighters intercepted 2 Venturas over the Cape St. George area a.m. 10 Feb. One Jap fighter was destroyed.
- (6) Kavieng - Preliminary report indicates that Kavieng aerodrome was bombed by 48 escorted Liberators on 11 Feb. Hits were

- (6) Kavieng (Contd.) - scored on the runway and dispersal areas. There was no interception. One probable destroyer, 3 merchant ships (considered over 2000 tons) were reported in the Harbour area, and one merchant vessel (considered over 6000 tons) in Ysabel Passage.
- (7) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0145-0205/11, two unidentified type ships were reported by aircraft 25 miles N. of New Hanover, course 10°.
- (8) Wide Bay Area - At 1200/10, aircraft reported a number of barges heading into or across Wide Bay from the north.
- (9) Cape Hoskins - At 1330/10, the dump and camp areas at Porapora (4 miles W. of Cape Hoskins) were attacked by 4 Bostons.
At 1110/11, the same target was effectively attacked by 24 Beauforts with Kittyhawks escorting.
- (10) Gasmata - At 1215/10, dumps at Amgen River mouth were attacked by 24 Beauforts with Kittyhawks and Spitfires escorting.
- (11) Cape Gloucester - At 2320/9, and again at 0225/10, one unidentified aircraft was over Cape Gloucester. No damage or casualties were suffered by the few bombs dropped. Early a.m. 11 Feb., 5 alerts were sounded caused by a single enemy plane on the first 3 occasions and two on each of the last two. No damage was suffered.
- (12) Bogadjim - Night 9-10 Feb. one enemy barge beached near Erima Plantation was destroyed by PT boats. Return fire was encountered from the beach.
- (13) Saidor - A Japanese defensive position estimated at 150-200 Japs, was reported by a patrol 9 Feb. where the evacuation trail south of Saidor crosses the Yawi River (approx 8 miles S.W. of Saidor).
- (14) Lae - Two enemy planes were over Lae area p.m. 10 Feb.
- (15) Buna - At 1010/10, a single enemy plane scored a near miss on an LST off Buna causing slight damage.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting Convoy DT.42 ("ALDINGA" "YARRA" for Thursday Is; "SUVA" for Melville Bay ETA 0900/11; "BABINDA" for Groote Eylandt ETA 1700/11) departed Port Darwin 0821/8 ETA Thursday Is. 1630/12.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "GOOLEBAR" "SCHWEDAGON" "A.RAVALLI"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "SHAH" (CV(E)) departed Williamstown 1005/8 for Fremantle ETA 0700/13.
- (2) "YP.286" departed Exmouth Gulf 1600/9 for Fremantle ETA 0800/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS)
"W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM)
"LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.283

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "VENDETTA" departed Sydney 0620/11 for Brisbane ETA 1800/12, for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP.108 (4 MV including "GOLD STAR" (AG)) departed Sydney 1045/10 for Caloundra ETA 0200/13.
- (3) "PATROLLER" departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.
- (4) "YUMA" (AT) towing one floating dock departed Sydney 1008/9 for Melbourne ETA 0900/12, proceeding later to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"AMMEN" "(DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "COLAC" "DELORAINÉ"
"KIAMA" "LITEGOW" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
"WILCANNIA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM
CRIJNSSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823, 824, 826 "OCTANS" (AF)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(JL) "MANOORA" (APA) "WANGANNILLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
"BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MANOORA" to depart Newcastle 16 Feb. for training at Cairns thence to Milne Bay.
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

(1) Truk - A U.S. submarine reported:

- ✕ (a) 2130/10, 2 "MOGAMI" class cruisers, 4 destroyers, 143 miles W.N.W. of Truk, course 300°.
- ✕ (b) 0910/11, one large aircraft carrier, 2 destroyers, 137 miles W.N.W. of Truk, course 110°.

- (2) Wotje - Nights 8 and 9 Feb. Wotje was bombarded by single destroyers. 0930-1030/10, Wotje was again bombarded with 100 x 8" shells.
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C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

A German submarine was fixed by D/F with 150 miles of position 16°N 62°E (central Arabian Sea) night 9-10 Feb. possibly indicating that the unit recently operating in the Gulf of Aden is moving across to the S.W. coast of India.
A Japanese submarine was fixed by D/F night 9-10 Feb. off N.E. coast of India.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- ✕ (1) Makassar Straits - During the night 28-29 Jan. a U.S. submarine sank a medium sized merchant ship also scored 5 torpedo hits on a large tanker, or possibly a seaplane tender, in S. Makassar Straits.
 - ✕ (2) S. China Sea - On Feb. 9, a U.S. submarine reported sinking a tanker in a seven ship southbound convoy 160 miles P.N.E. of Saigon.
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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malaya areas to offset allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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MOST SECRET
12 February, 1944

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO) Poss YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY PATROLLER	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO CEIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA GELVELAND MONT PELIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	BAILLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUEGA STUART BAGLEY VENDETTA HELM MUGFORD RALPH TALBOT MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)
		HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES		

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CERO DACE DARTER GATO GUARDFISH PETO	} On Patrol	15	25
	S.38 K.9 SCAMP		At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay	
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	E.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 205
 Light & M/Bombers 185
 B/Bombers 36
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 30
 Obsn. a/c 24

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHIO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	JINYO KAIYO CHIPOSE CHIYODA OTAKA (poss, Carolines) * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		TAKAO * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * NAGARA * ISUZU * NOSHIO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	A approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	A approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 746

Date 13 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 for Sydney ETA 0600/16.
- (2) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 0800/5 for Goodenough Is., ETA 1600/5, Oro Bay ETA 2100/6, Langemak ETA 1900/8, Lae ETA 1200/11, Buna ETA 1800/13.
- (4) "VENDETTA" (DD) was to depart Caloundra 2000/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/15.
- (5) "SC.743" departed Milne Bay 1600/12 for Cairns ETA 2300/14.
- (6) "ARARAT" on A/S patrol off China Strait.
- (7) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.216 ("MERKUR" (AF) and 4 MV) were to depart vicinity Fitzroy Is. at 0800/12. "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escorting 2 MV to Port Moresby; "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escort "MERKUR" (AF) and 2 MV to Milne Bay ETA both portions 1300/14.
- (8) "GLADSTONE" escorting "KAILUA" (for Thursday Is., ETA 1600/13, thence Darwin) departed Milne Bay 1800/10 for Townsville ETA 0700/16, via Great North East Channel. "GLADSTONE" thence proceed Adelaide via Sydney.
- (9) "BALLARAT" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (10) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) en route Gladstone ETA 1300/13.
- (11) "GANYMEDE" towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- (12) "SC.745" escorting one MV departed Port Curtis 1000/12 for Brisbane ETA 0200/14.
- (13) "FANSHAW BAY" (CV(E)) was to depart Caloundra at 1100/13 for Noumea ETA 1200/15.
- (14) "PC.1134" escorting "HENRY T.ALLEN" (APA) was to depart Caloundra 0400/12 for Townsville ETA 1800/13.
- (15) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.108 (4 MV) were to depart Caloundra at 1200/13 for Sydney.
- (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) proceeding to resume salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 746, 750, 882
 YMS's 314, 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP.280
 ML's 427, 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.G.BRADY" "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "D.MCLEAY"
 "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.
 RUSK" "A.D.WHITE" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML.801
 Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "BARBARA G."
 "R.STUART" "GREY LAG"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 YP.278
 SC's 637, 650, 736, 737, 741, 748 YMS's 71, 72, 347
 "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACK" "M.FULLER"
 "CHAS.L.SMITH" "M.M.STEWART" "J.F.MELDRUM" "VAN DER
 LIJN"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "FIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W.PROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
 "SIBIGG" "S.BAMBERGER" "D.D.FIELD" "R.P.WARNER"
 "F.BILLINGS" "H.T.RAINEY" "NORMAN E.MACK"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50 "GLENELG" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "F.C.EMERSON"

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - -
 Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "W.E.CHANNING" "S.GIRARD"
 "RAMO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASEVILLE" "BOISE"
 (CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
 "FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "DRAYTON"
 "STUART" (DD) "GASCOYNE" (PF) "MORESBY" (Sloop)
 "BENDIGO" "STAWELL" (AMS) SC's 630, 698, 699, 732
 SC's 735, 738, 747 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 53, 70, 73, 313
 YMS's 334, 336 YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 430, 802
 ML's 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123
 PC's 1124, 1133 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS"
 "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SAN
 PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY"
 "KURUMBA" "SUSQUEHANNA" "VICTORIA" (AG) "KOOPA"
 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNHAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)

(Note - SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "J.ALDEN" "ANUI" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.C.BARBOSA"
 "S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES"
 "BORGFRED" "W.N.BYERS" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
 "CAPE MENDOCINO" "CAPE POGE" "CEPALO" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
 "T.M.COOLEY" "S.CRANE" "DAVY CROCKETT" "JOHN DEERE"
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ETOLIN" "LUTUS FAIRCHILD" "PAIR ISLE"
 "FAIRLAND" "N.HAPGOOD" "GRACE R.HEBARD" "D.FEWES"
 "PC.HEWITT" "ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL"
 "JAPARA" "J.B.KENDRICK" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "CONRAD KOHRS"
 "KOTA AGOENG" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES"
 "ZOELLIA LYKES" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD" "G.V.L.MEYER"
 "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "W.H.MACLENNAN"
 "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR"
 "F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "FREMONT OLDER" "F.B.OLSON"
 "B.T.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PENNAWT" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
 "T.C.POWER" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "ROSEVILLE"
 "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "A.SALGRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT"
 "SEA DEVIL" "W.C.SQUIRE" "SLOTJICK" "G.STERLING"
 "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"
 "TRIANGULUM" "VAN SWOLL" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "H.V.WHITE"
 "MARY WALKER" "WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.WIGINS" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "MILDURA" "PIRIE" (AMS)
 "MANUNDA" (AH)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.CARROLL" "STAGEN" "TEXAS SUN"
 "GREZABA" "PAUL CHANDLER"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "INVERELL" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"
 "ISLANDER" "ALLARA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "ERCOME"
 "CASTLEMAINE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON"
 (AMS) "KANIMELA" (APA) SC's 703, 742, 744, 981, 982
 YES's 47, 48, 51, 805, 811, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (Sloop)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUSH" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "COWRA" "ECHUCA"
 "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" (AMS) "HILO" (AGP) "SWAN" (Sloop)
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "PYRO"
 (AE) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 8, 9, 10 YMS.46
 SC's 731, 749 YP's 236, 291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HALF MOON" (AVP) to depart Caloundra 1930/14 for Palm Is. ETA 1800/16.
- (2) "WARREGO" (Sloop) escorting Convoy TN.217 ("KATOOMBA") to depart Townsville 0001/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/16.
- (3) "COWRA" escorting Convoy QL.55 (7 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/13. "COWRA" Detailed For Convoy LQ.55.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - At about 1930/12, Munda was reconnoitred by a single enemy aircraft.
- (2) Choiseul Bay - Night 10-11 Feb. barges leaving Redman Island were attacked by PT boats with good results.
 At 0022/12, 4 unidentified vessels were sighted by aircraft 2 miles N. of Oema Island. These may possibly be barges.
- (3) Empress Augusta Bay - To 1500/10, patrol activity continues with minor clashes with small parties of the enemy.
 On 10 Feb., targets in the perimeter area were bombed by 11 Dauntless.
- (4) Bougainville-Buka Area - During night 10-11 Feb. enemy positions were shelled by PT boats off S.W. Bougainville, N.W. Bougainville and Queen Carola Harbour (N.W. Buka Island).
- X (5) Cape St. George - At 1215/12, one submarine was sighted by aircraft about 10 miles S.E. of Cape St. George indicating a possible supply/transportation run to the Solomons.
- (6) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1545/12, one possible transport was sighted by aircraft off Central W. New Ireland coast, heading for Rabaul. If this sighting is correct, it may indicate that vessels proceed independently from Kavieng to Rabaul, judging their itinerary to avoid if possible our air reconnaissance.
- (7) Rabaul -

(a) Photographs of Rabaul shipping taken between 0925 and 1225/11 reveal:

4 submarines
 3 destroyers or sub-chasers
 3 sub-chasers
 1 tanker
 1 medium cargo ship
 14 small cargo ships
 365 barges.

No change is noted to the damaged "ATAGO MARU" or to the damaged tanker previously reported.

Photographs taken at 0925/11 show the following aircraft:

	F.	D/B.	M/B.	L/B.	F/P.	F/B.	
Vunakanau :	3	10	21	-	-	-	
Lakunai :	50	4	1	1	-	-	
Simpson Hr:	-	-	-	-	21	1	
	53	14	22	1	21	1	Total-112 a/c

Photographs of Tobera were obscured by cloud and Rapopo was not covered. All the runways are serviceable, craters at Vunakanau having been filled.

- (b) At 0500/12, an unstated number of barges were attacked and destroyed 30 miles N.W. of Rabaul by a Soupac aircraft.
- (8) Talasea - Between 1105 and 1225/11, the western end of Talasea air strip was reported by aircraft to be honeycombed with trenches.
- (9) Gasmata -
 - (a) Night Feb.-10-11, a single enemy aircraft ineffectively attacked PT boats operating just W. of Gasmata.
 - (b) Between 1515 and 1825/11, a submarine was reported by aircraft about 45 miles S.E. of Gasmata on course 300°. This would appear to be another supply/transportation run to the Gasmata area.

- (10) Arawe - At 0430/12, 10 bombs were dropped on Arawe by two enemy aircraft. No further details are available.
 During 11 Feb. our artillery was active on enemy positions near the Arawe strip.
- (11) Cape Gloucester Area - Further details of the air raids on 11 Feb. show that only three raids took place and not five as previously reported.
- (12) W. New Britain - On 11 Feb. a patrol to Cape Mensing killed 2 Japs and destroyed many weapons and much ammunition, while a patrol near Gilnit destroyed large quantities of ammunition and other equipment.
- (13) Tadji - On Feb. 10 or 11, an enemy bomber was shot down by two Lightnings just after taking off from Tadji airfield (5 miles S.E. of Aitape). 10-15 fighters and bombers were seen on Tadji and a number of aircraft were observed taking off. One medium freighter was seen heading down the coast towards Tadji.
- (14) Wewak -
 (a) Between 0815 and 0845/11, one small freighter, one probable torpedo boat and a number of barges were sighted by aircraft in the Wewak area.
 (b) At 0215/12, a cargo ship (3000 tons) in Wewak Harbour was attacked by a Catalina (see Naval Incidents).
- (15) Bogia Harbour - At 1500/11, a possible submarine was reported by aircraft in Bogia Harbour. This vessel may possibly be an oil barge.
- (16) Alexishafen Area - On the night Feb. 11-12, PT boats operating in the Alexishafen area strafed a floating dock 18 miles S. of Alexishafen and buildings on the shore.
- (17) Saidor - On the morning of Feb. 10, 473 Japs in two large groups followed by sick and wounded stragglers, left Tarikngan. 0800 and 0900/11, 328 enemy left this village. At 0815/11, Yoga Yoga (8 miles S.S.W. of Saidor) and Tarikngan (2 miles further to the S.E.) were bombed and strafed by 12 Vengeances escorted by 4 Thunderbolts and 4 Kittyhawks. Yoga Yoga village was destroyed and fires were started in Tarikngan Village. The night before this attack a further 99 Japs left the latter village.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
 (2) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "SCHWEDAGON" "A. RAVALLI"
 Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
 Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Dutch New Guinea - At 0926/12, Kimam (77 miles E.N.E. of Cape Walsh) was reconnoitred by a single aircraft.
 (2) Dilli - At 0118/12, Dilli was bombed by 2 Liberators starting fires.
 (3) Halmahera - On the night of 10-11 Feb. a four ship convoy heading East 75 miles E. of Halmahera Island was attacked by a U.S. submarine (see Naval Incidents).
 (4) Kendari - At 2307/11, Kendari was bombed by 5 Liberators starting fires and explosions. Increased revetment construction was observed.
 (5) Philippines - On the evening of Feb. 11, U.S. submarine attacked a 6-ship convoy N. of Luzon with excellent results (see Naval Incidents.)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL"
(PT) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHIBDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "PHOENIX" (CL) departed Milne Bay 0710/11 for Sydney ETA 0800/14.
- (2) "PATROLLER" departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.
- (3) "LITHGOW" towing ML's 824, 826 departed Sydney 1848/12 for Port Phillip ETA 0700/15.
- (4) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER"
(APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULL ANY" "AMMEN" (DD)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "CODAC" "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE"
"WARRENAMBOOL" "WILCANNIA" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823 "OCTANS" (AF)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (GA) "HOBART" (CL)
"MANOORA" (APA) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
"BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD.
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MANOORA" to depart Sydney 2300/13 for Newcastle, departing thence 16 Feb. for training at Cairns, thence to Milne Bay.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Palau-Marianas - At 1500/11, a U.S. submarine reported that a convoy consisting of 2 large empty tankers, one cargo ship, escorted by 3 destroyers, departed from Mangejang (Ulithi Group - between Palau and the Marianas).

- (2) Marshalls -

(a) The following air attacks have been reported:-

Wotje: 1651/10-0322/11, 14 Liberators attacking singly during the night dropped 42 tons of bombs starting fires.

1040/11, enemy installations were bombed by 9 Mitchells which also fired 75 mm. shells.

Jaluit: 1220/10, oil storage area and other targets were bombed by 23 Dauntless and 16 Kittyhawks, starting large fires.

Mille: 1720-1825/9, 19 Liberators dropped 15 tons of bombs.

Taroa: 1720-1825/9, 19 Liberators dropped 42 tons of bombs.

1832/10-0425/11, 10 Liberators attacking singly dropped 30 tons of bombs.

1119/11, 9 Mitchells dropped 6 tons of bombs and strafed.

(b) The following naval bombardments have been reported:

(2) Marshalls (Contd)-

Taroa: 0800-1000/11, storage areas and airfields at Taroa were bombed by heavy cruisers firing 200 x 8" shells, covering the target area well without opposition.

Feb. 11, light cruisers shelled the radio station on the island to the N.W. of Taroa firing 70 x 5" shells with good results.

Malcoelap: Destroyers have shelled Malcoelap for several nights and have noted nil activity.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

One submarine is thought still to be in the area East of Socotra. This is probably the German unit which has been operating recently in the Gulf of Aden area.

In addition, there are apparently two submarines operating in the coastal belt running south west from Calcutta to Ceylon (see Naval Incidents) while a fourth may be active in the Nine Degrees Channel area.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Wewak - The 3000 ton cargo ship attacked at 2215/12 was straddled with 3 x 250 lb. bombs and was left listing to port.
- (2) Halmahera - The U.S. submarine reported one hit on one cargo ship in the convoy sighted E. of Halmahera.
- (3) Philippines - Following results were reported by the U.S. submarine which attacked the 6-ship convoy N. of Luzon:-
 - Sunk - 2 cargo ships, 1 transport or cargo ship, 1 patrol craft.
 - Damaged - 2 cargo ships.
- (4) Indian Ocean - At midday 10 Feb. SS "ASHRIDGE" (British freighter - 2900 tons) was attacked with torpedo off the Ganges River mouths and a.m. 11 Feb. another ship in convoy was torpedoed approx 400 miles S.W. of Calcutta.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malaya areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI) Poss. FUSO) YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u>	FANSHAW BAY PATROLLER	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	ISE NAGATO MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SEOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(R)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY MASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	JINYO KAIYO CHITOSE CHIYODA OTAKA (poss. Carolines) * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		TAKAO * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * NAGARA * ISUZU * NOSHIO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/GVS</u>	POCOMCKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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Date 14 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "YMS's 73, 334" "ML.320" escorting "J.B.KENDRICK" departed Milne Bay 1550/13 for Lae ETA 1000/15.
- (2) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (3) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Oro Bay 1720/13 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/15.
- (4) "PG.1121" departed Milne Bay 1330/13 ETA Port Moresby 1200/14.
- (5) "VENDETTA" (DD) was to depart Caloundra 2000/12 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/15.
- (6) "BENDIGO" conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (7) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.216 ("MERKUR" (AF) and 4 MV) were to depart vicinity Fitzroy Is. at 0800/12. "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escorting 2 MV to Port Moresby; "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" escort "MERKUR" (AF) and 2 MV to Milne Bay: ETA Port Moresby 0900/14, Milne Bay 1100/14.
- (8) "HILO" was to depart Caloundra 1500/13 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/18.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN.217 ("KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 0028/14 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "SC.743" departed Milne Bay 1600/12 for Cairns ETA 2300/14.
- (11) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1230/13 for Brisbane ETA 0700/16.
- (12) "GLADSTONE" escorting "KAILUA" (for Thursday Is., ETA 1600/13, thence Darwin) departed Milne Bay 1800/10 for Townsville ETA 0700/16, via Great North East Channel. "GLADSTONE" thence proceed Adelaide via Sydney.
- (13) "BALLARAT" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (14) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) proceeding to resume salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (15) "COWRA" escorting Convoy QL.55 (7 MV) departed Brisbane 1512/13 ETA Bustard Head 0200/15. "COWRA" is detailed to escort Convoy IQ.55
- (16) "GANYMEDE" towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- X (17) "FANSHAW BAY" departed Brisbane 0730/13 for Noumea ETA 1200/15.
- (18) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 650, 713, 734, 741, 748, 750, 882
 YMS's 315, 331, 335 PG.1132 YP's 278, 280
 ML's 427, 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.G.BRADY" "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "D.MCLEAY"
 "H.C.PAYNE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK"
 "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "C.E.SMITH"
 "VAN DER LIJN"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML.801
Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "BARBARA C."
"R.STUART" "GREY LAG"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PG.1131 ML.431
SC's 637, 736, 737, 746 YMS's 314, 347 "SUSQUEHANNA"
"TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "
Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACK" "M.FULLER"
"M.M.STEWART"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "W.FROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
"F.BILLINGS" "H.T.RAINEY"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
Merchant Vessels: -

Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "W.E.CHANNING" "S.GIRARD"
"RAMO" "J.DEERE" "CAPE MENDOCINO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
"(CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "WARRAMUNGA"
"FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "STUART"
"CONYNGHAM" "ARARAT" (DD) "GASCOYNE" (PF) "MORESBY"
(Sloop) "GLENELG" "HERNDIGO" "STAWELL" (AMS)
SC's 530, 698, 699, 732, 735, 738, 747 YMS's 11, 49,
YMS's 52, 53, 70, 71, 72, 313, 336 YP's 233, 283
ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119, 1120
PC's 1122, 1123, 1124, 1133 28 LST's 11 APC's
32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL"
(ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
"SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMEA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA"
"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUENAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)

(Note - SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY HOT SHOWS.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"J.ALDEN" "ANHUI" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.C.BARBOSA"
"S.K.BARLOW" "FLOYD BENNET" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES"
"BOGFRED" "W.N.BYERS" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
"CAPE POGE" "CEFALO" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "T.M.COOLEY"
"S.CRANE" "DAVY CROCKETT" "F.C.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
"ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND"
"N.HAPGOOD" "GRACE H.HEBARD" "D.HEWES" "P.C.HEWITT"
"ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA"
"L.S.KELLY" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "CONRAD KOHRS" "KOTA
AGOENG" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES"
"ZOELLIA LYKES" "N.E.MACK" "MACTAN" "J.MANSFIELD"
"G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "W.H.
MACLENNAN" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK"
"J.MUIR" "MULLAMA" "F.G.NEWLANDS" "NORLAGO" "F.B.OLSON"
"B.T.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PENNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
"T.C.POWER" "FAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "ROSEVILLE"
"A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT"
"SEA DEVIL" "W.C.SQUIRE" "SDOTERJICK" "G.STIRLING"
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W.B.SUEJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"
"TRIANGULUM" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "H.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER"
"WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.WIGINS" "YOOHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "PIRIE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "J.CARROLL" "STAGEN" "TEXAS SUN"
"PAUL CHANDLER"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
"INVERELL" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"
"ISLANDER" "ALLARA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "BROOME"
"MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON"
"SHEPPARTON" (AMS) "KANIMELA" (APA) SC's 703, 742, 744
SC's 981, 982 YMS's 8, 47, 48, 51, 805, 811, 820
PG.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) PC.1134

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP)

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF)

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUSH" (DD) "EUCHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 (AMS) "HILO" (AGP) "SWAN" (Sloop) "HALF MOON" (AVP)
 "ALGORAB" "(AKS) "GOLD STAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE)
 ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10 YMS.46 SC's 731, 745
 SC.747 YP's 236, 291, 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HALF MOON" (AVP) to depart Caloundra 1930/14 for Palm Is. ETA 1800/16
- (2) "YMS's 8, 48" to depart Cairns 0700/15 for 4 days minesweeping in Grafton Passage.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - Enemy concentrations in the Choiseul Bay area were attacked 11 Feb. by 6 Dauntless.
- (2) Treasury Is. - At 0541/13, three bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft on Stirling strip causing slight damage.
- (3) Empress Augusta Bay - At 2320/12-0124/13, 4 bombers were dropped in the Torokina area causing some casualties.
- (4) Buka - Photos 1700/12 show both Buka and Bonis strips unserviceable.
- (5) Nissan Is. - At 0840/13, a submarine was sighted by aircraft 20 miles N. of Nissan Is. on course 120°.

(6) Rabaul - A concerted raid on Rabaul was made concentrated into 20 minutes a.m. 11 Feb. -

At 1100/11, Vunapope supply area was bombed by 60 torpedo and dive bombers with 66 fighters covering. Probable fuel dump was destroyed and the breakwater was hit. Six barges were smashed and a 225 ft. hulk alongside was overturned. Approx 30 Zeros intercepted.

At 1110/11, Tobera aerodrome was attacked by 15 Liberators with 25 fighters covering but results were unobserved due clouds. Again approx 30 Jap. fighters were encountered.

At 1116/11, Vunakanau was bombed by 22 Mitchells with 24 fighters covering, but clouds obscured observation. Once again enemy fighters seen airborne were in the neighbourhood of thirty. A lack of enthusiasm on the part of the enemy fighters was noticeable throughout the operations during which 3 Zeros were destroyed and 5 probably destroyed. Our losses were 1 Corsair and 1 Mitchell which water-landed - crew rescued.

Vunakanau, Tobera and Lakunai were again attacked midday 12 Feb. 82 torpedo and dive bombers with 57 fighters escorting bombed Lakunai runway and hits were scored both on the concrete and coral strips besides effective hits on A/A positions and the probable sinking of the Hirstein hulk. Approx 40-50 enemy fighters were seen airborne.

Tobera was attacked by 23 Mitchells with 42 fighters covering. 18 hits were seen on the runway and revetments. 15-20 enemy fighters attacked our formation during withdrawal from the target.

Vunakanau was attacked by 21 Liberators with 20 fighters covering and the southern edge of the runway and taxiway was claimed smashed with many hits. Approx 20 Zeros were encountered. Enemy losses in combat totalled 7 destroyed for certain and 3 probably destroyed. One Dauntless, one Corsair and one Liberator were lost. All three raids apparently took place within a short space of time about noon 12 Feb.

(7) S.W. New Ireland - At 0040/13, two small ships were attacked by Soupac aircraft off S.W. coast of New Ireland N.E. of Rabaul. A direct hit was claimed on one vessel.

(8) Kavieng - At 1055/13, Kavieng aerodrome was attacked by 42 Liberators with Lightnings escorting. 147 tons of bombs were dropped over the runway and revetment areas. There was no interception.

Aircraft participating in the above strike reported shipping in the area which is classified as -

- 1 destroyer
- 3 merchant ships (2-4500 tons each)
- Several barges and luggers.

- (9) Wide Bay - At 0810/13, a submarine was seen 45 miles S. of Cape Orford possibly bound for Gasmata on a transportation mission.
- (10) Gasmata - At 1500/13, the Gasmata jetty area was bombed by 16 Kittyhawks.
- (11) Arawe - Two bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft approx 0320/13. No damage was suffered.
- (12) Cape Gloucester - At 0345/13, four bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft in the Cape Gloucester area, causing a few casualties. The previous night three flights of enemy aircraft approached to within 7 miles of Cape Gloucester but did not attack.
- (13) Vitiaz Strait - On 12 Feb. Rooke Island and Sakar Is. were occupied by allied troops apparently without opposition.
- (14) Admiralty Is. - At 0945-1000/13, Momote airfield and stores in the area were bombed by 84 Mitchells with Lightnings covering. Considerable damage is believed to have been inflicted.
- (15) Tadji - (near Aitape). A.m. 12 Feb. four enemy fighters were seen airborne over Tadji airfield by 2 Lightnings on a sweep. 12-15 aircraft were seen on Tadji aerodrome.
At approx 1100/13, Tadji airfield was attacked by 24 Bostons covered by Thunderbolts and Kittyhawks. 5-7 grounded planes were claimed destroyed and another 2-4 probably destroyed, and the runway rendered unserviceable. A merchant ship (2-4500 tons) and a lugger off Tadji were both strafed and left on fire. There was no interception.
In addition to the above, the following shipping sightings have been reported in the area:-
At 0040/13, a small sea truck was seen by a Catalina 6 miles N. of Tadji on course 290°.
At 1115/13, a possible submarine was seen 3 miles off Tadji.
At 0106/14, one destroyer was reported by aircraft 58 miles N.N.W. of Wewak on course 340°.
At 0305/14, one large and 5 small craft were reported by aircraft 50 miles N. by W. of Aitape, course 15°.
- (16) Sepik River Mouth - At 0100/12, villages around the Murik Lagoon were bombed and strafed by 49 Bostons with Kittyhawks escorting, causing considerable damage.
At 2325/13, one unidentified ship was reported by aircraft 6 miles off the Sepik River mouth.
- (17) Madang - At 1030/13, Siar Island was attacked by 6 Vengeances with Kittyhawks escorting.
- (18) Bogadjim-Tauala Road - At 1130/12, dump areas and bridges on the road were bombed and strafed by both 18 Vengeances and 12 Kittyhawks.
- (19) Saidor - At 0735/13, a probable surfaced submarine was seen by a Navy Catalina 30 miles E. of Saidor.
During the night 12-13 Feb. reported enemy gun positions at Herwath Point and at Singer (both W. of Saidor) were bombarded by 2 destroyers.
A.m. 13 Feb. Cape Iris area was bombed and strafed by 6 Aircobras.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAN" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.43 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0653/13 for Thursday Is. due 1730/16.
- (3) 14 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - NL's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR"
Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVAW"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

- (Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO"
"HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "CHANTICLEER"
(ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
"PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739
YP's 286, 288
- Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)
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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "WILGANNIA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy GP.109 ("EMPIRE SILVER") departed Sydney 0911/13 for Galoundra ETA 1930/15.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.108 (4 MV) departed Galoundra 1150/13 for Sydney ETA 1500/15.
- X (3) "MANOORA" departed Sydney 2357/13 for Cairns, via Newcastle ETA 0600/14.
- (4) "PATROLLER" departed Fremantle 1300/7 for Wellington ETA 0430/15.
- (5) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.
- (6) "PHOENIX" (CL) departed Milne Bay 0710/11 for Sydney ETA 0800/14.
- (7) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 for Sydney 1500/15.
- (8) "LITHGOW" towing ML's 824, 826 departed Sydney 1848/12 for Port Phillip ETA 0700/15.

(b) In Harbour:

- Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"
"GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE" "MULLANY"
"AMMEN" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAIN" "TOWNSVILLE"
"WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM
CRIJNSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823 "OCTANS" (AF)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
- Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" (AMS)
"BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD.
- Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Truk Area - At 1900/12, a convoy comprising three freighters and three escorts was reported 110 miles W. of Truk, course 295°, and at 0900/13 a convoy comprising two unidentified ships was reported 150 miles S.W. of Truk, course 200°.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Cocos Is. - At 1045-1105/13, an enemy bomber reconnoitred Cocos Is.
- (2) Submarine Activity - Further evidence has been received of enemy submarine activities in the Gulf of Aden area (see Naval Incidents).
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Another victim has been reported, probably to the German submarine which has been operating in the Gulf of Aden area: "VIVA" (Norwegian, 3800 tons) was sunk night 9-10 Feb. 200 miles E. of Socotra. This makes the sixth reported sinking in this area since 20 Jan.

The vessel torpedoed in convoy a.m. 11 Feb. 400 miles S.W. of Calcutta (as reported in Summary No.746), was "ASPHALION" (British, 6700 tons). Three escorting vessels counter-attacked on contact which resulted in oil bubbles and an oil patch spreading over two square miles.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malaya areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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MOST SECRET
14 February, 1944

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u>	PAN SHAW BAY PATROLLER	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO CHIKUMA CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGAN O
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNCHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA
NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON
SOUTH DAKOTA
ALABAMA
WEST VIRGINIA

COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
IDAHO
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

MUSASHI
ISE
NAGATO
MUTSU (poss. sunk)
* KONGO
* HARUNA
* YAMATO
* HYUGA (being modernised)

CV

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
SARATOGA
ENTREPID
ESSEX
BUNKER HILL

SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU

CV(L)

COWPENS
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY
PRINCETON

CABOT
LANGLEY
* INDEPENDENCE

* HAYATAKA
HITAKA
* RYUHO

CV(T)

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HOSHOU

CV(E)

SUWANNEE
SANGAMON
CHENANGO
BARNES
CORAL SEA
LONG ISLAND
PRINCE WILLIAM

MISSION BAY
NASSAU
COPAHEE
CORREGIDOR
ALTAMAHA
WHITE PLAINS
BRETON
MIDWAY

KAIYO
CHITOSE
CHIYODA
* TAKA (poss. Carolines)
* UNYO

CA

BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
CANBERRA
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

TAKAO
KUMANO
SUZUYA
* MAYA
* MOGAMI

OGA

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3

CL

* OAKLAND
* RENO
* CONCORD

TATSUTA
YABAGI
KISO
* YUBARI
* NATORI
* NAGARA
* ISUZU
* NOSHIRO

CL(T)

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* KASHII

AV/CVS

POCOMOKE

-

XAV/XCVS

-

3

DD

Approx 35

Approx 30

SS

Approx 50

Approx 25

AS

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2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 748

Date 15 February, 1944

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "YMS's 73, 334" "ML.320" escorting "J.B.KENDRICK" departed Milne Bay 1550/13 for Lae was due 1000/15.
- (2) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0635/14 for Buna, Langemak and Lae ETA Lae p.m. Feb.15.
- (3) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (4) "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" (DD) escorting "MORMACSEA" due Milne Bay 0700/15. from Guadalcanal.
- (5) "VENDETTA" (DD) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay was due 0900/15.
- (6) "BENDIGO" conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (7) "PC.477" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) departed Townsville at 1900/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/16.
- (8) "HILO" (PG) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0800/18.
- (9) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN.217 ("KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 0028/14 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN.218 (4 MV and 2 PT's in tow) was to depart Townsville at 0200/15. "MILDURA" "BROOME" (ex Cairns) "BALLARAT" (ex A/S patrol Grafton Passage) to RV vicinity Fitzroy Is. 1930/15 and escort convoy to Milne Bay ETA 1100/18. "PIRIE" assumes A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (11) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1230/13 for Brisbane ETA 0700/16.
- (12) "BALLARAT" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (13) "GLADSTONE" proceeding Thursday Is. to Townsville ETA 0700/16.
- (14) "YMS's 47, 48" on M/S duty Grafton Passage.
- (15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (16) "HALF MOON" (AVP) departed Brisbane Feb.14 for Palm Is. ETA Feb.16.
- (17) "SC.731" escorting "WEST TEXAS" with 1 LCT in tow departed Caloundra 1400/14. On arrival Bustard Head, "SC.731" proceeds Gladstone.
- (18) "GANYMEDE" towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- (19) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy GP.109 ("EMPIRE SILVER") departed Sydney 0911/13 for Caloundra ETA 1930/15.
- (20) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 737, 750, 882
 YMS's 34, 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP's 278, 280
 ML's 427, 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.G.BRADY" "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL"
 "ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
 "J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "C.E.SMITH" "VAN DER LIJN"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML.801
 Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "BARBARA C."
 "R.STUART" "GREY LAG"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) PC.1131 ML.431
 SC's 637, 650, 736, 741, 746, 748 YMS's 314, 347
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACK" "M.FULLER"
 "M.M.STEWART"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W.PROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
 "F.BILLINGS" "H.T.RAINEY" "H.C.PAYNE" "MAETSUYCKER"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON" "W.E.CHANNING" "S.GIRARD"
 "RAMO" "J.DEBERE" "CAPE MENDOCINO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 "(CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "FLUSSER"
 "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM"
 (DD) "GASCOYNE" (PF) "MORESBY" (Sloop) "ARARAT"
 "KALGOORLIE" "WAGGA" "GLENELG" "BENDIGO" "STAWELL"
 (AMS) SC's 630, 698, 699, 732, 735, 738, 747
 YMS's 11, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 72, 313, 336
 YP's 233, 283 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818
 PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1133
 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
 "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
 "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIBELLAMY" "KURUMBA"
 "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "POYANG"
 "YUNFAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "MERKUR" (AF)

(Note - SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "J.ALDEN" "ANEUI" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.C.
 BARBOSA" "S.K.BARLOW" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "BORGFRED"
 "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
 "CAPE POGE" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "T.M.COOLEY" "S.CRANE"
 "DAVY CROCKETT" "M.DALY" "F.C.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
 "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND"
 "N.HAPGOOD" "GRACE R.HEBARD" "D.HEWES" "PC.HEWITT"
 "ISOLATOR" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA"
 "L.S.KELLY" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP" "CONRAD KOHRS" "KOZA
 AGGENG" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES"
 "ZOEELIA LYKES" "N.E.MACK" "D.MCLEAY" "MACTAN"
 "J.MANSFIELD" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY
 HANKS" "W.H.MACLENNAN" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE"
 "MORMACLARK" "J.MUIR" "MULIAMA" "NORLAGO" "F.B.OLSON"
 "B.T.OSBORNE" "PATRAS" "PANNANT" "JAMES D.PHALAN"
 "T.C.POWER" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "ROSEVILLE"
 "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "A.SALCRABINE" "J.S.SARGENT"
 "SEA DEVIL" "W.C.SQUIRE" "SLOTERJICK" "G.STIRLING"
 "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W.B.SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"
 "TRIANGULUM" "ED.N.WESTCOTT" "H.V.WHITE" "MARY WALKER"
 "WICHITA FALLS" "K.D.WIGINS" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" "PC.1121"
 (AMS) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "J.CARROLL" "STAGEN" "TEXAS SUN"
 "PAUL CHANDLER" "CANBERRA" "ORMISTON" "VAN SWOLL"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - ML.809 "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 "INVERELL" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDEILLA"
 "ISLANDER" "ALLARA" "KAILUA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "BROOME"
 "MILDURA" "CASTLEMAINE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) SC's 703, 742
 SC's 743, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 8, 51, 805, 811, 820
 PC.477 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) PC.1134
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) "COWRA" (AB)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUSH" (DD) "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 (AMS) "HILO" (ASP) "SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
 "GOLD STAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's
 9, 10, 46 SC's 745, 749 YP's 236, 291 5 APC's

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "KAILUA" and "ALLARA" towing "ML.809" to depart Thursday Is. 2000/15 for Darwin ETA 1530/20.
- (2) "COWRA" detailed to escort Convoy LQ.55 departing Gladstone p.m. 15 Feb.
- (3) "ECHUCA" to escort Convoy QL.56 to depart Caloundra 1600/16 for Bustard Head.

(d) Convoy Procedure:

Convoys between Sydney and Gladstone are to be discontinued after the sailing of Convoys GP.110 from Sydney, Feb.17; PG.109 from Caloundra, Feb.16; QL.56 from Caloundra, Feb.16; and LQ.55 from Gladstone, Feb.15.

Vessels will proceed independently; but the following A/S patrols will be at once established:

- (i) In focal area off Sandy Cape.
- (ii) To seaward of the inshore shipping routes between Sydney and Sandy Cape.
- (iii) By ML's based on Coiff's Harbour between latitudes 30° and 31° when practicable.
- (iv) By ML's based on Eden, between Montague and Gabe Islands when practicable.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kieta - At 0814/14, a Soupac aircraft attacked an enemy submarine 85 miles N.E. of Kieta, course 140°.
- (2) Buka - At 0033/14, 3 enemy aircraft bombed and strafed our PT boats operating W. of Buka Island.
- (3) Nissan (Green Island) - Photos a.m. Feb.13 show several foxholes and a possible gun emplacement.
- (4) Kavieng - Photos Feb.14 show Kavieng aerodrome still unserviceable, but Panapei serviceable. Eight aircraft were visible on Kavieng and 3 small freighters and 14 barges were observed in the area.
Early p.m. Feb.14 another force of Liberators attacked Panapei airfield. Photos taken at this time revealed one medium freighter, 4 small coasters, one possible destroyer or escort vessel in the area.
- (5) S.W. New Ireland - The two small vessels attacked by Soupac aircraft early hours Feb.13, are later described as including one 100 ft. barge which was completely destroyed by a direct hit and one 80 ft. vessel which was damaged.

Namatanai and Borpop strips were reported serviceable on Feb.13, although no aircraft were visible.

- (6) Rabaul - Photos a.m. Feb.14 reveal:

Aircraft:

	<u>F.</u>	<u>D/B.</u>	<u>M/B.</u>
Lakunai :	49	12	-
Vunakanau:	-	17	20
Rapopo :	2	1	-
Tobera :	59	-	-

110 30 20 - Total 160 aircraft.

All strips were reported unserviceable.

Shipping:

2 possible destroyers *X 2 400 ft.*
3 patrol craft
2 submarines
2 tankers (including one damaged)
18 small coasters (100-200 ft.)

At least 403 barges

The absence of sizeable vessels, both merchant ships and warships, continues to be a significant feature of enemy shipping in this area. The enemy appears to be relying almost exclusively on barges and small coasters for supplying forward positions in the Bismarcks from Rabaul and Kavieng.

- (7) Cape Hoskins - 23 Beauforts escorted by R.A.A.F. Kittyhawks and Spitfires attacked the dump area at Porapora a.m. Feb.14. Cape Hoskins airfield appeared unserviceable: four barges were reported at mouth of Dagi River. Another report claims enemy barge traffic to have increased recently in this area.
- (8) Gasmata - Night Feb.12-13, our PT boats reported an enemy submarine 65 miles S.E. of Gasmata.
- (9) Arawe - Two light raids were reported this area night Feb.13-14 without effecting damage.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - Two light raids are reported this area night Feb.13-14. One aircraft was destroyed by A/A fire.
- (11) Admiralty Is. - A.m. Feb.14, another force of Mitchells attacked Momote airfield which is reported to be unserviceable.
- (12) Tadji (near Aitape) - A report of 6 enemy vessels 50 miles N.W. of Aitape at 0305/14, is later reported to include one coaster and 5 other small craft, which were proceeding on course 215°, suggesting the group may be heading into Hollandia.
- (13) Wewak - A.m. Feb.14, 13 Thunderbolts patrolling this area reported nil aircraft on But and Boram, 25-30 on Dague and 5 on Wewak. Four small coasters or luggers were observed East of Wewak and 7 barges near Muschu Island.
- (14) Sepik River Mouth - At 0030/14, a Catalina attacked one small coaster towing one probable small fuel barge off Sepik River mouth, leaving the larger vessel beached and in a sinking condition. Five other small craft were also attacked in the area.
- (15) Hansa Bay - At 0740/14, one small coaster and 21 barges were reported in this area.
- (16) Uligan Harbour - Night Feb.12-13, our PT boats penetrated as far north as this area, encountering shore fire in the vicinity of Uligan Harbour. They were effectively attacked by enemy aircraft in the vicinity of Karkar Island.
- (17) Finschhafen - At 2000/13, an enemy submarine was reported 20 miles E.N.E. of Finschhafen, heading North.
- (18) Port Moresby - At 0030/14, an enemy submarine was indicated 60 miles S.E. of Port Moresby.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.43 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0653/13 for Thursday Is. due 1730/16.
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR"
 Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
 Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO"
 "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVB) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS"
 "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.
- (2) "WHYALLA" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.103 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 1150/13 for Sydney was due 1000/15.
- (3) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Milne Bay 1530/10 for Sydney 1500/15.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" (APA)
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
"BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE"
"MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELOIRINE"
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 817, 822, 823 "OCTANS" (AF)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"WANGANILLA" (AH)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"
(AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD
ML's 824, 826
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls: At 0030/14, 12-14 enemy aircraft attacked allied unloading and bivouac areas at Roi Is. (Kwajalein). An estimated number of 25 were killed, 130 wounded while a portion of our supplies and construction equipment was also damaged.
- (2) Mandates: Four enemy convoys were reported in the S.E. Carolines as follows:
 - (1) At 1733/13, one medium cargo vessel and 4 small escorts 185 miles S.W. of Truk, course S. (see Naval Incidents for U.S. submarine attack).
 - (2) At 0415/13, 3 cargo vessels, 6 escorts, 190 miles W. of Truk, course 315°, apparently proceeding Empire from Mandates.
 - (3) Feb.13, one large tanker, one transport with three escorts West of Truk on course 95° - suggests tanker convoy proceeding into Truk, possibly from E. Indies.
 - (4) At 1725/14, one cargo vessel with 2 escorts 20 miles N. of Ponape, heading towards that island.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity - Enemy submarine activity continues in the Maldiva Is. area (see Naval Incidents).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Mandates - A U.S. submarine reports sinking one 7500 ton cargo vessel p.m. Feb.13 185 miles S.W. of Truk. This vessel was proceeding on a Southerly course with 4 small escorts when attacked.
- (2) Indian Ocean - At 1405/12, "KHEDIVE ISMAIL" (British - 7500 tons) was torpedoed and sunk near One and a Half Degree Channel (600 miles S.W. of Colombo) by a Japanese submarine.
The submarine was itself destroyed at 1655/12 by an escort warship.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malaya areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u>
<u>BB</u> -	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u> -	-	-	TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u> -	PATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY	-	JINYO) En route KAIYO) from East Indies
<u>CA</u> AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u> BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	HAKA OYODO AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u> -	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/GVS</u> -	WRIGHT CHANDLEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u> HERGN SAN PABLO HALF MOON	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u> ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU (poss. Malaya) ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEHEY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	* HAYATAKA HITAKA * RYUHO ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALFAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	CRITOSE CHIYODA OTAKA (poss. Carolines) * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANEHERRA WHICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		TAKAO (poss. Carolines) KUMANO SUZUYA * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	* OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAEAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * NAGARA * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		* 3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (E)</u>	SHAH	BATTLE UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA ABBA
<u>CL</u>	CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/GVS</u>	CHILD W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILFISH BONFISH COD CREVALLE FLASHER HAKE HOE JACK NARWHAL PUFFER ROBALO RAY REDFIN TINOSA K.12 BLUEFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA HADDO POMPOM RASHER RATON	On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS DEIGN	At Fremantle	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.)	108
Light & M/Bombers	33
SE/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	65
Obsn/ A/c	11

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16;

- (1) "MORESBY" (Sloop) departed Milne Bay 0050/15 for Buna was due 1000/16.
- (2) "YMS's.11, 316" "SC.698" departed Milne Bay 1630/15 for Buna ETA 2200/16.
- (3) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (4) "BENDIGO" conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (5) "PC.477" escorting "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) departed Townsville at 1900/14 for Milne Bay ETA 1700/16.
- (6) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN.217 ("KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 0028/14 for Milne Bay.
- (7) "HILO" (PG) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0800/18.
- (8) "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.218 (5 MV, 2 PTs in tow to Milne Bay ETA 1100/18.
- (9) "PC.1121" escorting "TEXAS SUN" departed Port Moresby 1315/15 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/16.
- (10) "WAGGA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy MV.65 (3 MV, 1 oil barge) departed Milne Bay 1600/14 for Townsville ETA 2200/17.
- (11) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NF.72 (3 MV) departed Port Moresby 1900/15 ETA escorts Cairns 1130/17; ETA Townsville portion 2230-2300/17; ETA Brisbane portion 0908/20.
- (12) "INVERELL" "ML.809" escorting Convoy TD.44 ("ALLARA" "KAILUA") departed Thursday Is. 2 015/15 for Darwin ETA 1430/20.
- (13) "HERON" (AVP) departed Townsville 1535/15 for vicinity Daru Is. (105 miles NNE of Thursday Is.) ETA 1600/18.
- (14) "PIRIE" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (15) "YMS's 47, 48" on M/S duty Grafton Passage.
- (16) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (17) "HALF MOON" (AVP) departed Brisbane FEB.14 for Palm Is. ETA Feb.16.
- (18) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) departed Port Curtis 0630/15 for Cairns ETA p.m. Feb.16.
- (19) "COWRA" escorting Convoy LQ.55 (3 MV) departed Gladstone 1900/15 for Caloundra ETA 0400/17.
- (20) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy PG.109 (2 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/16.
- (21) "GANYMEDE" towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- (22) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Rooke Is. Area - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 737, 746, 750, 882
YMS's 34, 314, 315, 331, 335 PC.1132 YP's 278, 280
ML's 427, 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE" "GEO.EASTMAN"
"A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN"
"N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK" "MATHEW FLINDERS"
"J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "C.E.SMITH" "VAN DER LIJN"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) ML's 320, 801
 YMS's 73, 334.
 Merchant Vessels: "D.F. BARRY" "L. MERRITT" "BARBARA G."
 "R. STUART" "GREY LAG" "J.G. BRADY" "J.B. KENDRICK"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG) PG.1131 ML.431
 SC's 637, 650, 736, 741, 748 YMS's 347 "MERKUR"
 (AF) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K. LUCKENBACK" "M. FULLER"
 "M.M. STEWART" "ISOLATOR" "WICHITA FALLS" "LAKE ORMAC"
 "F.B. OLSON"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W. PROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L. DYCHE"
 "F. BILLINGS" "H.T. RAINEY" "H.C. PAYNE" "MAETSUYCKER"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS's 50, 72.
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "S. BRANNON" "RAMO" "J. DEERE"
 "CAPE MENDOCINO"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE"
 "BOISE" (CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
 "FLUSSER" "REID" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "STUART"
 "CONYNGHAM" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "VENDETTA" (DD)
 "GASCOYNE" (PF) "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "BENDIGO"
 "STAWELL" (AMS) SC's 630, 699, 732, 735, 638, 747
 YMS's 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 313, 336 YP's 233, 283
 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818 PG's 476, 1119, 1120
 PC's 1122, 1124, 1133 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's
 "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR)
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK"
 "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA"
 "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)

(Note -SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALGOA" "PEGASUS" "ALGOA PATRIOT"
 "J. ALDEN" "W.O. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "S. BAMBURGER"
 "J.C. BARBOSA" "S.K. BARLOW" "S. BOLIVAR" "BOOTES"
 "BORGFRED" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE GREIG"
 "CAPE LOOKOUT" "J. CARROLL" "W.E. CHANNING"
 "W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "T.M. COOLEY" "S. CRANE" "DAVY
 CROCKETT" "M. DLAY" "F.C. EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
 "ETOLIN" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "FAIRLAND"
 "N. HAPGOOD" "GRACE R. HEBARD" "D. HEWES" "S. GIRARD"
 "B.F. IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "L.S. KELLY"
 "SEAMAN A. KNAPP" "CONRAD KOHRS" "J. LIND" "F.B.
 LINDERMAN" "HOWELL LYKES" "CELIA LYKES" "N.E. MACK"
 "D. McLEAY" "MACTAN" "J. MANSFIELD" "G.V.L. MEYER"
 "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "W.H. MACLENNAN"
 "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "MORMACSEA"
 "J. MUIR" "J. NICHOLETTE" "B.T. OSBORNE" "PATRAS"
 "PENNANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "T.C. POWER" "PAUL REVERE"
 "PONCE" "ROSEVILLE" "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPE" "A. SAL-
 CRANE" "J.S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "W.C. SQUIRE"
 "SLOPERJICK" "STAGEN" "G. STIRLING" "CLAUS SPRECKLES"
 "W.B. SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V.
 WHITE" "MARY WALKER" "K.D. WIGINS" "YOGHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "CALAMARES" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDELIA"
 "ISLANDER" "THEDENS"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE"
 "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON"
 (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) SC's 703, 742, 743, 744, 981
 SC.982 YMS's 8, 51, 805, 811, 820 PG.477 "PLATYPUS"
 (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PG.1134
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - SC.731
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BUSH" (DD) "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN"
 "GYMPIE" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "GOLD
 STAR" (AG) "PYRO" (AE) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10, 46
 SC's 745, 749 YP's 236, 291 5 APC's "MANUNDA" (AH)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOLD STAR" (AG) to depart Caloundra 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/21 and Finschhafen.
- (2) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy QL.56 (2 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/16 for Bustard Head.
- (3) "ECHUCA" after completion current duties to proceed Sandy Cape area to conduct A/S patrol until 1200/20 Feb. when "COWRA" is to relieve. "ECHUCA" then to proceed Brisbane and Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S. Bougainville - Photos, Feb.14, reveal total of 9 barges anchored this area: Kara and Kahili runways still both unserviceable with nil aircraft visible.
- (2) Kieta - Photos, Feb.14, show runway unserviceable and nil aircraft.
- (3) Buka - Photos, Feb.14, show both Buka and Bonis unserviceable and nil aircraft.
- (4) Nissan Is. - At 2011/14, U.S. and N.Z. troops from the Soupac area, covered by air and naval forces, landed on Nissan Is. Latest reports indicate perimeters have been established. Six enemy dive bombers attacked our Task Force operating in the northern Solomon Sea at 1915/14 causing slight damage to one cruiser. Two enemy aircraft were shot down.
- (5) Kavieng - Further details indicate 42 Liberators escorted by 26 Lightnings were involved in the strike on Kavieng and Panapai airfields forenoon, Feb.14. Preliminary reports indicate another heavy strike was carried out by our medium bombers, Mitchells and Bostons, yesterday, Feb.15, as a result of which the entire town was reported to have been left burning and several vessels destroyed in the harbour. Final results not yet assessed.
- (6) Mandates-Bismarcks - Several groups of enemy shipping were reported in the area to the northwest of New Hanover Feb.15 and sighting reports indicated 3 main groups of shipping were involved including probably 2 southbound convoys and 1 northbound convoy as follows:
 - (a) At 1025/15, 5-ship convoy including 3 merchantmen and 2 escorts sighted 60 miles N.E. of Mussau Island, course 130°.
 - (b) At 1030/15, 5 vessels, described as 1 large merchantman, 4 auxiliaries, reported 20 miles N.W. of Kavieng, course 270°. At 2212/15, a 5-ship convoy, probably the same force, was reported 25 miles W. of Mussau Is. on course 350°. This force was attacked by our patrol aircraft at this time and later, at 2330, when probably the same force was then reported slightly further to the N.W.
 - (c) At 1155/15 a force described as 9 vessels including 2 destroyers, 2 medium and 3 small freighters, 2 unidentified vessel and 1 possible submarine, were reported 100 miles N.W. of Mussau Is. on course 100°. This may possibly be connected with the sighting made the previous day at 1300/14 of a force described as 2 destroyers and 4 merchantmen in a position 170 miles S.W. of Truk on course 215°.
 - (d) In addition there were several sighting reports of shipping around New Hanover between 2100 and midnight which may well have been units from convoy (a) above having arrived in this area.
Comment: Convoys (a) and (c) are the first southbound convoys observed in this area since Feb.3.
- (7) Rabaul - Photos Rabaul airfields afternoon Feb.14 reveal Rapopo, Tobera, Keravat and probably Vunakanau all again serviceable and the bomber mat at Lakunai also serviceable. Surfacing and clearing continues on the Duke of York Is. strip.
- (8) New Britain - Night Feb.14, 2 Beauforts attacked 2 enemy barges Ubili area heading S.W. probably sinking one and causing the other to beach.

-) Jacquinet Bay - At 0900/15, 24 Beauforts covered by 14 RAAF Kittyhawks attacked Wunenung Plantation.
- (10) Gasmata - P.m., Feb.15, a surfaced enemy submarine was reported to the S.E. of Gasmata on a northeasterly course probably returning from a transportation run.
 Night Feb.14, a Catalina also received indications of an enemy submarine in this area.
 An enemy floatplane also attacked our PT boats operating off Gasmata night Feb.14/15 indicating the aircraft's mission probably to cover movements of transport submarines into this area at night.
- (11) Cape Beechey - Three Bostons strafed ground positions this area night, Feb.14.
- (12) Cape Gloucester - At 1630/14 an enemy aircraft bombed this area and at 1012/15 2 others also attacked without effect.
- (13) Admiralty Is. - Further details indicate our airstrike on Momote a.m. Feb.14 was effected by 83 Mitchells with Lightning escort. The whole area was well pounded and the strip left unserviceable and jetties destroyed.
- (14) Aitape - At 0230/14 a patrol Liberator attacked a small coaster 35 miles N.W. of Aitape scoring 1 direct hit and 2 near misses which are thought to have probably destroyed the vessel.
- (15) Tadji - At 1340/14 6 apparently serviceable aircraft were reported on Tadji strip.
- (16) Wewak - Dagua strip was attacked by 43 Bostons escorted by Kittyhawks forenoon Feb.14. Of 30 aircraft observed on the ground none were believed serviceable after the attack. During interception 7 enemy fighters were destroyed and 1 probably attacked by a Catalina 25 miles N.W. of Wewak while on course 300°. One probable subchaser was believed damaged.
 At 0740/15 3 sizeable vessels were reported in Wewak Harbour and 3 others in the vicinity.
- (17) Bogia - Night Feb.14/15, 8-10 barges reported.
- (18) Uligan - Forenoon, Feb.14, 18 Thunderbolts strafed gun positions this area.
- (19) Alexishafen - P.m. Feb.14, both strips reported clear and in good condition.
- (20) Saidor - Three single enemy aircraft dropped bombs this area night Feb.13/14.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "FREMANTLE" escorting Convoy DT.43 (2 MV) departed Darwin 0653/13 for Thursday Is. due 1730/16.
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR"
Groote Eylandt	- Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay	- Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVE) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YPS286, 288
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "ML.817" departed Sydney 0927/15 for Milne Bay via Brisbane and Townsville ETA Caloundra 0100/17.
- (2) "MANOORA" (APA) was to depart Newcastle 0700/16 for Cairns.
- (3) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
"BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "BEALE" "BACHE"
"MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAINÉ"
"TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE"
(CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA"
(A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823 "OCTANS" (AF)
"WESTRALIA" (APA)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"
(AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD
ML's 824, 826

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls - Mille and Taroa runways were reported serviceable Feb.12. 22 Dauntless with fighter escort attacked Mille night Feb.13.
At 2147/14, 7 Mitchells attacked Wotje.
 - (2) Carolines - Feb.12, complete coverage Ponape reveals runways rough and unserviceable; no aircraft present; only 1 small vessel and 81 barges visible in addition to several coastal and A/A guns.
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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malay areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO } Poss. YAMASHIRO } Japan
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHERIFFSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALPHOON ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON	BALLARD Approx 40	- 5-10	3 25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER CATO PETO))))))	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS ERCOCKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AE</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DGBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 248
 Light & M/Bombers 182
 SE/Bombers 33
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Gpsn. A/c 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>S</u>	-	1

MOST SECRET
16 February, 1944

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPER

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA
NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON
SOUTH DAKOTA
ALABAMA
WEST VIRGINIA

COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
IDAHO
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

MUSASEI
ISE
NAGATO
NUTSU (poss. sunk)
* KONGO
* HAYUNA
* YAMATO
* HYUGA (being modernis)

CV

ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
SARATOGA
INTREPID
ESSEX
BUNKER HILL

SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU

CV(L)

COMPENS
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY
PRINCETON

CABOT
LANGLEY
* INDEPENDENCE

* HAYATAKA
HITAKA
* RYUHO
ZUIHO

CV(T)

-

HOSHO

CV(E)

SANGAKON
SUNANEE
CHEKANGC
BARNES
CORAL SEA
LONG ISLAND
PRINCE WILLIAM

MISSION BAY
NASSAU
COPAHKE
CORREGIDOR
ALTAMANA
WHITE PLAINS
BRETON
MIDWAY

CHITOSE
CHIYODA
* OTAKA
* UNYO

CA

BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
CANBERRA
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

KUMANO
SUZUYA
* MAYA
* MOGAMI

OCA

-

3

CL

OAKLAND
* MEMO
* CONCORD

TATSUTA
YAHAGI
KISO
* YUBARI
* NATORI
* ISUZU
* NOSHIRO

CL(T)

-

* KASHII

AV/CVS

POCOMOKE

AV/XCVS

-

3

AS

?
Approx 50
?

Approx 30
Approx 25
2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

GL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	SHAH	BATTLEER UNICORN	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAÉ TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	GANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH) BLUEFISH) BONEFISH) COD) CREVALLE) FLASHER) HAKE) HCE) JACK) MARSHAL) PUFFER) ROBALO) RAY) REDFIN) TINOSA) K.12) BOWFIN) CABRILLA) HADDO) POMPOM) RASHER) RATON)	On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION	At Fremantle	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.) 108
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn. A/c 11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

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PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "POLARIS" (AGS) surveying Cape Sudest area.
- (2) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Buna 0630/16 for survey ground.
- (3) "STUART" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1510/16 for Sua Hia Bay thence to proceed to RV with "KLIPFONTEIN" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "WARREGO" (Sloop) departed Milne Bay 1600/16 for Port Moresby ETA 1300/17.
- (5) "HILO" (PG) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay ETA 0800/18.
- (6) "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.218 (5MV, 2 PTs in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/18.
- (7) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S Patrol China Strait.
- (8) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Port Moresby 0945/16 for Brisbane ETA 1330/20.
- (9) "WAGGA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy MV.65 (3 MV, 1 oil barge) departed Milne Bay 1600/14 for Townsville ETA 1200/17.
- (10) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NT.72 (3 MV) departed Port Moresby 1900/15 ETA escorts Cairns 1130/17.
- (11) "HERON" (AVP) departed Townsville 1535/15 for vicinity Daru Is. (105 miles N.N.E. Thursday Is.) ETA 1600/18.
- (12) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (13) "PIRIE" on outer, "ML.804" on inner, A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (14) "YMS's 47, 48" on M/S duty Grafton Passage 15-19 Feb.
- (15) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) departed Port Curtis 0630/15 for Cairns ETA 17 Feb.
- (16) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Brisbane 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (17) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy QL.56 ("EMPIRE SILVER" and 1 APC) departed Caloundra 1400/16 ETA Bustard Head 1300/18.
- (18) "ML.817" departed Sydney 0927/15 for Milne Bay via Brisbane and Townsville ETA Caloundra 0600/17.
- (19) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 737, 746, 882
YMS's 34, 314, 315, 331 PC.1132 YP's 278, 280
ML's 427, 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
"GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL"
"ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
"J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "C.E.SMITH"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 320, 801 YMS's 73, 334
Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "R.STUART"
"GREY LAG" "J.G.BRADY" "J.B.BENDRICK"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
PC.1131 SC's 637, 650, 698, 736, 741, 748 YMS.11
YMS's 316, 347 "MERKUR" (AF) "SUSQUEHANNA"
"TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)

Buna - Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACK" "M.M.STEWART"
 "ISOLATOR" "WICHITA FALLS" "LAKE ORMAC" "F.B.OLSON"
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W.PROUSE" "SEA SNIPE" "L.L.DYCHE"
 "F.BILLINGS" "H.T.RAINEY" "H.C.PAYNE"
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS. 50
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "RAMO" "J.DEEBE" "CAPE MENDOCINO"
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE" (CL)
 "FLUSSER" "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID"
 "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM" "SWANSON"
 "NICHOLSON" "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "GASCOYNE"
 (PF) "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "BENDIGO" (AMS) SC's 630, 699
 SC's 732, 735, 738, 747, 750 YMS's 59, 52, 53, 70
 YMS's 71, 72, 313, 335, 336 YP's 233, 283
 ML's 424, 425, 431, 442, 816, 818 PC's 476, 477
 PC's 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1133 28 LST's
 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS"
 (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"
 "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "KOOPA" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING
 WO" (ASIS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)

(Note - SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE
 BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "J.ALDEN" "W.O.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "S.BAMBERGER"
 "J.C.BARBOSA" "S.K.BARLOW" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES"
 "BORGFRED" "S.BRANNON" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "CAPE
 GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "J.CARROLL" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
 "T.M.COOLEY" "S.CRANE" "DAVY CROCKETT" "M.DALY"
 "C.DARROW" "F.C.EMERSON" "EMPIRE HAMELE" "LUCIUS
 FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "M.FULLER" "GRACE R.HEBARD"
 "D.HEWES" "S.GIRARD" "B.F.IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL"
 "JAPARA" "KATCOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP"
 "CONRAD KOHRS" "J.LIND" "F.B.LINDERMAN" "HOWELL
 LYKES" "ZDELLIA LYKES" "N.E.MACK" "D.MOLEAY" "MACTAN"
 "MAETSUYKER" "J.MANSFIELD" "G.V.L.MEYER" "MIDWEST
 FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "W.H.MACLENNAN" "MONTEREY"
 "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK" "MORMACSEA" "J.MUIR"
 "J.NICHOLETTE" "B.T.SBORNE" "PATRAS" "FENNANT"
 "JAMES D.PHALAN" "T.G.POWER" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE"
 "A.ROBINSON" "J.ROLPH" "ROSEVILLE" "J.H.ROSSITER"
 "A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "W.C.SQUIRE"
 "SLOTTERJICK" "STAGEN" "G.STIRLING" "CLAUS SPRECKLES"
 "W.B.SUBJETE" "SWARTENHONDT" "TEXAS SUN" "TRIANGULUM"
 "H.V.WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN" "M.WALKER" "R.P.WARNER"
 "K.D.WIGINS" "YOCHEW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426
 Merchant Vessels: "P.F.DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "ETOLIN"
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMBERIAN SALVOR" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "EIDELLA"
 "ISLANDER" "THEDENS"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE"
 "GLADSTONE" "KATCOMBA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON"
 (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) SC's 703, 742, 743, 744, 981
 SC.982 YMS's 8, 51, 805, 811, 820 PC.477 "PLATYPUS"
 (AR)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PC.1134
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - SC.731
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS)
 "SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE) ML's 808
 ML's 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10, 46, SC's 745, 749
 YP's 236, 291 5 APC's "MANUNDA" (AH)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "ECHUCA" after completion current duties to proceed Sandy Cape area
 to conduct A/S patrol until 1200/20 Feb. when "COWRA" is to
 relieve. "ECHUCA" then to proceed Brisbane and Sydney.

(d) Convoy Procedure:

Convoys between Sydney and Gladstone are to be discontinued after the sailing of Convoys GP.110 from Sydney, Feb.17; PG.109 from Caloundra, Feb.16; QL.56 from Caloundra, Feb.16; and LQ.55 from Gladstone, Feb.15.

Vessels will proceed independently; but the following A/S patrols will be established at once:

- (i) In focal area off Sandy Cape.
- (ii) To seaward of the inshore shipping routes between Sydney and Sandy Cape.
- (iii) By ML's based on Coff's Harbour between latitudes 30° and 31° when practicable.
- (iv) By ML's based on Eden, between Montague and Gabo Islands when practicable.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buka - Our PT boats made a sweep of the West coast of Buka night Feb.13-14, strafing ground positions. No barge contacts were reported but one PT boat was attacked by an enemy floatplane off Queen Carola Harbour.
- (2) Nissan Island - Soupac aircraft have been maintaining constant patrols over Nissan Island following the landing of allied troops at 0711/15 (and not 2011/14 as previously reported). The only air contact reported to date was at 0700/15 when 5 Corsairs and a few Aircobras intercepted a force of 10-15 enemy divebombers which had ineffectively attacked shipping in the area. The Corsairs claimed six enemy aircraft destroyed.

- (3) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further details of enemy shipping sightings to the N.W. of Mussau Island on Feb.15 confirm the view that two enemy convoys totalling approx 14 vessels were heading in towards the Bismarcks. The composition of the two convoys would appear to be as follows:-

- (a) 5 vessels including 3 merchantmen and 2 escorts.
- (b) 8 vessels including 5-6 merchantmen, 2 destroyers. (Three of the merchantmen appeared to be sizeable vessels).

Both these convoys were reported in the area to the West of Mussau Island near midnight Feb.15 when one patrol aircraft sighted both convoys converging on a S.E. course approx 30 miles apart. The 5 ship convoy was attacked by this aircraft without visible results.

Both convoys appear to have made slow progress towards New Hanover throughout Feb.16, the larger and more important convoy approaching on a more southerly course and being last reported off the western tip of New Hanover at approx 1600/16. It is not clear as yet of the movements of the smaller convoy but a sighting at noon Feb.16 approx 30 miles S. of Mussau Is. suggests this force may have approached Kavieng from the north while the larger force proceeded around the southern coast of New Hanover, and its destination could therefore be either Kavieng or Rabaul.

The northbound convoy of 5 ships reported Feb.15 was attacked by a Liberator to the W. of Mussau Island night Feb.15 and hits were claimed on one merchantman and a destroyer.

Full details of air strikes against inbound convoys are not yet available but preliminary reports indicate Liberators and Catalinas scored hits on several vessels.

- (4) Kavieng - Our air strikes against Kavieng Feb. 15 were made by 37 Mitchells, 24 Bostons and 20 Liberators escorted by 62 Lightnings. Shipping observed during this attack included one 3,500 ton freighter, 3 luggers and several other small craft. Two floatplanes were destroyed in the Harbour and 3 others badly damaged. Eight of our aircraft were shot down by intense A/A fire but several of the crews were rescued by daring Catalina landings off Kavieng under shore fire.

Photos Feb.16 reveal three 2500 tons freighters in Kavieng Harbour.

- (5) Rabaul - Early hours Feb.14, four Soupac Mitchells attacked Tobera revetment area probably destroying 18 grounded aircraft. 59 Dauntless, 10 Avengers attacked the same target later the same morning destroying one medium bomber and probably destroying several other grounded aircraft. Effective hits were also scored on several gun positions.
Forenoon Feb.15, 23 Mitchells covered by 28 Corsairs and 15 Lightnings, attacked Vanakanau runway and dispersal area. Our fighters were intercepted by at least 50 enemy fighters of which the Corsairs claim destroying 3 and probably destroying another and the Lightnings six and probably another. Five Mitchells were hit by intense A/A, one Lightning was lost but pilot safe.
- (6) New Ireland - Twenty unescorted Liberators attacked Borpop runway forenoon Feb.15, photos showing 8 hits on unserviceable runway, and one heavy A/A position destroyed. Nil interception and only slight A/A fire encountered.
- (7) Cape Dampier (New Britain) - At 1221/15, 2 Beaufighters attacked an enemy surfaced submarine on course 60°, 36 miles S. by E. of Cape Dampier, without visible results.
At 1820/15, a large oil slick was observed approx 10 miles from the position of the attack.
- (8) Cape Hoskins - Six Bostons attacked enemy headquarters in this area forenoon Feb.15.
- (9) Talasea - Noonday Feb.15, 21 Liberators bombed the aerodrome area.
- (10) Rein Bay - Night Feb.14-15, our PT boats destroyed 2 loaded barges in Rein Bay where they also reported indications of at least one possible enemy submarine.
- (11) W. New Britain - Marine troops advancing eastward from Borgen Bay area reported finding 57 dead Japs between Cape Mensing and the El River on Feb.15. Some contact was made with enemy troops East of the El River, but enemy troops appeared badly undernourished.
- (12) Garove Island - Noonday Feb.15, 3 Lightnings strafed Peter Harbour with unobserved results.
- (13) Wewak - At 0210/16, patrol aircraft attacked 12 enemy barges 15 miles N.W. of Wewak scoring at least one direct hit.
- (14) Hansa Bay - At 1050/15, one small freighter and several barges were reported in Hansa Bay.
- (15) Alexishafen - Forenoon Feb.15, 12 Vengeances escorted by 8 R.A.A.F. Kittyhawks attacked this area, damaging or destroying 10 aircraft on the strips.
- (16) Saidor - Feb.15, 6 R.A.A.F. Vengeances escorted by 4 Kittyhawks attacked enemy positions along the trails in the Saidor area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0435/10 for West Bay ETA 1200/11, thence Drysdale and Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" "ML.809" escorting Convoy TD.44 ("ALLARA" "KAILUA") departed Thursday Is. 2015/15 for Darwin ETA 1430/20.
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR"
Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aree Island - Forenoon Feb.16, 5 Beaufighters attacked Trangan Island strip.
- (2) Ambonia - Nine Liberators attacked Halong night Feb.15-16.
- (3) Ambon - Night Feb.16, 11 Mitchells attacked Ambon. Interception by one single/seater and one twin/engined fighter was encountered of which the latter was destroyed without loss to our aircraft.

- (4) Halmahera - Reconnaissance of enemy installations in this area on Feb. 15 indicates further development of air strips at Kace and additional jetties in Waisile Bay. Nil aircraft were observed. Shipping in Waisile Bay included two medium sized freighters (possibly beached), 23 barges and one small motor vessel.

Photos confirm the presence of 2 small vessels off Kace Village with considerable activity at the head of Waisile Bay with 3 new jetties.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO"
"HORBHAM" (AMS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVE) "CHANTICLEER"
(ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
"PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286
YP.283

Exmouth Gulf † Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "MANGORA" (APA) departed Newcastle 0733/16 for Cairns ETA 0700/20.
- (2) "WILGANNIA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy PG.109 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 1134/16 ETA Sydney 1800/18.
- (3) "GANNYMEDE" (AKS) towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- (4) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
"BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "ARUNTA" "BEALE"
"BUSH" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "AMMEH" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD)
"DELORAINIE" "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS)
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "KYBRA"
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823 "OGTANS"
(AF) "WESTRALIA" (APA)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL)
"WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELIADIE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"
(AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD
ML's 824, 826

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DELORAINIE" "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.110 (2 MV) to depart Newcastle 1430/17 for Caloundra.
 - (2) "WANGANELLA" (AH) to depart Sydney 26 Feb. provided docking and repairs are complete, for Port Moresby.
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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Eniwetok - Carrier-based aircraft attacked installations on Eniwetok three times on Feb. 11, twice on Feb. 12 and once on Feb. 13. No A/A was encountered and all possible installations appeared to have been destroyed. Additional slit trenches were observed but no other signs of activity.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC (Contd.)

- (2) Ujai Island - P.m. Feb.13, 16 Dauntless escorted by 12 Hellcats destroyed installations on this island.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	TAIHO (Poss. Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGAN O
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	-
<u>NAV/ECVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO } CERO } DACE } DARTER } GATO } PETO }	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
	SCAMP	At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 13 twin eng.) 248
 Light & M/Bombers 182
 SE/Bombers 33
 Flying Boats 2
 Seaplanes 50
 Obsn. A/C. 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA ZUIHO * HAYATAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSEO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHSEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY	CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		KUMANO SUZUYA * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>KAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u> <u>CV(E)</u>	- SHAH	ILLUSTRIOUS BATTLER UNICORN	- -
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	CEYLON	KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/GVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH) BLUEFISH) BONEFISH) COD) CREVALLE) FLASHER) GUNNEL) HAKE) HOE) JACK) PUFFER) ROBALO) RAY) REDFIN) TINOSA)	On Patrol	17 (incl. 6 German)
	K.12) BOWFIN) CABRILLA) HADDO) POMPOM) RASHER) RATON)	At Fremantle	
	NORWEAL)	At Darwin	
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.) 108
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn A/c 11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 751

Date 18 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) on survey Vitiaz Straits.
- (2) "PC.1133" "YMS.53" departed Milne Bay 1600/17 for Oro Bay ETA 1300/18 thence to proceed Finschhafen 19 Feb.
- (3) "YP.280" en route Finschhafen to Milne Bay ETA 2000/18.
- (4) "POLARIS" departed Buna 0930/17 for Port Moresby.
- (5) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (6) "STUART" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1510/16 for Sua Hia Bay thence to proceed to RV with "KLIPFONTEIN" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 1500/16 to RV with "ESSO HARRISBURG" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (8) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1510/16 to RV with "SEA SCAMP" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (9) "HILO" (PG) en route Caloundra to Milne Bay was due 0800/18.
- (10) "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy TN.218 (5 MV, 2 PT's in tow) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/18.
- (11) "GOLD STAR" (AG) departed Brisbane 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (12) "HERON" (AVP) departed Townsville 1535/15 for vicinity Daru Is. (105 miles N.N.E. Thursday Is.) ETA 1600/18.
- (13) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (14) "PIRIE" "ML.804" "YMS's 47, 48" conducting A/S patrol Grafton Passage.
- (15) "PC.477" departed Milne Bay 0600/17 for Cairns ETA Grafton Passage 1500/18.
- (16) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Port Moresby 0945/16 for Brisbane ETA 1330/20.
- (17) "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy QL.56 ("EMPIRE SILVER" and 1 APC) departed Caloundra 1400/16 ETA Bustard Head 1300/18.
- (18) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 713, 734, 737, 746, 882
YMS's 34, 314, 315, 331 PC.1132 YP.283 ML's 427
ML's 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
"GEO.EASTMAN" "A.THOMAS" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL"
"ETAMIN" "N.J.SINNOTT" "J.H.RUSK" "MATTHEW FLINDERS"
"J.W.MELDRUM" "SIBIGO" "C.E.SMITH" "ISOLATOR"
"F.B.OLSON" "WICHITA FALLS"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 320, 801 YMS's 73, 334
Merchant Vessels: "D.F.BARRY" "L.MERRITT" "R.STUART"
"GREY LAG" "J.G.BRADY" "J.B.KENDRICK"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
 PC.1131 SC's 637, 650, 698, 736, 741, 748 YMS.11
 "TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
 Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "K.LUCKENBACK" "M.M.STEWART"
 "LAKE ORMAC"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "W. PROUSE" "SEA SNIP" "L.L. DYCHE"
 "F. BILLINGS" "H. T. RAINEY" "H. C. PAYNE" "W. McLENNAN"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "RAMO" "J. DEERE" "CAPE MENDOCINO"
 "J. CARROL"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 (CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID"
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM"
 "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "ARARAT"
 "GLENELG" "BENDIGO" (AMS) SC's 530, 699, 732, 735
 SC's 738, 747, 750 YMS's 59, 62, 70 YMS's 71, 72
 YMS's 313, 335, 336 YP's 233, 278 ML's 424, 425
 ML's 431, 802, 816, 818 PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121
 PC's 1122, 1124 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS"
 "FULTON" (AS) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN
 PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY"
 "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOO PA" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "H. T. ALLEN" (APA)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "J. ALDEN" "W. O. ATWATER" "W. B. AYER" "S. BAMEERGER"
 "J. C. BARBOSA" "S. K. BARLOW" "S. BOLIVAR" "BOCTES"
 "BORGFRED" "S. BRANON" "CAPE BUN" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE
 LOOKOUT" "W. G. CLAIRBORNE" "T. M. COLEY" "S. CRANE"
 "DAVY CROCKETT" "M. DALY" "C. DARRON" "F. C. EMERSON"
 "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "FAIR ISLE" "M.
 FULLER" "GRACE R. HEBARD" "D. HEWES" "S. GIRARD"
 "B. F. IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "JAPARA" "L. S. KELLY"
 "SEAMAN A. KHAPP" "CONRAD KOERS" "J. LIND" "F. B.
 LINDERMAN" "ZOELLIA LYKES" "N. E. MACK" "D. McLBAY"
 "MACTAN" "J. MANSFIELD" "G. V. L. MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER"
 "NANCY HANKS" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARE"
 "MORMACSEA" "J. MUIR" "J. NICHOLETTE" "B. T. OSBORNE"
 "PATRAS" "PENMANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "T. C. POWER"
 "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "A. ROBINSON" "J. ROLPE" "ROSEVILLE"
 "J. H. ROSSITER" "A. SALCRAINE" "J. S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL"
 "W. C. SQUIRE" "SLOTTERJICK" "STAGEN" "G. STIRLING"
 "CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W. B. SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHENDT"
 "TEXAS SUN" "TRIANGULUM" "H. V. WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN"
 "M. WALKER" "R. P. WARNER" "K. D. WIGINS" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" (Sloop) ML.426
 Merchant Vessels: "P. F. DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "ETOLIN"
 "MONTORO" "MULIAMA"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR"
 (ARS)
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"
 "THEDENS"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 (FF) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA"
 "WAGGA" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) SC's 703, 742, 743, 744
 SC's 981, 982 YMS's 8, 51, 805, 811, 820 "PLATYPUS"
 (AR)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PC.1134 "KALGOORLIE" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "ED. N. WESTCOTT" "P. G. NEWLANDS"

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - SC.731
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS)
 "SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE) ML's 808
 ML's 817, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10, 46 SC's 745, 749
 YP's 236, 291 "MANUNDA" (AH)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ECHUCA" after completion current duties to proceed Sandy Cape area to conduct A/S patrol until 1200/20 Feb. when "COWRA" is to relieve. "ECHUCA" then to proceed Brisbane and Sydney.

(d) Convoy Procedure:

Convoys between Sydney and Gladstone are to be discontinued after the sailing of Convoys GP.1100 from Sydney, Feb.17; PG.109 from Caloundra, Feb.16; QL.56 from Caloundra, Feb.15; and LQ.55 from Gladstone, Feb.15.

Vessels will proceed independently; but the following A/S patrols will be established at once:

- (i) In focal area off Sandy Cape.
- (ii) To seaward of the inshore shipping routes between Sydney and Sandy Cape.
- (iii) By ML's based on Coff's Harbour between latitudes 30° and 31° when practicable.
- (iv) By ML's based on Eden, between Montague and Gabo Islands when practicable.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - Night 15-16 Feb. a barge in Choiseul Bay was sunk by PT boats.
- (2) Bougainville Strait - At 2300/16, a Catalina operating with PT boats located a vessel of 1000-1200 tons and 4-6 smaller craft (possibly 80 ft. barges) near Oema Island.
- (3) Empress Augusta Bay - Enemy contacts were made by our patrols 14-15 Feb. north of the Torokina perimeter along the Laruma River. Other contacts were made by patrols moving south in the vicinity of the Mibe and Mobeai Rivers.
- (4) Numa Numa Area - One of our patrols clashed with the enemy in the vicinity of Tokuo (8 miles S.W. of Numa Numa) 14-15 Feb.
- (5) Nissan Island - Further details concerning the landing at Nissan Island a.m. 15 Feb. indicate that return fire was encountered by our landing craft gunboats which strafed barges in the lagoon. Fire was also encountered by troops disembarking at the southern end.
Between 0018 and 0645/16, enemy aircraft raided Nissan Island five times. About 20 bombs were dropped without effect. During night 16-17 Feb. there were four alerts. Two enemy floatplanes were shot down during contacts with our night patrol aircraft.
- (6) Mandates-Bismarcks - Results of the attacks on enemy shipping in the Mussau Island-New Hanover area night 15-16 Feb. are shown in Naval Incidents. Shipping in this area was heavily and successfully attacked 16 Feb. and again on 17 Feb. but details are not yet available.
At 1300/16, one destroyer, 2 medium/large freighters were reported by Sopac aircraft off Komalu Bay (S.W. coast New Ireland - due north of Rabaul) heading towards Rabaul. Preliminary reports of sightings a.m. 17 Feb. are as follows:
 - (a) 0845/17, 4 ships including one destroyer, 3 small freighters at anchor in Three Islands Harbour (N. coast New Hanover).
 - (b) 0940/17, 4 ships described as 2 probable destroyers, one transport (9-1200 tons) and one unidentified ship in Gazelle Channel, course 120°.
 - (c) 1045/17, 1 freighter transport 27 miles S.S.E. of Dyaul Island, course 140°.
- (7) Rabaul - At 1107/16, Vunakanau was bombed by 12 Liberators escorted by 44 Corsairs and Lightnings.
A.m. 17 Feb. Sopac Avengers and Dauntlesses successfully attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbour but results are not yet assessed. Preliminary estimate of the shipping present at that time is:
3 destroyers
10-15 cargo vessels and tankers.

- (8) Jacquinet Bay - At 0955/16 the dump area at Wunung Plantation (S.W. shores) was attacked by 25 escorted Beauforts.
- (9) Cape Hoskins - Believed enemy headquarters near Hoskins strip were bombed and strafed by 5 Bostons at 0945/16.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - At 1120/16, two enemy aircraft attacked shipping at Cape Gloucester, demolishing one LCV, damaging an LCM and inflicting several casualties on U.S. Army small ship "LORINNA".
- (11) Wewak - At 1030-1050/15, a sweep was made by 16 Kittyhawks and 16 Thunderbolts. 15-25 enemy fighters were encountered airborne and 7 were destroyed in addition to 4 probably destroyed. All our planes returned.
At 1500-1535 another sweep by 19 Kittyhawks was made, when three Zeros only were seen airborne.
Reports of shipping in the area at the times of these sweeps indicate the presence of 3 or 4 small coastal freighters and a number of barges.
- (12) Mindjim River Valley - At 1045/15, enemy positions East of Saipa were attacked by 8 Aircobras.
- (13) Saidor Area - Reports continue of substantial enemy parties passing along the mountain trail south of Saidor attempting to escape by by-passing Saidor.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "INVERELL" "ML.809" escorting Convoy TD.44 ("ALLARA" "KAILUA") departed Thursday Is. 2015/15 for Darwin ETA 1430/20.
- (2) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE"
"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "BURWAR"

Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kai Islands - Reconnaissance aircraft a.m. 17 Feb. observed two possible sea trucks in Doela Bay.
- (2) Banda Sea - At 0240/16, aircraft reported one merchant ship with 2 small escorts 30 miles W.N.W. of Sercea Island on course 25°, possibly returning to Ambon from Tanimber Islands.
At 1714/16, one small unidentified ship was reported by aircraft 40 miles N. of Sercea Island on course 360°.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL) "DUBBO"
"HORSHAM" (AMS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM)
"LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "MANOORA" (APA) departed Newcastle 0733/15 for Cairns ETA 0700/20.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy GP.110 (2 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle to Caloundra ETA 2300/19. "ML.813" provides additional escort until a.m. 19 Feb., then to proceed Coff's Harbour.
- (3) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1642.17 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" escorting Convoy PG.109 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 1134/16 ETA Sydney 1800/18.
- (5) "GANNYMEDE" (AKS) towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1826/12 for Sydney ETA 1130/19.
- (6) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "DALY" "ARUNTA" "BEALE" "BUSH" "BACHE" "MULLANY" "AMMEN" (DD) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DELORAIN" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823 "WESTRALIA" (APA) (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD ML's 824, 826

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DELORAIN" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.110 (2 MV) to depart Newcastle 1430/17 for Caloundra.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" (AH) to depart Sydney 26 Feb. provided docking and repairs are complete, for Port Moresby.

B. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Further evidence of enemy submarine activity has been received (Refer Naval Incidents).

An unsuccessful submarine attack was reported on a ship at 1050/16 in a position about 120 miles North of Ceylon.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Mandates-Bismarcks - During the night 15-16 Feb. 4 Liberators and 3 Navy Catalinas attacked shipping in the Mussau Island-New Hanover area. A possible tanker was heavily hit by a Catalina in the area west of Mussau Island and a Liberator claimed damage to a small freighter and also a direct hit on a destroyer in the same vicinity. A second Catalina scored hits on a large tanker near New Hanover; the vessel was last seen beached, surrounded by a large oil slick. Another Liberator scored near misses on two small cargo vessels and claimed damage to both, in the area just south of New Hanover.
- X (2) Philippines - During the night 15-14 Feb. a U.S. submarine contacted two cargo vessels with one minesweeper S. of Manila and scored a torpedo hit on one of the freighters. During the night 15-16 Feb. a U.S. submarine attacked a 4-ship convoy north of Mindanao sinking one medium cargo ship and damaging another.

(2) Philippines (Contd.)

During the same night, another U.S. submarine sank a large transport or cargo ship, 2 other large cargo ships and damaged 2 medium cargo ships 140 miles E.S.E. of Southern Mindanao. The remainder of the convoy proceeded on course 340°.

- (3) Indian Ocean - Salvage vessel "SALVIKING", was sunk by submarine in a position about 200 miles E. of Maldiva Islands at 2120/14 Feb.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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MOST SECRET
18 February, 1944

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CL(L)</u>	-	-	-	TAIHO (Poss. Japan) ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>YV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER GATO PETO	} } On Patrol }	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SGAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 251
 Light & M/Bombers 185
 SE/Bombers 33
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 50
 Obsn. A/c 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>GL</u>	DETROIT RICHMOND RALEIGH	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>I</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA *	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA *	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA * RYUHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHU
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY	CHITOSE CHIYODA * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		KUMANO SUZUYA * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>CGA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		FATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO * KASHII
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		3
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 752

Date 19 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) on survey Vitiaz Straits.
- (2) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 1430/18 for Oro Bay ETA 0730/19, Buna ETA 1100/19 and Lae ETA p.m. 20 Feb.
- (3) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (4) "GASCOYNE" (PF) departed Milne Bay 18 Feb. to RV with "CAPE CLEAR" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (5) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 1510/16 to RV with "SEA SCAMP" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (6) "PC.1124" departed Milne Bay 1530/17 to RV with "ESSO PITTSBURG" to escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 1430/18 to RV with "O.M.BERNUTH" to escort to Milne Bay.
- (8) "WILKES" (DD) en route Noumea to Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (9) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Brisbane 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (10) "POLARIS" departed Buna 0930/17 for Port Moresby.
- (11) "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN.219 (7 MV and 1 PF in tow) en route Milne Bay ETA 1100/21.
- (12) "KALGOORLIE", after escort Convoy TN.219 from Townsville to Fitzroy Is., proceeding independently to Port Moresby.
- (13) "WARREGO" escorting "ETOLIN" to Grafton Passage departed Port Moresby 1000/18 ETA Cairns 2100/19.
- (14) "CASTLEMAINE" "ML.804" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (16) "MANOORA" (APA) departed Newcastle 0733/16 for Cairns ETA 0700/20.
- (17) "ECHUCA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape Area.
- (18) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Port Moresby 0945/16 for Brisbane ETA 1330/20.
- (19) "TOWNSVILLE" "WHYALLA" escorting Convoy GP.110 (2 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle to Caloundra ETA 0700/19. On arrival Caloundra "TOWNSVILLE" to return Sydney, "WHYALLA" to revert to operational control of N.O.I.C., Brisbane.
- (20) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor - Merchant Vessels: "R.P.WARNER"
 Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 698, 713, 734, 882 YMS's 11, 34
 YMS's 315, 331 PC.1132 YP.283 ML's 427, 428, 803
 ML's 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "MERKUR" (AF)
 Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "H.DODGE"
 "GEO.EASTMAN" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL" "ETAMIN"
 "J.H.RUSK" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "C.E.SMITH" "LAKE
 ORMAC" "F.B.OLSON" "JAPARA" "WICHITA FALLS"

- Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 320, 801 YMS's 73, 334
Merchant Vessels: "D.F. BRADY" "L. MERRITT" "R. STUART"
"ISOLATOR" "GREY LAG" "J.G. BRADY" "J.B. KENDRICK"
"H.T. RAINEY" "SIBIGO" "J.W. MELDRUM" "M.M. STEWART"
- Buna - Warships & Aux. - "MORESEY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
PC.1131 SC's 637, 650, 736, 741, 748 "TRINITY" (AO)
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchant Vessels: "M. DALY" "A. BURLINGHAME" "K. LUCKENBACK"
"J. ROLPH" "SEA SNIPE" "BORGFRED" "KATOOMBA"
- Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR) PC.1133
YMS.53
Merchant Vessels: "W. PROUSE" "L.L. DYCHE" "C. DARROW"
"W. SHARRON" "F. BILLINGS" "W. McLENNAN" "A. THOMAS"
- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS's 50, 72
Merchant Vessels: "S. BRANNON"
- Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "RAMO" "J. DEERE" "J. ALDEN" "N.E. MACK"
- Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
(CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID"
"FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITE" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM"
"SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART" (DD)
"ARARAT" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" "BROOME" "BALLARAT" (AMS)
SC's 630, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 746, 747, 750
YMS's 59, 62, 70, 71, 72, 313, 314, 335, 336
YP's 233, 278, 280 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818
PC's 476, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122 28 LST's 11 APC's
32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HILO" (AGP) "AMYCUS"
(ARL) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"
"AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY" "SUSQUEHANNA" "KURUMBA"
"VICTORIA" (AO) "KOC PA" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO"
(ASIS) "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALGOA
PATRIOT" "W.O. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "S. BAMBERGER"
"J.C. BARBOSA" "S.K. BARLOW" "S. BOLIVAR" "BOOTES"
"CAPE BUN" "CAPE BREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE PERPETUA"
"CAPE MENDOCINO" "J. CARROL" "W.C. CLAIBORNE" "T.M.
COOLEY" "T. COOK" "T. CORWIN" "DAVY CROCKETT" "F.C.
EMERSON" "S. EDGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"LUCIUS FAIRCHILD" "M. FULLER" "GRACE R. HEBARD" "D. HEWES"
"B.F. IRVINE" "INTERNATIONAL" "L.S. KELLY" "KLIPFONTEIN"
"SEAMAN A. KNAPP" "CONRAD KOERS" "W.S. LADD" "D. McLEAY"
"MACTAN" "J. MANSFIELD" "G.V.L. MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER"
"NANCY HANKS" "MONTEREY" "MORMACDALE" "MORMACLARK"
"MORMACSEA" "J. MUIR" "J. NICHOLETTE" "B.T. OSBORNE"
"PATRAS" "PENHANT" "JAMES D. PHALAN" "T.C. POWER"
"REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE" "PONCE" "A. ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE"
"J.H. ROSSITER" "A. SALGRAINE" "J.S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL"
"O. SKINNER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "STAGEN" "G. STIRLING"
"CLAUS SPRECKLES" "W.B. SUBJETTE" "SWARTENHONDT"
"TEXAS SUN" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V. WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN"
"M. WALKER" "K.D. WIGINS" "YOCCHOW"

- Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426
Merchant Vessels: "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "MONTORO"
"MULIAMA"
- Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)
"HERON" (AVP)
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA" "YARRA" "TULAGI" "BIDELLA"
"THEDENS"
- Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
(PF) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON" "WAGGA" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA)
PC.477 SC's 703, 743, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 8, 47, 48, 51
YMS's 805, 811, 820 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
- Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PC.1134
- Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - SC.731

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "COWRA" "GYMPIE" (AMS) "SWAN"
(Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE) ML's 808, 817, 821, 827
YMS's 9, 10, 46 SC's 745, 749 YP's 236, 291 "MANUNDA"
(AH)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" to depart Cairns 0900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1230/22.
- (2) "COWRA" to relieve "ECHUCA" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area approx 1200/20 and operate until 1200/24 when "WHYALLA" to take over.

(d) Convoy Procedure:

Convoys between Sydney and Gladstone are to be discontinued after the sailing of Convoys GP.110 from Sydney, Feb.17; PG.109 from Caloundra, Feb.16; QL.56 from Caloundra, Feb.16; and LQ.55 from Gladstone, Feb.15.

Vessels will proceed independently; but the following A/S patrols will be established at once:

- (i) In focal area off Sandy Cape.
- (ii) To seaward of the inshore shipping routes between Sydney and Sandy Cape.
- (iii) By ML's based on Coff's Harbour between latitudes 30° and 31° when practicable.
- (iv) By ML's based on Eden, between Montague and Gabo Islands when practicable.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) South Bougainville - Night Feb.15-16, PT boats attacked one very large and two small targets this area possibly sinking two, and also shelled shore positions West of Kahili.
Night Feb.16-17, PT boats with spotting Catalina, engaged one small enemy coaster (1200 tons) and 5 well armed escorting barges. The barges were reported to possibly contain troops. One PT boat was hit in the engine room by a 37 mm. shell displacing two engines, while the Catalina was also hit by heavy A/A fire from these armoured craft, forcing the aircraft to return. Several hits were scored on the barges while the Catalina also scored two near misses causing several of the craft to smoke heavily. The reference to 37 mm. shell indicates the likely presence of at least one armoured patrol boat.
Photos Feb.17 show both Kara and Ballale strips unserviceable with no aircraft.
At 0708/18, aircraft reported two merchantmen and one escort vessel apparently anchored but possibly beached off Buin. These may be old wrecks in the area.
- (2) Buka - Night Feb.15-16, PT boats strafed enemy positions N.E. and N.W. coast Buka Island.
Feb.17 Sepac Aircobras strafed Kessa (Queen Carola Harbour).
- (3) Empress Augusta Bay - Feb.16-17, our ground troops had several contacts with enemy forces outside the N.E. Torokina perimeter, while our artillery continue harassing fire into the areas West of Torokina River.
- (4) Nissan Island - Feb.17, our ground forces reported major portion POKonian and Tangalan plantations in our hands and that remaining Japs are being moved southward towards the mission area. Approx 900 natives have been sent from Nissan Is. to Guadalcanal while 200 have been retained as labour corps.
- (5) Bismarcks - For results of air attacks by Mitchells and Liberators against enemy shipping in the New Hanover area Feb.16-17, see Naval Incidents.
- (6) New Ireland - At 0640/18, U.S. destroyers attacked shipping targets Kavieng Harbour and bombarded supply areas and installations. A spotting Catalina reported shipping in Harbour was still burning from the previous attacks before the bombardment commenced. Destroyer bombardment took place between 0630 and 0730 with the following results: Main dock hit and several fires started nearby. Approx 12 large and small vessels were hit

(6) New Ireland (Contd)-

Including one tanker which exploded violently. The outcome of hits on other vessels is undetermined. The runway was also plastered and rendered unserviceable while fires were started in revetment area. The supply area was also thoroughly covered causing many fires. No enemy aircraft took off during the attack and coastal guns which fired inaccurately were completely silenced by our first salvo. Another report states persistent shore battery fire was received from North Cape.

No damage was reported to our ships. One enemy aircraft attacked the ships at 0330 without causing damage.

At 0940/18, photos revealed 6 aircraft on Kavieng runway which was unserviceable and damage observed since Feb.13 included: Direct hit on main wharf, 4 revetments damaged, operations centre and fighter apron destroyed, 28 buildings in town destroyed, 18 graters on strip.

Final reports indicate a force of 35 Liberators with Lightning escort were involved in attacks on Kavieng airfield and A/A positions during Feb.16, while 18 Liberators attacked Panapai air strip the following morning.

- (7) Rabaul - Early a.m. Feb.17, another U.S. surface task force attacked Simpson Harbour by surprise under smoke screen cover. Preliminary reports indicate shore batteries were silenced and fires started in Rabaul and Vunapope troop area. Torpedo hits were scored on ships in Keravia Bay. One Jap destroyer attempted interference but was forced to withdraw. Our vessels suffered no casualty or damage.

Photos a.m. Feb.18 of Simpson Harbour and Keravia Bay reveal:

- 1 destroyer (damaged)
- 3 small cargo vessels
- 3 gunboats
- 2 tankers (including 1 damaged)
- 13 small craft
- 400 barges (approx.)

One destroyer, 4 submarines and 3 small cargo vessels were observed missing from the previous day's sightings.

Vunakanau and Tobera runways were reported unserviceable also the main concrete strip at Lakunai. Rapopo runway and the bomber mat at Lakuna appeared serviceable.

A.m. Feb.17, 47 Dauntless, 23 Avengers escorted by Corsairs and Warhawks and Hellcats, attacked shipping in Keravia Bay claiming 19 direct hits and 15 damaging hits on 12 of 14 vessels sighted. Approx 48 enemy fighters intercepted of which 8 enemy fighters were destroyed and two others probably destroyed for the loss of 2 Dauntless and 2 Corsairs.

- (8) Cape St. George - P.m. Feb.17, 4 Sopac Hellcats strafed the radar station, starting fires.
- (9) Cape Hoskins - Noon Feb.18, 28 R.A.A.F. Beauforts escorted by 6 Kittyhawks attacked the village area. The Hoskins strip was reported unserviceable.
- (10) Talasea - 16 Liberators were involved in attacks on this area forenoon Feb.17.
- (11) W. New Britain - Night Feb.16-17, our PT boats shelled with mortars a possible enemy site on Pulie River (Arawe area). A.m. Feb.17 one aircraft bombed Arawe without effect.
- (12) Garove Island - 31 Mitchells and 1 Liberator were involved in attacks on this area a.m. Feb.16 destroying buildings and huts.
- (13) Wewak Area - Forenoon Feb.16, 16 Kittyhawks and 31 Thunderbolts attacked enemy A/A positions and barges this area. Several small groups of barges were attacked in the area between Wewak and the Sepik River and approx 11 barges were reported in Hansa Bay. At 1400/14, 2 small coasters and 15 barges were reported in Hansa Bay.
- (14) Alexishafen - At 1015/17, 6 R.A.A.F. Vengeances escorted by 9 Kittyhawks attacked stores and dumps in Alexishafen area.
- (15) Madang - Night Feb.16-17, our PT boats fired mortars into the jetty, plantation and village area but results were generally unobserved.
- (16) Saidor - A.m. Feb.16, 18 R.A.A.F. Vengeances attacked enemy trails in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "INVERELL" "ML.809" escorting Convoy TD.44 ("ALLARA" "KAILUA") departed Thursday Is. 2015/15 for Darwin ETA 1430/20.
- (2) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815 "FREMANTLE"
"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "GOOLEBAR" "BURWAH"
Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Banda Sea - Night Feb.17-18, one large cargo ship with escort vessel was observed off the W. coast Boeroe Island heading S.E.
- (2) Timor - Night Feb.18, a force of Hudsons bombed Manatuto.
- (3) Kai Islands - Photos Feb.17 show 10 fighters including several unserviceable on Langgoer strip where 9 new bomber revetments and several new heavy and light A/A gun positions were observed. A new partly cleared runway was observed 10 miles S.E. of Langgoer.
Faan, Doeroe and Doela runways appeared serviceable and nil aircraft visible.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "SHAH" (CV(E)) "CEYLON" (CL)
"DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS"
(CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION"
(AS) "ISABEL" (FY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "DALY" "BACHE" "BUSH" "AMMEN" to depart Sydney about 1200/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22 except "BUSH" to proceed independently after arrival Brisbane.
- (2) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1642/17 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (3) "GANNYMEDE" (AKS) towing "SEA STAR" departed Townsville 1926/12 for Sydney ET A 1130/19.
- (4) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
"BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "ARUNTA" "BEALE" "MULLANY" (DD)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" "DELORAINE"
"WARRENAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
"YANDRA" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822
ML.823 "WESTRALIA" (APB)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA (contd.)

Sydney - (Repairing & Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA)
"HOBART" (CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITH-
GOW" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessels) "YUMA" (AT)
1 ARD. ML's 824, 826
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GIDMER" to depart Sydney about 1300/20 for Milne Bay.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" (AH) to depart Sydney 26 Feb. provided docking and repairs are complete. for Port Moresby.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Carolines -
 - (a) Truk - Daylight Feb.16, strong U.S. naval task forces including carriers, commenced the attack on the enemy naval base at Truk with several hundred carrier aircraft.
 - (b) Ponape - At 0945/15, 42 Central Pac. Liberators attacked Ponape. One destroyer, 4 small cargo vessels and many barges were reported in the Harbour area. One cargo vessel was sunk. On Feb.15, a Central Pac. patrol aircraft unsuccessfully attacked an enemy destroyer and cargo vessel 60 miles N. of Ponape. The following day another aircraft bombed and strafed a destroyer and cargo vessel off Ponape damaging the cargo vessel and possibly beaching it.
- (2) Marshalls -
 - (a) Wotje - A.m. Feb.15, 3 Central Pac. Liberators bombed Wotje airfield and a.m. Feb.17, 4 Liberators repeated the mission.
 - (b) Taroa - The runways were attacked by 4 Central Pac. Liberator a.m. Feb.15 and 17.
 - (c) Jaluit - On Feb.15, a Central Pac. patrol plane strafed a medium cargo vessel in Jaluit Harbour starting fires. Nil shipping was observed in this area Feb.16. A.m. Feb.17, 12 Warhawks scored two hits on a small cargo vessel in Harbour.
 - (d) Mille - A.m. Feb.15, 10 Kittyhawks and 11 Dauntless bombed this area and a.m. Feb.17, 10 Dauntless repeated the mission.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Bismarcks - The following shipping was destroyed by a successful attack by Mitchells against enemy shipping in the New Hanover area on Feb.16:-

1 large tanker (7500 tons)
2 merchant vessels (2000 tons)
2 corvettes.

The following results were achieved by the Mitchells attacking another portion of the inbound enemy convoy near New Hanover on Feb.17:-

Sunk - 1 merchant vessel (2000 tons)
1 merchantman or tanker (2000 tons)
1 small coaster
1 submarine

- (2) Carolines-Bismarcks - A U.S. submarine reported scoring hits on a merchantman in a northbound convoy midday 17 Feb. 190 miles NNW. of Lorengau. This convoy is apparently ex-Bismarcks and was sighted 1810/16, 145 miles N. of Lorengau, when it was described as comprising 1 large merchant ship with several, probably 4, small escorts.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines-Bismarcks-New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO (prob.en route Japan
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (poss. Japan CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. P. ALLEN KANIMBLA MANCOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDBS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	317		
	Light & M/Bombers	176		
	SE/Bombers	27		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Seaplanes	40		
	Obsn. A/c	15		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA *	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLBAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA * HYUHO TAIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM	MISSION BAY NASSAU COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss. en route Truk) * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		* MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO * KASHII
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		3
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		Approx 30
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 25
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		2 (one repairing)
<u>AS</u>	?		

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHICARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	-	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BLUEFISH BONEFISH COD CREVALLE FLASHER GUNNEL HAKE K.12 BOWFIN CABRILLA HADDO POMPOM RASHER RATON REDFIN	HOE) JACK) PUFFER) NORWAL) On Patrol ROBALO) TINOSA) K.15) At Fremantle	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 23 twin-eng.) 107
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn. A/c 11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 753

Date 20 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) on survey Vitiaz Straits.
- (2) "ML.431" departed Milne Bay 1430/18 for Oro Bay ETA 0730/19, Buna ETA 1100/19 and Lae ETA p.m. 20 Feb.
- (3) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (4) "BENDIGO" departed Milne Bay 1430/18 to RV with "O.M.BERNUTH" to escort to Milne Bay.
- (5) "GASCOYNE" departed Milne Bay 1700/19 to RV with "CAPE NEDDICK" to escort to Milne Bay.
- (6) "WILKES" (DD) en route Noumea to Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (7) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Brisbane 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (8) "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN.219 (7 MV and 1 PT in tow) en route Milne Bay ETA 1100/21.
- (9) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) was to depart Cairns 0900/20 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1642/17 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (11) "KALGOORLIE", after escort Convoy TN.219 from Townsville to Fitzroy Is. proceeding independently to Port Moresby.
- (12) "POLARIS" departed Buna 0930/17 for Port Moresby.
- (13) "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy MV.66 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 0700/19 due Grafton Passage 1300/21.
- (14) "CASTLEMAINE" "ML.804" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (16) "MANOORA" (APA) departed Newcastle 0733/16 for Cairns was due 0700/20.
- (17) "DALY" "BACHE" "BUSH" "AMMEN" departed Sydney about 1310/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22 except "BUSH" to proceed independently after arrival Brisbane.
- (18) "SC.731" en route Gladstone to Brisbane ETA 1520/20.
- (19) "COWRA" departed Brisbane 1904/19 to relieve "ECHUCA" Conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area at approx 1200/20.
- (20) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 1143/19 to carry out A/S patrol in focal area off Cape Moreton.
- (21) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Port Moresby 0945/16 for Brisbane ETA 1330/20.
- (22) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1305/19 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/22.
- (23) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saïdor - Merchant Vessels: "R. P. WARNER"
Finschhafen - Warships & Aux. - SC's 650, 734, 741, 748 YMS.11
PC.1131 ML's 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
"MERKUR" (AF)

Finschhafen - Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P. BLAIR" "BORGFRED"
 "H. DODGE" "GEO. EASTMAN" "J.M. GOODEVE" "J. EARL"
 "ETAMIN" "LAKE ORMAC" "MACTAN" "F.B. OLSON"
 "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "J.H. RUSK" "WIGETA FALLS"

Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 427, 430, 801 YMS's 73, 334
 SC. 747
 Merchant Vessels: "D.F. BARRY" "R. STUART" "A. BURLINGHAME"
 "KATOOMBA" "M. DALY" "ISOLATOR" "GREY LAG" "J.G.
 BRADY" "J.B. KENDRICK" "H.T. RAINEY" "SIBIGO"
 "J.W. MELDRUM" "M.M. STEWART"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGG)
 YMS's 315, 316 SC's 637, 648, 698, 736 "TRINITY"
 (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
 YP's 278, 283
 Merchant Vessels: "C.L. SMITH" "J. NICOLET" "L. MERRIT"
 "ALCIBIADES" "J. ROLPH" "SEA SNIP"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR) PC. 1133
 YMS. 53
 Merchant Vessels: "C. DARROW" "W. SHARON" "F. BILLINGS"
 "W. McLENNAN" "A. THOMAS"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS's 50, 72
 Merchant Vessels: "S. BRANNON"

Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "RAMO" "J. DEERE" "J. ALDEN" "N.E. MACK"
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 (CL) "HOEBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID"
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM"
 "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART"
 "VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "GLENELG" (AMS)
 SC's 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 746, 750
 YMS's 49, 52, 70, 71, 313, 314, 335, 336
 YP's 233, 280 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818
 PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1121, 1124, 1132
 28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
 "HILO" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN
 PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY"
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "KURUMEA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA"
 (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "H.T. ALLEN"
 (APA)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "W.D. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "J. BARBARA" "S.K. BARLOW"
 "S. BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "CAPE BON" "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE
 GREIS" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE PERPETUA" "CAPE
 MENDOCINO" "J. CARROL" "W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "T.M. COOLEY"
 "J. COOK" "T. CORWIN" "DAVY CROCKETT" "F.C. EMERSON"
 "S. EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
 "ESSO PITTSBURG" "L. FAIRCHILD" "M. FULLER" "GRACE R.
 HEBARD" "D. HEWES" "B.F. IRVINE" "L.S. KELLY"
 "KLIPFONTEIN" "SEAMAN A. KNAPP" "CONRAD KOHRS"
 "W.S. LADD" "J. LIND" "Z. LYKES" "D. McLEAY" "G.V.L.
 MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACDALE"
 "MORMACSEA" "J. MUIR" "B.T. OSBORNE" "PONCE" "JAMES D.
 PHALAN" "REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON"
 "ROSEVILLE" "J.H. ROSSITER" "A. SALGRAINE" "J.S.
 SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA SCAMP" "O. SKINNER"
 "W.C. SQUIRE" "STAGEN" "G. STIRLING" "C. SPRECKERS"
 "THUNDERER" "TEXAS SUN" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V. WHITE"
 "VAN DER LIJN" "M. WALKER" "K.D. WIGINS" "YOCHOW"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML. 426
 Merchant Vessels: "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "MONTORO"
 "MULIAMA" "W.L. SUBJETTE"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMERIAN SALVOR"
 (ARS) "HERON" (AVP)

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 "(PF) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "SHEPPARTON" "WAGGA" (AMS) "KANIMBLA"
 (APA) "WARREGO" (Sloop) PC. 477 SC's 703, 743, 744
 SC's 981, 982 YMS's 8, 47, 48, 50, 805, 811, 820
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Balm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - PC JL34
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GOULEURN" "GYMPIE" "WHYALLA" (AMS)
	"SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE)
	ML's 808, 817, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10, 46
	SC's 745, 749 YP's 236, 291

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Empress Augusta Bay - Enemy ambush parties were encountered by our patrols 15-16 Feb. in the area N.E. of the perimeter.
- (2) Buka Passage - On 18 Feb. 100 drums of fuel on an island in southern Matchin Bay were strafed by 36 Corsairs. A huge fire resulted.
- (3) Bismarck Sea - At 1119/19, aircraft reported an 8-ship convoy off Katherine Harbour (central S.W. coast New Ireland) on course 305°, apparently having proceeded out of Rabaul probably for the Mandates.
- Photos show the convoy to include 2 sub-chasers, 2 cargo ships of 250-300 feet; 2 destroyers are also reported apparently joining the convoy.
- Night 18-19 Feb. a probable submarine was reported by a Navy Catalina 65 miles S.S.E. of Lorengau.
- Rabaul - Following the destroyer bombardment early a.m. 18 Feb., Tobera and Vunakanau airfields were raided later in the morning.
- At 1010/18, Tobera suffered a light but successful raid by two Mitchells and 4 Lightnings during which the Mitchells destroyed one enemy fighter on the ground and another taking off. A third aircraft which was one of 8 attempting interception was probably shot down. The Lightnings caught about 30 Jap fighters just taking off or having just taken off and definitely shot down five.
- At 1115/18, Vunakanau was raided by 18 Liberators escorted by 47 fighters also simultaneously by 34 Mitchells escorted by 36 Corsairs. In all, 122 tons of bombs were dropped and as reported in yesterday's Summary (No. 752) subsequent photos showed all runways at Vunakanau unserviceable. Probably not more than about 20 enemy fighters were airborne and of these 7 were shot down, and another 2 probably shot down.
- (5) Gazelle Peninsula - At 0530/19, a Liberator attacked, possibly with slight effect, one of 2 cargo vessels observed 40 miles W. by N. of Cape Pomas on course 45°. It is thought possible that the description of the vessels is erroneous and they were in fact the 2 destroyers which later joined the convoy off S.W. coast New Ireland (see above).
- Open Bay - A local observer reported an unidentified type warship p.m. 18 Feb. in Open Bay proceeding North and later at 2000/18 returning South towards Talasea. At 0327/19, a Liberator sighted a small vessel resembling a torpedo boat in Open Bay.
- (7) Cape Hoskins - 0800-1200/19, 3 launches were destroyed in Kapiura River mouth area by strafing by 2 Beaufighters and 8 Kittyhawks.
- (8) Witu Islands - During the night 17-18 Feb. installations at John Albert Harbour on Garove Island were bombarded with mortar fire by PT boats. No opposition was encountered.
- (9) Cape Gloucester - Our patrols moving Eastwards reached Tamuniai Point 18 Feb. finding 15 dead Japs en route. Tamuniai Island is reported unoccupied.
- (10) Arawe - At 1105-1204/18, one enemy plane ineffectively raided Arawe.
- (11) Alexishafen - At 0950/19, 2 villages near Alexishafen were bombed and strafed by 8 Kittyhawks.
- (12) Madang - A.m. 18 Feb. Amron Mission was bombed by 7 Kittyhawks which scored 6 direct hits followed by an explosion.
- (13) Saidor - During the night 16-17 Feb., the enemy made two attacks on our Western perimeter but were repulsed each time.
- A total of 340 Japs have been killed or found dead recently along the mountain trails passing to the South of Saidor.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "INVERELL" "ML.809" escorting Convoy TD.44 ("ALLARA" "KAILUA") departed Thursday Island 2015/15 for Darwin ETA 1430/20.
- (2) 16 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 814, 815
"COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "BURWAH"
Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - At 1802/18, Manatute was attacked by 3 Hudsons.
At 1050/19, Mina River Bridge (40 miles E. of Koepang) was attacked by 6 Mitchells and 7 Beaufighters. Photos show a direct hit on northern abutment and approaches also 6 near misses causing damage to the northern half of the bridge.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "DURBO" "HORSEHAM" (AMS)
"GHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AMS) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" en route Caloundra to Sydney carrying out A/S sweep to seaward of shipping on inshore route. ETA Sydney 0500/21.
- (2) "DOBBIN" (AD) was to depart Sydney 1200/20 for Milne Bay.
- (3) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.
- (4) "BARCOO" (PP) working up in Jervis Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS"
"BROOKS" "GILMER" (APD) "ARUNTA" "BEALE" "MULLANY"
(DD) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" "DELORAINÉ" "WARRNAMBOOL"
(AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA"
"KYBRA" "DCOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823
"WESTRALIA" (APA)
(Repairing or refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "WANGANILLA" (AH)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LIWNGOW"
" (AMS) "EINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "YUMA" (AT) 1 ARD
ML's 824, 826
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" "GILMER" to depart Sydney 1300/20 for Milne Bay.
- (2) "WANGANELLA" (AH) to depart Sydney 26 Feb. provided docking and repairs are complete, for Port Moresby.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Eniwetok - At 1030/18, landing operations were underway covered by heavy naval and air bombardment which continued throughout 18 Feb. No enemy counter fire was encountered.

The Allied Task Force entered the lagoon a.m. 18 Feb. and reached their anchorage without incident except for moored mines in the Southern Channel. 27 of the mines were destroyed by 1930/18. Our assault troops landed p.m. 18 Feb. on 5 small islands S.E. of Engebi, while artillery was landed on Rujiyoru and another adjacent island. Three other landings were made on Bohonaarappa, Yeiri and another island near Rujiyoru (all in N.E. sector of the Atoll).

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the General Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON BLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BECHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON WILKES	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	52	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN KAWIMBLA MAHOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DCBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	HIGEL FLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 317
 Light & M/Bombers 176
 SE/Bombers 27
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 40
 Obsn. A/C 15

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALPHIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA WEST VIRGINIA *	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA *	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (Poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO TAIHO ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (Poss. en route * OTAKA (Truk) * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		* MAYA * MOCAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE		-
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARYPart I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 754

Date 21 February, 1944.

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREANORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "SC's.750, 735" "YMS.71" "ML's.425, 431" escorting Convoy BG.41 departed Milne Bay 1425/20 for Buna ETA 1125/21; Lae ETA 0330/22; Langemak ETA 1030/22.
- (2) "SC's.741, 650, 748" escorting Convoy GB.39 ("N.J.SINNOTT") departed Finschhafen 1730/19 for Lae ETA 2330/19; Milne Bay ETA 1400/21.
- (3) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (4) "PC.1124" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" to Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (5) "WILKES" (DD) en route Noumea to Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (6) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Brisbane 1400/16 for Milne Bay ETA 21 Feb.
- (7) "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy TN.219 (7 MV and 1 PT in tow) en route Milne Bay ETA 0900/21.
- (8) "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" departed Sydney about 1310/19 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22.
- (9) "BUSH" departed Brisbane 1100/20 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/22.
- (10) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) departed Cairns 0813/20 for Milne Bay.
- (11) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1642/17 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (12) "BALLARAT" "BROOME" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy MV.66 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 0700/19 due Grafton Passage 1300/21.
- (13) "KATOOMBA" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (14) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (15) "PC.477" departed Cairns 0025/21 to RV at 0300/21 with "GORGON" (for Merauke) off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Thursday Is., whence "PC.477" returns to Cairns.
- (16) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1305/19 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/22.
- (17) "COWRA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area until approx 1200/24.
- (18) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 1143/19 to carry out A/S patrol in focal area off Cape Moreton.
- (19) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saïdor	- Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "R.P.WARNER"
Finschhafen	- Warships & Aux. - SC's 734 YMS's 11, 53 PC.1131
	PC.1133 ML's 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	"MERKUR" (AF)
	Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED"
	"H.DODGE" "GEO.EASTMAN" "J.M.GOODHUE" "J.EARL"
	"LAKE ORMAC" "MACTAN" "F.B.OLSON" "SEA SNIPE"
	"MATTHEW FLINDERS" "J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS"

Lae

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 427, 430, 801 YMS's 73, 334
SC.747

Merchant Vessels: "R.STUART" "A.BURLINGHAME" "KATOOMBA"
"M.DALY" "ISOLATOR" "GREY LAG" "J.S.BRADY" "J.B.
KENDRICK" "H.T.RAINEY" "SIBIGO" "J.W.MELDRUM"
"M.M.STEWART"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
YMS's 315, 316 SC's 637, 648, 698, 736 "SUSQUEHANNA"
"TRINITY" (AO) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
YP.278

Merchant Vessels: "C.L.SMITH" "J.NICLOET" "ALCIBIADES"
"J.ROLPH" "CAPE PERPETUA"

Oro Bay

--Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)

Merchant Vessels: "C.DARROW" "W.SHARON" "F.BILLINGS"
"W.MCLENAN" "A.THOMAS" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.
HEBARD"

Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux. - YMS's 50, 72

Merchant Vessels: "S.BRANNON"

Goodenough Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "RAMO" "J.DEERE" "J.ALDEN" "N.E.MACK"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WASHVILLE" "BOISE"
(CL) "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID"
"FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAM" "CONYNGHAM"
"DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART"
"VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" (AMS)
"GASCOYNE" (PF) SC's.699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 746, 750
YMS's 49, 52, 70, 71, 313, 314, 335, 336
YP's 233, 280, 283 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818
PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1121, 1124, 1132
28 LST's 11 APC's 32 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)
"HILO" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN
PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "SHIKELLAMY"
"KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP) "POYANG"
"YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"W.D.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "S.K.BARLOWE"
"O.M.BERNUTH" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "CAPE BON" "CAPE
CLEAR" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "CAPE MENDOCINO"
"CAPE NEDDICK" "J.CARROL" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "T.M.
COOLEY" "J.COOK" "T.CORWIN" "DAVY CROCKETT" "DON
MARQUIS" "F.C.DODD" "F.C.EMERSON" "S.EGERTON"
"EMPIRE" "HAMBLE" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG"
"ETAMIN" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FULLER" "D.HEWES" "B.F.
IRVINE" "L.S.KELLY" "KLIPFONTEIN" "SEAMAN A.KNAPP"
"CONRAD KOHRS" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "G.V.L.
MEYER" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACDALE"
"MORMACSEA" "J.MUIR" "B.T.OSBORNE" "PONCE" "JAMES
D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE"
"J.H.ROSSITER" "A.SALGRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT" "SEA
DEVIL" "SEA SCAMP" "O.SKINNER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "STAGEN"
"G.STIRLING" "C.SPRECKERS" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V.WHITE"
"VAN DER LIJN" "M.WALKER" "K.D.WIGINS" "YOCROW"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "POLARIS" (AGS) "KALGOORLIE"
(AMS)

Merchant Vessels: "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "MONTORO"
"MULIAMA" "W.L.SUBJETTE" "H.C.PAYNE" "L.L.DYCHE"

Thursday Is.

- Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR"
(ARS) "HERON" (AVP)

Jairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
(PF) "BOWEN" "CASTLEMAINE" "GLADSTONE" "KATOOMBA"
"ROCKHAMPTON" "WAGGA" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "WARREGO"
(Sloop) SC's 703, 743, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 8, 47,
YMS's 48, 50, 805, 811, 820 ML.804 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
"MANOORA" (APA)

Palm Island
Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)

- Warships & Aux. - PC.1134

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "WHYALLA"
(AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE)
"CALAMARES" (AF) ML3s 808, 817, 821, 827 YMS's 9, 10
YMS.46 SC's 731, 745, 749 YP's 236, 291

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.731" to carry out trials in Moreton Bay 0700-1700/22; to be sailed 25 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duties between Thursday Is. and Merauke.
- (2) "WHYALLA" to relieve "COWRA" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area approx 1200/24.
- (3) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S. Bougainville - Night Feb. 17/18, U.S. PT boats bombarded Mesiga (25 miles W. Kahili).
Night Feb. 18/19, U.S. PT boats co-operating with a Catalina, bombarded and silenced enemy light artillery southern end Empress Augusta Bay.
Little change reported ground situation Empress Augusta Bay. Our patrols constantly probing enemy positions but no significant activity reported. 6 Avengers, 4 Dauntless bombed and strafed enemy targets this area Feb. 19.
- (2) Nissan - Our ground troops closing in on remaining enemy remnants Mission area, Feb. 18.
- (3) Cape St. George - Night Feb. 18, our destroyers bombarded this area but photographs following afternoon show radar revealments still undamaged.
At 0831/20 a submarine was attacked off this area heading N.E. with unobserved results.
- (4) East Cape (New Ireland) - At 1440/20, one enemy destroyer was attacked off this area heading north.
- (5) Bismarck Sea - The 6-8 ship convoy observed off Katherine Harbour (south coast New Ireland) a.m. Feb. 19 heading N.W., was heavily attacked by 2 squadrons of Mitchells during the afternoon in the vicinity of Gazelle Channel. Although final results are not yet assessed preliminary reports indicate the majority of the ships were sunk including at least one destroyer, 2 escort vessels or gun boats, and 2 small freighters, and other vessels damaged.
Aircraft involved in these attacks report possible radar station ashore near Katherine Harbour.
Feb. 20, Soupac aircraft report observing 2 destroyers near Katherine Harbour apparently heading Rabaul.
- (6) Kavieng - Enemy shipping this area was attacked by a strong force of Liberators Feb. 20 but final results are not yet assessed. Preliminary reports indicate 3 small freighters were destroyed and 1 damaged.
- (7) New Ireland - Photographs, Feb. 19, show Borpop strip unserviceable and Namantanai serviceable but nil aircraft observed on either
Evening, Feb. 18, 3 southbound barges observed Gazelle Channel indicating probably constant barge movement along south coast New Ireland during night hours.
- (8) Rabaul - Photographs shipping Rabaul Harbour, a.m. Feb. 19, reveal:
3-4 submarines
3 gunboats or escort vessels
2 tankers (including 1 damaged)
1 sizeable freighter
13 small coasters
375 barges.

In addition 1 destroyer and 1 freighter were observed outside the harbour area.

Feb. 20, 2 possible destroyers and 1 escort vessel or submarine, were reported east of Taewui Pt. but no course given.

Forenoon Feb. 19, 48 Dauntless and 23 Avengers attacked Lakunai runway and gun positions while 6 Avengers also attacked A/A positions Sulphur Creek. Photos show the runway unserviceable. Our escorting fighters, comprising 22 Corsairs 20 Warhawks and 6 Hellcats, observed 40/50 enemy fighters airborne of which 22 were destroyed by our fighters and 1 by the bombers and 1 other probably destroyed. 1 Corsair was lost, 3 bombers damaged.

- (8) Rabaul (Contd.) - A/A was reported less intense than previously. Three U.S. aircraft damaged.
 Same morning, 14 Liberators attacked Tobera and 6 also hit Lakunai scoring many hits on runway and dispersal area. These bombers destroyed 3 additional fighters of approximately 16 encountered, while escorting fighters also claimed another 2 probables. Six of our bombers were damaged by A/A.
- (9) North coast New Britain - Sighting reports indicate 2 probable enemy destroyers made a night run to Cape Hoskins area from either Rabaul or Kavieng last night, Feb.20/21. Two vessels were attacked by patrol aircraft approximately 40 miles SSW of Cape Pomas shortly after midnight while heading southwest towards Cape Hoskins. Apparently the same forces were again attacked off Open Bay at 0400/21 while apparently returning Rabaul.
 This would appear to be another transportation run attempted during the night hours.
- (10) Arawe - One enemy aircraft ineffectively attacked this area p.m.Feb.19
- (11) Wewak - At 0202/20, 3 enemy freighters, (1 medium, 2 small) were attacked 30 miles N. by W. of But while heading N.W. The large freighter was claimed sunk.
- (12) Saidor area - There is continued evidence of small enemy groups proceeding westwards along the trails inland from Saidor.
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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0853/20 for Millingimbi ETA 1900/21.
- (2) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 809, 814, 815 "INVERELL" (AMS)
 Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "ALLARA"
 Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
 Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Halmahera - Reconnaissance aircraft this area, a.m. Feb.19, reported a total of 8 small freighters in or around Kau-Wassile Bay.
- (2) Ceram - Feb.19, 1 small coaster and 4 barges were reported off the north coast and 1 small freighter and 1 barge off the S.coast.
- (3) Ambon - Night, Feb.19/20, 18 Liberators attacked Laha airfield.
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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

Nil

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
 "WHIPPOERWILL" (AMS) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
 "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Sydney 1306/20 for Milne Bay via Brisbane ETA 0600/22.

- (2) "HUMPHREYS" "SAND" (APD) departed Sydney 1417/20 for Milne Bay
ETA 0800/24.
- (3) "BROOKS" delayed due engine trouble, departed Sydney 2243/20 for
Milne Bay ETA 0200/26.
- (4) "TOWNSVILLE" en route Caloundra to Sydney carrying out A/S sweep
to seaward of shipping on inshore route was due Sydney
0500/21.
- (5) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) was to clear Sydney Heads at 0900/21 to
carry out A/S sweep to Sandy Cape, seaward of inshore
shipping route, returning at 0900/23.
- (6) "KYBRA" (A/S Vessel) departed Twofold Bay 2112/20 for A/S sweep.
- (7) "KIAMA" (AMS) departed Sydney 1401/12 for working up at Broken Bay.
- (8) "BARCOO" (PF) working up in Jervis Bay.
- (9) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1750/20 for Fremantle ETA
0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "GILMER" (APD) "ARUNTA" "BEALE" "MULLANY" (DD) "WILCANNIA" "COLAC" "DELORAIN" "WARRENAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823 "WESTRALIA" (APA)
Melbourne	- (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" (CL) "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) ML's 824, 826
Adelaide	- Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) to depart Sydney 26 Feb. provided docking and
repairs are complete, for Port Moresby.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Caroline's - At 1425/20, Scoupac aircraft reported 1 seaplane tender,
escorted by 3 destroyers and 1 probable subchaser, 60 miles
S.W. of Truk heading W.

INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine D/F fixes have been reported as follows:

Midnight 16-17 Feb.	Equator	66°E.	(SW of Maldivé Is.)
Early a.m. 17 Feb.	31°S.	72°E.	(S. central Indian Ocean)
Early a.m. 18 Feb.	3°S.	66°E.	(SW of Maldivé Is.)

CinC. Eastern Fleet reports 19 Feb. that 4, possibly 5, submarines
are considered to be operating in the Indian Ocean thus:

- (i) Probably 1 still in the Gulf of Aden area.
- (ii) Probably 1 in the coastal belt Calcutta to Ceylon.
- (iii) 1 in the area W. of Maldivés to Ceylon.
- (iv) 1 in the S. central Indian Ocean.
- (v) Possibly 1 off west coast India-Laccadive Is. area.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

South China Sea - On 13 Feb., 10 Mitchells made a sweep of the
Hainan Is., Hongkong, Amoy, Foochow area and claim to
have sunk 6 vessels (1 of 500 ft, 3 of 250 ft, 1 of 200
ft, and 1 probably of 150 ft.) and damaged 4 more small
vessels (175-200 ft.).

On 14 Feb., 2 Mitchells swept the Tongking Gulf
sinking one and damaging another out of three 50 ft.
craft attacked.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific Eastern Section	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO) Poss. YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	-	-	JINYO KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO * AGANO
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON WILKES	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.) 193
 Light & M/Bombers 144
 B/Bombers 27
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 40
 Obsn. A/c 24

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>SS</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI ISE HAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA KYUHO TAIHO ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANBAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO BARNES CORAL SEA LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHEYODA (poss.en route Truk) * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		IONE } CHIKUMA } Poss. * MAYA } Carolines * NOGAMI }
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * YUBARI * HATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section) Eastern Fleet Area East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATLER UNICORN SHAH	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	-	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA } One reported OI } sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILD W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILFISH BLUEFISH BONFISH CABRILLA COD GREVILLE FLASHER GUNNEL K.12 BOWFIN HADDO POMPOM RASHER REDFIN CREVALLE	HAKE HOE JACK PUPPER NORWAL RATON RAY ROBALO K.15 At Fremantle At DARWIN	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 23 twin-eng.) 107
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn. A/c 11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 755

Date 22 February, 1944.

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Saider 1700/20 for Rooke Island via Long Is.
- (2) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (3) "STUART" departed Milne Bay 1730/21 to RV with "ESSO BAYONNE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (4) "MILDURA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.220 (3 MV) departed Townsville 2200/21 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/24.
- (5) "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN.221 (5 MV, 1 APC and 2 PT) proceeding from Townsville and Cairns to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1900/22, thence proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1100/25.
- (6) "PIRIE" "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy MV.67 departed Milne Bay 1630/21 ETA Townsville 2000/24.
- (7) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MONTORO" departed Port Moresby 1530/21 for Cairns ETA 1130/23.
- (8) "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" departed Sydney about 1310/19 for Milne Bay were due 0900/22.
- (9) "BUSH" departed Brisbane 1100/20 for Milne Bay was due 0900/22.
- (10) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) departed Cairns 0813/20 for Milne Bay.
- (11) "PC.1134" departed Cairns 1500/21 for Milne Bay ETA 0900/23.
- (12) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Sydney 1642/17 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (13) "BROOME" departed Cairns 1357/21 for Townsville ETA 0800/22.
- (14) "KATOOMBA" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (15) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (16) "PC.477" departed Cairns 0025/21 to RV at 0300/21 with "GORGON" (for Merauke) off Fitzroy Is. and escort to Thursday Is., whence "PC.477" returns to Cairns.
- (17) "FREMANTLE" escorting 1 MV was to depart Thursday Is. 0700/22 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (18) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1305/19 for Port Moresby was due 0900/22.
- (19) "COWRA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area until approx 1200/24.
- (20) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 1143/19 to carry out A/S patrol in focal area off Cape Moreton.
- (21) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saider	- Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "R.P.WARNER"
Finschhafen	- Warships & Aux. - SC's 698, 734, 735, 750 YMS's 11, 53
	YMS's 71, 316 PC's 1131, 1133 ML's 425, 428, 431
	ML's 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
	YP.233 "MERKUR" (AF)

Finschhafen

- Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P. BLAIR" "BORGFRED"
 "GEO. EASTMAN" "J. EARL" "LAKE ORMAC" "MACTAN"
 "F.B. OLSON" "SEA SNIPE" "J.H. RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS"
 "B.T. OSBORNE" "J. ROLPH" "J. NICOLET"

Lae

- Warships & Aux. - ML's 427, 430, 301 SC. 747
 Merchant Vessels: "R. STUART" "A. BURLINGHAME" "M. DALY"
 "ISOLATOR" "GREY LAG" "J.G. BRADY" "J.B. KENDRICK"
 "H.T. RAINY" "SIBIGO" "J.W. MELDRUM" "M.M. STEWART"
 "G.V.L. MEYER" "YOGHOW"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
 "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) YMS's 73, 315, 334
 SC's 637, 648, 736 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) YP. 278

Oro Bay

Merchant Vessels: "ALCIBIADES" "CAPE PERPETUA" "RAMO"
 - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels: "C. DARROW" "M. SHARON" "F. BILLINGS"
 "W. McLEANNA" "A. THOMAS" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.
 HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G. PORTER" "W. BEAUMONT"
 "K.D. WIGGINS" "REIJNST"

Kiriwina

- Warships & Aux. - YMS. 72
 Merchant Vessels: "S. BRANNON"

Woodlark Is.

- Warships & Aux. - YMS. 50

Goodenough Is.

- Merchant Vessels: "J. DEERE" "ERASTAGI" "VAN HEUTSZ"
 "J. ALDEN" "T. CORWIN" "CAPE NEDDICK" "M.E. MACK"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "FASEVILLE" "BOISE"
 (CL) "WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
 "REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAFAN"
 "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
 "WARRAMUNGA" "VENIETTA" (DE) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO"
 "GLENELG" (AMS) "GASCOYNE" (PF) SC's 650, 699
 SC's 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 746, 748, 750
 YMS's 49, 52, 70, 71, 313, 314, 335, 336
 YP's 280, 283 ML's 424, 425, 802, 816, 818
 PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1132
 28 LST's 12 APC's 33 PT's "OPUS" "FULTON" (AS)
 "HILO" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN
 PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSE" "SHIKELLAMY"
 "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGF) "POYANG"
 "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS) "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "W.D. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "J. BARBARA" "S.K. BARLOW"
 "O.M. BERNUTH" "S. BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "BOTH" "CAPE BON"
 "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE
 MENDOCINO" "W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "COMTESSA" "T.M. COOLEY"
 "J. COOK" "DON MARQUIS" "F.C. DODD" "H. DODGE"
 "S. EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
 "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN" "L. FAIRCHILD" "M. FLINDERS"
 "J.M. GOODHUE" "D. HEWES" "A. HILL" "B.F. IRVINE"
 "KATCOMBA" "L.S. KELLY" "KLIFFORTTEIN" "CONRAD KOHRS"
 "W.S. LADD" "J. LIND" "Z. LYKES" "MIDWEST FARMER"
 "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACDALE" "MORMAC SEA" "PONCE"
 "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON"
 "ROSEVILLE" "J. ROSS" "J.H. ROSSITER" "A. SALGRAINE"
 "J.S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SEA SCAMP" "H.J. SINNOTT"
 "O. SKINNER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "STAGEN" "G. STIRLING"
 "C. SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V. WHITE"
 "VAN DER LIJN" "M. WALKER"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML. 426 "POLARIS" (AGS)
 Merchant Vessels: "P.T. DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWELL" "DAVY
 CROCKETT" "MULIAMA" "W.L. SUBJETTE" "H.C. PAYNE"
 "L.L. DYCHE"

Thursday Is.

- Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "CAMERIAN SALVOR"
 (ARS) "HERON" (AVP)

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "HUTCHINS" (DD) "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 (PF) "BALLARAT" "BOWEN" "GLADSTONE" (AMS) "KANIMBLA"
 (APA) "WARREGO" (Sloop) SC's 703, 743, 744, 981, 982
 YMS's 8, 47, 48, 50, 805, 811, 820 ML. 804
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA" (APA)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 "WHYALLA" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop) "DOBBIN" (AD) "ALGORAB"
 (AKS) "PYRO" (AE) "CALAMARES" (AF) ML's 808, 817, 821
 ML.827 YMS's 9, 10, 46 SC's 731, 745, 749
 YP's 236, 291

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "YMS's 8, 46" to depart Caloundra 1900/22 for Cairns ETA 0700/26,
- (2) "ECHUCA" to proceed Sydney ETA 0600/24 departing Caloundra 1300/22,
- (3) "YP.291" to depart Brisbane about 24 Feb. for Palm Is., Cairns and Thursday Is.
- (4) "SC.731" to carry out trials in Moreton Bay 0700-1700/22; to be sailed 25 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duties between Thursday Is. and Merauke.
- (5) "WHYALLA" to relieve "COWRA" on A/S patrol Sandy Cape area approx 1200/24.
- (6) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin Base - Photos 1040/20 show Kara, Ballale and Kahili airfields all unserviceable.
- (2) S.W. Bougainville - River bridges and other targets inland between Buin and Empress Augusta Bay were attacked 1100/20 by 37 Dauntless and 24 Avengers.
 At 2050/20, 2 enemy barges outward-bound from Motupena Point were sunk by PT boats.
- (3) Buka Passage - A.m. 20 Feb., a number of barges were observed at Pau Plantation (Matchin Bay). This concentration was attacked by 13 Aircobras and about 20 barges were destroyed.
- (4) Nissan Island - Apparently the only remaining Japanese pocket in the S.W. corner of Nissan Island was cleared with a tank assault on 20 Feb.

A single enemy floatplane over Mussau Island night 19-20 Feb. was shot down by 5 patrolling Venturas.

- (5) S.E. New Ireland - At 1414/20, an enemy submarine was attacked by aircraft 20 miles S.E. of East Cape heading North. Results of the attack were unobserved. The preliminary report of this unit described the vessel as a destroyer (see Summary No.754).

- (6) New Hanover - At 1000/21, a convoy described as:

2 cruisers
 1 destroyer
 1 sub-chaser
 3 merchant vessels (incl. 1 large transport)

was reported by aircraft off S.W. New Hanover, course 320°.

At 1630/21, some shipping was reported in the area about 12 miles W.N.W. of Western New Hanover apparently having been attacked but details are as yet obscure.

- (7) Rabaul - At 0924/20, Lakunai was attacked by 35 Mitchells escorted by 56 fighters, mainly Corsairs. The north revetment and repair areas were well covered by the strike. Only 8 Zeros were seen airborne and there was no interception.

Photographs at approx the same time as the strike showed 47 grounded aircraft on the 4 aerodromes (Lakunai, Tobera, Yunakanau and Keravat). Rapopo was apparently not covered, but there have seldom been more than a dozen aircraft present there. The total of 47 aircraft were defined:-

	F.	D/B.	M/B.
Lakunai :	23	2	-
Tobera :	13	-	-
Yunakanau :	1	4	4
Keravat :	Nil.		

37 F. 6 D/B. 4 M/B. - Total 47/a/c.

Photographs a.m. 20 Feb. showed all fields serviceable, except for Lakunai, where both the coral and concrete runways were unserviceable after the strike although 6 trucks were shown at 1020/20 to be filling the craters.

(7) Rabaul (Contd.)- Coverage of the Harbour approx 0920/20 shows:

2 escort vessels
1 tanker
2 cargo ships (small to medium)
18 small coastal freighters
454 barges

The old damaged tanker is still shown but is not included in the count. The smaller of the two cargo ships is reported for the first time and is apparently badly damaged as a result presumably of the destroyers' torpedo attacks a.m. 18 Feb. 15 floatplanes and 1 flying boat were in the Harbour.

Probably additional to the above shipping is a visual report of one destroyer at 0930/20, heading north off the N. coast of Gazelle Peninsula and a cargo vessel at anchor near Duke of York Island.

- (8) S.E. New Britain - Five enemy barges were located during the night 19-20 Feb. by PT boats; one was sunk and another damaged.
- (9) Cape Hoskins - At approx 2000/20, Gavuvu was attacked by 13 Beauforts. Two unidentified vessels and 3 barges were bombed offshore, with unobserved results. Other bombs were dropped in the village which is a suspected barge centre.
Photos 21 Feb. show Cape Hoskins strip to be unserviceable and no serviceable aircraft present. Work on the Porapora strip has apparently been abandoned.
- X (10) W. New Britain - During the night 19-20 Feb., 2 enemy barges were sunk by PT boats in Rein Bay.
- (11) Hansa Bay - Personnel areas and targets of opportunity at Hansa Bay and Nubia were attacked 1130/20 by 15 Vengeances escorted by 12 Kittyhawks.
At 0720/21, a preliminary report from aircraft in flight indicates the presence of 5 small sea trucks and one possible gunboat in Hansa Bay.
- (12) Pommern Bay - At 1026/21, the N.E. headland of Pommern Bay was bombed by 13 Vengeances.
- (13) Saidor - At 1700/20, our forward elements occupied Gabumi (approx 10 miles W.S.W. of Saidor).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin	- Warships & Aux. @ ML's 429, 809, 815 "INVERELL" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "ALLARA"
Groote Eylandt	- Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay	- Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"
Millingimbi	- Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
	Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle	- Warships & Aux. - "DUBBO" "HORSEHAM" (AMS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AMS) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf	- Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Melbourne 1445/21 for Fremantle ETA 0530/26.
- (2) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) departed Sydney 1417/20 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/24.
- (3) "BROOKS" delayed due engine trouble, departed Sydney 2243/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.
- (4) 4 LCI's departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (5) "YANDRA" (A/S Vessel) departed Sydney 0900/21 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape, seaward of inshore shipping route, returning at 0900/23.
- (6) "KYBRA" (A/S Vessel) departed Twofold Bay 2112/20 for A/S sweep.
- (7) "BARCOO" (PF) working up in Jervis Bay.
- (8) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "GILMER" (APD) "ARUNTA" "BEALE" "MULLANY" (DD) "WILCANNIA" "TOWNSVILLE" "COLAC" "DELORAINE" "KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823 "WESTRALIA" (APA) (Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" (AMS) "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "GANYMEDE" ML's 824, 826

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" (CM) to depart Sydney 0830/28 for Brisbane.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" to depart Sydney 23 Feb. for Townsville.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls - Engebi (the principal island in the northern portion of the atoll) was captured 1400/19 after intense naval and air bombardment.
The following atolls were attacked by land-based aircraft 18-19 Feb. -
Kusaie by 14 Liberators.
Rongelap, Utirik, Jaluit, Enidj, Wotje, Mille - all light raids.
 - (2) Carolines - At 0940/18, Ponape was raided by 8 Liberators dropping 10 tons of bombs.
 - (3) Truk - Preliminary report states that 201 Jap planes were destroyed 17-18 Feb. during the aircraft carrier attack on Truk. This figure includes 127 shot down in combat, and in addition another 50 were believed damaged on the ground. There was no interception on 18 Feb.
Enemy shipping losses are stated to be -
2 light cruisers)
3 destroyers) all sunk.
2 gun-boats)
8 cargo vessels)

1 cruiser or large destroyer)
2 tankers) all probably sunk.
4 cargo vessels)
- Shore facilities and runways were bombed and strafed.
Our losses were only 17 aircraft.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

On 18 Feb. a small vessel was reported to have been sunk by a submarine 270 miles E. of Socotra indicating at least one unit is still operating in the Gulf of Aden area.

B. INDIAN OCEAN (Contd.)

Reports indicate the presence of more than one submarine in the area W. of Maldiva Is. to Ceylon: lifeboats with survivors were reported 19 Feb. S.W. of Maldiva Chain and a submarine was fixed by D/F west of Maldives night 19-20 Feb. while aircraft reported a possible submarine 60 miles N.N.W. of Colombo p.m. 19 Feb.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE
I. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific Eastern Section	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	FUSO } Poss. YAMASHIRO } Japan
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO (Poss. Japan) CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO SUZUYA KUMANO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(F)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON WILKES	Approx 40	5-10	25-30 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO CERO DACE DARTER GATO PETO BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	On Patrol At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay	15	25
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOEBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 18 twin-eng.)	193		
	Light & M/Bombers	144		
	SE/Bombers	27		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Seaplanes	40		
	Un. A/C.	24		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI ISE NAGATO MUTSU (poss. sunk) * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		SHOKAKU ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BEAULIEU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO TAIHO ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CERNANGO CERAL SEA BARNES LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY MASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss. en route Truk) JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		TCNE CHIKUMA) Poss. * MAYA) Carolines * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * NAGARA * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		5
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 30
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	CHITOSE
	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	-	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	10
	BILFISH BLUEFISH BONFISH CABRILLA COD FLASHER FUNNEL K.15	HAKE) HOE) JACK) PUFFER) On Patrol DORWHAL) RASHER) RATON) RAY) ROBALO)	17 (incl. 6 German)
	K.12 BOWFIN HADDO POMPOM REDFIN)))) At Fremantle)	
	CREVALLE	At Darwin	
	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 23 twin-eng.) 107
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn. A/c 11

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No. 756

Date 23 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) departed Sydney 1417/20 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/24.
- (2) "BROOKS" (APD) departed Sydney 2243/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.
- (3) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Saider 1700/20 for Rooke Island via Long Is.
- (4) "YMS's 315, 313, 335" escorting "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Milne Bay 1530/22 ETA Buna 0700/24.
- (5) "STAWELL" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (6) "STUART" departed Milne Bay 1730/21 to RV with "ESSO BAYONNE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "HUTCHINS" (DD) escorting "OCTANS" (AF) to Milne Bay ETA 2000/23.
- (8) "MILDURA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.220 (3 MV) departed Townsville 2200/21 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/24.
- (9) "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy TN.221 (4 MV) 1 APC and 2 PT) proceeding from Townsville and Cairns to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1900/22, thence proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1100/25/
- (10) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy MV.67 ("ARARAT" towing "POBERO", "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)) departed Milne Bay 1630/21 ETA Townsville 2000/24. "SHIKELLAMY" to detach at Grafton Passage and proceed independently to Brisbane ETA 2000/26.
- (11) "BUNDABERG" "KAPUNDA" (ex Convoy MV.67) assisting force landed aircraft in Coral Sea.
- (12) "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MONTORO" departed Port Moresby 1530/21 for Cairns was due 1130/23.
- (13) "GLADSTONE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (14) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (15) "PC.477" returning to Cairns with both screws bent ETA 0800/24.
- (16) "BOWEN" departed Cairns 1811/22 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/24.
- (17) "MANGORA" (APA) departed Cairns 1851/22 for exercises Trinity Beach area.
- (18) "YMS's 9, 46" were to depart Caloundra 1900/22 for Cairns ETA 0700/26.
- (19) "CONRA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area until approx 1200/24.
- (20) "SC.749" departed Brisbane 1143/19 to carry out A/S patrol in focal area off Cape Moreton.
- (21) "ECHUCA" (AMS) was to depart Caloundra 1300/22 for Sydney ETA 0600/24.
- (22) "CALAMARES" (AF) was to depart Caloundra 0200/23 for Sydney ETA 1100/24.
- (23) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saider

- Merchant Vessels: "R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL"

Finschhafen

- Warships & Aux. - SC's 734, 735, 750 YMS's 53, 71
PC's 1131, 1133 ML's 425, 428, 431, 803, 806, 819
"PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) YP.233 "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA G." "F.P. BLAIR"
"BORGFRED" "LAKE ORMAC" "MACTAN" "SEA SNIPE"
"B.T. OSBORNE" "J. ROLPH" "J. NICOLET"

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- Warships & Aux. - ML's 427, 430 SC. 747
Merchant Vessels: "A. BURLINGHAME" "M. DALY" "J.B.
KENDRICK" "H.T. RAINEY" "J.W. MELDRUM" "M.M. STEWART"
"G.V.L. MEYER" "YOCHOW" "J.H. RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS"

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE"
(AGO) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AG) YMS's 11, 73
YMS's 316, 334 SC's 637, 648, 698, 736
"CARTER HALL" (LSD) YP.278
Merchant Vessels: "SKOTAS" "KLIPFONTEIN" "CAPE
PERPETUA" "RAMO"

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (FG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "C. DARROW" "W. SHARON" "F. BILLINGS"
"W. McLENNAN" "A. THOMAS" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.
HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G. PORTER" "W. BEAUMONT"
"K.D. WIGGINS" "REI JNST" "PONCE"

Woodlark Is.
Goodenough Is.

- Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
- Merchant Vessels: "J. DEERE" "BRASTAGI" "VAN HEUTSZ"
"J. ALDEN" "CAPE NEDDICK" "N.E. MACK"

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE"
"BOISE" (CL) "DALY" "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BUSH"
"WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
"REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN"
"CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
"WARRAMUNGA" "VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "BENDIGO"
"GLENELG" "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) "GASCOYNE" (PF)
SC's 650, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 746, 748
SC.750 YMS's 49, 52, 70, 71, 72, 314, 336
YP's 280, 283 ML's 424, 425, 801, 802, 816, 818
PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1132
PC.1134 28 LST's 12 APC's 33 PT's "OTUS"
"FULTON" (AS) "HILO" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL"
(ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "AASE
MAERSK" "SHIKELAMY" "KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" (AO)
"KOOPA" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN" "PING WO" (ASIS)
"H.T. ALLEN" (APA)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS"
"ALCOA PATRIOT" "W.D. ATWATER" "W.B. AYER" "J.
BARBARA" "S.K. BARLOW" "O.M. BERNUTH" "S. BOLIVAR"
"BOOTES" "BOTH" "S. BRANNON" "J.E. BRADY"
"J. BURROUGHS" "CAPE BON" "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE
FLATTERY" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE MENDOCINO" "W.C.
CLAIRBORNE" "CONTESSA" "T.M. COOLEY" "J. COOK"
"T. CORWIN" "DON MARQUIS" "F.C. DODD" "H. DODGE"
"GEO. EASTMAN" "S. EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO
BARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN" "L. FAIRCHILD"
"M. FLINDERS" "J.M. GOODHUE" "GREY LAG" "H. HEWES"
"A. HILL" "D.E. HUGHES" "B.F. IRVINE" "ISOLATOR"
"KATOOMBA" "L.S. KELLY" "CONRAD KOHRS" "W.S. LADD"
"J. LIND" "Z. LYKES" "MIDWEST FARMER" "WANCY HANKS"
"MORMACDALE" "MORMACSEA" "F.B. OLSON" "PAHUD"
"JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON"
"ROSEVILLE" "J. ROSS" "J. ROSSITER" "A. SALCRAINE"
"J.S. SARGENT" "SEA DEVIL" "SEASAMP" "SIBIGO"
"N.J. SINNOTT" "O. SKINNER" "W.C. SQUIRE" "STAGEN"
"G. STIRLING" "R. STUART" "G. SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER"
"TRIANGULUM" "H.V. WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN" "M. WALKER"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "PCLARIS" (AGS) "MANUNDA"
(AH)
Merchant Vessels: "P.T. BODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "DAVY
CROCKETT" "MULIAMA" "W.J. SUBJETTE" "H.C. PAYNE"
"L.L. DYCHE"

Thursday Island

- Warships & Aux. - "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HERON"
(AVP)

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) "BALLARAT"
"KATOOMBA" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) "WARREGO" (Sloop)
SC's 703, 743, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 8, 47, 48, 50
YMS's 805, 811, 820 ML.804 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville
Palm Island
Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" (AMS)
- Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "WHYALLA" (AMS)
"SWAN" (Sloop) "DOBBIN" (AD) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "PYRO" (AE)
ML's 808, 817, 821, 827 YMS.10 SC's 731, 745, 749
YP's 236, 291

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DOBBIN" (AD) to depart Caloundra 1400/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/27,
- (2) "WHYALLA" with "ML.817" in tow to depart Caloundra 1300/23 for vicinity Lady Elliott Is., whence "ML.817" proceeds independently to Gladstone ETA 1900/24 for onward routing to Townsville. "WHYALLA" relieves "COWRA" on Sandy Cape patrol at 1200/24. "COWRA" returns to Brisbane on relief.
- (3) "YP.291" to depart Brisbane about 24 Feb. for Palm Is., Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (4) "SC.731" to carry out trials in Moreton Bay 0700-1700/22; to be sailed 25 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duties between Thursday Is. and Merakke.
- (5) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin Base - At 0900/21, Kara runway was bombed by 3 Liberators.
- (2) Empress Augusta Bay area - On 19 Feb. enemy positions around the perimeter were shelled by our artillery. Reports state there are many indications of imminent enemy action around the Torokina perimeter.
- (3) Kieta Area - At 1015/22, a submarine on course 300° was sighted by a patrol Liberator 80 miles N.E. of Kieta.
- (4) Buka Passage - At 1230/21, 18 buildings at Tsundawan (NE. tip of Bougainville) were set on fire by 2 Aircobras, which also strafed and damaged 5 buildings S. of Tabut in the same area.
- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks - Further reports have been received on the outward-bound convoy sighted on Monday morning W. of New Hanover (refer para 6 of Summary No. 755).
At 0650/21, a 5-ship convoy was sighted by a Mitchell heading W. out of Gazelle Channel. The convoy was described as including one large, 2 small merchant ships and 2 escorts.
At 0850/21, 2 vessels described as cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked by the same aircraft off the S. coast of New Hanover. These vessels are considered to be possibly destroyers and are apparently additional to the 5-ship convoy. During the afternoon, the 5-ship convoy now reported to the W. of New Hanover was attacked by 2 Squadrons of Mitchells and 2 patrol Liberators. Results are not finally assessed but it appears that very heavy damage was inflicted.
- (6) Kavieng - At 1600/21, a small coastal vessel was unsuccessfully bombed and successfully strafed by a patrol Liberator. The vessel was left smoking slightly from the stern.
- (7) Rabaul - Night 20-21 Feb., Rabaul was harassed by a single Liberator. The next day a series of co-ordinated attacks by heavy and medium bombers was made, practically no interception being encountered. At 1235/21, gun positions at Lakunai were struck by 47 Dauntless and 24 Avengers, escorted by 43 Corsairs, 20 Warhawks and 8 Hellcats. Numerous hits were reported on A/A positions and buildings and a large fuel fire was observed to the N.E. of Lakunai. Only three enemy fighters were observed and only one attempted interception.
At 1244/21, the repair sector at Lakunai was bombed by 15 Liberators escorted by 23 Corsairs and 14 Lightnings and 60 tons of bombs were dropped starting fires in the repair and barracks areas.
At 1255/21, revetment and dispersal areas at Rapopo were bombed by 4 Liberators scoring numerous hits. The fighter escort reported nil enemy fighters airborne.

- (7) Rabaul (Contd) - Returning from these strikes, a 350 ft. ship was strafed by 2 Corsairs off Talili Bay (W. centre of New Ireland coast) causing flames to rise to 50 ft. A nearby barge filled with Japanese was left smoking.
- (8) Cape Hoskins Area - Between 0745 and 0825/21, clearing to the S.E. of Commodore Bay and near Gavuvu River mouth were bombed and strafed by 5 Bostons.
At 1710/21, the same areas were bombed and strafed by 2 Beaufighters.
- (9) Ubili-Cape Pomas Area - Early a.m. 21 Feb. 2 possible destroyers apparently returning from a transportation mission to the Cape Hoskins area, were sighted by aircraft. At 0050/21, 2 possible destroyers or gunboats were attacked by a patrol Liberator 27 miles N.W. of Ubili and at 0315/21, 2 destroyers were attacked by another Liberator 23 miles S. by W. of Cape Pomas. One ship was probably damaged by a near miss.
- (10) Rein Bay -
(a) During the night of 20-21 Feb., 3 barges were destroyed by PT boats on a reef E. of Rein Bay. All the barges were empty.
(b) Between 1038 and 1100/21, Iboki Plantation was bombed by 37 Liberators escorted by 16 Lightnings as an alternative target to Kavieng which was not reached due to weather. Most of the bombs fell in the target area causing explosions and fires.
- (11) Unea Island - At 1058/21, a small boat on fire was sighted by aircraft at Unea Island.
- (12) Wewak - At 1540/19, the buildings and stores in the Wewak area were bombed and strafed by 11 Bostons escorted by 15 Kittyhawks and 16 Thunderbolts, starting several large fires and a few barges and luggers were observed by the Bostons while the escorting Thunderbolts reported two larger vessels in the area.
- (13) Manam Island - On the morning of 21 Feb. targets in the Manam Island area were bombed and strafed by 12 Bostons. One lugger and two barges were destroyed and other targets damaged.
- (14) Hansa Bay -
(a) At 1128/20, A/A positions at Hansa Bay were bombed by 7 Liberators. Reports from 5 other squadrons detailed for this mission are not yet to hand.
(b) At 0155/21, one possible coastal vessel and 5 small craft (about 125 ft. long) were attacked by a patrol Liberator 15 miles N.N.W. of Hansa Bay. One direct hit and 2 near misses were scored on the coastal vessel which is claimed as probably sunk.
- (15) Karkar Island - At 1110-1130/21, villages around Karkar Island were bombed and strafed by 6 Bostons, destroying several huts and buildings.
- (16) Alexishafen - At 1210/20, the stores area in Vitar Plantation was bombed by 7 Liberators returning from the Hansa Bay strike.
- (17) Pommern Bay - At 1025-1035/21, Mindiri village (24 miles W. by N. of Saidor) was bombed and strafed by 7 Kittyhawks. At the same time, villages in the same area were bombed and strafed by 9 Bostons.
- (18) Saidor Area -
(a) During the night of 20-21 Feb. three barges were destroyed by PT boats on the beach W. of Saidor.
(b) A report of 22 Feb. states that our troops have occupied a village 1000 yards S.E. of Gatumi where booby traps and enemy equipment were found. Our artillery effectively shelled Iris Point.
- (19) Gauss Point - On 20 Feb. 31 Japs were killed by an Australian patrol at Tapen (6 miles S. by W. of Gauss Point.)

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) escorting "MILDURA" departed Thursday Is. 0730/22 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (2) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 809, 815 "INVERELL"
(AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "KAELUA" "ALLARA"
Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"
Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"
Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tanimbar Islands - On 22 Feb. Selaroe Island was bombed and strafed by 8 Beaufighters. A 40 ft. lugger and 5 barges were destroyed.
- (2) Timor - Photographs 21 Feb. of the Koepang area show the runway serviceable at Oesace with dispersal lanes developed and nil aircraft. One twin-engined fighter and 4 fighters are shown at Penfoei where 14 new dispersal points and increased ground defences are shown. A probable radar station is shown on a neighbouring hill.
- The following shipping is revealed - 2 small coastal vessels, 1 probable fuel barges, 31 barges - in the Koepang-Tenan area.
- (3) Darwin Area - At 1737/22, an u/i aircraft on course 295° was sighted by a Mitchell 200 miles W. by H. of Darwin.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AMS) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC. 739 YP's 286, 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Melbourne 1445/21 for Fremantle ETA 0530/26.
(2) 4 LCI's departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
(3) "KYBRA" (A/S Vessel) departed Twofold Bay 2112/20 for A/S sweep.
(4) "COLAC" was to depart Sydney at 0900/23 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape to seaward of shipping on inshore route returning at 0900/25.
(5) "BARCOO" (PF) working up in Jervis Bay.
(6) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" (CL) "GILMER" (APD)
"ARUNTA" "BEALE" "MULLANY" (DD) "WILCANNIA"
"TOWNSVILLE" "DELORAINE" "KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AM)
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA"
"DOOMBA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML's 812, 822, 823
"WESTRALIA" (APA)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "WANGANELLA" (AE)
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" (AMS) "BINGER"
(A/S Vessel) "GANYMEDE" ML's 824, 826
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "SEELONG" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" (CM) to depart Sydney 0630/28 for Brisbane.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" to depart Sydney 23 Feb. for Townsville.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls - Mopping up is continuing on all the southern sector islands on the East side of the Kwajalein Lagoon.
The following atolls were attacked by land-based aircraft on 20 Feb.:-
Mille by 4 Kittyhawks
Kusaie by 6 Liberators
Wotje by 9 Mitchells.
Nil A/S was encountered at all points.
After intense naval and air bombardment, landings were made at 0700 and 1130/20 on Eniwetok Island at the S.E. corner of the Lagoon against weak opposition. By 21 Feb. the mopping up stage had been reached throughout the Island. Approx 1000 Japs were encountered on Egebi and Eniwetok Island. The enemy is believed to be in slightly greater strength on Parry Island (2 miles N.W.E. of Eniwetok) on which allied artillery has registered.
- (2) Carolines - At 1110/20, Ponape was raided by 22 Liberators dropping 20 tons of bombs. A large amount of shipping was reported in the Harbour.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solemons	Caroline
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASEVILLE PHOENIX ADELTAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA } (Poss. sunk) KATORI }
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON SWANSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENN SYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI * KONGO * HARUNA * YAMATO * HYUGA (being modernised) MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORRETTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA * HAYATAKA RYUHO TAIHO ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss.en route Truk) JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		CHIKUMA (poss en route East Indies) * MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u>	-		3
<u>CL</u>	OAKLAND * RENC * CONCORD		TATSUTA YAHAGI KISO * NAGARA * YUBARI * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 20
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

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- (1) "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" (DD) proceeding Milne Bay due 1000/24.
- (2) "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" (APD) departed Sydney 1417/20 for Milne Bay were due 0800/24.
- (3) "BROOKS" (APD) departed Sydney 2243/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/24.
- (4) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Saidor 1700/20 for Rooke Island via Long Is.
- (5) "GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (6) "STUART" departed Milne Bay 1730/21 to RV with "ESSO BAYONNE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0500/23 to RV with "EVANGELINE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (8) "WARREGO" "DUNTHROON" were to RV at 0700/24 off Fitzroy Is. "WARREGO" escorts to Darwin ETA 2359/27.
- (9) "MILDURA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TN.220 (3 MV) departed Townsville 2200/21 for Port Moresby were due 0900/24.
- (10) "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "KATOomba" escorting Convoy TN.211 (4 MV, 1 APC and 2 PT) proceeding from Townsville and Cairns to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1900/22, thence proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1100/25.
- (11) "GLADSTONE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (12) "YMS.47" carrying out daylight M/S duty in Grafton Passage and approaches.
- (13) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (14) "YMS.48" proceeding to RV at 0400/24 off Cooktown with "PC.477" proceeding thence to Cairns with "PC.477" in tow.
- (15) "BOWEN" departed Cairns 1811/22 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/24.
- (16) "MANOCRA" (APA) departed Cairns 1851/22 for exercises Trinity Beach area.
- (17) "YMS's 9, 46" were to depart Caloundra 1900/22 for Cairns ETA 0700/26.
- (18) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Brisbane 1400/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/27.
- (19) "4 LCI's" departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/23.
- (20) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Port Moresby 1227/23 for Townsville ETA 0730/25.
- (21) "COWRA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area until approx 1200/24.
- (22) "SHIKELLANY" (AO) (ex Convoy MV.67) proceeding independently to Brisbane ETA 2000/26.
- (23) "WHYALLA" with "ML.817" in tow was to depart Caloundra 1300/23 for vicinity Lady Elliott Is., whence "ML.817" proceeds independently to Gladstone ETA 1900/24 for onward routing to Townsville. "WHYALLA" relieves "COWRA" on Sandy Cape patrol at 1200/24, when "COWRA" returns to Brisbane.
- (24) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saidor
Einschhafen - Merchant Vessels: "R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL"
- Warships & Aux. - SC's 734, 735, 750 YMS's 71 PC's 1131
PC, 1133 ML's 428, 803, 806, 819 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
"OYSTER BAY" (AGP) YP.233 "MERKUR" (AF)
Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED"
"LAKE ORMAC" "MACTAN" "SEA SNIPE" "B.T.OSBORNE"
"J.ROLPH" "J.NICOLETE" "YOCHOW"
Lae - Warships & Aux. - ML's 425, 430, 431 SC.747
Merchant Vessels: "A.BURLINGHAM" "M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK"
"H.T.RAINEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "G.V.L.MEYER"
"J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS"
Buna - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" (Sloop) "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC)
"TRINITY" (AO) YMS's 11, 73, 313, 315, 316, 334, 335
SC's 637, 648, 698, 736 "CARTER HALL" (LSD) YP.278
ML.427 "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
Merchant Vessels: "SKOTAS" "KLIPFONTEIN" "CAPE PERPETUA"
"RAMO" "J.DEERE" "W.B.ALLISON" "F.BILLINGS" "STAGEN"
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "RIGEL" (AR)
Merchant Vessels: "C.DARROW" "W.SHARON" "W.MCLENNAN"
"A.THOMAS" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE
LOOKOUT" "S.G.PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "K.D.WIGGINS"
"REIJNST" "PONCE"
Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - YMS.50
Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "BRASTAGI" "VAN HEUTSZ" "J.ALDEN"
"CAPE NEDDICK" "NE.MACK"
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
(CL) "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE" "AMEN" "BUSH" "WILKES"
"HOBBY" "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER"
"LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON"
"SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WAR RAMUNGA" (DD) "ARARAT"
"BENDIGO" "SHEPPARTON" "STAWELL" (AMS) "GASCOYNE" (PF)
SC's 650, 699, 732, 735, 737, 738, 741, 746, 748, 750
YMS's 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 72, 314, 336 YP's 280, 283
ML's 424, 801, 802, 816, 818 PC's 476, 479, 1119, 1120
PC's 1121, 1122, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134 28 LST's
12 APC's 33 PT's "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HILO" (AGP)
"AMYCUS" (ARL) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
"BISHOPDALE" "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" "SUSQUEHANNA"
"VICTORIA" (AO) "KOOPA" (AGP) "POYANG" "YUNNAN"
"PING WO" (ASIS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "OCTANS" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE
BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "ALCIBIADES" "ALGOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA
PATRIOT" "W.D.ATWATER" "W.B.AYER" "J.BARBARA" "S.K.
BARLOW" "O.M.BERNUTH" "S.BOLIVAR" "BOOTES" "BOTH"
"S.BRANNON" "J.E.BRADY" "J.BURROUGHS" "CAPE BON"
"CAPE CLEAR" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE
MENDOCINO" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "CONTESSA" "T.M.COOLEY"
"J.COOK" "T.CORWIN" "DON MARQUIS" "F.C.DODD" "GEO.
EASTMAN" "S.EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO HARRISBURG"
"ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS"
"GREY LAG" "D.HEWES" "A.HILL" "D.E.HUGHES" "B.F.IRVINE"
"ISOLATOR" "KATOOMBA" "L.S.KELLY" "CONRAD KOHRS"
"W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "Z.LYKES" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY
HANKS" "MORMACDALE" "MORMAC SEA" "F.B.OLSON" "PAHUD"
"JAMES D.PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE"
"J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "A.SALCRAINE" "J.S.SARGENT"
"SEA DEVIL" "SEA SCAMP" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SINNOTT"
"O.SKINNER" "W.C.SQUIRE" "G.STIRLING" "R.STUART"
"C.SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "H.V.WHITE"
"VAN DER LIJN" "M.WALKER"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ML.426 "POLARIS" (AGS)
Merchant Vessels: "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "VAN SWOLL" "DAVY
CROCKETT" "MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETTE" "H.C.PAYNE" "L.L.
DYCHE"
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HERON" (AVP)

Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE" (PF) "ARARAT" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "KATOOMBA" "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE" (AMS) "KANIMBLA" (APA) SC's 703, 743, 744, 981, 982 YMS's 8, 50, 805, 811, 820 ML.804 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" (AMS)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP)
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" (AMS) "SWAN" (Sloop "ALGORAB" (AKS) "FYRO" (AE) ML's 808, 821, 827 YMS.10 SC's 731, 745, 749 YP's 236, 291 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "YP.291" to depart Brisbane about 24 Feb. for Palm Is., Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (2) "SC.731" to carry out trials in Moreton Bay 0700-1700/22; to be sailed 25 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duties between Thursday Is. and Merauke.
- (3) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - On 21 Feb., 8 enemy floatplanes covered by 2 Zeros were sighted in the Rekata Bay area. There is no evidence to suggest the nature of the mission of these aircraft in this area.
- (2) Empress Augusta Bay - Our patrols made minor contacts North and N.E. of the Torokina perimeter and reported a large Jap force along the Numa Numa trail.
- (3) Buka Passage - At 0705/21, barges and the jetty at Pau Plantation (in Matchin Bay) were destroyed by 4 Avengers attacking with rockets.
- (4) Nissan Island - A few scattered Japs are still apparently at large on Nissan Island.
- (5) Bismarcks-Mandates - At 1015/22, an enemy cargo vessel probably about 3000 tons, was sunk by U.S. destroyers approx 60 miles N. of Mussau Island (see Naval Incidents). 73 survivors out of some 400 aviation personnel apparently being transported from Rabaul to Palau were rescued.
- (6) New Hanover - At 1750/22, an enemy escort vessel was sunk by U.S. destroyers 33 miles S.W. of Cape Matanalem, course East. (see Naval Incidents).
At 2115/22, a large cargo vessel and the majority of 9 barges located off the Southern entrance to Steffen Strait were also sunk by the same U.S. destroyers.
- (7) Kavieng - Photos 0920/22 show 7 aircraft including 2 F., 2 D/B, 3 M/B on Kavieng airfield. The runways at Kavieng and Penapei are both shown unserviceable.
Shortly before midnight 23-24 Feb. an aircraft in flight reported a 5-ship convoy about 50 miles E.N.E. of Kavieng. No further details yet available.
- (8) S.W. New Ireland - A 350 ft. vessel reported as strafed and set on fire in yesterday's Summary No. 756 in Talili Bay (Rabaul area) was actually in Kalili Bay (Central S.W. coast New Ireland).
- (9) Cape St. George Area - On 21 Feb. a 3000 ton freighter was reported by aircraft 10 miles N.E. of Cape St. George.
On 22 Feb. the radar station in Cape St. George area was strafed by 63 Corsairs and Warhawks returning from the Rabaul strike.
- (10) Rabaul - At 1020/22, shipping in Keravia Bay was attacked by 47 Dauntless and 23 Avengers with 63 Corsairs and Warhawks escorting. Six cargo ships were reported hit while bombs also fell among the PT boats and some 20 barges. One of the cargo ships hit (a 350 ft. vessel) received 8 hits.
At 1035/22, Lakunai was attacked by 24 Mitchells escorted by 36 Corsairs and Hellcats and at 1057/22, Keravat was attacked by escorted Liberators which dropped 83 tons of bombs. Large fires were started. Five enemy aircraft were seen airborne but there was no interception in any of the above mentioned strikes.

(10) Rabaul (Contd) -

A radio tower S. of Cape Gazelle was strafed by the fighters which escorted the light bombers.

One Avenger was lost and one Dauntless water-landed.

Before dawn 23 Feb. installations on Duke of York Island were bombarded by U.S. destroyers (see Naval Incidents).

- (11) Bismarck Sea - At 1718/21, a possible submarine was seen 53 miles NNE. of Garove Island.
- (12) Wewak Area - At 1215/23, Burui (on Sepik River and 50 miles S.W. Wewak) was attacked by 11 Bostons.
- (13) Alexishafen - Between 1050 and 1220/20, supply dumps and personnel areas at Alexishafen were bombed by 32 escorted Liberators, including the 7 reported yesterday (Summary No. 756).
- (14) Madang Area - At 1345/22, Modilon Road at Madang was bombed by 6 Liberators.
At 1515 and 1550/22, a barge hideout on the Wogol River was bombed by 24 Vengeances with Kittyhawk escort.
- (15) Rai Coast - A delayed report states that at 1100/20, enemy concentrations in the Pommern Bay area were attacked by 6 Aircobras.
- (16) Saidor Area - During the night 21-22 Feb. Singor (14 miles W. of Saidor) was shelled by PT boats.
Our forward elements secured positions at the mouth of the Mot River (6 miles W. of Saidor) on 22 Feb. and patrols pushed further 700 yards Westwards. 42 Jap dead have been counted. The track westward from Cape Iris Area is reported by air reconnaissance to show signs of heavy usage.
At 1421/23, Singor village was bombed by 12 Vengeances.
- (17) Mandates-New Guinea - At 1130/20, a convoy including at least 3 medium cargo vessels was attacked by a U.S. submarine approx 125 miles NNW. of Hollandia (see Naval Incidents).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) escorting "MILDURA" departed Thursday Is. 0730/22 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (2) 17 submarines on patrol.

~~(ii)~~ ENEMY FORCES

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML's 429, 809, 815 "INVERELL" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "ALLARA"

Groote Eylandt - Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

Melville Bay - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA"

Millingimbi - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)
Merchant Vessels: "BURWAH"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - At 1225/22, dumps and installations at Timoeka were bombed and strafed by 8 Beauforts.
- (2) Drysdale Mission - At 0830/23, two enemy floatplanes intercepted a Catalina about 150 miles W. by N. of Drysdale Mission. There were no casualties to either side.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Melbourne 1445/21 for Fremantle ETA 0530/26.
- (2) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.
- (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1420/23 for Exmouth Gulf

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" (AMS)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AMS) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
"ISABEL" (PY) SC.739 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "PHOENIX" (CL) escorted by "MULLANY" "BEALE" (DD) was to depart Sydney 1100/24 for Milne Bay. "PHOENIX" to detach at 29°00'S 154°00'E and proceed Brisbane.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1015/23 for Townsville ETA 0100/28.
- (3) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Sydney 1138/23 for Brisbane ETA Hamilton Reach 1230/25.
- (4) "KYBRA" (A/S Vessel) departed Twofold Bay 2112/20 for A/S sweep.
- (5) "COLAG" departed Sydney at 0900/23 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape to seaward of shipping on inshore route returning at 0900/25.
- (6) "BARCOO" (PF) working up in Jervis Bay.
- (7) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Caloundra 0200/23 for Sydney due 1100/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" (APD) "ARUNTA" (DD)
"WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "LATROBE" "DELORAINIE"
"KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
"KYBRA" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels)
ML's 812, 822, 823 "WESTRALIA" (APA)
(Repairing, Refitting) - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART"
(CL) "WANGANELLA" (AH)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" (AMS)
"BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) "GANYMEDE" ML's 824, 828

Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" (AMS)

INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Burma Coast - On 21 Feb. 3 formations of enemy fighters totalling more than 70 aircraft were over the forward Arakan area simultaneously. 12 Spitfires intercepted and probably destroyed one enemy fighter, damaging 8 others, without loss.
 - (2) Submarine Activity - On 15 Feb. a Greek steamer was sunk in the Western approaches to One and a Half Degrees Channel (S.W. of Ceylon).
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Kavieng-Mussau Island Area - Five U.S. destroyers operating in the area from the Equator southward on 22-23 February, sank a cargo ship of about 3000 tons at 1015/22 (as reported earlier this Summary). Three of these destroyers sank an old type destroyer or escort vessel (possibly "SOKUTEN" Class) near Tingwon Island, headed East, at 1750/22. At 2115/22, the same three destroyers destroyed a large cargo vessel and the majority of 9 barges located off Southern entrance to Steffen Strait, conducting a through sweep down the West coast of New Ireland without further results. Installations at Duke of York Island were bombarded before dawn 23 Feb.

(1) Kavieng-Mussau Island Area (Contd.)-

The other two destroyers bombarded Kavieng at dawn 23 Feb. starting several fires although damage to shipping in the Harbour was unobserved. Some shore fire was reported by our destroyer units but no enemy aircraft were seen throughout the operation and no damage or casualties suffered by our units.

X (2) Saipan Area - An enemy aircraft carrier was reported damaged by a U.S. submarine at 0230/23 just West of Saipan.

X (3) Truk Area - On 15 Feb. an armed diesel trawler with many antennae possibly a radar decoy ship, was sunk by a U.S. submarine 230 miles S.S.W. of Truk.

X (4) Mandates-New Guinea - At 1130/20, a U.S. submarine sank one 6000 ton freighter and damaged another 2 ships of 6000 and 8000 tons each approx 120 miles NNW. of Hollandia. This same convoy was located again midday 23 Feb. with one damaged ship, which was being towed towards Hollandia.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Constant effort to maintain maximum air and naval strength in the general Carolines, Bismarcks, New Guinea also Malayan areas to off-set allied forward moves.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (4) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX ADELAIDE * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA) KATORI) Poss. sunk
<u>AV/GVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO BASHAW CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN KANIMELA KANCORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULFON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	fighters (incl. 6 twin-eng.)	129		
	Light & M/Bombers	129		
	SE/Bombers	10		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Floatplanes	34		
	Obsn. A/c	13		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB
INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA
NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
ALABAMA
SOUTH DAKOTA
WEST VIRGINIA

COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
IDAHO
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

MUSASHI
* YAMATO
* HYUGA (being modernised)
MUTSU (prob. sunk)

CV
ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
SARATOGA
INTREPID
ESSEX
BUNKER HILL

(L)
COWPER
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY
BLINCHTON

CABOT
LANGLEY
* INDEPENDENCE

HITAKA
* HAYATAKA
RYUHO)
TAIHO) en route South
ZUIHO

CV (T)

NOSHO

CV (E)

SANGAMON
SUWANNEE
CHENANGO
CORAL SEA
BARNES
LONG ISLAND
PRINCE WILLIAM
MISSION BAY
NASSAU

COPAHEE
CORREGIDOR
ALTAMAHA
WHITE PLAINS
BRETON
MIDWAY
RANEE
PATROLLER
PANSRAW BAY

CHIYODA (en route South)
CHITOSE
JINYO
KAIYO
* OTAKA
* UMYO

CA

BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
CAMBERIA
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

* MAYA
* MOGAMI

CCA
CL

OAKLAND
* RENO
* CONCORD

3
TATSUTA
YAHAGI
KISO
* NAGARA
* YUBARI
* NATORI
* ISUZU
* NOSHIRO

CL (T)
AV/CVS
DD
SS
AS

Approx 20
?

* KASHII
3
Approx 20
Approx 25
2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 758

Date 25 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "YMS.314" "SC's 737, 746" departed Milne Bay 1500/24 for Buna ETA 1300/25.
- (2) "VENDETTA" (DD) departed Milne Bay 0500/23 to RV with "EVANGELINE" and escort to Milne Bay.
- (3) "PC.1133" departed Milne Bay 1800/23 to RV with "JACKSONVILLE" and escort to Port Moresby.
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- (6) "WARREGO" escorting "DUNTROON" proceeding Darwin ETA 2359/27.
- (7) "GLADSTONE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
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- (11) "YMS's 9, 46" were to depart Caloundra 1900/22 for Cairns ETA 0700/26.
- (12) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Brisbane 1400/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/27.
- (13) "4 LCI's" departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (14) "PHOENIX" (CL) escorted by "MULLANY" "BEALE" (DD) departed Sydney 1108/24 for Brisbane due 0800/25. "MULLANY" "BEALE" detach off Cape Moreton and proceed Milne Bay ETA 0800/27.
- (15) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) (ex Convoy MV.67) proceeding independently to Brisbane ETA 2000/26.
- (16) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1015/23 for Townsville ETA 0100/28.
- (17) "BUNBURY" departed Melbourne 0953/24 for Brisbane ETA 1800/28.
- (18) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Sydney 1138/23 for Brisbane ETA Hamilton Reach 1230/25.
- (19) "WHYALLA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (20) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S Vessel) was to depart Sydney 0900/25 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape to seaward of shipping on inshore route returning at 0900/27.
- (21) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Saïdor - Merchant Vessels: 2: "R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL"
Rooke Is. - Escorts AMS: 1: "BENALLA"

Finschhafen -

Escorts

PC: 2: 1151, 1133
 SC: 3: 754, 735, 750
 YMS: 4: 11, 71, 313, 316 YP: 1: 233
 ML: 4: 428, 803, 806, 819

Auxiliaries

AGP: 3: "HILG" "FORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY"

Merchant Vessels

:13: "BARBARA C." "F.P. BLAIR" "BOGGFRED" "RAMO"
 "LAKE ORMAS" "MAGTAN" "SEA SNIPE" "YOCHOW"
 "E.T. OSBORNE" "J. DEERE" "J. ROLPH" "J. NICOLET"
 "W.B. ALLISON"

Lae -

Escorts

SC: 1: 747
 ML: 3: 425, 430, 431

Merchant Vessels

:13: "A. BURLINGHAM" "M. DALY" "J.B. KENDRICK"
 "KLIPPONTEIN" "H.T. RAINEY" "J.W. MELDRUM"
 "M.M. STEWART" "G.V.L. MEYER" "J.H. RUSK"
 "WICHITA FALLS" "CAPE PERPETUA" "F. BILLINGS"
 "SPAGEN"

Buna -

Escorts

Sloop: 1: "MORESBY"
 AMS: 1: "SHEPPARTON"
 SC: 4: 637, 648, 698, 736
 YMS: 4: 315, 334, 335 YP: 2: 278, 380 ML: 1: 427

Auxiliaries

AGC: 1: "BLUE RIDGE" AO: 2: "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY"
 AF: 1: "MERKUR" LSD: 1: "CARTER HALL"

Merchant Vessels

: 3: "SEOTAS" "PONCE" "W. ATWATER"

Oro Bay -

Combat Units

PC: 1: "TULSA"

Auxiliaries

AR: 1: "RIGEL"

Merchant Vessels

:12: "C. DARROW" "W. SHARON" "W. McLENNAN" "A. THOMAS"
 "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R. HEBARD" "CAPE
 LOOKOUT" "S.G. PORTER" "W. BEAUMONT" "PAHUD"
 "K.D. WIGGINS" "REIJNST"

Kiriwina -

Merchant Vessels

: 1: "VAN SWOLL"

Woodlark Is. -

Escorts

YMS: 1: 50

Goodenough Is. -

Merchant Vessels

: 4: "BRASTAGI" "J. ALDEN" "CAPE NEDDICK" "N.E.
 MACK"

Milne Bay -

Combat Units

CA: 1: "SHROPSHIRE"
 CL: 2: "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 DD: 23: "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
 "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBY"
 "KALK" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER"
 "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM"
 "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA"
 "STUART"

APD: 3: "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS"

PT: 33

Escorts

PF: 1: "CASCOYNE"

AMS: 3: "ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "STAWELL"

PC: 9: 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1132
 1134

SC: 8: 650, 699, 732, 735, 738, 741, 748, 750

YMS: 7: 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 72, 336

ML: 5: 424, 801, 802, 816, 818

Auxiliaries

AS: 2: "OTUS" "FULTON" ASR: 1: "COUCAL"

AVP: 1: "SAN PABLO" AO: 4: "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE"

"KURUMBA" "VICTORIA" APA: 1: "H.T. ALLEN"

AF: 1: "OCTANS" AGP: 1: "KOOPA" ARL: 1: "AMYCUS"

ASIS: 3: "POYANG" "PING WO" "YUNNAN"

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels

:67: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA
 PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "W.B. AYER" "J.
 BARBARA" "S.K. BARLOW" "O.M. BERNUTH"
 "S. BOLIVAR" "BOTH" "J. BURROUGHS" "CAPE BON"
 "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE GREIG"
 "CAPE MENDOCINO" "W.C. CLAIRBORNE" "CONTESSA"
 "T.M. COOLEY" "J. COOK" "T. CORWIN" "F.C. DODD"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Rabaul - Rapopo was bombed night 22-23 Feb. by 3 aircraft.

Weather prevented the major scheduled air strikes for 23 Feb. but at 1300/23, Keravat was bombed as alternative to Vunakanau by 10 Mitchells while Vunakanau was bombed through the overcast by another 9 Mitchells. 16 Corsairs escorted but no enemy planes were encountered.

Simultaneously, Vunapepe supply area was bombed by 16 Lightnings, each carrying one 500 lb. bomb. No enemy planes were encountered.

Photos giving complete coverage a.m. and p.m. 23 Feb.

indicate:

<u>Aircraft:</u>	Lakunai	: 12 F.	2 D/B.	Serviceable
<u>Airfields:</u>	Tobera	: 11 F.	-	"
	Vunakanau	: -	1 D/B. 3 M/B.	"
	Keravat	: -	-	Unserviceable
	Rapopo	: -	1 D/B. -	Serviceable

Total 30 a/c whereof 23 F. 4 D/B. 3 M/B.

The small number of aircraft shown is significant, especially as there were apparently no aircraft airborne in the vicinity at the times the photos were taken.

Shipping:

2 destroyer escorts (240 ft.)
12-13 coasters (100-175 ft.)
400 barges approx.
6 floatplanes

Coverage of Keravia Bay was only 90% and the previous location of the undamaged tanker was not covered: the damaged tanker was however, still present.

The absence of all sizeable merchant ships together with the reduction in the number of small coasters (5 are missing since 21 Feb. including 3 since the shipping strike 22 Feb.) and floatplanes present is significant. Cape

At 0945/24, a submarine was reported 4 miles N. of Gazell heading West, apparently into Blanche Bay, possibly returning from a transportation mission.

(2) Bismarcks-Mandates - Further details concerning the 5-ship convoy reported in yesterday's Summary No. 757, approx 50 miles E.N.E. of Kavieng shortly before midnight 23-24 Feb., relate that the convoy was apparently on a northerly course at the time of sighting and was seen again at 0230/24 slightly further North. The evidence available is not however entirely conclusive that the convoy was in fact outward-bound.

(3) S.E. New Britain - At 1005/24, aircraft reported 2 submarines off Cape Beechey; the report is as yet unconfirmed.

(4) Rein Bay - At 1115-1130/22, Iboki Plantation was attacked as alternative target to Momote by 42 Mitchells and 18 Liberators.

(5) W. New Britain - A few Japanese are still being encountered by our patrols (23 Feb.) in the area East and North of Lupin airfield.

Marine patrols from the Borgen Bay area have passed Cape Raout (between Rein Bay and Rottock Bay) 23 Feb. taking a few Jap prisoners and capturing supply and ammunition dumps.

(6) Admiralty Islands - Reconnaissance of Manus Island 23 Feb. reported no signs of enemy activity on Manus and Les Negros Islands. Momote and Leregau air strips appeared grass-covered and unserviceable; although the area was closely scrutinized at low altitude for a considerable time by 3 Mitchells, no signs of life were noticed and no A/A was received.

(7) Wewak - Shortly before noon 23 Feb. A/A positions at Wewak were bombed by 16 escorted Liberators.

16 Thunderbolts made a sweep over the area 1530-1600/23. No enemy air opposition was encountered on either mission.

(8) Three ships, probably small sea trucks, and some barges were reported in the Wewak area by aircraft participating in the above missions.

(8) Hansa Bay - At 1250/24, A/A positions near Nubia airfield were bombed and strafed by 11 Vengeances.

(9) Saidor Area - On 23 Feb. Teteri (8 miles W. of Saidor) was occupied by our troops. 50 dead Japs were found in the area. Villages and tracks along the escape route S. and W. of Saidor are being attacked daily by fighter and attack bomber sweeps.

On 23 Feb. however, a party of Japs, probably small, was reported by aircraft to be heading East across Yagamon River Mouth (just E. of Pommern Bay).

Milne Bay -
Merchant Vessels
 (Contd.)

"DON MARQUIS" "S. EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
 "ESSO BAYONNE" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO
 PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN" "L. FAIRCHILD" "M.
 FLINDERS" "GREY LAG" "D. HEWES" "A. HILL"
 "D. E. HUGHES" "B. F. IRVINE" "ISOLATOR"
 "KATOOMBA" "L. S. KELLY" "W. S. LADD" "J. LIND"
 "Z. LYKES" "MILWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS"
 "MORMACDALE" "MORMACSEA" "F. B. OLSON"
 "JAMES D. PHALAN" "PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON"
 "ROSEVILLE" "J. ROSS" "J. ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL"
 "A. SALCRAINE" "SEA SCAMP" "SIBIGO" "N. J.
 SINNOTT" "C. SKINNER" "W. C. SQUIRE" "G. STIRLING"
 "C. SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM"
 "H. V. WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN" "M. WALKER"

Port Moresby -

Escorts AMS: 2: "MILDURA" "WAGGA" ML: 1: 426
Auxiliaries AGS: 1: "POLARIS"
Merchant Vessels : 9: "P. T. DODDRIDGE" "MULIAMA" "W. J. SUBJETTE"
 "S. C. PAYNE" "L. L. DYCHE" "S. BRANNON" "EMPIRE
 SILVER" "WEST TEXAS" "CANBERRA"

Thursday Island -

Auxiliaries AVP: 1: "HERON" ARS: 1: "CAMBRIAN SALVOR"

Cairns -

Escorts PF: 2: "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 AMS: 6: "ARARAT" "BALLARAT" "BUNDABERG" "KATOOMBA"
 "KALGOORLIE" "PIRIE"
 SC: 5: 703, 743, 744, 981, 982
 YMS: 5: 8, 50, 805, 811, 820 ML: 1: 804
Auxiliaries AR: 1: "PLATYPUS"
 APA: 2: "KANIMELA" "MANCOORA"

Towansville -

Auxiliaries AMS: 2: "BROOME" "KAFUNDA"
 AH: 1: "MANUNDA" AP: 1: "ORIZABA"

Palm Island -

Auxiliaries AVP: 1: "HALF MOON"

Gladstone -

Escorts YMS: 1: 393 ML: 1: 817

Brisbane -

Auxiliaries Sloop: 1: "SWAN" AE: 1: "FYRO" AKS: 1: "ALGORAB"
 AH: 1: "MAETSUYCKER"
Escorts AMS: 3: "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 SC: 3: 731, 745, 749
 YMS: 1: 10 YP: 2: 236, 291 ML: 3: 808, 821, 827

Sydney -

Combat Units DD: 1: "ARUNTA" APD: 1: "GILMER"
Escorts PF: 1: "BARCOO" ML: 3: 812, 822, 823
 AMS: 6: "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "LATROBE" "DELORAINIE"
 "KIAMA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
Auxiliaries A/S: 3: "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA"
 APA: 1: "WESTRALIA" AF: 1: "CALAMARES"
 (Repairing, Refitting -
 CA: 1: "AUSTRALIA"
 CU: 1: "HOBART"
 AE: 1: "WANGANELLA"

Melbourne -

Escorts AMS: 1: "LITHGOW" ML: 2: 824, 826
Auxiliaries AK: 1: "GANYMED"

Adelaide -

Escorts AMS: 1: "GEE LONG"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- 1 "MILDURA" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy NT.73 ("CANBERRA" "L. L. DYCHE") to depart Port Moresby 1800/25. Escorts detach at Fitzroy Is., whence consorts proceed independently to Brisbane.
- (2) "YP.291" to depart Caloundra 1730/25 for Palm Is. ETA 1400/28 thence Cairns and Thursday Is.
- (3) 1 LST. to depart Brisbane 1200/25 for Cairns ETA 1900/28.
- (4) "SC.731" to carry out trials in Moreton Bay 0700-1700/22; to be sailed 25 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duties between Thursday Is. and Merauke.
- (5) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) escorting "MILDURA" departed Thursday Is. 0730/22 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "BURWAH" was to depart Millingimbi 0800/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 0800/27.
- (3) "BOWEN" (AMS) escorting "GORGON" departed Thursday Is. 1903/24 for Merauke was due 1130/25.
- (4) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin -

Escorts AMS: 1: "INVERELL" ML: 3: 429, 809, 815
Merchant Vessels : 3: "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "ALLARA"

Groote Eylandt -

Merchant Vessels : 1: "BABINDA"

Melville Bay -

Merchant Vessels : 1: "SUVA"

(1) ENEMY FORCES

~~Balikpapan~~ - Night 22-23 Feb. Catalinas reported 4 large tankers, 2-3 merchant ships (including one large) in the Balikpapan vicinity.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Melbourne 1445/21 for Fremantle ETA 0530/26.
- (2) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.
- (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1420/23 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle -

~~X~~ Combat Units CA: 1: "SUSSEX"
Escorts AMS: 2: "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" SC: 1: 739 YP: 1: 288
Auxiliaries ASR: 1: "CHANTICLEER" CMA: "ATREUS"
AM: 2: "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
AS: 2: "PELIAS" "ORION"

Exmouth Gulf -

Auxiliaries AV: 1: "CHILDS" AVD: 1: "W.B.PRESTON"

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls - On 23 Feb. Parry Island was captured. This was the last point of resistance in the Atoll which is now completely in allied hands. It is estimated that 3000 enemy troops represented the enemy garrison in the entire Eniwetok Atoll. Some 50 Japs including 13 Korean were captured on Eniwetok Island; many of these surrendered on loud-speaker invitation.
A.m. 22 Feb. Ponape was bombed by 21 Liberators. One large and one medium cargo vessels in addition to many small craft were seen in the area. During 22-23 Feb., allied light air strikes were conducted against Kusaie, Rongelap, Utirik, Wotje, Taroa and Mille.
 - (2) Marianas - Preliminary reports indicate that Saipan and Tenian were struck 23 Feb. by a strong Pacific Fleet task force including several hundred carrier based planes. No further details are yet available.
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ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity - During the night 22-23 Feb. 3 ships in convoy were torpedoed in the Gulf of Aden close to the Arabian coast about 250 miles from Aden. Enemy submarine activity reported in the Gulf of Aden recently is summarised hereunder -

Probably 25 Jan.	"FORT DELAUNAINE" sunk
26 "	"SURADA" sunk
26 "	"SAMOURI" sunk
29 "	"OLGA E. EMBIRICOS" sunk
4 Feb.	"CHUNG CHENG" sunk
8 "	Dhows attacked (not 18 Feb. as previously reported)
9 "	"VIVA" sunk
22 "	3 ships in convoy torpedoed.

The unit, believed German, which was responsible at least for the first few above-mentioned victims was thought possibly to have moved, or to have been moving, across the Arabian Sea, early this month.

It is not known whether this unit has returned to Gulf of Aden, whether she has been replaced or perhaps joined by a second unit in the area.

There appear to be in total 4-5 enemy submarines operating against shipping or on reconnaissance in the Indian Ocean, thus:-

One in the Gulf of Aden area.

Possibly one in the Gulf of Oman or moving thereto from S.W.

One Jap. submarine in area off W. coast India, including Lacadive Is., probably moving N.W.

One Jap unit in coastal belt Calcutta to Ceylon.

One unit in Maldives-Ceylon area.

In addition there have been 3 D/F fixes in the South central Indian Ocean along the 31-32° parallel between 60-72° E. longitude, between 17 and 23 Feb. including at least one German unit possibly indicating blockade-runners.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Northern Bismarcks, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (3) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA) KATORI) Poss. sunk
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN RACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
	BALAO) BASHAW) CERO) DACE) DARTER) FLOUNDER) GATO) PETO)	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH) K. 9) SCAMP)	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (NE Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	149		
	Light & M/Bombers	132		
	SE/Bombers	10		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Floatplanes	34		
	Obsn. a/c	22		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>L</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB
INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA
NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
ALABAMA
SOUTH DAKOTA
WEST VIRGINIA

COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
IDAHO
CALIFORNIA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

MUSASHI
* YAMATO
MUTSU (prob. sunk)

CV
ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
SARATOGA
INTREPID
ESSEX
BUNKER HILL

CV(L)
COWPENS
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY
PRINCETON

CABOT
LANGLEY
* INDEPENDENCE

HITAKA
* HAYATAKA
RYUHO) Poss. en
TAIHO) route South
ZUIHO

CV(T) -

HOSHO

CV(E)
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE
CHENANGO
CORAL SEA
BARNES
LONG ISLAND
PRINCE WILLIAM
MISSION BAY
NASSAU

COPAHEE
CORREGIDOR
ALTAMAHA
WHITE PLAINS
BRETON
MIDWAY
RANEE
PATROLLER
FANSHAW BAY

CHIYODA (poss. en route
* CHITOSE South)
JINYO
KAIYO
* OTAKA
* UNYO

CA
BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
CANBERRA
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

* MAYA
* MOGAMI

OCA
CL
-
OAKLAND
* RENO
* CONCORD

3
TATSUTA
YAHAGI
KISO
* NAGARA
* YUBARI
* NATORI
* ISUZU
* NOSHIRO

CL(T) -
AV/CVS -
DD ?
SS Approx 30
AS ?

* KASHII
3
Approx 20
Approx 25
2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE HYUGA YAMASHIRO FUSO (possibly)
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLE UNICORN SHAH	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA) One reported OI) sunk * KITAGAMI KINU
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>V/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI (poss. sunk)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(BILLFISH (BLUEFISH (BONEFISH On (CABRILLA Patrol (CREVALLE (COD (GUNNEL (HAKE (HOE	JACK PUFFER NORWAL RASHER RATON RAY ROBALO K.15	17 (incl. 6 German)
	K.12 BOWFIN HADDO HAKE POMPON REDFIN))) At Fremantle))	
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS GRION		

AIRCRAFT (NW. Area Only)
Fighters (incl. 23 twin eng.) 107
Light & M/Bombers 33
SE/Bombers 3
Flying Boats 65
Floatplanes 17
Obsn/A/c

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 759

Date 26 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Buna 0840/25 for Saidor was due 0600/26.
- (2) "YMS's ? and 316" escorting Convoy GB.42 (3 MV) en route Finschhafen and Lae to Milne Bay ETA 1500/26.
- (3) "YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1455/25 for Finschhafen ETA 1200/27.
- (4) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) departed Buna 0900/25 for Tuam Is. ETA 0800/27.
- (5) "PC.1133" departed Milne Bay 1800/23 to RV with "JACKSONVILLE" and escort to Port Moresby.
- (6) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1515/25 for RV with "PRESIDENT GRANT" to escort to Milne Bay. "PRESIDENT GRANT" reported aground S.E. of China Strait prior 0700/26. "GASCONYNE" (PF) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" proceeding with utmost despatch to assist.
- (7) "VENDETTA" departed Milne Bay 1625/25 to RV with "ORIZABA" (ex Townsville) and escort to Milne Bay due 26 Feb.
- (8) "ML.426" escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (AO) departed Port Moresby 1630/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1830/26. "ML.426" to return Port Moresby from China Strait.
- (9) "THORNE" (DD) escorting "S.T.WHITE" was to depart Guadalcanal 25 Feb. for Milne Bay.
- (10) "MULLANY" "BEALE" (DD) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 0800/27.
- (11) "PHOENIX" was to depart Caloundra 2100/25 for Milne Bay.
- (12) "GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (13) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TN.222 (3 MV) departed Townsville 1556/25. "KAPUNDA" to proceed independently to Port Moresby ETA 2300/27 after handing over consorts to "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "SC's 742, 981" (ex Cairns) vicinity Fitzroy Is. for escort to Milne Bay.
- (14) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Brisbane 1400/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/27.
- (15) 4 LCI's departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (16) "BOISE" (CL) was to depart Milne Bay area 0633/26 for Sydney ETA 0515/29.
- (17) "STAWELL" escorting "KATOOMBA" departed Milne Bay 1200/24 for Bowen and Townsville ETA Bowen 2300/26.
- (18) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) escorting "A.HILL" departed Milne Bay 1545/25 ETA Grafton Passage 1500/27.
- (19) "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy MV.68 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1630/25 ETA Grafton Passage 0500/28.
- (20) "MILDURA" "WAGGA" (AMS) escorting Convoy NT.73 (2 MV) departed Port Moresby 1830/25; escorts ETA Cairns 1100/27.
- (21) "GLADSTONE" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (22) "YMS.47" carrying out daylight M/S duty in Grafton Passage and approaches.
- (23) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1730/25 for Palm Island ETA 1400/28, thence to proceed Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (24) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.

- (25) "YMS.9, 46" were to depart Caloundra 1900/22 for Cairns were due 0700/26.
 (26) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) (ex Convoy MW.67) proceeding independently to Brisbane ETA 2000/26.
 (27) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1015/23 for Townsville ETA 0100/28.
 (28) "BUNBURY" departed Melbourne 0953/24 for Brisbane ETA 1800/28.
 (29) "WHYALLA" conducting A/S patrol SandyCape area.
 (30) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S vessel) departed Sydney 0900/25 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape to seaward of shipping on inshore route returning at 0900/27.
 (31) "WESTRALIA" (APA) was to depart Sydney 1100/26 for Milne Bay.
 (32) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" (DD) to depart Sydney 1600/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/1 March. A/A and day and night surface firing will be carried out off Cape Moreton p.m. 27 Feb.
 (2) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Sydney:

Merchant Vessels 2 : "R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL"
Finschhafen:
 Escorts 2 PG : 1131, 1133
 3 SC : 734, 735, 750
 3 YMS : 11, 313, 315 2 YP : 233, 280
 4 ML : 428, 803, 806, 819
 Auxiliaries 3 : "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
 Merchant Vessels 14 : "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "FORGFRED" "RAMO"
 "MACTAN" "SEA SNIPE" "YOCHOW" "B.T.OSBORNE"
 "J.DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON"
 "G.V.L.MEYER" "W.ATWATER"

Lae:

Escorts 2 ML : 425, 431
 Merchant Vessels 12 : "M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK" "KLIPFONTEIN" "H.T. RAINEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "J.H.RUSK"
 "WIGGITA FALLS" "CAPE PERPETUA" "F.BILLINGS"
 "STAGEN" "PONCE"

Buna:

Escorts 1 PS : "MORESBY"
 1 AMS : "SHEPPARTON"
 5 SC : 637, 648, 736, 737, 746
 2 YMS : 314, 335; 2 YP: 278, 380; 1 ML: 427
 Auxiliaries 6 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY"
 (AO) "MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
 Merchant Vessels 4 : "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BOTH" "CAPE FLATTERY"
 "SKOTAS"

Oro Bay:

Combat Units 1 PG : "TULSA"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "RIGEL" (AR)
 Merchant Vessels 12 : "C.DARROW" "W.SHARON" "W.McLENNAN" "A.THOMAS"
 "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT"
 "S.G.PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "PAHUB" "K.D. WIGGINS" "F.A.WARDELL"

Kiriwina:

Merchant Vessels 1 : "VAN SWOLL"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts 1 YMS : 50

Goodenough Is:

Merchant Vessels 4 : "J.ALDEN" "CAPE NEDDICK" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E. MACK"

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
 2 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 23 ED : "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
 "BACHE" "AMMEN" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBEY" "KALK"
 "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"
 "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON"
 "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART"

Milne Bay (Contd.)

Escorts

2 AMS : "ARARAT" "BENDIGO"
 8 PC : 476, 479, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1132, 1134
 10 SC : 650, 698, 699, 732, 735, 738, 741, 747,
 748, 750
 9 YMS : 49, 52, 55, 70, 71, 72, 73, 336, 334
 6 ML : 424, 430, 801, 802, 816, 818 1 YP:280

Auxiliaries

118 : "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD)
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE"
 "VICTORIA" "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR)
 "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)
 "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "POYANG" "PING
 WO" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS
FORWARD OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels 63

: "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "E.D.BAKER" "J.BARBANA" "S.K.BARLOW" "O.M.
 BERNUTH" "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANNON" "J.
 BURROUGHS" "J.CABRILLO" "CAPE BON" "CAPE
 CLEAR" "CAPE GREIG" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.COOK"
 "T.CORWIN" "F.C.DODD" "DON MARQUIS"
 "S.EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO BAYONNE"
 "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN"
 "EVANGALINE" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS"
 "D.HEWES" "D.E.HUGHES" "B.F.IRVINE"
 "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "L.S.KELLY" "W.S.LADD"
 "J.LIND" "MORMACEALE" "Z.LYKES" "MANA"
 "MIDWEST FARMER" "MANSY HANKS" "MORMACSEA"
 "JAMES D.PHALAN" "REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE"
 "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS"
 "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "A.SALCRAINE"
 "SEA SCAMP" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SINFOTT" "O.
 SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER"
 "TRIANGULUM" "H.V.WHITE" "VAN OUTHOORN"
 "VAN DER LIJN" "M.WALKER"

Port Moresby:

Auxiliaries

1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Merchant Vessels

6 : "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETTE"
 "S.C.PAYNE" "S.BRANNON" "WEST TEXAS"

Thursday Island:

Auxiliaries

2 : "HERON" (AVP) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Gairns:

Escorts

2 PF : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 4 AMS : "ARARAT" "BALLARAT" "KATOOMBA" "KALGOORLIE"
 4 SC : 703, 743, 744, 982 1 ML: 804
 6 YMS : 8, 48, 50, 805, 811, 820 1 PC: 477
 3 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANIMELA" "MANOORA" (APA)

Auxiliaries

Townsville:

Auxiliaries

2 : "BROOME" (AMS) "MANUNDA" (AH)

Palm Island:

Auxiliaries

1 : "HALF MOON" (AVP)

Gladstone:

Escorts

1 YMS : 393 1 ML: 817

Brisbane:

Escorts

1 PS : "SWAN"
 3 AMS : "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE"
 3 SC : 731, 745, 749 1 YMS: 10 3 ML:808,821,827
 3 : "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGORAB"
 (AKS) 1 YP: 236

Auxiliaries

Sydney:

Combat Units

Escorts

1 DD : "ARUNTA"
 1 PF : "BARCOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823
 6 AMS : "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "LATROBE" "DELORAINÉ"
 "KIAMA" "COLAC" "WARRNAMBOOL"
 3 A/S : "KYBRA" "DOOMBA" "YANDRA"
 2 : "GILMER" (APD) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 3 : "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "WANGANELLA"
 (AH)

Melbourne:

Escorts

1 AMS : "LITHEGOW" 2 ML: 824, 826

Auxiliaries

1 : "GANYMEDE" (AK)

Adelaide:

Escorts

1 AMS : "GERLONG"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons - Photos of enemy held airfields Northern Solomons Feb. 24 reveal all still unserviceable with slight indications of some repair on South Bougainville fields. Only 6 barges were observed in the Buin-Shortland anchorages.
Night Feb. 24, PT boats bombarded enemy shore positions at the mouth of Mibe River, S.W. Bougainville.
There is still evidence of enemy ground activity around the Torokina perimeter where allied patrols remain active. On Feb. 23, 20 Soupas Dauntless and 6 Liberators were involved in attacks against enemy positions in this area. On Feb. 23, Aircobras and Kittyhawks also attacked ground positions Buka-Matchin Bay area.
- (2) Admiralty Islands - Two Mitchells attacked Lorengau and Momote strips noon Feb. 25, while one Liberator bombed stores area Momote forenoon Feb. 24.
- (3) Bismarcks - Night Feb. 24-25, 5 allied destroyers again made a sweep of Northern Bismarcks and bombarded Kavieng. Shore installations were silenced and spotting aircraft report one enemy vessel sunk in Kavieng Harbour, 2 left burning and several small vessels hit. Fires were also caused throughout the dump area.
At 1245/24, a single Mitchell attacked a medium sized freighter off New Hanover scoring 2 near misses. The vessel was reported to be left in a sinking condition. At 0150/25, U.S. destroyers report sinking a large merchant vessel in this same area, which may possibly have been the same unit damaged the previous day.
- (4) Rabaul - Photos of shipping Rabaul Harbour on Feb. 24 are reported to include two 10,000 ton cargo vessels, one large cargo vessel (550 ft) in addition to 9-10 coasters and other small craft.
The reference to three large vessels is surprising in view of the previous day's photographs which include only small type craft and there is no report of inward-bound shipping during the interim period to fit in with this latest report.
- (5) Gazelle Peninsula - At 1130/25, 2 medium cargo vessels were reported in Atallukun Bay.
- (6) New Britain - Forenoon Feb. 24, two Beaufighters strafed barges Ubili area, while two Beauforts attacked ground positions Jacquinet Bay and two others Cape Beechey and Cape Dampier areas during afternoon.
Forenoon Feb. 24, Cape Hoskins strip was reported unserviceable and no signs of activity were observed.
Forenoon Feb. 24, 4 Kittyhawks strafed and damaged a large enemy barge in the Gasmata area, while a Mitchell also strafed two other barges in the same vicinity. Five Bostons meanwhile strafed enemy ground positions Commodore Bay area.
- (7) Wewak - Forenoon Feb. 24, 36 Bostons with fighter escort bombed and strafed enemy targets in this area, including grounded aircraft, A/A positions, stores, dumps, barges and luggers. Final results are not yet assessed.
Several small groups of barges and luggers were reported in the general Hansa Bay-Wewak Area during the missions on Feb. 24.
- (8) Hansa Bay - Forenoon Feb. 24, 12 R.A.A.F. Vengeances escorted by 12 Kittyhawks attacked A/A positions Hansa Bay, encountering heavy A/A fire which resulted in the loss of 2 Vengeances. Several hits were observed on both heavy and light A/A positions.
Forenoon Feb. 25, 6 Liberators also attacked heavy A/A positions Nubia strip observing 7 fighters of undetermined serviceability on the ground.
- (9) Alexishafen - Forenoon Feb. 24, 3 Liberators bombed stores and personnel areas and reported no signs of enemy activity and the place apparently deserted.
- (10) Saidor Area - Our patrols in this area continue to report enemy troops in poor condition endeavouring to move Westwards.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" (AMS) escorting "MILDURA" departed Thursday Is. 0730/22 for Darwin ETA 1200/26.
- (2) "WARREGO" (AMS) escorting "DUNTROON" (AP) proceeding Darwin ETA 2359/27.
- (3) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "BURWAH" departed Millingimbi 0800/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 0800/27.
- (4) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "ALLARA" departed Darwin 1030/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/28.
- (5) 17 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 3 ML : 429, 809, 815
Merchant Vessels 2 : "COOLEBAR" "KAILUA"

Groote Eylandt:

Merchant Vessels 1 : "EABINDA"

Melville Bay:

Merchant Vessels 1 : "SUVA"

Merauke:

Escorts 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
Merchant Vessels 1 : "GORGON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - On Feb. 24, 9 Beaufighters strafed villages along S. coast of Timor, between Benain and Bebeeloe River.
- (2) Ambon - Preliminary report of Liberator strike against shipping in Ambon Bay on Feb. 25, indicates 4 near misses and one possible hit were scored on the stern of one vessel.
Two small to medium freighters and numerous harbour craft were observed.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "ADELAIDE" (CL) departed Melbourne 1445/21 for Fremantle was due 0530/26.
- (2) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.
- (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1420/23 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CA : "SUSSEX"
Escorts 2 AMS: "DUBBO" "HORSHAM"
1 SC : 739 1 YP: 288
Auxiliaries 6 : "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (GM) "LARK"
"SHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Marshalls - Jaluit - Carrier based aircraft attacked Jaluit twice during Feb. 20, employing 39 bombers and 36 fighters which dropped 30 tons of bombs and also thoroughly strafed the area. Heavy accurate A/A fire was encountered but no U.S. losses were suffered. Photos show direct hit scored on 2 hangars on Imedj also other hits in barracks, and one of two ammunition buildings which exploded. The power plant at Jaber was also hit and the radio station near Sydney pier. Only one cargo vessel apparently beached was reported.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC (Contd.)

- (2) Carolines - Kusaie - P.m. Feb. 25, one small merchant vessel was reported near the wharf.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Western Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (3) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEPPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBERT	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO BASEAW CERC DACE DARTER FLOUNDER GATC PETC	On Patrol	15	25
	BLACKFISH K.9 SCAMP	At Brisbane At Sydney At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)
 Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.) 149
 Light & M/Bombers 132
 M/Bombers 10
 Flying Boats 2
 Floatplanes 34
 Obsn. A/c 22

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>GA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI * YAMATO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		-
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO) Poss. en TAIHO) route South ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALPAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss. en route * CHITOSE South) JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		* MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>CCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		3 YANAGI KISO * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		* KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		3
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 20
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		Approx 25
<u>AS</u>	?		2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines	
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE HYUGA YAMASHIRO FUSO (possibly)	
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU	
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH	-	
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAÉ TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	YUBARI TATSUTA KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI KINU	
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOI	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	? Approx 27	1 25	
<u>SS</u>	(BILLFISH (BLUEFISH (BONEFISH On (CABRILLA Patrol CREVALLE (COD (FLASHER (GUNNEL (HOE K.12 BOWFIN HADDO HAKE REDFIN	JACK POMPON PUFFER NORWHAL RASHER RATON RAY ROBALO K.15)) At Fremantle)))		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION			

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 23 twin-eng.)	107
Light & M/Bombers	33
SE/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	65 3
Floatplanes	65
Obsn. A/c	17

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 760

Date 27 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "BENALLA" (AMS) departed Buna 0840/25 for Saidor was due 0600/26 to assist HDML.1129.
- (2) "YP.283" departed Milne Bay 1455/25 for Finschhafen ETA 1200/27.
- (3) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) departed Buna 0900/25 for Tuam Is. ETA 0800/27.
- (4) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1515/25 to RV with "PRESIDENT GRANT" to escort to Milne Bay. "PRESIDENT GRANT" reported aground S.E. of China Strait prior 0700/26. "GASCOYNE" (PF) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" standing by to assist.
- (5) "VENDETTA" departed Milne Bay 1625/25 to RV with "ORIZABA" (ex Townsville) and escort to Milne Bay due 26 Feb.
- (6) "ML.426" escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" (AO) departed Port Moresby 1630/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1830/26. "ML.426" to return Port Moresby from China Strait.
- (7) "THORNE" (DD) escorting "S.T.WHITE" was to depart Guadalcanal 25 Feb. for Milne Bay.
- (8) "MULLANY" "BEALE" (DD) proceeding Milne Bay due 0800/27.
- (9) "PHOENIX" was to depart Caloundra 2100/25 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Sydney 1653/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/1, carrying out A/A and day and night surface firing off Cape Moreton p.m. 27 Feb.
- (11) "GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (12) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) escorting Convoy TN.222 (3 MV) departed Townsville 1556/25. "KAPUNDA" to proceed independently to Port Moresby ETA 2300/27 after handing over escorts to "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE" "SC's 742, 981" (ex Cairns) vicinity Fitzroy Is. for escort to Milne Bay.
- (13) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) departed Cairns 1428/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1110/28.
- (14) "DOBBIN" (AD) departed Brisbane 1400/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/27.
- (15) "4 LCI's" departed Sydney 1213/21 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/28.
- (16) "BOISE" (CL) was to depart Milne Bay area 0633/26 for Sydney ETA 0515/29.
- (17) "PC.1120" departed Milne Bay 1600/26 ETA Grafton Passage 0900/28.
- (18) "KATOOMBA" (AMS) escorting "A.HILL" departed Milne Bay 1545/25 ETA Grafton Passage 1500/27.
- (19) "CASTLEMAINE" "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Convoy MV.68 (2 MV) departed Milne Bay 1630/25 ETA Grafton Passage 0500/28.
- (20) "MILDURA" "WAGGA" (AMS) escorting Convoy NT.73 (2 MV) departed Port Moresby 1830/25; escorts ETA Cairns 1100/27.
- (21) "BALLARAT" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (22) "2 LCI's" departed Brisbane 2146/26 for Mackay ETA 1600/28; to escort 1 LCT to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (23) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1730/25 for Palm Island ETA 1400/28, thence to proceed Cairns and Thursday Island.

- (24) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) conducting salvage operations on "WANAKA" on Corbett Reef.
- (25) "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1015/23 for Townsville ETA 0100/28.
- (26) "BUNBURY" departed Melbourne 0953/24 for Brisbane ETA 1800/28.
- (27) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Townsville 1220/25 for Caloundra ETA 1630/27.
- (28) "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Sydney 1450/26 for Townsville ETA 0030/1 for onward routing to Darwin.
- (29) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) was to depart Townsville 2300/26 for Sydney ETA 1600/1.
- (30) "WHYALLA" conducting A/S patrol Sandy Cape area.
- (31) "ABRAHAM CRIJHSSSEN" (A/S Vessel) departed Sydney 0900/25 to carry out A/S sweep to Smoky Cape to seaward of shipping on inshore route returning at 0900/27.
- (32) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Sydney 1100/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/2.
- (33) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SC.745" to depart Caloundra 2100/27 to relieve "WHYALLA" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol, returning Brisbane 1200/2. "WHYALLA" returns Brisbane on relief.
- (2) "KAPUNDA" escorting "WEST CACTUS" to depart Port Moresby 28 Feb. for Milne Bay.
- (3) "BUNGAREE" (CM) to depart Caloundra 1430/27 for Townsville ETA 1200/1.
- (4) "SC.731" to depart Brisbane 28 Feb. for Thursday Is. for escort duty between Merauke and Thursday Island.
- (5) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(c) In Harbour:

Saider:

Merchantmen	3	:	"R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL" "COMARA"
<u>Finschhafen:</u>			
Escorts	2 PG	:	1131, 1133
	3 SC	:	734, 735, 750
	3 ML	:	428, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	2	:	"PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP)
Merchantmen	14	:	"BARBARA C." "P.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "B.T.OSBORNE" "J.DEERE" "J. ROLPH" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON" "G.V.L.MEYER" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE PERPETUA"

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Escorts	2 ML	:	425, 431
Merchantmen	11	:	"M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK" "KLIPFONTEIN" "H.T. RAINEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS" "F.BILLINGS" "STAGEN" "PONCE"

Buna:

Escorts	1 PS	:	"MORESEY"
	1 AMS	:	"SHEPPARTON"
	5 SC	:	637, 648, 736, 737, 746
	4 YMS	:	313, 314, 315, 333
* <u>Auxiliaries</u>	6	:	"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BOTH" "CAPE CLEARE" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE NEDDICK" "VAN OUTHOORN"

Oro Bay:

Combat Units	1 PG	:	"TULSA"
Auxiliaries	1	:	"RIGEL" (AR)
Merchantmen	13	:	"C.DARROW" "W.SHARON" "W.McLENNAN" "A.THOMAS" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G.PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "PAHUD" "K.D.WIGGINS" "F.A.WARDELL" "MANA"

Kiriwina:

Escorts	1 ML	:	819
Auxiliaries	1	:	"HILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	1	:	"VAN SWOLL"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts	1 YMS	:	50
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Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen	4	:	"J.ALDEN" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK" "W.C.CLAIRBORN"
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* Auxiliaries	6	:	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
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Milne Bay:

Combat Units

1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
 2 CL : "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"
 23 DD : "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "BACHE"
 "AMMEN" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK"
 "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"
 "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON"
 "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART"

Escorts

33 PT
 2 AMS : "ARARAT" "BENDIGO"
 8 PC : 476, 479, 1119, 1122, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134
 10 SC : 650, 798, 699, 732, 735, 738, 741, 747, 748, 750
 9 YMS : 11, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 72, 73, 316, 336, 334
 6 ML : 424, 430, 801, 802, 816, 818 1 YP: 280

Auxiliaries

18 : "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) "SAN PABLO"
 (AVP) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
 "KURUMBA" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "OTUS" "FULTON"
 (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AGI)
 "AMYCUS" (ARL) "POYANG" "PING WO" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchantmen

62 : "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
 "E.D.BAKER" "J.BARBARA" "S.K.BARLOW" "O.M.
 BERNUTH" "R.S.BEAN" "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANNON"
 "A.BURLINGHAME" "J.BURROUGHS" "J.CABRILLO"
 "CAPE BON" "CAPE GREIG" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.COOK"
 "T.CORWIN" "D.CROCKETT" "F.C.DODD" "DON MARQUIS"
 "S.EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO BAYONNE"
 "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN"
 "EVANGELINE" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS" "D.HEWE"
 "D.E.HUGHES" "B.F.IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS"
 "L.S.KELLY" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND"
 "MORMACDALE" "Z.LYKES" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST
 FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACSEA" "JAMES D.
 PHALAN" "REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE" "A.ROBINSON"
 "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL"
 "SIBIGO" "SEA SNIPE" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SIENOTT"
 "O.SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER"
 "TRIANGULUM" "H.V.WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN"
 "H.WALKER"

Port Moresby:

Auxiliaries
Merchantmen

1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)
 7 : "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETTE"
 "S.C.PAYNE" "S.BRANNON" "WEST TEXAS" "JACKSON-
 VILLE"

Thursday Is.:

Escorts
Auxiliaries

1 AMS : "COOTAMUNDRA"
 1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Cairns:

Escorts

2 PF : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
 4 AMS : "ARARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA" "STAWELL"
 4 SC : 703, 743, 744, 982 1 ML: 804
 8 YMS : 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 805, 811, 820 1 PC: 47
 3 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANINELA" "MANCOORA" (APA)

Townsville:
Escorts

1 AMS : "EROOME"

Palm Island:

Auxiliaries

1 : "HALF MOON" (AVP)

Madstone:

Escorts

1 YMS : 393 1 ML: 817

Brisbane:

Escorts

1 CM : "BUNGAREE"
 1 PS : "SWAN"
 3 AMS : "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "BYMPIE"

Auxiliaries

3 SC : 731, 745, 749 1 YMS: 10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827
 4 : "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGORAB" (AKS)
 "SHIRELLAMY" (AO) 1 YP: 236

Sydney:

Escorts	1 PG	:	"BARCOO"	3 ML:	812, 822, 823
	6 AMS	:	"WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "DELORAINIE" "KIAMA" "COLAC" "WARRNAMBOOL"		
Auxiliaries	3 A/S	:	"KYBRA" "DOOMEA" "YANDRA"		
(Repairing, Refitting)	2	:	"GILMER" (APD) "CALAMARES" (AF)		
Melbourne:	3	:	"AUSTRALIA" (CA) "HOBART" (CL) "WANGANILLA" (AH)		
Escorts	1 AMS	:	"LITHGOW"	2 ML:	824, 826
Auxiliaries	1	:	"GANYMEDIE" (AK)		
Adelaide:					
Escorts	1 AMS	:	"GEELONG"		

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Islands - At 0930/24, a submarine was sighted off Russell Is.
- (2) Empress Augusta Bay - A.m. 25 Feb. enemy positions on hill features N.E. of Piva between the Laruma and Torokina Rivers were twice attacked on each occasion by 18 Dauntless and 12 Avengers. Ground observers reported the bombing to be accurate.
- (3) Buka Passage - Night 23-24 Feb. Lemannanu Mission (N.W. of the Passage) and other islands in the vicinity were shelled by PT. boats.
- (4) Cape St. George - The radar station was bombed 1205/24 by 24 Liberators as alternative target to Vunakanau which was closed in by cloud.
- (5) Rabaul - At 0935/24, Vunapope supply area was bombed, as alternative target to Vunakanau which was closed in by cloud, by 60 Dauntless, 22 Avengers with 59 Corsairs, Warhawks, Hellcats escorting. Numerous fires and explosions followed and great destruction inflicted.

At 1020-1040/24, Tobera, Kervata and the town area were attacked by 22 Mitchells escorted by 19 Corsairs, again as alternative to Vunakanau.

A third strike on Vunakanau was attempted shortly afterwards by 24 Liberators but weather prevented the attack.

At 1230/24, Vunapope was again attacked by 14 Lightnings with bombs. A few enemy fighters were reported airborne by our light bombers but the sighting was not confirmed by the fighter cover and no contact was made with enemy fighters throughout the operations.

At 0300/25, Vunapope area, Matupi Is. and Cape Gazelle were bombarded by U.S. destroyers (see Naval Incidents). A spotting aircraft reported a large fire to have been started by the bombardment. Sporadic return fire was encountered from the shore by the destroyers but this was silenced.

A.m. 25 Feb. Matupi was bombed by 18 Mitchells and at the same time Rapopo by 6 Mitchells: 16 Corsairs escorted. Shortly afterwards Rapopo was again bombed by 21 Liberators escorted by 17 Lightnings. 11 Jap planes were reported airborne but no interception was encountered.

Photos a.m. 25 Feb. show:-

Aircraft &Airfields:

Lakunai	: 14 F.	2 D/B.	-	Serviceable
Vunakanau	: -	2	3 M/B	Rough
Tobera	: 10	-	-	Serviceable
Rapopo	: 1	-	1	2/3rds Serviceable
Keravat	: Nil.			Unserviceable
Duke of York	: Nil.			Being surfaced

Total 33 a/c whereof 25 F. 4 D/B. 4 M/B.

Shipping:

2 large submarines, 3 damaged sub-chasers, 14 coasters (100-175 ft.) 380 barges.

Coverage did not include Vunapope. A noticeable absentee is the 410 ft. tanker which has been present, in the same position, since 29 Jan., was present 21 Feb., received 8 hits during the light bomber attack on 22 Feb. and was not reported 23 Feb. One flying boat and 5 floatplanes are present.

- (6) Kavieng - Kavieng and shipping in the area was attacked by U.S. destroyers twice a.m. 25 Feb. (see Naval Incidents). Shore batteries were reported greatly reinforced but returnfire was duly silenced. Fires were started in the town and dock areas and some shipping was destroyed.
Photos 25 Feb. of Kavieng airfield show the runway probably unserviceable despite efforts at repair and only 2 divebombers, 5 medium bombers present in positions unchanged since 18 Feb.
- (7) N. Coast Central New Britain - At 0750-0825/25 villages on Bangula Bay were attacked by 4 Bostons and again at 1740-1815/25 by 3 Bostons.
- (8) N. Coast Western New Britain - On 25 Feb., our forward elements reached Iboki Plantation (Rein Bay) without enemy contact.
- (9) Admiralty Is. - At 1345-1415/25, Lorengau and Momote airfields were bombed and strafed by 9 Mitchells. Both airfields appear unserviceable and in a state of disuse. No activity was observed.
- (10) Wewak - At 1200-1300/25, Boram airfield and the surroundings were attacked by 18 Liberators, 58 Mitchells, 21 Bostons escorted by 31 Thunderbolts and Kittyhawks. Many A/A positions were destroyed and numerous fires started. At least 12 grounded aircraft were destroyed and others damaged by low level strafing. Boram strip was left unserviceable. 2-3 sea trucks were observed as well as several luggers and barges in the Wewak-Muschu Is.-Kairiru Is. area.
- (11) Hansa Bay - At 1245/25, A/A positions around Hansa Bay were bombed by 11 Liberators which were unable to reach Wewak due weather. Shipping present possibly included one medium and one small freighter and several barges.
- (12) Alexishafen Area - At 1005/25, stores and personnel areas at Alexishafen and Madang were bombed by 9 Mitchells which were unable to reach Lorengau. At 1018/25, Alexishafen airfield No. 1 was bombed by 10 Vengeances.
- (13) Saidor Area - On 24 Feb. Sindaman, an important village on the Mountainous evacuation trail S. of Saidor was occupied by our forces.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "WARREGO" (AMS) escorting "DUNTROON" (AP) proceeding Darwin ETA 2359/27
 (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "ALLARA" departed Darwin 1030/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/28.
 (3) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	1 AMS	:	"FREMANTLE"
	3 ML	:	429, 809, 815
Merchantmen	2	:	"COOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA"

Broote Eylandt:

Merchantmen	1	:	"BABINDA"
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Melville Bay:

Merchantmen	1	:	"SUVA"
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Merauke:

Escorts	1 AMS	:	"BOWEN"
Merchantmen	1	:	"GORGON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N.W. Dutch New Guinea - On 26 Feb. 3 merchant ships were sighted at Sorong by aircraft.
 (2) Banda Sea - At 1826/25, 3 possible sea trucks were observed by aircraft near Banda Island Group on course 245°.

- (3) Ceram Sea - At 1052/25, 2 merchant ships shown by photos as of 3200 and 1000-1500 tons respectively were attacked by Liberators off S. coast Misool Is. (between N.W. New Guinea and Ceram). Near misses possibly damaged the larger vessel. At 1157/25, another small sea truck was sighted about 120 miles further West on course 255°.
- (4) Ambon Area - Photos 25 Feb. show a new airfield under construction on S.W. coast Ceram near Kairatoe (10 miles N.N.E. of Liang). Faroekoe field is serviceable and work continues but no aircraft are visible. Considerable activity is visible on Liang airfield where the runway is serviceable for 7000 ft. and for the first time aircraft are present - 27 a/c including 3 medium bombers, 1 Zero, 23 twin-engined fighters. At Halong, 15 F/P and 1 F/B are visible.
In Ambon Harbour, the photos show 2 small freighters (under 1000 tons) and 57 barges.
- (5) Makassar - At 2135/25, aircraft sighted 1 medium, 2 small merchant ships at Makassar.
- (6) Lombok Strait - A convoy of including 2 merchant vessels was attacked by U.S. submarine night 25 Feb. in Lombok Strait (see Naval Incidents.)
- (7) Davao - A tanker convoy off Davao was attacked by U.S. Submarines night 24-25 Feb. (see Naval Incidents.)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "SUSSEX" (CA) departed Fremantle 25 Feb. for escort duties Indian Ocean
 (2) "YUMA" towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.
 (3) "YP.286" departed Fremantle 1426/23 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"
Escorts	2 AMS	:	"DUBBO" "HORSHAM"
	1 SC	:	739 1 YP: 288
Auxiliaries	6	:	"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries	2	:	"CHILDS" (AV) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Zealand - At 0022/26, a possible enemy submarine attack was reported on an allied ship 75 miles E. of Mercury Bay (.E. coast North Island).

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) East Indies → During the night 24-25 Feb. a U.S. submarine sank one tanker and damaged a second tanker in convoy off Davao.
 On the night 25 Feb. a U.S. submarine sank 2 cargo vessels - 1 large, 1 medium - in convoy in Lombok Strait.

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(2) Rabaul-Kavieng - During the night 24-25 Feb. U.S. destroyers made a double sweep of Rabaul and Kavieng. One group of 5 units swept down from the north (sinking 1 large ship N. of New Hanover, as previously reported), bombarding Kavieng at dawn 25 Feb. as they swept past N.E. coast Kavieng. As previously reported, 1 ship was sunk and 2 others set on fire in Kavieng Harbour.

Another group of 9 destroyers swept up Saint George's Channel, 4 bombarding Rabaul approaches at about 0300/25 and 5 continuing up S.W. coast of New Ireland bombarding Kavieng from S.W. shortly after dawn 25 Feb. Spotting aircraft sighted two 80 ft. coasters sinking off Kavieng as a result of the operation.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Western Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (3) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
CVE	-	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * ROBERT	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA GYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CRANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAM NGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON PLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLIANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO) BASHAW) CERO) FLOUNDER) GATO) PETO)	On Patrol	15	25
	#9 BLACKFISH) DARTER)	At Brisbane		
	Base K.9	At Sydney		
	DACE SCAMP)	At Milne Bay		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN KANIMBLA MANOORA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGER PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 6 twin-eng.)	149		
	Light & M/Bombers	124		
	SE/BOMBERS	10		
	Flying Boats	2		
	Floatplanes	34		
	Obsn. A/c.	22		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI (poss. en route Palau) * YAMATO YAMASHIRO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO) Poss. en route TAIHO) south * ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE GHEMANGO CORAL SEA BARNES LONG ISLAND FRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY MASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FANSHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss. en route south) JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		* MAYA * MOGAMI
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- * OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		3 YAHAGI KISO * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		* KASHI
<u>AV/CVS</u> <u>DD</u> <u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>	- ? Approx 30 ?		3 Approx 20 Approx 25 2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-PHILIPPINES

<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE HYUGA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	-
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE EMERALD DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU KUMA) 1 reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	■ KAMO I
<u>NAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	25
<u>SS</u>	(BILLFISH (BLUEFISH (BONEFISH (CABRILLA (CREVALLE On Patrol (COD (FLASHER (FLASHER (GUNNEL (HOE	JACK POMPON PUFFER NORWHAL ? RASHER RATON RAY ROBALO K.15	17 (incl. 6 German)
	K.12 BOWFIN HADDO HAKE REDFIN PELIAS ORION)) At Fremantle))	
<u>AS</u>			

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S/E Bombers -
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Floatplanes. 65
Obsn. A/c. 17

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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 761

Date 28 February, 1944

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "YMS's 53, 72, SC's 650, ML.801" escorting Convoy BG.46 ("VICTORIA" (AO) "M.FULLER") departed Milne Bay 0725/27 for Langemak ETA 0900/29.
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" (AMS) departed Buna 0900/25 for Tuam Is. due 0800/27.
- (3) "PC.1121" departed Milne Bay 1515/25 to RV with "PRESIDENT GRANT" to escort to Milne Bay. "PRESIDENT GRANT" reported aground S.E. of China Strait prior 0700/26. "GASCOYNE" (PF) "SONOMA" "RESERVE" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- (4) "THORNE" (DD) escorting "S.T.WHITE" proceeding to Milne Bay ETA 1000/29.
- (5) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Sydney 1653/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/1, carrying out A/A and day and night surface firing off Cape Moreton p.m. 27 Feb.
- (6) "GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (7) "PC.476" escorting "P.T.DODDRIDGE" departed Port Moresby 1715/27 for Milne Bay ETA 1830/28.
- (8) "BOISE" (CL) was to depart Milne Bay area 0635/26 for Sydney ETA 0515/29.
- (9) "PC.1120" departed Milne Bay area 1600/26 ETA Grafton Passage 0900/28.
- (10) "BALLARAT" on A/S patrol outer area Grafton Passage.
- (11) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Brisbane 1050/27 for Townsville ETA 1200/1.
- (12) "YMS.393" with "ML.817" in tow departed Gladstone 0730/27 for Townsville ETA 0800/29.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Caloundra 1730/25 for Palm Island ETA 1400/28, thence to proceed Cairns and Thursday Island.
- (14) "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Sydney 1450/26 for Townsville ETA 0030/1 for onward routing to Darwin.
- (15) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Townsville 2340/26 for Sydney ETA 1600/1.
- (16) "DOOMBA" (A/S) departed Sydney 0859/27 on A/S patrol to Sandy Cape.
- (17) "SC.745" was to depart Caloundra 2100/27 to relieve "WHYALLIA" on Sandy Cape A/S patrol, returning Brisbane 1200/2. "WHYALLIA" returns Brisbane on relief.
- (18) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Sydney 1100/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/2.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "KAPUNDA" escorting "WEST CACTUS" to depart Port Moresby 28 Feb. for Milne Bay.

- (2) "SC731" to RV at 1800/28 at Galoundra with 3 LCM and 3 picket boats (for Cairns ETA 0800/8) and accompany to Wide Bay Bar whence SC731 proceeds Townsville ETA 1800/2 for onward routing to Thursday Is. for escort duty between Merauke and Thursday Is.
- (3) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.

(c) in Harbour:

Saidor:

Merchantmen	3	:	"R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL" "COMARA"
<u>Finschhafen:</u>			
Escorts	1 AMS	:	"BENALLA"
	2 PC	:	1131, 1133
	5 SC	:	734, 735, 737, 746, 750
	3 ML	:	428, 803, 806
Auxiliaries	3	:	"PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) YP283
Merchantmen	18	:	"BARBARA G." "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "BOTH" "RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "B.T.OSBORNE" "J.DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON" "G.V.L.MEYER" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY" "CAPE PER PETUA" "KLIPFONTEIN" "A.THOMAS"

Lae:

Escorts	2 ML	:	425, 431
Merchantmen	11	:	"M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK" "H.T. RAINEY" "J.W.MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA FALLS" "F.BILLINGS" "STAGEN" "PONCE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"

Buna:

Escorts	1 PS	:	"MORESEY"
	1 AMS	:	"SHEPPARTON"
	3 SC	:	637, 648, 736
	3 YMS	:	313, 315, 333 1 ML: 427
Auxiliaries	9	:	"BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "POYANG" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen	2	:	"CAPE CLEARE" "VAN OUTHOORN"

Oro Bay:

Auxiliaries	2	:	"RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen	12	:	"C.DARROW" "W.SHARON" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G.PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "PAHUD" "E.D.WIGGINS" "F.A.WARDELL" "MANA" "J. BURROUGHS" "D.CROCKETT"

Kiriwina:

Escorts	1 ML	:	819
Auxiliaries	1	:	"EILO" (AGP)
Merchantmen	1	:	"VAN SWOLL"

Woodlark Is:

Escorts	1 YMS	:	50
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Goodenough Is:

Merchantmen	4	:	"J.ALDEN" "M.GRIFFITH" "N.E.MACK" "ORIZABA" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE"
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Milne Bay:

Combat Units	1 CA	:	"SHROPSHIRE"
	2 CL	:	"NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
	26 DD	:	"STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY" "EACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES" "HOBBY" "KALK" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES" "REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN" "CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON" "WARRAMUNGA" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
Escorts	33 PT	:	
	2 AMS	:	"ARARAT" "BENDIGO"
	7 PC	:	479, 1119, 1122, 1124, 1132, 1133, 1134
	9 SC	:	798, 699, 732, 735, 738, 741, 747, 748, 750
	9 YMS	:	11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 73, 316, 336, 334
	5 ML	:	424, 430, 802, 816, 818

Milne Bay: (Contd.)
Auxiliaries

17 : "HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)
"DOBEIN" (AD) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE"
"KURUMBA" (AO) "COUGAL" (ASR) "OTUS" "FULTON"
(AS) "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "KOOPA"
(AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "PING WO" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS FORWARD
OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchantmen

67 : "ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA" "PEGASUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT"
"E.D. BAKER" "J. BARBARA" "S.K. BARLOW" "O.M.
BERNUTH" "R.S. BEAN" "S. BOLIVAR" "S. BRANNON"
"J. CABRILLO" "CAPE BON" "CAPE GREIG" "CAPE
NEDDICK" "T.M. COOLEY" "J. COOK" "T. CORWIN"
"F.G. DODD" "DON MARQUIS" "S. EGERTON" "EMPIRE
HAMBLE" "ESSO BAYONNE" "EMPIRE SILVER"
"ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN"
"L. FAIRCHILD" "M. FLINDERS" "D. HEWES"
"D.B. HUGHES" "B.F. IRVINE" "ISOLATOR"
"JANSENS" "L.S. KELLY" "O. KELLY" "LAKE
ORMAC" "W.S. LADD" "J. LIND" "W. McLENNAN"
"GEO. LUKS" "MORMACDALE" "Z. LYKES" "MEXICO"
"MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACSEA"
"JAMES D PHALAN" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "REIJNST"
"PAUL REVERE" "A. ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE" "J.
ROSS" "J. ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO"
"SEA SWIFE" "SIBIGO" "N.J. SINNOTT" "O. SKINNER"
"C. SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM"
"H.V. WHITE" "VANDER LIJN" "M. WALKER"

Port Moresby:

Escorts

1 AMS : "KAPUNDA"

1 ML : 426

Auxiliaries

1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Merchantmen

6 : "MULIAMA" "W.J. SUBJETTE" "S.C. PAYNE" "S.
BRANNON" "WEST TEXAS" "JACKSONVILLE"

Cairns:

Escorts

2 PF : "LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"

8 AMS : "ARARAT" "CASTLEMAINE" "KALGOORLIE" "KATOOMBA"
"MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "STAWELL" "WAGGA"

4 SC : 703, 743, 744, 982 1 ML: 804

8 YMS : 8, 46, 47, 48, 50, 805, 811, 820, 1 PC: 47

Auxiliaries

4 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANIMBLA" "MANCORA" (APA)
"GALEDDIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

Escorts

2 AMS : "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE"

Auxiliaries

1 : "HERON" (AVP)

Palm Island:

Auxiliaries

1 : "HALF MOON" (AVP)

Brisbane:

Escorts

1 PS : "SWAN"

4 AMS : "BUNBURY" "COWRA" "BOULBURN" "GYMPIE"

2 SC : 751, 749 1 YMS: 10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827

Auxiliaries

6 : "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALBORAB" (AKS)
"SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUNDA" (AH) 1 EP: 236

Sydney:

Combat Units

1 CA : "AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)

1 CL : "HOBART" (")

Escorts

1 PF : "BARCOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823

7 AMS : "WILCANNIA" "ECHUCA" "DELORAIN" "KIAMA" "COLAC"
"WARNAMBOOL" "WHYALLA"

Auxiliaries

3 A/S : "KYBRA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"

3 : "GILMER" (APD) "CALAMARES" (AF) "WANGANILLA"
(AH) (Refitting)

Melbourne:

Escorts

1 AMS : "LITHGOW" 2 ML: 824, 826

Auxiliaries

1 : "GANYMEDE" (AK)

Adelaide:

Escorts

1 AMS : "GEELONG" (Refitting)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) "N.E. Bougainville Waters - At 0828/27, a possible submarine was reported by aircraft 35 miles N.E. of Muguria Island, course 360°.
- (2) New Ireland - Photos at 0925/26 showed Borpop runway unserviceable and no aircraft present. At 1626/26, an unconfirmed aircraft sighting reports 4-5 medium bombers at Borpop.
- (3) Rabaul - Between 1030 and 1217/26, Vunapope shore installations and supply areas were attacked by 52 Dauntless, 22 Avengers, 22 Mitchells, 24 Liberators and 17 Lightnings in that order. Escorting fighters included 91 Corsairs, Warhawks and Hellcats. Approx 164 tons of bombs were dropped in the area causing much damage to warehouses, buildings, piers, jetties and a breakwater, also to a number of barges along the shore.
This was the fifth successive day in which no enemy fighter interception was encountered.
Photographic coverage at 1315/26 of Simpson Harbour, Keravia Bay and Vunapope shows little change and includes 14 small cargo vessels (100-175 feet, 2 damaged sub-chasers and approx 400 barges.
- (4) Admiralty Islands - At noon 26 Feb. personnel and stores areas at Los Negros Island were bombed by 11 Liberators. Weather prevented the full striking force representing an additional 6 Liberators and 35 Mitchells from reaching the Admiralties.
- (5) Tadji - Tadji airfield was attacked noon 27 Feb. by a substantial formation of 31 Liberators. Fifteen or more enemy aircraft including fighters and bombers were seen on or around the airfield, all of which may have been destroyed or damaged.
- (6) Wewak - At 1100-1120/26, But and Dagua airfields were bombed by 17 Liberators. 16-20 aircraft were observed on Dagua and about 12 on But. Serviceability of these aircraft was undetermined but in addition there were many wrecked aircraft present. This raid destroyed or damaged additional aircraft.
- (7) Alexishafen Area - During the night 25-26 Feb. PT boats sank or destroyed 6 barges just North of Alexishafen.
At 1020-1040/26, Alexishafen airfields were attacked by 12 Vengeances and 15 Kittyhawks in addition to the 10 Vengeances reported yesterday (Summary No. 760). Direct hits were scored on both runways.
At 1025-1105/27, airfields at Alexishafen and also at Madang were attacked by 23 Vengeances & 14 Kittyhawks in addition to the Liberators whose report is not yet to hand. Both strips at Alexishafen and the runway at Madang were hit with bombs.
- (8) Saidor Area - Our patrols continue active 26 Feb. and on the escape trails over the mountains South of Saidor. Numerous Jap dead were found in this area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "WARREGO" (AMS) escorting "DUNTROON" (AP) proceeding Darwin ETA 2359/27.
- (2) "INVERELL" (AMS) escorting "AILARA" departed Darwin 1030/25 for Thursday Is. ETA 1600/28.
- (3) "GOOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "W. PROUSE" departed Thursday Is. 1800/27 Darwin ETA 1530/1.
- (4) "BOWEN" escorting "GORGON" departed Merauke 1630/27 for Thursday Island due 0800/27.
- (5) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts	1 AMS	: "FREMANTLE"	3 ML: 429, 809, 815
Merchantmen	2	: "GOOLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA"	
<u>Broote Eylandt:</u>			
Merchantmen	1	: "BABINDA"	
<u>Melville Bay:</u>			
Merchantmen	1	: "SUVA"	

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Hollandia - At 1120/26, a reconnaissance aircraft observed one possible destroyer, one large possible transport and 10 or more small craft in Hollandia Bay.
- (2) Balikpapan - On the night 25-26 Feb. 4 unidentified ships and one wrecked tanker were observed by aircraft in the Balikpapan area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "SUSSEX" (CA) departed Fremantle 25 Feb. for escort duties Indian Ocean.
- (2) "YUMA" (AT) towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle:

Combat Units
Escorts
Auxiliaries

1 CL : "ADELAIDE"
2 AMS : "DUBBO" "HORSHAM" 1 SC: 739
6 : "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK"
"WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)
1 YP: 288

Exmouth Gulf:

Auxiliaries

2 : "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)
1 YP: 286

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

Marshalls-Carolines - On 24 Feb. allied air strikes were conducted against Mille, Wotje, Kusaie, Taroa and Jaluit.
In one strike on Kusaie, a small freighter (500 tons) was sunk and a small escort vessel damaged.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Philippines - Further enemy shipping losses in the Philippines area, not previously reported, due to U.S. submarine activity are detailed:-

5 Feb. 1 - 4000 ton cargo vessel sunk
1 sampan sunk
1 sampan damaged
14 Feb. 1 - 7000 ton cargo vessel sunk
1 - 9000 ton cargo vessel probably sunk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Western Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (2) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (3) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u>
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONT PELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELUER	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBBY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN	Approx 40	5 20 - (some repairing)

* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA NORTH CAROLINA IOWA NEW JERSEY WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS CALIFORNIA SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	COLORADO MARYLAND TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO ALABAMA PENNSYLVANIA * OKLAHOMA	MUSASHI (poss. en route Palau) * MAMATO YAMASHIRO MUTSU (prob. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON SARATOGA INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL		ZUIKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	COWPENS BILLEAU WOOD MONTEREY PRINCETON	CABOT LANGLEY * INDEPENDENCE	HITAKA HAYATAKA RYUHO) Poss. en route TAIHO) South * ZUIHO
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SANGAMON SUWANNEE CHENANGO CORAL SEA BARNES LONG ISLAND PRINCE WILLIAM MISSION BAY NASSAU	COPAHEE CORREGIDOR ALTAMAHA WHITE PLAINS BRETON MIDWAY RANEE PATROLLER FAN SHAW BAY	CHIYODA (poss. en route South) JINYO KAIYO * OTAKA * UNYO
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND LOUISVILLE		* MAYA * MOGAMI * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	●		3
<u>CL</u>	* OAKLAND * RENO * CONCORD		* YAHAGI KISO * NAGARA * NATORI * ISUZU * NOSHIRO * KASHII
<u>CL(T)</u>	-		3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		Approx 25
<u>DD</u>	?		Approx 25
<u>SS</u>	Approx 30		2 (one repairing)
<u>AS</u>	?		

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ISE HYUGA FUSO
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLER UNICORN SHAH	-
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	AOBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK EMERALD	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU KUMA) One reported OI) sunk *KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	? Approx 27	1 25 17 (incl. 6 German)
	ANGLER JACK) BILLFISH POMPOM) BONEFISH PUFFER) BLUEFISH NORWHAL) CABRILLA RASHER) On CREVALLE RATON) Patrol COD RAY) FLASHER ROBALO) GUNNEL K.15) HOE) K.12) BOWFIN) HADDO) At HAKE) Fremantle REDFIN) PELIAS ORION		

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SE/Bombers -
Flying Boats 3
Floatplanes 65
Obsn. A/c 17

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- (1) "ARUNTA" (DD) departed Sydney 1653/26 for Milne Bay ETA 0600/1, carrying out A/A, day and night surface firing off Cape Moreton p.m. 27 Feb.
- (2) "GASCOYNE" (FF) "PC.1121" maintaining A/S patrol vicinity of "PRESIDENT GRANT", aground on S.W. corner of Uluma Reef. Practically all personnel disembarked except ship's complement; "DUNHAM WRIGHT" standing by to disembark remaining personnel if required; discharge of valuable cargo proceeding; salvage operations in progress with diving party; "RESERVE" "SONOMA" (AT) "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) standing by to assist.
- (3) "PING WO" (ASIS) departed Milne Bay 1400/28 for Buna ETA 1400/29.
- (4) "GLENELG" (AMS) conducting A/S patrol China Strait.
- (5) "SC.741" escorting "KURUMBA" (AO) departed Milne Bay 0800/28 for Port Moresby ETA 1200/29.
- (6) "KAPUNDA" escorting "WEST TEXAS" departed Port Moresby 1125/28 for Milne Bay ETA 1530/29.
- (7) "BALLARAT" departed Cairns to RV at 0600/29 with Convoy TN.223 ("OZARK") ex Townsville, off Fitzroy Is. whence "BALLARAT" escorts to Port Moresby ETA 1100/2.
- (8) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN.224 (2 MV) departed Townsville 1600/28. "CASTLEMAINE" (ex Cairns) to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 0900/29 whence convoy proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1600/2.
- (9) "PC.1132" departed Milne Bay 1530/28 for Cairns ETA 0730/1.
- (10) "STUART" (DD) escorting Convoy MV.70 ("SEA SNIPE" "CAPE NEDDICK") was to depart Milne Bay 0700/29 for Townsville ETA "CAPE NEDDICK" 0500/2; "SEA SNIPE" 1800/3.
- (11) "KATOOMBA" on outer A/S patrol Grafton Passage area.
- (12) "BUNGAREE" (GM) departed Brisbane 1050/27 for Townsville ETA 1200/1.
- (13) "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Sydney 1450/26 for Townsville ETA 0030/1 for onward routing to Darwin.
- (14) "WESTRALIA" (APA) departed Sydney 1100/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1000/2.
- (15) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) departed Townsville 2340/26 for Sydney ETA 0900/1.
- (16) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel) departed Sydney 0859/27 on A/S patrol to Sandy Cape.
- (17) "SC.745" was to depart Caloundra 2100/27 to relieve "WHYALLA" on Sandy Cape patrol, returning Brisbane 1200/2. "WHYALLA" returns Brisbane on relief.
- (18) "MANUNDA" (AH) departed Brisbane 1754/28 for Sydney ETA 0800/30.
- (19) "GRISWOLD" (DE) proceeding Sydney ETA 1 March.
- (20) "GILMER" (APD) departed Sydney 1826/28 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/2.
- (21) "SC.731" to RV at 1800/28 at Caloundra with 3 LGM. and 3 picket boats (for Cairns ETA 0800/8) and accompany to Wide Bay Bar whence "SC.731" proceeds Townsville ETA 1800/2 for onward routing to Thursday Is. for escort duty between Merauke and Thursday Is.
- (22) "RANEE" (CVE) proceeding Fremantle via Bass Strait using Barren Rocks as gunnery target a.m. 1 March.
- (23) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COWRA" intended to depart Brisbane 2 March, after boiler cleaning, for Milne Bay.
- (2) "SG.749" to sail as necessary to arrive Sandy Cape patrol area at 1200/2, carrying out A/S patrol until relieved by "WHYALLA" at 1200/5, returning thence to Brisbane.
- (3) "BOWEN" to be sailed from Thursday Is. for Cairns. En route to render any assistance and investigate and report on condition of "OMAHA" aground on Southern Point of Egret Reef.

(c) In Harbour:

Tuan Is:
Escorts 1 AMS : "SHEPPARTON"
Saider:
Merchantmen 3 : "R.P.WARNER" "J.EARL" "COMARA"
Finschhafen:
Escorts 2 PG : 1131, 1133
6 SG : 650, 734, 735, 737, 746, 750
5 YMS : 53, 73, 313, 315, 335
4 ML : 428, 801, 803, 806
Auxiliaries 4 : "PORTUNUS" "OYSTER BAY" (AGP) "VICTORIA" (AO)
YP.283
Merchantmen 22 : "BARBARA C." "F.P.BLAIR" "BORGFRED" "BOTH"
"RAMO" "MACTAN" "YOCHOW" "B.T.OSBORNE" "J.
DEERE" "J.ROLPH" "J.NICOLET" "W.B.ALLISON"
"G.V.L.MEYER" "W.ATWATER" "CAPE FLATTERY"
"CAPE PERPETUA" "KLIPFONTEIN" "A.THOMAS"
"R.P.WARNER" "CAPE CLEARE" "C.DARROW" "M.FULLER"
Lae:
Escorts 2 ML : 425, 431
Merchantmen 11 : "M.DALY" "J.B.KENDRICK" "H.T.RAINEY" "J.W.
MELDRUM" "M.M.STEWART" "J.H.RUSK" "WICHITA
FALLS" "F.BILLINGS" "STAGEN" "PONCE" "ADMIRAL
HALSTEAD"
Buna:
Escorts 1 PS : "MORESBY"
1 AMS : "BENALLA"
3 SC : 637, 648, 736 1 ML: 427 1 HDML: 1129
Auxiliaries 9 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)
"MERKUR" "OCTANS" (AF) "CARTER HALL" (LSD)
"POYANG" (ASIS) 2 YP: 278, 280
Merchantmen 2 : "VAN OUTHOORN" "AD.WHITE"
Oro Bay:
Auxiliaries 2 : "RIGEL" (AR) "TULSA" (PG)
Merchantmen 12 : "W.SHARON" "G.R.HEBARD" "CAPE LOOKOUT" "S.G.
PORTER" "W.BEAUMONT" "PAHUD" "K.D.WIGGINS"
"F.A.WARDELL" "MANA" "J.BURROUGHS" "D.CROCKETT"
"J.P.BRADLEY"
Kiriwina:
Escorts 1 ML : 819
Auxiliaries 1 : "HILO" (PG)
Merchantmen 1 : "VAN SWOLL"
Woodlark Is.:
Escorts 1 YMS : 50
Goodenough Is.:
Merchantmen 5 : "J.ALDEN" "W.C.CLAIRBORNE" "M.GRIFFITH"
"N.E.MACK" "ORIZABA"
Milne Bay:
Combat Units 1 CA : "SHROPSHIRE"
2 CL : "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
27 DD : "STOCKTON" "STEVENSON" "HUTCHINS" "DALY"
"BACHE" "AMMEN" "BEALE" "BUSH" "WILKES"
"HOBBY" "KALK" "MULLANY" "GILLESPIE" "WELLES"
"REID" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "SMITH" "MAHAN"
"CONYNGHAM" "DRAYTON" "SWANSON" "NICHOLSON"
"WARRAMUNGA" "STUART" "VENDETTA" "THORNE"
"ABNER-REAB"
33 PT

* Note: Special operational movements forward of Milne Bay not shown.

Milne Bay (Contd.)

<u>Escorts</u>	4 AMS	:	"ARARAT" "BENDIGO" "BUNDABERG" "PIRIE"
	7 PC	:	476, 479, 1119, 1122, 1124, 1133, 1134
	10 SC	:	698, 899, 732, 735, 738, 742, 747, 748, 750 981
	9 YMS	:	11, 49, 52, 70, 71, 73, 316, 336, 334
	5 ML	:	424, 430, 802, 816, 818
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	15	:	"HUMPHREYS" "SANDS" "BROOKS" (APD) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "DOBBIN" (AD) "AASE MAERSK" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "COUCAL" (ASR) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MIZAR" (AF) "KOOPA" (AGP) "AMYCUS" (ARL) "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	70	:	"ALCIBIADES" "ALCOA PEGAEUS" "ALCOA PATRIOT" "E.D.BAKER" "J.BARBARA" "S.K.BARLOW" "O.H. BERNUTH" "R.S.BEAN" "S.BOLIVAR" "S.BRANNON" "J.CABRILLO" "CAPE BON" "CAPE GREG" "CAPE NEDDICK" "T.M.COOLEY" "J.COOK" "T.CORWIN" "F.C.DODD" "P.T.DODDRIDGE" "DON MARQUIS" "S.EGERTON" "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "ESSO BAYONNE" "EMPIRE SILVER" "ESSO HARRISBURG" "ESSO PITTSBURG" "ETAMIN" "L.FAIRCHILD" "M.FLINDERS" "HANYANG" "D.HEWES" "D.E.HUGHES" "B.F.IRVINE" "ISOLATOR" "JANSSENS" "L.S.KELLY" "O.KELLY" "LAKE ORMAC" "W.S.LADD" "J.LIND" "W.MOLENTAN" "GEO.LUKS" "B.MATTHEWS" "MORMACDALE" "Z.LYKES" "MEXICO" "MIDWEST FARMER" "NANCY HANKS" "MORMACSEA" "JAMES D.PHALAN" "POINT SAN PEDRO" "REIJNST" "PAUL REVERE" "A.ROBINSON" "ROSEVILLE" "J.ROSS" "J.ROSSITER" "SEA DEVIL" "SIBIGO" "SEA SNIFE" "SIBIGO" "N.J.SINNOTT" "O.SKINNER" "C.SPRECKERS" "THUNDERER" "TRIANGULUM" "S.T.WHITE" "VAN DER LIJN" "VILLALOBOS" "M.WALKER"

Port Moresby:

<u>Escorts</u>	1 ML	:	426
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"POLARIS" (AGS)
<u>Merchantmen</u>	6	:	"MULIAMA" "W.J.SUBJETT" "S.C.PAYNE" "S.BRANNON" "JACKSONVILLE" "H.V.WHITE"

Thursday Is:

<u>Escorts</u>	2 AMS	:	"BOWEN" "INVERELL"
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Cairns:

<u>Escorts</u>	2 PF	:	"LONGBEACH" "GLENDALE"
	5 AMS	:	"ARARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "STAWELL"
	4 SC	:	703, 743, 744, 982
	2 PC	:	477, 1120
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	4	:	4 ML: 804, 805, 811, 820 5 YMS: 8, 46, 47, 48, 50 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KANIMBLA" "MANOORA" (APA) "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS)

Townsville:

<u>Escorts</u>	2 AMS	:	"TOWNSVILLE" "WAGGA"
	1 YMS	:	393 1 ML: 817

Palm Island:

<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"HALF MOON" (AVP) <u>YP.</u> 291
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Mackay:

<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"HERON" (AVP)
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Brisbane:

<u>Escorts</u>	1 PS	:	"SWAN"
	5 AMS	:	"BUNBURY" "COWRA" "GOULBURN" "GYMPIE" "WHYALLA"
	1 SC	:	749 2 YMS: 9, 10 3 ML: 808, 821, 827
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	5	:	"MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PYRO" (AE) "ALGORAB" (AKS) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) 1 <u>YP.</u> : 236

Sydney:

<u>Combat Units</u>	1 CA	:	"AUSTRALIA" (Refitting)
	2 CL	:	"HOBART" (") "BOISE"
<u>Escorts</u>	1 PF	:	"BARCOO" 3 ML: 812, 822, 823
	6 AMS	:	"WILCANNGA" "EUGHUCA" "DELORAINIE" "KIAMA" "COLAC" "WARRNAMBOOL"
	3 A/S	:	"KYBRA" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"CALAMARES" (AF) "WANGANILLA" (AH) ("Refitting")

Melbourne:

<u>Escorts</u>	1 AMS	:	"LITHGOW" 2 ML: 824, 826
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<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"GANYMEDE" (AK)
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Adelaide:

<u>Escorts</u>	1 AMS	:	"GEELONG" (Refitting)
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(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.W. BOUGAINVILLE - During the night 26-27 Feb. 5 enemy barges loaded with supplies and troops were engaged by PT boats S.E. of Motupena Point. The barges were southbound. Two barges were sunk by our PT boats and the other three probably destroyed.
- (2) S.E. New Ireland - At 1140/27, a single enemy floatplane was engaged and destroyed by a Corsair 15 miles E. of Borpop.
During 27 Feb. Borpop airfield was strafed by 6 Hellcats destroying a truck and starting several fires. Photographs 1335/27 show Borpop runway to be unserviceable and no aircraft present. It is recalled that an unconfirmed aircraft sighting the previous afternoon reported 45 medium bombers present.
- (3) Cape St. George - At 1100-1215/27, the radar station at Cape St. George was strafed by 13 Corsairs. Again p.m. 27 Feb. the radar station was bombed by 3 Lightnings with unobserved results.
- (4) Rabaul - The raiding and harassing of Rabaul continued 27 Feb. During the night 26-27 Feb. one Liberator harassed the area and at 1154/27, A/A positions at Lakunai were attacked by 8 Dauntless and 34 Avengers while 11 Avengers attacked a lighthouse at Cape Wanata (just South of Cape Gazelle). The lighthouse was destroyed and photos show two 4.7" dual purpose guns destroyed near Matupi and 6 other A/A positions damaged. 35 Corsairs and 20 Warhawks escorted without enemy contact.
From 1100-1215/27, 13 Corsairs swept the Rabaul area. Two small ships were sighted in Atililikan Bay and 5 or 6 barges in Nassava Bay. A 75 ft. steam launch was sunk near Tawui Point.
At 1203/27, Vanapepe area was again hit by 31 Liberators with 15 Corsairs escorting and at 1341/27, the same target was again attacked by 14 Lightnings each carrying one 500 lb. bomb. One Lightning is missing and another crash-landed (pilot safe) as a result of A/A fire.
At 1252/27, 24 Mitchells escorted by 16 Corsairs bombed the Vanapepe supply centre. The fighter escort made no enemy contact over Rabaul but destroyed a floatplane over Wide Bay.
Damage resulting from the attacks on Vanapepe is shown by photographs 27 Feb. as below, although assessment is incomplete.
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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 119 buildings | } destroyed |
| 3 warehouses | |
| Barge repair shop | |
| Remainder of power house | |
- Photographic coverage of the harbour 27 Feb. shows a reduction of one small harbour vessel only from 26 Feb. thus -
- 13 small cargo vessels (100-175 ft.)
 - 2 damaged subchasers
 - 400 barges (approx.)
- (5) Cape Hoskins - The airfield was strafed 1345-1435/27 by two Aircobras and one apparently serviceable enemy fighter on the ground blew up.
At 1700/27, an enemy bomber was shot down by 2 Thunderbolts 10 miles N.E. of Cape Hoskins.
- (6) Admiralty Islands - At 1000-1130/27, supply centres and personnel areas at Manus and Los Negress Islands were bombed and strafed by 31 escorted Mitchells. No opposition was encountered.
The same targets were again attacked by Mitchells at noon 28 Feb. but reports are as yet incomplete.
- (7) Hollandia - At 2300/26, an enemy convoy comprising 4 merchant ships plus escorts was attacked by a U.S. submarine approx 130 miles N.W. of Hollandia, apparently heading towards the N.W. (see Naval Incidents).
At 0355/28, 3 unidentified merchant ships were reported by aircraft 30 miles N. by E. of Hollandia, on course 285°.
- (8) Wewak - At approx 1100/27, supplies and installations in the Wewak area were bombed by 16 escorted Liberators. Large fires were started. A possible destroyer was reported in Wewak Harbour by the attacking aircraft.
- (9) Hansa Bay - At 1530-1600/27, Nubia and Condor strips at Hansa Bay were bombed by 22 Mitchells escorted by 30 Thunderbolts.

(9) Hansa Bay (Contd.)

Shortly after noon 23 Feb. Gondor drome was again attacked by escorted Liberators (reports from 23 aircraft only to hand) and shortly afterwards supply centre and personnel areas at Hansa Bay were attacked by Bostons (reports from 7 aircraft only to hand)/

(10) Madang-Alexishafen - At approx 1000/28, the airfields at Madang and Alexishafen were attacked by escorted Vengeances, but reports are not yet complete.

(11) Saidor Area - Our patrols made slight enemy contact 26 Feb. at Kepler Point (5 1/2 miles W. of Cape Iris).

One enemy barge was destroyed by PF boats night 26-27 Feb. at Yalau Plantation.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) escorting "W. PROUSE" departed Thursday Is. 1800/27 for Darwin ETA 1530/1.

(2) 18 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Darwin:</u>	1 AMS	:	"FREMANTLE"	3 ML:	429, 809, 815
Escorts	1 PS	:	"WARREGO"		
Merchantmen	4	:	"COCLEBAR" "KAILUA" "MILDURA" "DUNTROON"		
<u>Groote Eylandt:</u>					
Merchantmen	1	:	"BABINDA"		
<u>Melville Bay:</u>					
Merchantmen	1	:	"SUVA"		

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Soemba Island - At 1215/27, Waingapee radio station and town area were attacked by 7 Liberators. Photographs confirm at least 6 buildings destroyed.

(2) Timor - A reconnaissance aircraft 27 Feb. reported 5 possible sea trucks in Semaoe Strait, off Keepang.

(3) Macassar - Night 27-28 Feb. Catalinas reported 2 large and 11 small ships in addition to 35 or more barges in the Macassar area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

(1) "SUSSEX" (CA) departed Fremantle 25 Feb. for escort duties Indian Ocean.

(2) "YUMA" (AT) towing 1 ARD departed Melbourne 1740/20 for Fremantle ETA 0900/2 March.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Fremantle:</u>					
Combat Units	1 CL	:	"ADELAIDE"		
Escorts	2 AMS	:	"DUBBO" "HORSHAM"	1 SC:	739
Auxiliaries	6	:	"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "ATREUS" (CM) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PELIAS" "ORION" (AS)		
				1 YP:	288
<u>Exmouth Gulf:</u>					
Auxiliaries	2	:	2 "CHILDS" (AV) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)		
				1 YP:	286

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Carolines - At 0933-1030/26, Ponape dock area, seaplane base and fuel storage area were attacked by 24 Liberators which dropped 30 tons of bombs. A medium cargo vessel was damaged while 2 other small ships were also seen. Heavy A/A was encountered.
- (2) Marshalls - On 24 and 25 Feb. light air strikes were conducted against enemy airfields and installations on Taroa (Maloelap), Wotje, Jaluit, Mille and Kusaie.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

ENEMY FORCES

Submarine Activity - Further reports concerning enemy submarine activity in the Indian Ocean are to hand;†

- (a) Night 25 Feb. a U.S. ship reported being chased by a submarine in the Gulf of Aden near the site of the attack on the convoy 22 Feb. (reported in Summary No. 758).
- (b) Night 25 Feb. D/F fix of a Jap submarine in Central Indian Ocean (5°S, 71°E.) possibly proceeding towards Mozambique Channel.
- (c) Evening 26 Feb. a submarine contact was reported S.E. of One and a Half Degree Channel (Maldivé Is.)
- (d) Night 26 Feb. possibly a German submarine plotted off Central N.E. coast India off Coconada heading S.W.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Hollandia - At 2300/26, a U.S. submarine sank one large cargo vessel and scored a hit on one medium cargo vessel in a convoy of 4 merchant ships approx 130 miles N.W. of Hollandia on course N.W.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased naval and air strength Malayan theatre.
- (2) Withdrawal of forward positions in Bismarcks.
- (3) Consolidation of defences Carolines, Marianas, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malayan areas.
- (4) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward areas.
- (5) Continued use of submarines for reconnaissance and offensive patrol activity in allied operational areas in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>BB</u>	-	-	-	MUSASHI
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO MYOKO
<u>CL</u>	BOISE NASHVILLE PHOENIX * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS SAN DIEGO MOBILE * BIRMINGHAM * DENVER * LEANDER	-	NAKA OYODO
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA) Poss. KATORI) sunk
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	WRIGHT CHANDELEUR	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	HERON HALF MOON SAN PABLO	BALLARD	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUPPA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA MAHAN DRAYTON FLUSSER CONYNGHAM REID SMITH AMMEN BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY MULLANY HUTCHINS HOBAY KALK GILLESPIE WELLES NICHOLSON WILKES STOCKTON STEVENSON THORN	Approx 40	5	20 (some repairing)

* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines
<u>SS</u>	BALAO BASHAW DARTER FLOUNDER GATO PETO	On Patrol	15	25
	CERO DACE SCAMP	At Milne Bay		
	BLACKFISH K.9	At Brisbane At Sydney		
<u>PT</u>	62	Approx 80	?	?
<u>APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN KANIMBLA WESTRALIA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROCKS	10 APA 5 APD 5 AKA		
<u>AGC</u>	BLUE RIDGE			
<u>AS</u>	OTUS FULTON		?	?
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS AMYCUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	125		
	Light & M/Bombers	124		
	SE/Bombers	7		
	Flying Boats	1		
	Floatplanes	25		
	Obsn. A/c	22		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CI</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC-EMPIRE

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

INDIANA
NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA
NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON
CALIFORNIA
MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH DAKOTA
WEST VIRGINIA

COLORADO
MARYLAND
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
IDAHO
ALABAMA
PENNSYLVANIA
* OKLAHOMA

* YAMATO
MUTSU (prob. sunk)
1 or more poss. ex-Malay

CV
ENTERPRISE
YORKTOWN
LEXINGTON
SARATOGA
INTREPID
ESSEX
HUNKER HILL

ZUIKAKU

CV(L)
COWPENS
BELLEAU WOOD
MONTEREY
PRINCETON

CABOT
LANGLEY
* INDEPENDENCE

HITAKA
HAYATAKA
RYUHO) Poss. en route
TAIHO) South
* ZUIHO

CV(T)

HOSHU

CV(E)
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE
CHENANGO
CORAL SEA
BARNES
LONG ISLAND
PRINCE WILLIAM
MISSION BAY
WASSAU

COPAHEE
CORREGIDOR
ALTAMAHA
WHITE PLAINS
BRETON
MIDWAY
RANEE
PATROLLER
FANSHAW BAY

CHIYODA
CHITOSE
JINYO
KAIYO
* OTAKA
* UNYO

CA
BALTIMORE
BOSTON
CHESTER
CANBERRA
WICHITA
NEW ORLEANS
MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
INDIANAPOLIS
SAN FRANCISCO
SALT LAKE CITY
PORTLAND
LOUISVILLE

MOGAMI
ASHIGARA (en route)
* MAYA

OCA

3

CL
OAKLAND
* RENO
* CONCORD

YAHAGI
KISO
* NAGARA
* NATORI
* ISUZU
* NOSHIRO

CL(T)

* KASHII

AV/CVS

3

DD
SS
AS
?
Approx 30
?

Approx 20
Approx 25
2 (one repairing)

* Non-effective

4. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON
DD 2

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RENOWN	NABATO KONTO HARUNA ISF) 1 or more HYUGA) poss. FUSO) returned YAMASHIRO) Japan
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	SHOKAKU
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	BATTLEER UNICORN SHAH	-
<u>CA</u>	SUSSEX	SUFFOLK HAWKINS PROBISHER	AGBA KUMANO SUZUYA TONE CHIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	CEYLON KENYA NEWCASTLE DANAE TROMP VAN HEEMSKERK EMERALD	YUBARI TATSUTA KINU KUMA) One reported OI) sunk KITAGAMI
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>XV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* KAMO I
<u>XV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx 27	17 (incl. 6 German)
<u>SS</u>	ANGLER BILLFISH BONEFISH BLUEFISH CABRILLA CREVALLE COD FLASHER GUNNEL HOE K.12 BOWFIN HADDO HAKE REDFIN	JACK POMPOM PUFFER NORWHALE RASHER RATON RAY ROBALO K.15 At Fremantle	On Patrol
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS ORION		

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 27 twin-eng.)	111
Light & M/Bombers	39
SE/Bombers	-
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	61
Obsn. A/c	26