

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
 1/4/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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- (xxviii) "VOYAGER" arrived Jervis Bay from Sydney 1950/30.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

(1) SOLOMON ISLANDS

- (a) KESSA (Buka) - At 1635/31 Kessa reported the arrival of 5 cruisers ~~xxxxxx~~. These units may have been ~~xxx~~ some of the 9 warships observed steaming N.E. between the Shortland and Choiseul Islands at 1730/30.
- (b) KIETA (Bougainville) - 2 enemy cruisers and one transport were reported to be at Kieta p.m. 30/3 and to have departed to the N.W. at 1215/31/3.
- (c) FAISI (Shortlands) - A Chinese trader from Faisi reported that 5 warships and one transport shelled and entered Shortland Harbour at 1430/30/3. A later report presumably from the same source at 1900/31/3 stated -
 - (1) Faisi Is. was believed to have been occupied by the enemy;
 - (2) Explosions were heard at 0800/31/3;
 - (3) Aeroplane landed at 1200 and departed to the N.W. at 1335/31/3;
 - (4) A native reports that the 5 warships and one transport returned to the island.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" escorting U.S. Tanker "GEORGE G. HENRY" departed Fremantle 29/3. On arrival at a position 155 miles S.E. from Albany "GEORGE G. HENRY" was to proceed independently to Melbourne (E.T.A. p.m. 8/4). "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" to proceed in company to Hobart (E.T.A. 7/4).
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- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle on patrol 1600/30/3.
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- (vi) U.S. Destroyers "BAKER" & "BULNER" departed Fremantle on patrol 1715/31/3.
- (vii) U.S. Transport "WEST POINT" due to arrive Adelaide 0730/31/3 from Fremantle.
- (viii) Dutch Submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (ix) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 4 large submarines at Albany.
- (x) "PINGWO" on account of bad weather, was unable to maintain escort of "VENDETTA" which is being towed by "ISLANDER" from Albany to Melbourne (E.T.A. 1920/3/4). "PINGWO" unable to contact "ISLANDER" by W/T intends to proceed alone towards Coffin Bay.
- (xi) "MARBABOE" "RINDJANI" "SMERGE", 4th Division Netherland M/3 arrived Fremantle 28/3.
- (xii) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (xiii) U.S. "TULSA" with U.S. Submarine S38 departed Albany for Melbourne at 1015/31/3.
- (xiv) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

- Seven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces

CELEBES AREA - C in C Pacific reported 27/3 five aircraft carriers "AKAGI" "SORYU" "HIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" in Celebes area. C in C Third Fleet also operating in Celebes area.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" repairing at Bombay will be ready for sea about 1/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) KOEPANG - Air reconnaissance 31/3 reported 1 cruiser, 11 merchant ships (3,000 to 7,000 tons) in the Koepang area. Two near misses were scored on two transports during air attack.
- (ii) ANDAMANSTAREA - An enemy force including at least 4 cruisers and 12 destroyers was operating in the Andamans Sea 28/3 together with the Flagship of the Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (iii) BAY OF BENGAL - The C in C Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan area possibly at Singapore. The C in C Combined Air Fleet is believed operating in the Burma area. There are indications of additional naval and air strength proceeding to this area.
- (iv) German raider operating in Capetown area 14/3.
- (v) CHRISTMAS IS. - 3 enemy light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports were at Christmas Is. 31/3 (See Naval Incidents).

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GULF OF CARPENTARIA - Following the arrival of 2 small Dutch New Guinea Petroleum Co. vessels at Karumba 29/3 with 85 Dutch troops the HANAN and CLAUDIUS (small patrol ships) arrived at 1145/30 with 22 A.I.F. from Ambon on board and a number of Dutch troops.
- (ii) CHRISTMAS IS. - Comsowespac reports 3 enemy light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports made an apparently unopposed landing on Christmas Is. p.m. 31/3. The Flagship of the Force was torpedoed by an allied submarine (one torpedo hit).
- (iii) TRUK AREA - There are indications that the aircraft carrier "AKAGI" may shortly arrive in the Truk area.
- (iv) NOUMEA - H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" went aground on Amedee Is. at 0710/31. H.M.A.S. "GERLONG" & "U.S.S. "MORRIS" are standing by. An attempt was to be made to refloat her at 1800/31.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calutta - Akyab area, from ~~(ii)~~ Malaya with a view to isolating Allied forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Is. and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lee - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vii) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

NAVY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

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A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YONKTON
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHESTER (en route San Francisco-Samoa Area)
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	ASTORIA
	CANBERRA (refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEAD DEN
	ACHILLES HOBART
	ADLAIDE
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (refitting)
A.N.C.'s	HONOLULU
	AUSTRALIA
	KANIMELA
	ASCANIA
	MANOORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
	VOYAGER (refitting)

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier (KANOI)
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
 Seaplane tenders.
 2 possibly 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
~~At least 6 Destroyers~~ at least 6 Destroyers possibly 9.
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports.
 1 Sub. Depot Ship?
 1 Squadron Submarines?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 100 shorebased aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 35-40
 Heavy Bombers, 18 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (ROSHO)
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special landing party force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons
 One Submarine tender.

Saluit Area

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.
 2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers
 and Reconnaissance aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 Converted Seaplane tender
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons ex
 passenger liner

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

PHOENIX ✓

Destroyers

~~WILSON~~
BULKER
BARKER
PAUL JONES
PARROTT
VENDETTA (Damaged)
CHILDERS
HURON (Damaged)
BLACK HAWK
OTUS
NOLLAND

Seaplane Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

<u>Submarines</u>	337	At Fremantle	} 5 at Fremantle
	339	" "	
	340	" "	
	SAUKY	" "	
	SEARAVEN	" "	
	PICKEREL	At Albany	} 4 at Albany
	HAILFISH	" "	
	SKINJACK	" "	
	SALMON	" "	} 4 en route Fremantle
	PERCH	En route from patrol to	
	PERMIT	Fremantle " " "	
	PORPOISE	" " " " "	
	SEAL	" " " " "	} 3 en route patrol stations
	TARPON	En route to patrol stations	
	SPRINFISH	from Fremantle " "	
	SWAMPFISH	" " " " "	} 2 en route to Melbourne
	341	En route Albany to Melbourne	
	338	" " " " "	} 7 on patrol
	SEAWOLF	On patrol China Sea-NHEI	
	SHAPPER	Waters " " "	
	SCULPIN	" " " " "	
	SANCO	" " " " "	
	SEADRAGON	" " " " "	
	STINGRAY	" " " " "	
	STURGEON	" " " " "	
	FIKE	Indefinite	
	Dutch K9		} 1 indefinite
	K8		
	K12		

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. WERRY } En route Melbourne

LANAKAI } At Fremantle

HILING BROVIG } At Albany

Minesweepers

LARK } At Albany

WHIPPOORWILL } At Fremantle

8 DUTCH } At Fremantle

Patrol Vessels

ISABELL } At Fremantle

TULSA } At Albany

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

9 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list ^{above} on previous page
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

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Enemy Forces

Probably 4 Battleships

6 A/C Carriers

AKAOI	Celebes Area (probably Kendari)
ZUIKAKU	" (Was due Kendari 26/3)
SHOKAKU	"
HIYU	"
SOBYU	Malayan Area
RYUJO	

5 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 30 Destroyers

Several Seaplane Carriers

C. in C. Third Fleet

C. in C. 2nd Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships

1 A/C Carrier

KAGA (At Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged

5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

WARSPITE	Was due Colombo 29/3
RESOLUTION	Addu Atoll
REVENGE	" "
HAMILLIEN	" "
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	" "

A/C Carriers

HERMES At Trincomalee

FORMIDABLE At Colombo

8" Cruisers

INDOMITABLE At Addu Atoll

BORNTONSHIRE At Colombo

CORNWALL "

6" Cruisers

GIORGIOS AVEROFF (Ork) At Bombay?

CERES At Capetown

DURBAN At Durban ?

GLASGOW En route Durban-Mombasa due 2/4

COLOMBO At Mombasa

CAPHTOWN At Bombay?

CALDON At Colombo

ENTERPRISE At Colombo

DRAGON At Colombo

HERALD At Trincomalee

NEWCASTLE At Durban

DANAE Persian Gulf ?

BOISE At Bombay (repairing ready 1/4)

MANMEREHEAD At Simonstown for repairs

SUNATRA At Trincomalee (for repairs)

A.E.C.'s

DERBYSHIRE at Durban ?

WORCESTERSHIRE En route Durban-Bombay due 8/4

CARTHAGE At Colombo?

OLENRANN At Colombo?

KNOTON At Colombo

CORFU At Colombo

RANCHI En route Bombay to Seychelles

CHITRAL At Bombay?

ALANIA At Mombasa

A.A.Vessels

HINKSHIRCK At Colombo?

COVENTRY At Bombay?

Approximately 35 Destroyers

6 Submarines.

INDIAN OCEAN (Contd.)

Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 transports and 4 other unknown naval units, together with 6 in 6 Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal area.

B) MID-PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	"
	IDaho (12-14")	"
	COLORADO (8-16")	"
	MARYLAND (8-16")	"
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	"
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	"
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	At San Diego
	SARATOGA	(Damaged) West Coast
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORFOLK	Pearl Harbour
	NEW ORLEANS	En route Society Is. ^{TONGAREVA}
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	SAN FRANCISCO	At Pearl Harbour
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mars Island
	ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	En route Tocopilla to Balboa
	RICHMOND	Was due Society Is. 25/3
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	THENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALPH	" West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers

22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian waters.

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- (b) An examination of intelligence concerning enemy sightings in the Solomon Is. area during the past few days indicates a minimum force of 17 warships including 3 heavy cruisers and 4 light cruisers. The remaining 10 include probably destroyers & gunboats.

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- (v) U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" at Fremantle, on patrol.
- (vi) U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" & "BULMER" departed Fremantle on patrol 1715/31/3.
- (vii) Dutch submarines KB, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (viii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and 4 large submarines at Albany.
- (ix) "PINGWONG" proceeding to Coffin Bay after losing contact with "ISLANDER" & "VENDETTA".
- (x) Tow line of "ISLANDER" (towing "VENDETTA" Albany to Melbourne) broken at 1200/1/4. "MORESBY" and a tug are proceeding from Adelaide to give assistance. "ST. GILES" en route Fremantle to Adelaide is to stand by and act as escort.
- (xi) "MARBAGE" "RINDJANI" "SMERGE", 4th Division Netherland M/S arrived Fremantle 28/3.
- (xii) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (xiii) "U.S. "TULSA" with U.S. Submarine 338 departed Albany for Melbourne 31/3
- (xiv) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Ten submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or E.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces

CELEBES AREA - G in C Pacific reported 27/3 five aircraft carriers "AKAGI" "SORYU" "MIRYU" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" in Celebes area. G in C Third Fleet also operating in Celebes area.

There are indications (U.S. Intelligence 30/3) that "AKAGI" may be in the Truk area shortly.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" at Bombay. On completion of repairs (about 1/4), "BOISE" is to rejoin Pacific Fleet.

Enemy Forces

- (1) KOMPANG - Air reconnaissance 1/4 disclosed no ships in Harbor. The previous day 1 cruiser and 11 merchant ships were sighted.
- (ii) ANDAMANS AREA - An enemy force including at least 4 cruisers and 12 destroyers was operating in the Andamans Sea 28/3 together with the Flagship of the Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (iii) BAY OF BENGAL - The C in C Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan area possibly at Singapore. The C in C Combined Fleet Air Fleet is believed operating in the Burma area. There are indications of additional naval and air strength proceeding to this area.
- (iv) German raider operating in Capetown area 14/3.
- (v) CHRISTMAS IS. - 3 enemy light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports were at Christmas Is. 31/3. ~~xxxx~~ One cruiser had received one torpedo hit.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (1) U.S. Sub-tender "GRIFFIN" & 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) INDIAN OCEAN - British cargo vessel "GLAN MACINNIS" (4,500 tons) reported being attacked by a submarine in a position approx 400 miles west of Colombo at 1046Z/31/3.
- (ii) SOLOMONS - Buka Passage was occupied by approx 500 enemy troops on 31/3. The landing appears to have been made from one transport covered by a force of 3 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser and a destroyer.
- (iii) N.W. NEW GUINEA - C in C Pacific reported 31/3 there were strong indications of an enemy advance into the N.W. New Guinea area shortly. The departure of 1 cruiser and 11 transports from the Keopang area between 31/3 and 1/4 may be significant in this respect.
- (iv) GENERAL - There are indications that 3rd Carrier Division ("RYUZO" "HOSHO" & "NITTA MARU") are expected to return to Japan for docking and repairs.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta - Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied Forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
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- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vii) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

2/4/42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier

S/P Tenders

8" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

TANOIER

W.B. PRESTON (repairing)

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

PEN SACOLA

LOUISVILLE

ASTORIA

CHESTER

NEW ORLEANS

CANBERRA (Refitting)

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

ACHILLES

ADELAIDE

HOBART

Flotilla Leaders

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP (Damaged)

STUART (Refitting)

A.N.C.'s.

MONOWAI

WESTRALIA

KAHIMBLA

ASCANIA

NANCOORA

Destroyers

At least 17 U.S.

VOYAGER

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier (KAMO1)

5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted Seaplane tenders.

~~3-8"~~ 3-8" Cruisers

4 possibly 5-5.5" Cruisers

At least 6 Destroyers possibly 9.

At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports.

1 Sub. Depot Ship?

1 Squadron Submarine ?

C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)

C. in C. Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 35-40 Heavy Bombers, 18 Flying Boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier (HOSH0 or possibly AKAGI)

1 Converted Carrier

Several 5.5" Cruisers

Some Units 4th Fleet

Approx. 12 Destroyers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships

Special landing party force (Marines)

3 or 4 Air Squadrons

One submarine tender

Jaluit Area

At least 2 submarines Squadrons from 6th Fleet.

2 Naval Units - Air (shorebased) comprising Fighters, Torpedo-Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft.

1 Seaplane Carrier

1 Converted Seaplane tender

A. ANZAC AREA (Cont)
Salut Area (Cont)

1. M/S Flotilla

8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 tons ex passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6th Cruisers

Destroyers

PHOENIX
BULMER
BARKER
PAUL JONES
PARROTT
VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

CHILDS
HERON (Damaged)

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

Submarines

HOLLAND
S.37)
S.40) 4 at FREMANTLE
SAURY)
SEARAVEN)

S.39)
S.41)
SAILFISH) 7 at ALBANY
SKIPJACK)
PICKEREL)
SALMON)
PIKE)

S.38)
PERCH) 1 en route Albany to Melbourne
PERMIT)

PORPOISE)
SEAL) 4 en route Fremantle from
TARPON) patrol

SPEARFISH)
SWORDFISH)
SEAWOLF) 10 on patrol or en route
SNAPPER) patrol stations.
SCULPIN)

SARGO)
SEADRAGON)
STINGRAY)
STURGEON)

Dutch

K.8)
K.9) At Fremantle
K.12)

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY En route Melbourne

LANAKAI)
ERLING BROVIG) At Fremantle

Minesweepers

LARK)
WHIPPOORWILL) At Albany

Patrol Vessels

S DUTCH At Fremantle
ISABEL At Fremantle

TULSA En route Albany to Melbourne

Enemy Forces

Some units from N.E.I. Waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS
British and Allied Forces

10 submarines en route to or on patrol)
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area) See list on previous page.

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

AKAGI	Celebes Area	(may be proceeding Truk area)
ZUIKAKU	"	(probably XXXXXX)
SHOKAKU	"	(XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX)
HIHYU	"	
SOBYU	Malayan XXXXXX	
RYUJO	Malayan area	

5 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
1 A/C Carrier KAGA (At Sasebo Yards, Japan) damaged
5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE	Was due Colombo 29/3
RESOLUTION	Addu Atoll
REVENGE	" "
RAMILLIES	" "
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	" "
HERMES	At Trincomalee
FORMIDABLE	At Colombo
INDOMITABLE	At Addu Atoll
DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
CORNWALL	"
GIORGIOS AVEROFF	(Grk) At Bombay?
CERES	At Capetown
DURBAN	At Durban ?
GLASGOW	En route Durban-Mombasa due 2/4
COLOMBO	At Mombasa
CAPETOWN	At Bombay ?
GALEDON	At Colombo
ENTERPRISE	At Colombo
DRAGON	At Colombo
EMERALD	At Trincomalee
NEWCASTLE	At Durban
DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
BOISE	At Bombay
MARBLEHEAD)	At Simonstown for repairs
SEMATRA)	At Trincomalee (for repairs)
WORCESTERSHIRE	En route Durban-Bombay due 8/4
HECTOR	At Colombo
CORFU	At Colombo
RANCHI	En route Bombay to Seychelles
CHITRAL	At Bombay?
ALAUNIA	At Mombasa
HEMMSKERCK	At Colombo?
COVENTRY	At Bombay?

A.M.C.'s.

A.A. Vessels

Approximately 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines.

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Cont)
Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown naval units, together with C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal area.

E. MID-PACIFIC & EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	" "
	IDAHO (12-14")	" "
	COLORADO (8-16")	" "
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" "
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	At San Diego
8" Cruisers	SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	Pearl Harbour
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	SAN FRANCISCO	At Pearl Harbour
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	Was due San Francisco 25/3
	HONOLULU	Mid Pacific
	CONCORD	At Balboa ?
	RICHMOND	Was due Society Is. 25/3
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	West Coast
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH "	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers

22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Is. and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3/4/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LANSON" in Vila - Noumea area with Task Force 13. Task Force 13 includes U.S. Destroyers "HENLEY" & "HELE", Oiler "CUYAMA" and two merchant ships. The Oiler "CUYAMA" to depart from Tongatabu with one destroyer from Task Force 13 as soon as practicable; they are to join Task Force 17.
- (ii) Task Force 17, including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8th Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers is operating in the Suva - Noumea area. On completion of current operations, Force is to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the northwestward.
- (iii) "LEANDER" R.V. 'd with "HONOWAI" and Convoy BT.201 (5 ships escorted by "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUSFORD" south of Tongatabu. "HONOWAI" is escorting two of the ships to Auckland and later to Melbourne. "LEANDER" is proceeding on with three ships to a position south of Lord Howe Island. "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUSFORD" in Tongatabu area.
- (iv) U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" & "HOWARDS" at Sydney. Will depart Sydney 0500/4/4 to R.V. with Convoy BT.201 in a position south of Lord Howe Island at 1001/3/4 and join escort to Brisbane. E.T.A. 1800/6.
- (v) "ACHILLES" departed Suva 1355/1/4 and was to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" escorted by 8th Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa yesterday 2/4. "ACHILLES" to escort convoy towards Sydney. "CHESTER" to proceed Noumea and report for duty with Task Force 17. "PENSACOLA" (ex T.F.17) to depart from Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER".
- (vi) U.S. Destroyers "POSD" & "ALDEN" arrived Sydney from Melbourne 1/4. Will depart Sydney at 1800/3/4 to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055. After "POSD" & "ALDEN" have joined the convoy "ACHILLES" & "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" are to proceed direct to Sydney. E.T.A. 1800/6/4. Remainder of convoy escorted by "POSD" to proceed at 20 knots to Melbourne.
- (vii) "AUSTRALIA" departed Townsville 0630/1/4 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0700 today 3/4, then to escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (viii) "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 0630/2/4 for Sydney E.T.A. 0830/4/4. Will be required to escort convoy leaving Sydney p.m. 4/4.
- (ix) "BOHART" at Melbourne. "MONTENY" departed Melbourne 1731/2/4 for San Francisco.
- (x) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area. Probably proceeding home to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
- (xi) H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Brisbane 31/3 for Fremantle. Thence Trincomalee.
- (xii) "MILDURA" & "OSWALDO" in Noumea area. "MILDURA" to proceed to Sydney for docking and repairs. "YANDRA" to be sailed from Sydney to relieve "MILDURA".
- (xiii) "PALMERJELL" is to be sailed from Noumea to R.V. with Anzac Squadron 0600/4/4 to refuel Anzac Squadron cruisers. "MILDURA" to arrange anti-submarine escort.
- (xiv) Oiler "BISHOPDALE" is to be sailed from Sydney to Noumea to relieve "PALMERJELL" E.T.D. p.m. tomorrow 4/4.
- (xv) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (xvi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xvii) "THOMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xix) "KASINELA" departed Melbourne 1000/2/4 for Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" ex BT.201 to Melbourne. Approx E.T.A. Brisbane 0600/3/4.
- (xx) "MANGORA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" ex BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane.

- (xxi) "ASCANIA" en route Melbourne to Auckland E.T.A. 0800 tomorrow 4/4.
- (xxii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CHESBROOK" from Port Moresby arrived Thursday Island 31/3.
- (xxiii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "WILLIAM B. FRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xxiv) Task Force 10 (including store ship "BRIDGE", Destroyer tender "DOBBS" and Hospital ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area. "DOBBS" and "SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed. U.S. Store ship "BRIDGE" arrived Noumea 1030/1/4 to provision Task Force 17. Later to proceed to Tongatabu.
- (xxv) U.S. Destroyer "ROBERTS" with U.S. Oiler "FLATTE" departed Noumea 1745/1/4 to join Task Force 17.
- (xxvi) U.S. Ammunition ship "LASHEN" at Fiji.
- (xxvii) "BALLARAT" arrived Melbourne from Fremantle 0945/2/4.
- (xxviii) U.S. Auxiliary "TALAMANCA" arrived at Wellington from Melbourne 31/3.
- (xxix) "YARONGA" (hired transport) departed Port Moresby a.m. 30/3 for Townsville E.T.A. 0100/1/4.
- (xxx) "HARRISS" at Sydney.
- (xxxi) "SEAN" at Brisbane refitting ready 8/4.
- (xxxii) U.S. Store ship "GOLDSTAR" departed Port Phillip 1901/31/3 for Sydney. E.T.A. today 5/4. To discharge destroyer torpedoes, ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Pick up freight for Comsowespac and return Melbourne, thence Fremantle.
- (xxxiii) "VOYAGER" arrived Jarvis Bay from Sydney 30/3. To leave Sydney at 1000/6/4 to provide A/S escort to a position approx 350 miles from Sydney and then return Sydney.
- (xxxiv) U.S. Transport "WEST POINT" arrived Melbourne from Adelaide 1644/2/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

SOLONG IS.

- (a) PAISI - 4 enemy warships (type not specified) are reported to have entered Paiai (Shortland Is.) at 1640/2.
- (b) BUKA PASSAGE - Enemy forces are reported to have four guns (type not specified) on Sebana Island (northern end Buka Passage).
One ship was sighted in Buka Passage at 0650/2.
- (c) GENERAL - There are indications that the seaplane carrier "KANGI" is en route to the Marshalls from the Sabaul area.
The aircraft carrier "HOSHO" was in the Truk area 30/3.
(U/T intelligence).

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWONGA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) U.S. Oiler "GEORGE G. HENRY" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.V.A. p.m. 8/4.
- (iii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" in company are proceeding to Albany to escort U.S. submarines sailing for Melbourne on 4/4/ and 5/4.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "FURNIX", Destroyers "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BARKER" & "SULZER" on patrol off Fremantle.
- (v) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
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- (x) "TOWNVILLE" at Darwin.
- (xi) U.S. "FULSA" with U.S. Submarine S.38 departed Albany for Melbourne 31/3.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Ten submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Seas
N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) **CELEBES AREA** - There has been no further information concerning the five aircraft carriers reported in Celebes area 27/3, "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "HIYU" "SORYU" "AKAGI", excepting the indication that one carrier "AKAGI" may be in the Truk area shortly.
- (ii) **DUTCH NEW GUINEA** - Cinepac reported 2/4 that the enemy occupation of N.W. New Guinea has begun.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

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- (ii) **BAY OF BENGAL** - C in C Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan area possibly at Singapore. There are indications that this force is being augmented by further units of the Second Fleet, and now includes at least 5 heavy cruisers.
U.S. Intelligence reported on 1/4 that enemy forces in this area had commenced a new offensive movement.
- (iii) **CHRISTMAS IS.** - Three enemy light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports were at Christmas Is. 31/3. One cruiser had received one torpedo hit.
- (iv) The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the eastern section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

U.S. Submarine Tender "GRIPPIN" and 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) **SANTA CRUZ** - An unidentified ship emitting heavy black smoke was sighted off Vanikoro (Santa Cruz Is.) on a westerly course at dusk 1/4. Description 3,000 tons, 1 funnel, 2 masts.
- (ii) **NEW CALEDONIA** - A submarine (course southerly) is reported to have been sighted in a S.E. direction from Isle of Pines (64 miles E.S.E. of Noumea) at 1045/2/4. Graded B.S.
- (iii) **BURMA** - Berlin Radio (intercepted at 2245/2/4) claims that Japanese forces, protected by cruisers and destroyers, have landed at Akyab (Bay of Bengal).
- (iv) **GENERAL** - The enemy heavy cruiser "ATAGO" (10,000 tons - 10-8") previous Flagship C in C Second Fleet, is now reported to be remaining in dock in Japan until April. This further confirms the view that this unit was damaged during recent operations in N.E.I. waters.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta-Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied Forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

3/4/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANBIER
	W.B. FRESTON (repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLIS
	ADELAIDE
	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	NORONAI
	WESTRALIA
	KAWINELA
	ASCANIA
	MANGORA
	At least 17 U.S.
Destroyers	VOYAGER

Enemy Forces.

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KANGI")
 5 Unidentified Naval Air Units, some of which are probably converted
 Seaplane tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 At least 6 Destroyers
 At least 30 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 38-40
 heavy bombers and 18 flying boats.

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Aircraft Carrier ("ROSONO" or possibly "AKAGI")
 1 Converted Carrier
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons
 One Submarine tender

Jaluit Area.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 2 Naval Units - Air (shore-based) comprising fighters, Torpedo bombers
 and Reconnaissance aircraft.
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 Converted Seaplane tender
 1 M/S Flotilla
 8 Naval Air Units (some probably Seaplane Tenders)
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 At least 25 Chartered Merchant ships including one 17,000 ton ex
 passenger liner.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces.

6 th Cruiser	PHOENIX		
Destroyers	HULNER		
	BARKER		
	PAUL JONES		
	PARROTT		
	VEDETITA	(Damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILDS		
Destroyer Tender	HINCH	(Damaged) en route Fremantle to Albany	
Submarine Tenders	BLACK HAWK		
Submarines	OTUS		
	HOLLAND		
	S.37	} 4 at Fremantle	
	S.40		
	SAUNY		
	SEARAVEN		
		S.39	} 7 at Albany
		S.41	
		SAILFISH	
		SKIPJACK	
	PICKEREL		
	SALMON	} 10 on patrol or en route patrol stations	
	PIKE		
	S.38		
	PURCH		
	PERMIT		
	PORPOISE		
	SEAL		
	TAMPON		
	SPEARFISH		
	SWORDFISH		
	SEAWOLF		
	SNAPPER		
	SCULPIN		
	SARGO		
	SEADRAGON		
	SPINORAY		
	STURGEON		
Dutch	K.8	} At Fremantle	
	K.9		
	K.12		
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY	En route Melbourne	
	LANAKAY	At Fremantle	
Minesweepers	HILING BROVIG	} At Albany	
	LARK		
	WHIPPOORWILL		
Patrol Vessels	6 Dutch	At Fremantle	
	ISABEL	At Fremantle	
	TULSA	En route Albany to Melbourne	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from S.E.I. waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS.

British and Allied Forces.

10 Submarines en route to or on patrol) Seelist above
stations in China Sea or W.E.I. area)

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS (Continued)

Enemy Forces.

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

ARABI	Celebes Area (may be proceeding Truk area)
SUIKAKU	" "
SHOKAKU	" "
MIYU	" "
SONYU	" "
RYUJO	Malayan area (may be returning to Japan)

5 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 20 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Manina Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
1 A/C Carrier HAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
5 - 8" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

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A.W.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Approximately 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown Naval Units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal Area.

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British and Allied Forces.

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	COLORADO (8-10")	" "
	MARYLAND (8-10")	" "
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "
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	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	ROCHESTER	" "
	PORTLAND	Mid Pacific
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	" " "
	SAN FRANCISCO	" " "
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	En route Pearl Harbour-Mare Is.
	HONOLULU	At Pearl Harbour
	CONCORD	At Palmyra ?
	RICHMOND	At Society Islands
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRESTON	At Palmyra
	DETROIT	En route San Francisco to
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego Honolulu
	HELENA (damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH (damaged)	" "

Approximately 40 Destroyers
 22 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4/4/42

1. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LANSON" in Vila - Noumea area.
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- (iii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers operating in Suva - Noumea area. On completion of current operations forces to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W.
- (iv) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" & Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area. To sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
Store Ship "BRIDGE" at Noumea under orders of Com.Task Force 17.
- (v) U.S. Destroyer "MORRIS" with Oiler "PLATTE" operating in Noumea area with Task Force 17.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 proceeding to Auckland E.T.A. today. Later to proceed with same ships to Melbourne.
- (vii) "LEANDER" is proceeding with remaining three ships ex Convoy BT.201 to a position south of Lord Howe Island from the R.V. south of Tongatabu.
- (viii) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGSPORD" in Tongatabu area.
- (ix) U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" to depart Sydney today to R.V. with "LEANDER" and Convoy BT.201 in a position south of Lord Howe Is. at 1901/5/4 and join escort to Brisbane E.T.A. 1800/6.
- (x) "ACHILLES" was to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH" "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT GOOLIDGE" escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER") S.W. of Samoa on 2/4. "ACHILLES" to escort convoy towards Sydney. "CHESTER" to proceed Noumea and report for duty with Task Force 17. "PENSACOLA" (ex T.F.17) to depart for Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER".
- (xi) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" & "ALDEN" arrived Sydney from Melbourne 1/4. Will depart Sydney at 1800/5/4 to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055. After "FORD" & "ALDEN" have joined the convoy "ACHILLES" & "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" are to proceed direct to Sydney. E.T.A. 1200/8/4. Remainder of convoy escorted by "FORD" to proceed at 20 knots to Melbourne.
- (xii) "WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 1145/3/4. To escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (xiii) "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 0830/2/4 for Sydney E.T.A. 0530 today 4/4. Will be required to escort convoy leaving Sydney p.m. 6/4.
- (xiv) "HOBART" departed Port Phillip 1117/3 E.T.A. Sydney 1030 today 4/4.
- (xv) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" operating in Suva - Noumea area. Probably proceeding Samoa to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
- (xvi) H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Brisbane 31/3 for Fremantle E.T.A. 9/4. Thence Trincomalee.
- (xvii) "MILDURA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area. "MILDURA" to proceed to Sydney for docking and repairs. "YANDRA" to be sailed from Sydney to relieve "MILDURA".
- (xviii) "PALKEFJELL" sailed from Noumea 0515/3 to R.V. with Anzac Squadron 0600/4/4 to refuel Anzac Squadron cruisers. "MILDURA" was to arrange anti-submarine escort.
- (xix) Oiler "BISHOPDALE" is to be sailed from Sydney to Noumea to relieve "PALKEFJELL" E.T.D. p.m. today 4/4.
- (xx) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (xxi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xxii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xxiii) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xxiv) "KANIMBA" en route Melbourne to Brisbane, to escort U.S. Transport

- "GENERAL PARKER" ex BT.201 to Melbourne. Approx E.T.A. Brisbane 0600/6/4.
- (xxv) "MANOORA" at Melbourne. Ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" ex BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane.
 - (xxvi) "ASCANIA" en route Melbourne to Auckland E.T.A. 0800 today 4/4.
 - (xxvii) "COLAC" & H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" at Thursday Island.
 - (xxviii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" at Sydney for repairs.
 - (xxix) "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Thursday Island 1553/3.
 - (xxx) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
 - (xxxi) U.S. Ammunition Ship "LASSEN" at Fiji.
 - (xxxii) U.S. Light Minelayers "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (Minediv.2) arrived Fiji 0640/3.
 - (xxxiii) "WARREGO" at Sydney 2
 - (xxxiv) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting ready 8/4.
 - (xxxv) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store ship) arrived Sydney 0722/3. To discharge destroyer torpedoes, ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Pick up freight for Comsowespac and return Melbourne, thence Fremantle.
 - (xxxvi) "VOYAGER" en route Sydney from Jarvis Bay. To leave Sydney at 1900/6 to provide A/S escort to a position approx 350 miles from Sydney and then return Sydney.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MARBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (ii) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (iii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" in company proceeding to Adelaide E.T.A. 0955/5. Later to escort U.S. submarines sailing for Melbourne from Albany - Fremantle area on 4/4 and 5/4.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX", Destroyers "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BARKER" & "BULMER" on patrol off Fremantle.
- (v) "U.S. Oiler "GEORGE G. HENRY" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 8/4.
- (vi) U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" Submarine Tender "HOLLAND" Minesweepers "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" and about 7 large submarines at Albany.
- (vii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" departed Albany for Fremantle at 1815/2 E.T.A. 0800 today 4/4.
- (viii) U.S. "TULSA" with U.S. Submarine S.38 departed Albany for Melbourne 31/3.
- (ix) Dutch submarines K8, K9 and K12 at Fremantle.
- (x) "PINGWO" in vicinity of Coffin Bay after losing contact with "ISLANDER" & "VENDETTA".
- (xi) "VENDETTA" & "ISLANDER" were sighted at 0100/3 170 miles S.W. of Ceduna drifting at 3 knots. "VENDETTA" has possibly been taken in tow again by "ISLANDER" at 0700/3 and may be proceeding to Adelaide, at 3 knots. "MORESBY" was to make contact at dawn today 4/4.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

10 submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or H.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) KOEPANG AREA - The following shipping was sighted in Koepang area 3/3:-
 - (a) Motor Vessel (8,000 tons) off Point Koeroes (22 miles N. by E. from Koepang) making towards Koepang.
 - (b) A possible cruiser departing Koepang.
 - (c) A possible aircraft carrier, apparently stationary, bearing 230° from Point Koeroes.
- (ii) CELEBES AREA - There has been no further information concerning the five aircraft carriers reported in Celebes area 27/3, "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "HIRYU" "SORYU" "AKAGI", excepting the indication that one carrier "AKAGI" may be in the Truk area shortly.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" at Bombay. On completion of repairs (about 1/4) "BOISE" was to rejoin Pacific Fleet.

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMAN SEA AREA. - An enemy force including at least 4 cruisers and 12 destroyers is operating in the Andamans Sea area under the C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (ii) BAY OF BENGAL - C in C Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan area possibly at Singapore. There are indications that this force is being augmented by further units of the Second Fleet, and now includes at least 5 heavy cruisers.
U.S. Intelligence reported on 1/4 that enemy forces in this area had commenced a new offensive movement.
- (iii) CHRISTMAS IS. - (See Naval Incidents).
- (iv) The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

U.S. Submarine Tender "GRIPPIN" and 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) INDIAN OCEAN - The British cargo vessel "GLENSHIEL" of 9,400 tons reported having been attacked and torpedoed by a submarine in a position 460 miles S.S.W. of Colombo at 0237/3/4.
- (ii) NEW CALEDONIA - The submarine reported to have been sighted in a S.E. direction from Isle of Pines (64 miles E.S.E. of Noumea) at 1048/2/4. is now believed to have been a U.S. Destroyer.
- (iii) CHRISTMAS ISLAND - Of the 3 enemy light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports reported at Christmas Island 31/3 one cruiser of the "NATORI" class (5,170 - 7-5.5") has been sunk by torpedoes and another, probably the "JINTSU" (5,195 - 7-5.5") believed sunk by torpedoes.
The "NATORI" class Cruiser is possibly the "NAGARA" (Flagship of the 1st Base Force which is attached to the 3rd Fleet Task Force). "NAGARA" was responsible for several of the advanced landing operations in N.E.I. waters recently.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta-Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied Forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vii) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4/4/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
3/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. FRESTON (Repairing)
6" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	CANNERRA (Refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	ADRLAIDE
	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANGORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
	VOYAGER

Enemy Forces

New Guinea-Bismarck Archipelago-Solomons Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI") en route Marshalls
 14 Naval Air authorities including 24th Air Squadron, Portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron and probably several converted seaplane tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 At least 6 Destroyers
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 40 fighters, 35-40 heavy bombers and 16 flying boats.

Mandated Islands

TRUK Area

1 Aircraft Carrier ("ROSHO" or possibly "AKAGI")
 1 Converted Seaplane tender
 Some light cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier
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 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

Marshalls Ctd.

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Oiler "GUYANA" and Destroyer "HELM" en route Noumea from Vila. E.T.A. 0900/5/4. "GUYANA" to fuel and "TANGIER". "CASTER" & "CRESCENT CITY", having unloaded at Vila, are proceeding Suva with Destroyer "HENLEY". E.T.A. 0830/5/4.
- (3) Task Force 17, including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyer operating in Suva - Noumea area. On completion of current operations forces to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" to return Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER" (vide infra)
- (4) Task force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBS" & Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area. To sail for Tongatabu when so directed. Storeship BRIDGE at Noumea
- (5) U.S. Destroyer "MORRIS" with Oiler "PLATTE" operating in Noumea area with Task Force 17.
- (6) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" and accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (7) "NEW ORLEANS" & "HUGFORD" in Tongatabu area
- (8) "HAWAII" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 arrived Auckland. Later to proceed with same ships to Melbourne. E.T.A. 1400/9/4
- (9) "LEANDER" is proceeding with remaining three ships ex Convoy BT. 201 to a position south of Lord Howe Island from the R.V. south of Tongatabu.
- (10) U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" departed Sydney 0540/4 to T.V. with "LEANDER" and Convoy BT.201 in a position south of Lord Howe Is. at 1001/5/4 and join escort to Brisbane E.T.A. 1800/6
- (11) "ACHILLES" was to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055 ("QUEEN ELIZABETH") "MARIPOSA" "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" escorted by 8" Cruiser "CHESTER" S.W. of Samoa on 2/4. "ACHILLES" to escort convoy towards Sydney. "CHESTER" proceeding Noumea to report for duty with Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA"
- (12) U.S. Destroyers "FORD" AND "ALDEN" departed Sydney 0840/4/4 to R.V. with Convoy PW.2055. After "FORD" & "ALDEN" have joined the Convoy "ACHILLES" & "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" are to proceed direct to Sydney. E.T.A. 1200/8/4. Remainder of convoy escorted by "FORD" to proceed at 20 knots to Melbourne. E.T.A. 0600/7/4.
- (13) "WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 3/4. To escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville. Approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed to Sydney.
- (14) "ADELAIDE" from Melbourne arrived Sydney a.m. 4/4
- (15) "HOBART" arrived Sydney from Melbourne 0822/4/4
- (16) "ASCANIA" from Melbourne arrived Auckland 0925/4/4
- (17) "ATHENE" departed Brisbane 31/3 for Fremantle E.T.A. 9/4, thence Trincomalee
- (18) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne
- (19) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) is to be sailed from Sydney to Noumea to relieve "PALKREJELL" E.T.D.p.m. 6/4 "PALKREJELL" operating with Anzac Squadron
- (20) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting
- (21) "COLAC" and "CESSNOCK" at Thursday Island
- (22) "GAMBLE" and "RANSAY" (U.S. Light minelayers) (Mine Div.2) at Fiji
- (23) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Storeship) arrived Sydney 3/4 to discharge destroyer torpedoes ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Pick up freight for Comsowespac and return Melbourne, thence Fremantle
- (24) "KAWIMBLA" en route Melbourne to Brisbane to escort U.S. Transport "GENERAL PARKER" ex B.T. 201 to Melbourne approx. E.T.A. Brisbane 0600/6/4.

- (25) "LASSEN" (U.S. Ammunition ship) at Fiji
- (26) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney
- (27) "MANOORA" at Melbourne ready for sea about 9/4 to escort S.S. "SANTA PAULA" ex E.T.201 to Noumea via Brisbane
- (28) "MILBURA" & "GERLONG" in Noumea area. "MILBURA" to proceed to Sydney for docking and repairs. "WILCANNIA" to be sailed from Sydney to relieve "MILBURA" E.T.D. p.m.6/4
- (29) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) at Noumea
- (30) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting, ready 8/4
- (31) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) proceeding Samoa to refuel from "GULF QUEEN" E.T.A. today 5/4
- (32) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs
- (33) "VOYAGER" en route Sydney from Jervis Bay. To leave Sydney 1000/6 to provide A/S escort to a position approx 350 miles from Sydney and then return Sydney
- (34) "WARREGO" at Sydney
- (35) "WARRENANBOOL" at Thursday Is.
- (36) "WILLIAM B. PRUSTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs

Enemy Forces

At Rabaul 1068/4 - 12 small ships and 8 large No Cruisers sighted

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "BENDIGO" and "GOULBURN" in company proceeding to Adelaide E.T.A. 0955/5. Later to escort U.S. Submarines sailing for Melbourne from Albany on 4/4 and 5/4
- (2) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Albany for Fremantle at 1915/2 E.T.A. 0800/4/4
- (3) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 8/4
- (4) "HERRON" (U.S. Seaplane tender), "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany
- (5) "ISLANDER" again has "VENDETTA" in tow and is proceeding direct to Adelaide at 5 knots
- (6) K.8, K.9, and K.12 (Dutch Submarines) at Fremantle
- (7) "MANYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BUNNIE" and "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle
- (8) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser), "PAUL JONES", "PARROT" "BARKER" & "DULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) on patrol off Fremantle
- (9) "PINGWO" in vicinity of Coffin Bay after losing contact with "ISLANDER" and "VENDETTA".
- (10) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin
- (11) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) with S.38 (U.S. Sub) departed Albany for Melbourne 31/3
- (12) For U.S. Naval forces in Fremantle area - See Appendix

Enemy Forces - See Appendix

C. EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) KEOPANG AREA - There is no further information of the enemy shipping sighted in Keopang Area 5/3:-
 - (a) Motor Vessel (8,000 tons) off Point Keeroes (22 miles N. by E. from Keopang) making towards Keopang
 - (b) A possible cruiser departing Keopang.
 - (c) A possible aircraft carrier, apparently stationary, bearing 230° from Point Keeroes.
- (11) CELEBES AREA - There has been no further information concerning the five aircraft carriers reported in Celebes Area 27/3, "ZUI-KAKU" "SHOKAKU" "HINYU" "SORYU" "AKAGI" excepting the indication that one carrier "AKAGI" may be in the Truk area shortly.

Enemy Forces (see appendix)

- (i) KOEFANG AREA. Two merchant vessels (7000 tons and 3000 tons) sighted off Hansisi 0315/4.
- (ii) There has been no further information concerning the five aircraft carriers reported in Celebes area 27/3, ZUIKAKU, SHOKAKU, JIRYU, SORYU, AKAGI, excepting the indication that one carrier AKAGI may be in the THUK area shortly.

D. INDIAN OCEANBritish and Allied Forces

- (1) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4
 (11) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) at Bombay. On completion of repairs (about 1/4) "BOISE" was to rejoin Pacific Fleet R.T.A. Fremantle 15/4

Enemy Forces

- (1) ANDAMANS AREA. - An enemy force including at least 4 cruisers and 12 destroyers is operating in the Andamans Sea area under the C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet
 (11) BAY OF BENGAL - C. in C. Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan Area possibly at Singapore. There are indications that this force is being augmented by further units of the Second Fleet, and now includes at least 5 heavy cruisers
 U.S. Intelligence reported on 1/4 that enemy forces in this area has commenced a new offensive movement
 (111) CHRISTMAS IS. (See Naval Incidents)
 (iv) The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E. MID PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces

"GRIPPIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- ~~(i) RAJIVINDRA (British 5407 tons) due Fremantle from Cochin (India) on 22/3 has not yet arrived~~
 (11) a large warship (type unknown) was sighted east of Tabar Island (off East Coast of New Ireland) at 0830/3/4 - Course S.E.
 (111) Enemy shipping torpedoed and not previously reported
 (a) Wanko Maru (supply ship) damaged by one torpedo 13/3 in northern approaches Lombok Strait
 (b) Two Seaplane Tenders probably damaged 19/2

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLY NEXT MOVE

- (1) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta-Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied Forces in Burma.
 (11) Possible attack on Ceylon.
 (111) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area
 (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma
 (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.W. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria
 (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast
 (vii) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
 (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5/4/42.

A. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	CANHERRA (Refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	ADELAIDE
	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MOSOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KAHIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	HANGORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
	VOYAGER
Submarine	TAMBOUR

Enemy Forces

New Guinea-Bismarck Archipelago-Solomons Area.

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOJ") en route Marshallis
 14 Naval Air Authorities including 24th Air Squadron, Portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron and probably several converted seaplane tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 possibly 5-5.5" Cruisers
 At least 6 Destroyers
 At least 20 merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 36-40 heavy bombers and 18 flying boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier ("HOSHIO" or possibly "AKAGI")
 1 converted Seaplane tender
 Some light cruisers
 Some Units ~~xxxxxx~~ 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several air Squadrons including 17th. Air Squadron & portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division

Marshallis

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 1 R/S Flotilla (16th)

Marshalls Ctd.

Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st. Air Corps, C.O. Chitose Air Squadron and of Yokohama F/B Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one hospital ship

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6 th Cruiser	PHOENIX		
Destroyers	BULMER		
	BARKER		
	PAUL JONES		
	PARROTT		
	VENDETTA	(Damaged)	
Seaplane Tenders	CHILD'S		
	HERON		
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK		
Submarine Tenders	OTUS		
	HOLLAND		
Submarines	S.37	) 10 in Fremantle-Albany Area
	S.38		
	S.39		
	S.40		
	S.41		
	PERCH		
	PERMIT		
	PICKEREL		
	PIKE		
	PORPOISE		3 en route Albany to Melbourne
	SAILFISH		
	SALMON		
SARGO	) 10 on patrol or en route to or from patrol stations	
SAUKY			
SCULPIN			
SEADRAGON			
SEAL			
SEARAVEN			
SEAWOLF	) 3 on special mission	
SKIPJACK			
SNAPPER			
SPEARFISH			
STINGRAY			
STURGEON			
SWORDFISH			
TARPON			
Dutch	K.8	) At Fremantle
	K.9		
	K.12		
Auxiliaries	GEORGE G. HENRY	En route Melbourne	
	LANAKAI	) En route Fremantle to Geraldton area
	ERLING BROVIG	) At Fremantle
Minesweepers	LARK	) At Albany
	WHIPPOORWILL		
Patrol Vessels	6 Dutch	At Fremantle	
	ISABEL	At Fremantle	
	TULSA	En route Albany to Melbourne	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. Waters are possibly operating South of Java but there has been no recent Intelligence to confirm this

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area) See list above

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS (Cont)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships

6 A/C Carriers	KUWAKAKU	Celebes Area
	SHOKAKU	" "
	HIRYU	" "
	SOBYU	" "
	AKAGI	" " (may be proceeding Truk area)
	RYUJO	Malayan Area (may be returning to Japan)

7 - 8" Cruisers
 6 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 30 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. Third Fleet
 C. in C. 2nd Fleet
 C. in C. Combined Air Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 3 Battleships
 3 A/C Carrier KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
 KORYU
 KASUGA

3 - 8" Cruisers
 1 - 6" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	Was due Colombo 29/3
	RESOLUTION	Addu Atoll
	REVENGE	" "
	RAMILLIES	" "
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	" "
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	FORMIDABLE	At Colombo
	INDOMITABLE	At Addu Atoll
8" Cruisers	DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
	CORNWALL	" "
6" Cruisers (Greek)	GIORGIOS AVROFF	At Bombay ?
	CERES	At Capetown
	DURBAN	At Durban ?
	GLASGOW	En route Durban-Mombasa due 2/4
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay ?
	GALEDON	At Colombo
	ENTERPRISE	" "
	DRAGON	" "
	EMERALD	At Trincomalee
	NEWCASTLE	At Durban
	DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
	BOISE	At Bombay
	MARBLEHEAD)	At Simonstown for repairs
	SUMATRA)	At Trincomalee for repairs
A.M.C.'s	WORCESTERSHIRE	En route Durban-Bombay due 8/4
	HECTOR	At Colombo
	CORFU	" "
	RANCHI	En route Bombay to Seychelles
	CHITRAL	At Bombay ?
	ALANIA	At Mombasa
A.A.Vessels	HEMSKERCK	At Colombo ?
	COVENTRY	At Bombay ?

Approximately 35 Destroyers
 6 Submarines

Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown Naval Units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal Area.

B. MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	" "
	IDAH0 (12-14")	" "
	COLORADO (8-16")	" "
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" "
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HONNET	At San Diego
6" Cruisers	SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	" "
	MINNEAPOLIS	At Pearl Harbour
	INDIANAPOLIS	" " "
	SAN FRANCISCO	" " "
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	* Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	En route Pearl Harbour- Mare Is.
	HONOLULU	At Pearl Harbour
	CONCORD	At Balboa ?
	RICHMOND	At Society Islands
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	En route San Francisco to Honolulu
	NASHVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALIGH (Damaged)	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers

22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6/4/42

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" in Noumea area. Provisioning ships today.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 6 or 9 destroyers operating in Noumea area. On completion of current operations, force to proceed Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" to return Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER". (See Para. xi).
- (iii) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
Oiler "CUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" arrived Noumea from Vila yesterday 5/4. "CUYAMA" to fuel and avgas "TANGIER". "CASTOR" & "CRESCENT CITY" escorted by Destroyer "HENLEY" due to arrive Sava 0830 today 6/4 from Vila.
- (iv) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area. "DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st. "SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed. Store Ship "BRIDGE" departed Noumea 0705/4/4 for New Caledonian ports.
- (v) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (vi) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" in Samoa area.
- (vii) "LEANDER" U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" escorting 3 ships ex Convoy BT.201 are due to arrive Brisbane 1800 today 6/4.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" escorting remaining 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 departed Auckland 2101/4/4 for Melbourne. U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" to R.V. with Convoy at 1600/7/4 in a position approx 400 miles S.E. of Sydney and join escort to Melbourne. E.T.A. Melbourne 1400/9/4.
- (ix) "ACHILLES", U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" ex Convoy PW.2055 due to arrive Sydney at 1200 today 6/4.
- (x) U.S. Destroyer "FORD" escorting "MARIPOSA" & "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" ex Convoy PW.2055 en route Melbourne E.T.A. 0600 tomorrow 7/4.
- (xi) 8" Cruiser "CHESTER" in Noumea area for duty with Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA".
- (xii) "WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 3/4 to escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville approx E.T.D. ^{from} Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed Sydney.
- (xiii) U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" to depart Sydney 1100 today 6/4 to form A/3 escort with "VOYAGER" for E.M. Transport "QUEEN MARY" until 2200/6/4. "EDWARDS" then to proceed to R.V. with "MONOWAI" Convoy at 1600/7/4 in a position approx 400 miles S.E. of Sydney.
- (xiv) "KANIMELA" en route Melbourne to Brisbane to escort "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 to Melbourne E.T.A. Brisbane this morning 6/4.
- (xv) "HOBART" & "ADELAIDE" at Sydney.
- (xvi) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xvii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xix) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (xx) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) to be sailed from Sydney p.m. today 6/4 for Noumea to relieve "FALKEFJELL".
- (xxi) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xxii) "GOLAC" "CRESSNOCK" & "SARRNAMBOOL" at Thursday Island.
- (xxiii) "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayers - Minediv 2) at Fiji.
- (xxiv) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Sydney 3/4 to discharge destroyer torpedoes, ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Pick up freight for Comsowespac and return Melbourne thence Fremantle.
- (xxv) "LASSEN" (U.S. Ammunition Ship) at Fiji.
- (xxvi) "MANOORA" at Melbourne ready for sea about 9/4. To escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xxvii) "MILDURA" & "GERLONG" in Noumea. "MILDURA" to proceed Sydney for docking and repairs. "WILCANNIA" sailing Sydney today with "BISHOPDALE" to relieve "MILDURA".
- (xxviii) U.S. Destroyer "RUSSELL" and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.

- (xxix) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) to depart Melbourne 8/4 for Sydney. Later with "VOYAGER" and four U.S. Destroyers probably to operate from Sydney.
- (x) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting ready 8/4.
- (i) U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" was due to arrive Samoa yesterday 5/4 to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
- (xxxii) "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xiii) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) RABAUL - ~~Kanaka~~ Analysis of photographs portion of Rabaul Harbour 4/4 reveals -
- 11 merchant ships
 - 16 small vessels
 - 2 destroyers
 - 1 wireless vessel
 - 1 possible submarine

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle from Brisbane E.T.A. 9/4.
- (ii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" arrived Adelaide from Fremantle 0900/5/4. Later to escort U.S. submarines leaving Albany for Melbourne 4/4 and 5/4.
- (iii) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 8/4.
- (iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender), "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (v) "ISLANDER" again has "VENDETTA" in tow and is proceeding direct to Adelaide at 4 knots in company with "MORSEBY".
- (vi) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle.
- (vii) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (viii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser), "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BARKER" & "BULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) on patrol off Fremantle.
- (ix) "PINGWO" is proceeding to Melbourne direct E.T.A. Port Phillip 1800 today 6/4.
- (x) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (xi) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) with S.38 (U.S. Sub.) departed Albany for Melbourne 31/3. E.T.A. Port Phillip tomorrow 7/4.
- (xii) S.37 and S.40 sailed Fremantle 3/4 en route to Melbourne.
- (xiii) U.S. Submarine S.39 was to be sailed from Fremantle 1700/5/4 to meet S.41 at Albany at 0800/7/4.
- (xiv) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Ten submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) KORPANG AREA - Air reconnaissance over Koepang at 0730/5/4 sighted no shipping.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) departed Bombay 1520/3/4 for Fremantle. To remain in vicinity of Ceylon until further orders.

Enemy Forces

- (i) ANDAMANS AREA - An enemy force including at least 4 cruisers and 12 destroyers is operating in the Andamans Sea under the C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (ii) BAY OF BENGAL - C in C Second Fleet is operating in the Malayan area possibly at Singapore. There are indications that this force is being augmented by further units of the Second Fleet, and now includes at least 5 heavy cruisers.
- (iii) GENERAL - The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

"GRANFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) **CAROLINES** - Washops report 4/4 that there are indications that Ponape (Caroline Islands) is being developed as a submarine base.
- (ii) **MARSHALLS** - An aircraft carrier is expected in the Marshalls shortly with air reinforcements for Eastern Marshall bases. Seaplane Tenders "KAWOI" & "KANIGAWA MARU" are also in the Marshalls.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) M.S. "PROMETHEUS" (Panamanian ship - 8,890 tons) reported at 0936Z/5/4 that she was being attacked by a submarine. Position has not been received and her present route and destination is unknown.
- (ii) **CEYLON** - Unofficial reports have been received of an enemy air raid on Colombo yesterday morning April 5th in which 25 enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters and two by A.A. fire. The communique released to the Press states 5 other enemy aircraft were probably shot down and 25 damaged. Our losses were slight. The attack is reported as commencing at 0800 local time when dive-bombing and low flying machine gun attacks were made on the harbour and other areas. No official signal on this attack has yet been received.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Move against Allied territory in the Calcutta-Akyab area from Malaya with a view to isolating Allied forces in Burma.
- (ii) Possible attack on Ceylon.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iv) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting the supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (v) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (vi) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. coast.
- (vii) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (viii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6/4/42

A. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	NEW ORLEANS
6" Cruisers	CANBERRA (Refitting)
	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	ADELAIDE
	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TROMP (Damaged)
	STUART (Refitting)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTHALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANOCRA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
Submarine	VOYAGER
	TAMBOUR

Enemy Forces

New Guinea-Bismarck Archipelago-Solomons Area.

~~1 Seaplane Carrier ("SELANG") en route Marshalls~~

14 Naval Air Authorities including ~~24th Air Squadron~~, Portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron and probably several converted seaplane tenders

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 possibly 5-5.5" Cruisers

At least 6 Destroyers

At least 20 merchant ships including several Army Transports

1 Sub. Depot Ship ?

1 Squadron Submarines ?

C in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 100 shorebased Aircraft including probably 48 fighters, 35-40 heavy bombers and 18 flying boats.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier ("HOSHO" or possibly "AKAGI")

1 converted Seaplane tender

Some light cruisers

Some Units 4th Fleet

Approx. 12 Destroyers

At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Several air Squadrons including 17th. Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron

1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.

1 Seaplane Carrier (*Kanmoku*)

1 Converted Seaplane Tender (*Kanmoku Maru*)

Marshalla Ctd.

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/S Squadron and 1st Air Corps, C.C. Chitose Air Squadron and of Yokohama F/S Squadron.

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one hospital ship.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6th Cruiser

PHOENIX

Destroyers

BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROTT

VINDETTA

(Damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

CHILD3

HERON

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

HOLLAND

Submarines

S.37

S.38

S.39

S.40

S.41

PERCH

8 in Fremantle - Albany Area

PERMIT

PICKEREL

PIKE

PORPOISE

SAILFISH

5 en route Albany to Melbourne

SALMON

SARGO

SAURY

10 on patrol or en route to or from patrol stations

SCULPIN

SEADRAGON

SEAL

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

3 on special mission

SKIPJACK

SNAPPER

SPEARFISH

STINGRAY

STURGEON

SWORDFISH

TANPOE

Dutch

K.8

K.9

K.12

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY

En route Melbourne

LANAKAI

En route Fremantle to Geraldton area

ERLING BROVIG

At Fremantle

Minesweepers

LARK

At Albany

WHIPPOORWILL

Patrol Vessels

8 Dutch

At Fremantle

ISABEL

At Fremantle

TULSA

En route Albany to Melbourne

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. Waters are ^{still probably} possibly operating South of Java but ~~there has been no recent intelligence~~ ~~confirming this~~. including at least 1 cruiser, 4 destroyers, 2 transports.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

See list above.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS (CONT.)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

ZUIKAKU	Celebes area	} Possibly underway See
SHOKAKU	" "	
HIRYU	" "	
SOBYU	" "	
AKAGI	" "	
RYUJO	Malayan Area	} Possibly Celebes Sea DNG area (may be proceeding Truk & Marshall's area)
	(may be returning to Japan)	

7 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 30 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. Combined Air Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
KOKYU
KASUGA

3 - 8" Cruisers
1 - 6" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area
Probably 4 Squadrons (35) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	Was due Colombo 29/3
	RESOLUTION	Addu Atoll
	REVENGE	" "
	HAMILLIES	" "
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	" "
A/C Carriers	HERMES	At Trincomalee
	FORMIDABLE	At Colombo
	INDOMITABLE	At Addu Atoll
8" Cruisers	DORSETSHIRE	At Colombo
	CORNWALL	" "
6" Cruisers (Greek)	GIORGIOS AVEROFF	At Bombay ?
	CERES	At Capetown
	DURBAN	At Durban ?
	GLASGOW	En Route Durban-Mombasa was due 7/4
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay ?
	CALEDON	At Colombo
	ENTERPRISE	" "
	DRAGON	" "
	EMERALD	At Trincomalee
	NEWCASTLE	At Durban
	DAHAE	Persian Gulf ?
	BOISE	Bombay - Ceylon Area.
	MARBLEHEAD)	At Simonstown for repairs
	SUMATRA)	At Trincomalee for repairs
A.M.C.'s	WORCESTERSHIRE	En route Durban-Bombay due 8/4
	DOCTOR	At Colombo
	GORFU	" "
	RANCHI	En route Bombay to Seychelles
	CHITRAL	At Bombay ?
	ALAHIA	At Mombasa
A.A. Vessels	HEMSKERCK	At Colombo ?
	COVENTRY	At Bombay ?

Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown

Enemy Forces (Ctd.)

Naval Units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal Area.

K. MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	West Coast
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	" "
IDAHO	(12-14")	" "
COLORADO	(8-16")	" "
MARYLAND	(8-16")	" "
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	" "
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	" "

A/C Carriers

ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
HORNET	At San Diego

8" Cruisers

SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
NORTHAMPTON	" "
MINNEAPOLIS	" "
INDIANAPOLIS	" "
SAN FRANCISCO	" "

6" Cruisers

VINCENNES	At Mare Island
ST. LOUIS	En route Pearl Harbour - Mare Is.
HONOLULU	At Pearl Harbour
CONCORD	At Balboa ?
RICHMOND	At Society Islands
MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
TRENTON	At Balboa
DETROIT	En route San Francisco to Honolulu
NASHEVILLE	At San Diego
HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
RALEIGH (Damaged)	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7/4/42

1. DIVISIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" in Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers operating in Noumea area. On completion of current operations, force to proceed Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" to return Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER". (See Para.xi).
- (iii) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
Oiler "GUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" arrived Noumea from Vila 5/4. "GUYAMA" to fuel and avgas "TANGIER".
"CASTOR" & "CRESCENT CITY" escorted by Destroyer "HENLEY" was due to arrive Suva 6/4 from Vila.
- (iv) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
"DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
"SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
Store Ship "BRIDGE" departed Noumea 4/4 for New Caledonian ports.
- (v) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (vi) "NEW ORLEANS" & "MUGFORD" in Samoa area.
- (vii) "LEANDER" U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" escorting 3 ships ex Convoy BT.201 arrived Brisbane 1410/8/4.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" escorting remaining 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 departed Auckland 4/4 for Melbourne. U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" to R.V. with Convoy at 1600 today 7/4 in a position approx 400 miles S.E. of Sydney and join escort to Melbourne. E.T.A. Melbourne 1400/9/4.
- (ix) "ACHILLES" & U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" ex Convoy PW.2055 arrived Sydney at 1200/6/4.
- (x) U.S. Destroyer "FORD" escorting "MAHIPOSA" & "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" ex Convoy PW.2055 en route Melbourne E.T.A. 1600 today 7/4.
- (xi) 8" Cruiser "CHESTER" in Noumea area for duty with Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA".
- (xii) "WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 3/4 to escort "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville approx E.T.D. from Brisbane 8/4. On completion of escorting to proceed Sydney.
- (xiii) U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" departed Sydney 6/4 to R.V. with "MONOWAI" Convoy at 1600/7/4 in a position approx 400 miles S.E. of Sydney.
- (xiv) "KANIMELA" at Brisbane. Later to escort "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 to Melbourne.
- (xv) "HOBART" & "VOYAGER" at Sydney.
- (xvi) "CANBERRA" at Sydney refitting.
- (xvii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xix) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (xx) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) sailed from Sydney 2222 p.m. 6/4 for Noumea to relieve "PALKEPJELL" which is to return Sydney E.T.A. 9/4.
- (xxi) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xxii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" & "WAARNAMBOOL" at Thursday Island. "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" to R.V. with "TAROONA" 8/4 and escort her to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1830/9/4.
- (xxiii) "GAMBLE" & "RANSAY" (U.S. Minelayers - Minediv 2) at Fiji.
- (xxiv) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Sydney 3/4 to discharge destroyer torpedoes, ammunition, spares and fuel as required. Pick up freight for Comsowespac and return Melbourne thence Fremantle.
- (xxv) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (xxvi) "MANOORA" at Melbourne ready for sea about 9/4. To escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xxvii) "GKELONG" in Noumea. "MILDURA" departed Noumea 0800/5/4 for Sydney for docking and repairs E.T.A. 1200/9. "WILCANNIA" sailed yesterday from Sydney with "BISHOPDALE" to relieve "MILDURA".
- (xxviii) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.

- (xxx) "PINGWO" arrived Port Phillip 1535/6.
(xxx) "PUNJAB" en route Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600/8.
(xxxi) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) to depart Melbourne 8/4 for Sydney.
Later with "VOYAGER" and four U.S. Destroyers probably to operate from Sydney.
(xxxii) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting ready 8/4. To escort "WESTRALIA" to Townsville and then return to Brisbane.
(xxxiii) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S.Oiler) was due to arrive Samoa 5/4 to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
(xxxiv) "TULSA" (U.S.Patrol Vessel) with S.38 (U.S.Sub.) arrived Port Phillip 2302/6/4.
(xxxv) "WARRECO" at Sydney.
(xxxvi) "W.B.PRESTON" (U.S.Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.
(xxxvii) "ADELAIDE" with "BINGERA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 3 Dutch vessels departed Sydney for Melbourne 2311/6/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) HABAOUL - Approx 15 ships were observed in the western portion of Habaul Harbour yesterday 6/4 by our aircraft. 14 Flying Boats were also observed in the Harbour.
(ii) SOUTH OF TRUK - There are indications a division of submarines (2) from the 6th Submarine Squadron is operating south of Truk.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHENE" en route Fremantle from Brisbane E.T.A. 9/4.
(ii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" arrived Adelaide from Fremantle 0900/5/4.
(iii) Later to escort U.S. submarines leaving Albany for Melbourne 5/4 and 7/4.
(iii) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S.Oiler) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 8/4.
(iv) "HERON" (U.S.Seaplane Tender), "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORTWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
(v) "ISLANDER" again has "VENDETTA" in tow and is proceeding direct to Adelaide at 4 knots in company with "MORSEY".
(vi) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle.
(vii) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
(viii) "PHOENIX" (U.S.Cruiser) "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BARKER" & "BULMER" (U.S.Destroyers) on patrol off Fremantle.
(ix) S.37 and S.40 sailed Fremantle 5/4 en route to Melbourne.
(x) S.39 (U.S.Submarine) was to be sailed from Fremantle to meet S.41 at Albany at 0800/7/4.
(xi) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
(xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

Ten submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or E.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Opnav reported 1/4 that Carrier Division 2 ("SORYU" & "HIRYU") were believed in Kendari area but may be operating off N.W. Australian coast.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TRINITY" (U.S.Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
(ii) "BOISE" (U.S.Cruiser) departed Bombay 3/4 for Fremantle. To remain in vicinity of Ceylon until further orders.
(iii) Convoy SU4 (3 merchant ships) to depart Colombo for Fremantle p.m. 8/4.

Enemy Forces

- (1) BAY OF BENGAL - An enemy naval force including at least 2 aircraft carriers, and probably 3 heavy cruisers and possibly some battle-ships is operating in the Bay of Bengal - Andamans Sea area under the control of the C in C Second Fleet and C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet. (See Naval Incidents).
- (11) GENERAL - The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

"GRIPPIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Islands 30/3 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 14/4.

Enemy Forces

- (1) An enemy seaplane base has been established at Makin (Gilberts) and air searches may be expected from Wake, Kwajalein, Maloelap and Makin.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) BAY OF BENGAL - Following the carrier-borne air attack on Colombo
- (a) Sunday morning 5/4 the Deputy C in C Eastern Fleet reported that Japanese naval forces including aircraft carriers were operating south of latitude 5°N and were reported in longitude 78°E (probably S.W. of Colombo) at 1530/5.
- (b) A merchant ship reported being bombed and on fire in a position approx 50 miles off Vizagapatam (E.Coast of India between Madras and Calcutta) at 0702/6.
- (c) A British India Liner reported sighting an enemy battleship bearing W.S.W. in a position 35 miles east of Puri (E.Coast India 210 miles South of Calcutta), at 0704/6.
- (d) Two other vessels reported having sighted two enemy battleships approaching from the east in a position approx 63 miles East of Masulipatan (E.Coast India approx 200 miles North of Madras) at 0729/6.

Comment - It is suggested that the aircraft carriers involved are possibly carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") who were last reported arriving Kendari from Japan 27/3 and who were known to be connected with operations commencing on April 1st. These carriers are Japan's latest and would therefore probably have a speed of approx 30 knots. These carriers were employed in the attack on Pearl Harbour and later in the initial operations against Rabaul.

- (11) RABAU - A probable direct hit was scored on a large transport and a cruiser was straddled during air attacks on enemy shipping in Rabaul Harbour yesterday 6/4.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon.
- (11) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
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	VOYAGER
Submarine	TAMBOR

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Enemy Forces.

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1 Submarine Division

Marshalls.

Possibly 1 Aircraft carrier.

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet.

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")

1 Converted Seaplane Tender (KAMIGAWA MARU)

A. ANZAC AREA (Contd.).

Marshall's (Contd.)

1st Flotilla (16th)

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SEAL

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SEAWOLF

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British and Allied Forces.

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HIRYU	Possibly Celebes Timor-D.N.G. area.
SORYU	" " "
AEAGI	May be proceeding Truk and Marshall Area.
RYUJO	Malayan area - (May be returning to Japan).

7 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 5.5" Cruisers
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Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
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C. in C. Combined Air Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area.

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3 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged), to proceed Yokosuka shortly.

KORYU
KASUGA

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1 - 6" Cruisers

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area.

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D. INDIAN OCEAN.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleships

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NEWCASTLE	At Durban
DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
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SUMATRA)	At Trincomalee for repairs
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HECTOR	At Colombo
CORFU	" "
RANCHI	En route Bombay to Seychelles
CHITRAL	At Bombay ?
ALAUZIA	At Mombasa

A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

(Greek)

A.M.C's

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Contd.)

British and Allied Forces. (Contd.)

A.A. Vessels	HEKMSHERCK	At Colombo ?
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6 Submarines

Enemy Forces

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E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

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	NORTHAMPTON	" "
	MINNEAPOLIS	" "
	INDIANAPOLIS	" "
	SAN FRANCISCO	" "
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES	At Mare Island
	ST. LOUIS	En route Pearl Harbour- Mare Is.
	HONOLULU	At Pearl Harbour
	CONCORD	At Balboa ?
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	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	En route San Francisco to Honolulu
	NASHEVILLE	At San Diego
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALEIGH (Damaged)	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces.

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8/4/42

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- (xxviii) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (xxix) "PINGO" at Melbourne.
- (xxx) "PUNJAB" is due at Melbourne from Sydney at 0600/8.
- (xxxi) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) to depart Melbourne today 8/4 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500/9. Later with "VOYAGER" and four U.S. Destroyers probably to operate from Sydney.
- (xxxii) "SWAN" at Brisbane refitting. Ready 9/4.
- (xxxiii) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) was due to arrive Samoa 5/4 to refuel from "GULF QUEEN".
- (xxxiv) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) with S.38 (U.S. Sub) arrived Melbourne 0801/7.
- (xxxv) "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xxxvi) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

SOLOMONS - Air reconnaissance on 3/4 revealed no shipping in vicinity of Shortland Islands or Treasury Islands (16 miles south of Shortlands).

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHERE" en route Fremantle from Brisbane E.T.A. 9/4.
- (ii) "BENDIGO" & "GOULBURN" arrived Adelaide from Fremantle 5/4. Later to escort U.S. Submarines leaving Albany for Melbourne. "BENDIGO" will R.V. with S.37 and S.40 at 1430/8. S.39, S.41 (U.S. Subs) departed Albany 1101/7/4, proceeding in company on surface to Melbourne at 9 knots.
- (iii) "GEORGE G. HENNY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. today 8/4.
- (iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender), "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (v) "ISLANDER" with "VENDETTA" in tow and arrived Adelaide yesterday 7/4 in company with "MORSEY".
- (vi) K3, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K12 will be ready to sail for Anzac Area 16/4.
- (vii) "MARRYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOSGOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (viii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BANKER" & "BULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) on patrol off Fremantle.
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Darwin 1832/7.
- (xi) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN AREA

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Opnav reported 1/4 that Carrier Division 2 ("SORYU" & "HIRYU") were believed in Kendari area but may be operating off N.W. Australian coast.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) to remain in vicinity of Ceylon until further orders.
- (iii) Convoy SU4 (3 merchant ships) to depart Colombo for Fremantle p.m. 8/4

Enemy Forces

- (i) BAY OF BENGAL - An enemy naval force including at least 2 aircraft carriers, probably 5 heavy cruisers and possibly some battleships, is operating in the Bay of Bengal - Andamans Sea area under the control of the C in C Second Fleet and C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.
- (ii) GENERAL - The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

"GRYPHIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Is. 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 11/4.

Enemy Forces

An enemy seaplane base has been established at Makin (Gilberts) and air searches may be expected from Wake, Kwajalein, Malcelap and Makin.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) BAY OF BENGAL - No further information has been received concerning the three enemy battleships reported off the East Coast of India on the morning of the 6th or the aircraft carriers reported in the area on the 5th.
- (ii) MANDATES - Two loaded Japanese tankers were sunk by a U.S. submarine in the area south of Truk on 4 A.
- (iii) FIJI - C.W.R. Wellington advise that an alleged submarine was reported from Momi Battery (66 miles W. by N. of Suva) at 1414/G. A subsequent air search the same day was negative.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast areas from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8/4/42

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier

S/P Tenders

8" Cruisers

YORKTOWN

TANGIER

W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)

AUSTRALIA

CHICAGO

PENSACOLA

LOUISVILLE

PORTLAND

ASTORIA

CHESTER

~~NEWARK~~

CANBERRA (Refitting)

6" Cruisers

LEANDER

ACHILLES

ADELAIDE

HOBART

Flotilla Leaders

LE TRIOMPHANT

TROMP (Damaged)

STUART

A.M.C.'s

MONOWAI

WESTRALIA

KANIMBLA

ASCANIA

MANCORA

Destroyers

At least 17 U.S.

VOYAGER

Submarines

TAMBOR

8 38

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago-Solomons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron, and probably several converted seaplane tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers

At least 6 Destroyers

At least 20 merchant ships including several Army Transports

1 Sub. Depot Ship ?

1 Squadron Submarines ?

C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)

C. in C. Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 Float Planes

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area

1 Aircraft Carrier ("HOSHO" or possibly "AKAGI")

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

Some light cruisers

Some Units 4th Fleet

Approx. 12 Destroyers

At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Several Air Squadrons including 17th. Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron

1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")

A. ANZAC AREA (Contd)

Marshalls (Contd)

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps, C.O. Chinese Air Squadron

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser

Destroyers

PHOENIX
BULMER
BARKER
PAUL JONES
PARROTT
VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane Tenders

CHILDS

HEHON

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

HOLLAND

Submarines

S.37

S.39

S.40

S.41

PERMIT

PICKEREL

PIKE

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SALMON

SARGO

SAURY

SCULPIN

SEADRAGON

SEAL

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

SKIPJACK

SNAPPER

SPEARFISH

SPINGRAY

STURGEON

SWORDFISH

TARPOE

8 in Fremantle - Albany Area

4 en route Albany to Melbourne

9 on patrol or en route to or from patrol stations

3 on special mission

Dutch

K.8

K.9

K.12

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

GEORGE G. HENRY

En route Melbourne

LANAKAI

En route Fremantle to

Geraldton area

ERLING BROVIG

At Fremantle

Minesweepers

LARK

At Albany

WHIPPOORWILL)

" "

5 Dutch

At Fremantle

Patrol Vessels

ISABEL

" "

XXLEA

En route Albany to Melbourne

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. Waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers, 2 transports.

EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines en route to or on patrol)
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area) See list above

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

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- (xxxv) "GEORGE G.HENRY" (U.S.Oiler) arrived Melbourne from Fremantle 1620/8/4.
- (xxxvi) "BUNGAREE" en route Sydney - Geelong E.T.A. Port Phillip 1110 today 9/4 berthing Geelong 1700 today.

Enemy Forces

- (i) RABAUL - Photographic reconnaissance over Rabaul at 0837/8 sighted 5 medium sized transports and 10 various sized smaller ships. Portion only of the harbour was photographed.
- (ii) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - 1 Cruiser, 2 funnels, 8,000 tons and 2 transports (1 of 10,000 tons and 2 funnels; the other of 8,000 tons, one funnel) were sighted at Lorengau (Admiralty Islands) at 1001/8/4.
- (iii) SOLOMONS - No shipping was sighted at Buka or Kessa on 8/4.

B) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) EAST INDIES - JAPAN

British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) AMBON - Aircraft over Ambon at 1645 to 1710/8/4 sighted 1 ship of 30,000 tons apparently a capital ship and 3 ships of 8,000 tons, and 2 ships of 2,500 tons.
- (ii) KOEPANG - 4 merchant ships (1 of 6,000 tons and 1 of 1500 tons) were sighted in the Bay off Akle (Semau Island) at 1730-1755/8/4. No other ships were sighted in or around Koepang.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "TRINITY" (U.S.Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S.Cruiser) now presumed en route Ceylon area to Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

BAY OF BENGAL - A.H.Q. India reports -

- (a) An enemy force including 3 battleships, one aircraft carrier were reported by reconnaissance aircraft in a ~~axax~~ position towards the

centre of the Bay of Bengal at 1437 yesterday 8/4.

(b) Dawn and dusk patrols off Trincomalee and Colombo 8/4 were negative.

(c) Reconnaissances to a depth of 160 miles off the East Coast of Ceylon and to a depth of 450 miles S.E. from the Calcutta area 8/4 were negative.

(ii) GENERAL - The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

E) MID PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

"GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Is. 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.

Enemy Forces

An enemy seaplane base has been established at Makin (Gilberts) and air searches may be expected from Wake, Kwajalein, Maloelap and Makin.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS - Two Japanese destroyers and one Cruiser were
a) sighted steering S.E. past Pelleluhu Islands (155 miles N.E. of Wewak north coast of New Guinea) at 1330/7/4, speed 5 knots.

b) Japanese troops were reported at 0735/8/4 to be landing from one Destroyer and one transport at Lorengau (Manus Island - Admiralty Islands).

c) One two-funnelled cruiser (8") and 2 large transports were sighted at Lorengau at 1001/8/4.

(ii) PACIFIC ISLANDS - An unidentified submarine was sighted by aircraft at 1033/8 in a position 360 miles N.W. of Apia (Samoa).

(iii) DARWIN - S.S. "PORTMAR" (U.S. Transport) which was severely damaged during the enemy air raid at Darwin on 19/2 was refloated on 6/4. Damage appears to be slight.

(iv) THURSDAY IS. - Following a report that Dutch ships "HONG" "HORCADIA" "GLORIA" "LIBY" are held up at Merauke, because native crews refuse to attempt the passage to Thursday Island, and that Dutch and A.I.F. escapees are at Merauke, Naval Launch "PALUMA" sailed from Thursday Island on 7/4 to investigate and if possible bring the ships back.

(v) EAST INDIES - U.S. Submarine "PERCH" which left Darwin on patrol on 3/2 and which was ordered on 11/3 to return to Fremantle, is now 13 days overdue and is presumed to have been lost during the Battle of Java.

(vi) PHILIPPINES - A large enemy armed tender or auxiliary cruiser was sunk by torpedoes at Davao on 31/3.

(vii) BAY OF BENGAL - H.M.I.S. "INDUS" (Sloop, 1190 tons) was sunk during enemy air raids 6/4 (on Akyab). (Sub. Depot Ship)
H.M.S. "TENEDOS" is probably a total loss and H.M.S. "LUCIA" / received slight damage as a result of the heavy air raid on Colombo 5/4.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

(i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon.

(ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin & N.W. Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.

(iii) Increased submarine & surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.

(iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Is. and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.

(v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae-Salamaua area & also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.

(vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.

(vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9/4/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/P Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	CANBERRA (Refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	ADELAIDE
	HOBART (Refitting)
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART
	TROMP (Damaged)
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANOORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
	VOYAGER
Submarines	TAMBOR
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Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago-Solomons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron, and probably several converted seaplane tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 At least 6 Destroyers
 At least 20 merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 Float Planes.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some light cruisers
 Some Units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 12 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron.
 1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier
 At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")

A. AMC AREA (Contd)

Marshalls (Contd)

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps, C.O. Chitose Air Squadron

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

PHOENIX

Destroyers

BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROTT

VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane tenders

CHILDS

HERON

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

HOLLAND

Submarines

S.37

S.39

S.40

S.41

PERMIT

PICKEREL

PIKE

PORPOISE

SAILFISH

SALMON)

SARGO

SAURY

SCULPIN

SEADRAGON

SEAL

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

SKIPJACK

SNAPPER

SPEARFISH

STINGRAY

STURGEON

SWORDFISH

TARPON

8 in Fremantle - Albany area

4 en route Albany to Melbourne

9 on patrol or en route to or from patrol stations

3 on special mission

Dutch

K.8

K.9

K.12

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

LANAKAI

ERLING BROVIG

TRINITY

Minesweepers

LARK

WHIPPOORWILL

8 Dutch

ISABEL

Geraldton area

At Fremantle

En route Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4

At Albany

" "

At Fremantle

" "

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. Waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers, 2 transports.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

20 Submarines en route to or on patrol) See list on previous page
stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

ZUIKAKU Possibly Andamans Area
SHOKAKU " " "
HIRYU " Celebes Timor-D.N.G. Area
SORYU " " " "
AKAGI " Andamans Area
RYUJO Malayan Area - (May be returning to Japan)

7 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 30 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. Combined Air Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly

KORYU
KASUGA

3 - 8" Cruisers
1 - 6" Cruiser

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships WARSPITE At sea (Operation Force A.)

RESOLUTION At sea - Force B

REVENGE " - " "

RAMILLIES " - " "

ROYAL SOVEREIGN " - " "

A/C Carriers

HERMES " - " "

FORMIDABLE At sea - Force A

INDOMITABLE " " - " A

8 1/2" cruiser (Greek)

GIORGIOS AVEROFF At Bombay ?

6" Cruisers

CERES At Capetown en route DURBAN

DURBAN At Durban ?

GLASGOW Was due Mombasa 2/4 at Simonstown

COLOMBO At Mombasa

CAPETOWN At Bombay ?

CALEDON At Sea - Force B

ENTERPRISE At sea - Force A

DRAGON At sea - Force B

EMERALD At sea - Force A

NEWCASTLE At Durban

DANAE Persian Gulf ?

BOISE Ceylon Area

MARBLEHEAD At Simonstown for repairs

SUMATRA) At Trincomalee for repairs

A.M.C.'s

WORCESTERSHIRE Was due Bombay 8/4

HECTOR At Colombo

CORFU " "

RANCHI Seychelles area ?

D. INDIAN OCEAN
British and Allied Forces (Contd)

A.M.C.'s	CHITRAL	At Bombay ?
	ALAUNIA	At Mombasa
A.A. Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	At sea - Force B.
	COVENTRY	At sea - Force B

Approximately 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines

Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown Naval Units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal Area.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	" "
	IDAHO	(12-14")	" "
	COLORADO	(8-16")	" "
	MARYLAND	(8-16")	" "
	TENNESSEE	(12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	" "
	A/A Carriers	ENTERPRISE		Pearl Harbour
LEXINGTON			Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
HORNET			Left San Francisco 2/4
8" Cruisers	SARATOGA (Damaged)		West Coast
	SALT LAKE CITY		Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON		" "
	MINNEAPOLIS		" "
	INDIANAPOLIS		En route San Francisco
	SAN FRANCISCO		Pearl Harbour
	VINCENNES		Left San Francisco 2/4
	NEW ORLEANS		Mid Pacific
	CHESTER		Samoa
	ST. LOUIS		En route Pearl Harbour-Mare Is.
	HONOLULU		En route San Diego
	CONCORD		At Balboa ?
	RICHMOND		At Society Islands
	MILWAUKEE		Mid Pacific
	TRENTON		At Balboa
DETROIT		At Pearl Harbour	
NASHEVILLE		Left San Francisco 2/4	
HELENA (Damaged)		West Coast	
RALEIGH (Damaged)		West Coast.	

Approximately 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
10/4/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" in Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers operating in Noumea area. On completion of current operations, force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" to return Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER".
- (iii) 8" Cruiser "CHESTER" in Noumea area has probably joined Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA".
- (iv) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
Oiler "CUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" en route from Noumea to Tongatabu.
"CASTOR" & "CRESCENT CITY" escorted by Destroyer "HENLEY" at Suva. "CRESCENT CITY" to depart for San Diego. "CASTOR" to depart for San Francisco E.T.A. 21/4.
- (v) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
"DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
"SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
Store Ship "BRIDGE" arrived at Tongatabu 1250/8/4.
- (vi) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (vii) "LEANDER" at Brisbane and "ACHILLES" at Sydney. Both to depart approx 10/4 for R.V. with F.O.C.A.S. in vicinity of Noumea.
- (viii) "ADELAIDE" with "BINGERA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting three Dutch vessels en route from Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. today 10/4.
"ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" (U.S. Destroyer) to escort the 3 Dutch vessels to Noumea.
- (ix) "MONOWAI" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 arrived Melbourne 0048/10.
- (x) "EDWARDS" arrived Melbourne 9/4.
- (xi) "WESTRALIA" departed Brisbane 0350/8 with Destroyer "WHIPPLE", escorting "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Townsville. On completion of escorting to proceed Sydney.
- (xii) "KANIMBLA" at Brisbane. To escort "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 to Melbourne.
- (xiii) "MANOORA" at Melbourne ready for sea 10/4. To escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane.
- (xiv) "JOHN D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) at Melbourne.
- (xv) "VOYAGER" & "ALDEN" at Sydney.
- (xvi) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (xvii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xviii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xix) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (xx) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) escorted by "WILCANNIA" sailed from Sydney p.m. 6/4 for Noumea to relieve "FALKEFJELL" which is returning Sydney approx E.T.A. 11/4. "WILCANNIA" to relieve "MILDURA".
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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

ADMIRALTY IS. - Further to the report of landing operations at Lorengau 8/4, two enemy cruisers are reported to have left Lorengau at 0630/9 on a westerly course.

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British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

AMBON - Ten vessels were observed in the area during an air attack at 1745/9/4. The vessels included one very large ship of 30,000 tons not an aircraft carrier or a merchant vessel and having the appearance of a capital ship.

Nine merchant vessels from 4,000 - 7,000 tons each.

D) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (H.M. Looper) proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 20/4.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) presumed en route Colombo area to Fremantle.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BAY OF BENGAL - There has been no further information on enemy dispositions since the report from A.H.Q. India that an enemy force including 3 battleships and one aircraft carrier were sighted by reconnaissance aircraft in the Bay of Bengal at 1437/8/4.
- (ii) GENERAL - The German raider reported in Capetown area 14/3 could now have reached the western section of the Australia Station.

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British and Allied Forces

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) BAY OF BENGAL - The two British heavy cruisers attached to Eastern Fleet, H.M.S. "DORSETSHIRE" & H.M.S. "CORNWALL" were sunk by an enemy force of approx 60 fighters and dive bombers, presumably on 5/4.

The aircraft are reported to have been each armed with one large bomb. Both ships were hit by the first salvo and sank within 15 minutes after explosions in magazines. 1122 survivors are reported including the Captains of both ships.

- (ii) INDIAN OCEAN - A QQQQ (Raider distress message) was intercepted from the vessel "ILEEN" in a position approx 2000 miles west of Fremantle in the vicinity of the Amsterdam and St. Paul Islands at 0320/10.

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- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10/4/42.

A. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN
S/O Tenders	TANGIER
	W.B. PRESTON (Repairing)
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA
	CHICAGO
	PENSACOLA
	LOUISVILLE
	PORTLAND
	ASTORIA
	CHESTER
	CANBERRA (Refitting)
6" Cruisers	LEANDER
	ACHILLES
	ADELAIDE
	HOBART (Refitting)
Flotilla Leaders	LE TRIOMPHANT
	STUART
	TROMP (Damaged)
A.N.C.'S	MONOWAI
	WESTRALIA
	KANIMBLA
	ASCANIA
	MANOORA
Destroyers	At least 17 U.S.
Submarines	VOYAGER
	TAMBOR
	S 38

Enemy Forces

New Guinea 9 Bismarck Archipelago-Solemons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron, and probably several converted seaplane tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 -5.5" Cruisers

At least 6 Destroyers

At least 20 merchant ships including several Army Transports

1 Sub. Depot Ship ?

1 Squadron Submarines ?

C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)

C. in C. Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 70 shorebased Aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 Float Planes.

Mandates Islands.

Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

Some light cruisers

Some Units 4th Fleet

Approx. 12 Destroyers

At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron

1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")

1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")

A. ANZAC AREA (Contd)

Marshalls (Contd)

1 M/S Flotilla (16th)

9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps, C.O. Chitose Air Squadron

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship.

B. AUSTRALIA STATION (Excluding ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

PHOENIX
BULMER
BARKER
PAUL JONES
PARROTT
VENDETTA (Damaged)

Seaplane tenders

CHILDS

HERON

Destroyer Tender

BLACK HAWK

Submarine Tenders

OTUS

HOLLAND

Submarines

S.37

S.39

S.40

S.41

PERMIT

PICKEREL

PIKE

PORPOISE

SAILFISH

SALMON

SARGO

SAURY

SCULPIN

SEADRAGON

SEAL

SEARAVEN

SEAWOLF

SKIPJACK

SNAPPER

SPEARFISH

STINGRAY

STURGEON

SWORDFISH

TARPOW

8 in Fremantle - Albany area

4 en route Albany to Melbourne

9 on patrol or en route to or from patrol stations

3 on special mission

Dutch

K.8

K.9

K.12

At Fremantle

Auxiliaries

LANAKAI

ERLING BROVIG

TRINITY

LARK

WHIPPOORWILL

8 Dutch

ISABEL

Geraldton area

At Fremantle

En route Fremantle E.T.A.17/4

At Albany

" "

At Fremantle

" "

Patrol Vessel

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. Waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers, 2 transports.

C. EAST INDIES - MALAYAN WATERS

British and Allied Forces

19 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area } See list on previous page.

Enemy Forces

2 possibly 4 Battleships
6 A/C Carriers

ZUIKAKU	Possibly	Andamans Area
SHOKAKU	"	"
HIRYU	"	Celebes Timor-D.N.G. Area
SORYU	"	" " " "
AKAGI	"	Andamans Area
RYUJO	Malayan Area -	(May be returning to Japan)

7 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 30 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet
C. in C. 2nd Fleet
C. in C. Combined Air Fleet

Palau-Saipan-Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably 5 Battleships
3 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly

KORYU
KASUGA

3 - 8" Cruisers
1 - 6" Cruiser

Java-Darwin-Bay of Bengal-Indian Ocean Area

Probably 4 Squadrons (36) Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	At sea (Operation Force A.)
	RESOLUTION	At sea - Force B
	REVENGE	" - " "
	RAMILLIES	" - " "
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	" - " "
A/C Carriers	HERMES	" - " "
	FORMIDABLE	At sea - Force A
	INDOMITABLE	" " - " "
8" Cruiser (Greek)	GIORGIOS AVEROFF	At Bombay ?
6" Cruisers	CERES	En route Durban
	DURBAN	At Durban ?
	GLASGOW	At Simonstown 2/3
	COLOMBO	At Mombasa
	CAPETOWN	At Bombay ?
	CALEDON	At sea - Force B
	ENTERPRISE	At sea - Force A
	DRAGON	At sea - Force B
	EMERALD	At sea - Force A
	NEWCASTLE	At Durban
	DANAE	Persian Gulf ?
	BOISE	Ceylon Area
	MARBLEHEAD)	At Simonstown for repairs
	SUMATRA)	At Trincomalee for repairs
A.M.C.'s	WORCESTERSHIRE	Was due Bombay 8/4
	HECTOR	At Colombo
	CORFU	" "
	RANCHI	Seychelles area ?
	CHITRAL	At Bombay ?
	ALANNIA	At Mombasa
A.A. Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	At sea - Force B
	COVENTRY	At sea - Force B

Approximately 35 Destroyers
6 Submarines

D. INDIAN OCEAN (Cont)

Enemy Forces

At least 4 Cruisers, 12 Destroyers, 4 Transports and 4 other unknown Naval Units, together with C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet, operating in Andaman Islands - Bay of Bengal Area.

E. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

<u>Battleships</u>	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	West Coast
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	" "
	IDAHO (12-14")	" "
	COLORADO (8-16")	" "
	MARYLAND (8-16")	" "
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	" "
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	" "
<u>A/C Carriers</u>	ENTERPRISE	Pearl Harbour
	LEXINGTON	Was due Pearl Harbour 25/3
	HORNET	Left San Francisco 2/4
	SARATOGA (Damaged)	West Coast
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	Pearl Harbour
	NORTHAMPTON	" "
	MINNEAPOLIS	" "
	INDIANAPOLIS	En route San Francisco
	SAN FRANCISCO	Pearl Harbour
	VINCENNES	Left San Francisco 2/4
	NEW ORLEANS	Mid Pacific
6" Cruisers	CHESTER	SANOA
	ST. LOUIS	En route Pearl Harbour - Mare Is.
	HONOLULU	En route San Diego
	CONCORD	At Balboa ?
	RICHMOND	At Society Islands
	MILWAUKEE	Mid Pacific
	TRENTON	At Balboa
	DETROIT	At Pearl Harbour
	NASHEVILLE	Left San Francisco 2/4
	HELENA (Damaged)	West Coast
	RALBIGH (Damaged)	West Coast

Approximately 40 Destroyers
22 Submarines

Enemy Forces

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

11th April 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

1) EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (E. of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" in Noumea area.
- (ii) Task Force 17 including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PENSACOLA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers operating in Noumea area. On completion of current operations, force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" to return Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER".
- (iii) 8" Cruiser "CHESTER" in Noumea area has probably joined Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA".
- (iv) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
Oiler "CUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" en route from Noumea to Tongatabu.
"CASTOR" & "CRESCENT CITY" escorted by Destroyer "HENLEY" at Suva. "CRESCENT CITY" to depart for San Diego. "CASTOR" to depart for San Francisco E.T.A. 21/4.
- (v) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
"DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
"SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
Store Ship "BRIDGE" arrived at Tongatabu 8/4.
- (vi) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (vii) "ACHILLES" at Sydney.
- (viii) "LEANDER" departed Brisbane 2032/10/4 for Noumea E.T.A. a.m. 13/4.
- (ix) "ADELAIDE" with "BINGERA" & "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting three Dutch vessels from Sydney arrived Melbourne 0910/10/4. "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" (U.S. Destroyer) to escort the 3 Dutch vessels to Noumea.
- (x) "EDWARDS" at Melbourne.
- (xi) "MONOWAI" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 arrived Melbourne 10/4. "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" to escort "CITY OF PARIS" and "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne E.T.D. 13/4 to Fremantle.
- (xii) "JOHN D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) at Melbourne.
- (xiii) "WESTRALIA" & "WHIPPLE" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "SANTA CLARA" & "SANTA LUCIA" ex Convoy BT201 from Brisbane to Townsville. "WHIPPLE" arrived Townsville at 1430/10/4. "WESTRALIA" E.T.A. Townsville 1630/10/4. On completion of escort duties to proceed to Sydney.
- (xiv) "KANIMBLA" departed Brisbane with "SWAN" escorting "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 to Melbourne E.T.A. 1740/13/4.
- (xv) "MANGORA" at Melbourne to escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane E.T.D. a.m. 14/4.
- (xvi) "ADDEN" at Sydney.
- (xvii) "VOYAGER" to depart Sydney a.m. 11/4 to carry out firing practice outside Heads then proceed to Jervis Bay.
- (xviii) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (xix) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xx) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xxi) ~~"ASCANIA" at Auckland.~~
- (xxii) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xxiii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" to escort "MACDHUI" to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800/12/4.
- (xxiv) ~~"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) at Brisbane.~~
- (xxv) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Sydney 0845/9/4 for Brisbane. To land sub. torpedoes and spares, pick up freight for Comsowespac. Then return Melbourne, thence Fremantle.
- (xxvi) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice for main steaming.
- (xxvii) "PUNJAB" at Melbourne.
- (xxviii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. With "VOYAGER" and four U.S. Destroyers probably to operate from Sydney.
- (xxix) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) and 3.38 (U.S. Sub) en route Melbourne to Brisbane. E.T.A. late p.m. 14/4.
- (xxx) "WARREGO" at Sydney.
- (xxxi) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

- (xxxii) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.
(xxxiii) "BUNGAREE" at Geelong. Intends to proceed to Townsville area
0900/12. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) SOLOMONS - Air reconnaissance on 10/4 revealed only two schooners at Faisi (Shortland Is.).
(ii) NEW BRITAIN - "KENYO MARU" transporting equipment for Tainan Air Squadron and Seaplane Tender "KIYOSUMI MARU" (7,000 tons) were reported en route to Rabaul on 9/4 possibly from Timor area.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SECTOR (W. of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHENE" arrived Fremantle from Brisbane 1600/9. To sail later for Trincomalee.
(ii) S.37 and S.40 (U.S. Submarines) en route Albany to Melbourne escorted by "BENDIGO".
(iii) S.39 and S.41 (U.S. Submarines) en route Albany to Melbourne were to R.V. with "GOULBURN" at 1630/10/4 in a position 300 miles west of Adelaide.
(iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
(v) "ISLANDER" with "VENDETTA" in tow en route Fremantle to Melbourne arrived Adelaide 7/4 in company with "MORESBY". "WHYALLA" later to escort "ISLANDER" & "VENDETTA" to Melbourne.
(vi) KB, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K12 will be ready to sail for Anzac Area 16/4.
(vii) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
(viii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) "BARKER" & "BULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) returned to Fremantle from patrol 1359/7/4.
(ix) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" (U.S. Destroyers) departed Fremantle 1000Z/9 to provide A/S escort for H.M.T. "QUEEN MARY".
(x) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
(xi) "WARRENAMBOOL" at Darwin.
(xii) "KALGOORLIE" (A.M.S.) departed Adelaide for Melbourne 1530/10/4.
(xiii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES-PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Nine submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

KOEPANG - No shipping observed in the area during air reconnaissance M. on 10/4.

- B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix) (Pass on course 160° 7/4)

C) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) escorted by "WILCANNIA" sailed from Sydney p.m. 6/4 for Noumea to relieve "FALKBERGJELL" which has returned to Sydney. "WILCANNIA" to operate in Noumea area.
(ii) "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
(iii) "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayers - Minediv 2) at Fiji.
(iv) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and 6 submarines departed Society Is. 30/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 14/4.
(v) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji.
(vi) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
(vii) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.

D) NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E) S.E. PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (H.M. Looplayer) proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 20/4.

- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S.Cruiser) en route Colombo area to Fremantle, ETA 16/4.
- (iii) "TRINITY" (U.S.Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces

BAY OF BENGAL - There are now indications that five enemy aircraft carriers are operating in the Bay of Bengal - Andamans Sea area, including -

"AKAGI"	60 aircraft
"ZUIKAKU"	60 "
"SHOKAKU"	60 "
"RYUJO"	40 "
"HIRYU" or "SORYU"	42 "
	<u>262</u>

C in C Pacific reported 10/4 there were strong indications that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") and one carrier of Carrier Division 2 ("SORYU" & "HIRYU") were in the Bay of Bengal while the other carriers "AKAGI" & "RYUJO" have already been reported as probably being in the area.

This suggests that the enemy naval force operating West of Malaya includes -

- 3 Battleships
- 5 Aircraft Carriers
- 6 Heavy Cruisers

NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) BAY OF BENGAL

- a) Admiralty announced 10/4 that the aircraft carrier "HERMES" (11,000 tons) has been sunk by Japanese air attack off the coast of Ceylon. Details are not available but it is probable that a large proportion of the ship's company reached land as she was only about 10 miles off shore when sunk.
- B) It is reported as having been officially announced in Colombo that R.A.F. bombers attacked a Japanese naval squadron in the Indian Ocean on Thursday 9/4 scoring near misses on enemy aircraft carriers.

- (ii) PHILIPPINES - It is reported as officially announced by Washington 10/4 that the enemy is apparently landing troops on the island of Cebu (Visayan Sea - North of Mindanao). U.S. torpedo boats attacked enemy forces in this area and sank an enemy cruiser.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E.Coast of India.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W.Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E.Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W.Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC and INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

11th April 1942

A. SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide) British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	PENSACOLA	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHRSTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
A.M.C.'s.	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANOORA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Destroyers	16 U.S. (approx.)	
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOUR	
	S.38	

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

- 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane tenders.
- 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- Approx. 4 Destroyers
- At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
- 1 Squadron Submarines ?
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
- C. in C. Mandates Air Force
- Portion 1 Gunboat Division
- Approx. 70 shorebased aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide) British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	EULMER	VENDETTA
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Continued)
British and Allied Forces (Continued)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarine tenders	GTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	3.37	
	3.39	8 Fremantle - Albany area
	3.40	
	3.41	4 en route Melbourne
	PERMIT	
	PICKEREL	9 en route to or on patrol
	PIKE	China Sea-N.E.I. Waters
	PORPOISE	
	SAILFISH	
	SALMON	3 on special mission
	SARGO	
	SAURY	
	SCULPIN	
	SEADRAGON	
	SEAL	
	SEARAVEN	
	SEAWOLF	
	SKIPJACK	
	SNAPPER	
	SPEARFISH	
	STINGRAY	
	STURGEON	
	SWORDFISH	
	TARPON	
Dutch Submarines	K.8	
	K.9	
	K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI	
	ERLING BROVIG	
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch	
	ISABEL	

Tulua
 37
 38
 39
 40
 41
Sumatra
Borneo

Enemy Forces.

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - British and Allied Forces Dutch New Guinea).

Nine Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) see above
 in China Sea or N.E.I. area.)

Enemy Forces

- 1 poss. 1 Battleship
 - 2 A/C Carriers
 - 2 - 8" Cruisers
 - 2 - 6" Cruisers
 - 12 Destroyers
 - Several Seaplane Carriers
 - C. in C. Third Fleet
- SORYU or) Possibly Celebes - Timor - Dutch
 HIRYU) New Guinea area.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx.)	
Submarines	22 (approx.)	

Enemy Forces.

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

4 A/C Carriers	KAGA	At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly
	KORYU	
	KASUGA	
	HOSHO	

3 - 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 converted Seaplane Tender
Some light cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 8 Destroyers
At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier
At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMO")
1 converted Seaplane Tender (KAMIGAWA MARU)
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps, C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship.

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

G. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

S/P Tender
8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser

A.M.C.

Effective

TANGIER
NEW ORLEANS
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
ASCANIA

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EAST PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

6" Cruisers

Effective

CONCORD
TRENTON

Refitting or Repairing

F. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s.

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

Effective

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
BOISE
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
35 (approx)
6 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

Enemy Forces

5 Battleships

~~4~~ possibly 5 A/C Carriers - AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU? SORYU
or HIRYU

6 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
12th April 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

1) EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (E. of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & "LAMSON" has joined Task Force 17 (Aircraft Carrier "YORKTOWN") 8th Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" and 8 or 9 destroyers) operating in Noumea area. On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. "PENSACOLA" was detached from Task Force 17 at noon 10/4 and is to return to Pearl Harbour via Samoa when relieved by "CHESTER". Anzac squadron to return Noumea 14/4.
- (ii) 8th Cruiser "CHESTER" in Noumea area has probably joined Task Force 17 as relief for "PENSACOLA"
- (iii) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows:-
Oiler "GUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" en route from Noumea to Tongatabu.
"CASTOR" & "CRESCENT CITY" escorted by Destroyer "HENLEY" at Suva.
"CRESCENT CITY" to depart for San Diego. "CASTOR" to depart for San Francisco E.T.A. 21/4
- (iv) Task Force 19 disposed as follows:-
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
"DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
"SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed
Store ship "BRIDGE" arrived at Tongatabu 8/4
- (v) Task Force 9.6.2. (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea
- (vi) "ACHILLES" at Sydney
- (vii) "LEANDER" departed Brisbane 10/4 for Noumea E.T.A. 0800 tomorrow 13/4
- (viii) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" (U.S. Destroyer) at Melbourne to escort 3 Dutch vessels from Melbourne to Noumea E.T.D. 1700 today 12/4
- (ix) "MONOWAI" escorting 2 merchant ships ex Convoy BT.201 arrived Melbourne 10/4. "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" to escort "CITY OF PARIS" and "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne (E.T.D.12/4) to Fremantle
- (x) ~~"JOHN D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) at Melbourne~~
- (xi) "WESTRALIA" and U.S. "WHIPPLE" departed Townsville 0640/10/4. E.T.A. Sydney 1200/14/4
- (xii) "KALGOORLIE" A.M.S. en route Adelaide to Melbourne E.T.A. 1330 tomorrow 13/4.
- (xiii) "KANIMBLA" with "SWAN" escorting "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT. 201 en route Brisbane to Melbourne E.T.A.1740 tomorrow 13/4
- (xiv) "MANOORA" at Melbourne to escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane approx. E.T.D. 13/4
- (xv) "ALDEN" at Sydney is to join "MANOORA" S. of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea
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- (xx) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne
- (xxi) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" arrived Thursday Island 1620/11/4 to await arrival of H.T. "TARONA"
- (xxii) ~~"BAKERHILL" (Fleet Tanker) arrived Sydney 0100 yesterday 11/4.~~
- (xxiii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store ship) departed Sydney 9/4 for Brisbane. To land sub. torpedoes and spares, pick up freight for Comsowespac then return Melbourne, thence Fremantle.
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- (xxv) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice for main steaming.
- (xxvi) "PUNJAB" at Melbourne. Refit completed a.m. 11/4. E.T.D. for Fremantle 1600/13/4
- (xxvii) H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" & "BINGERA" at Melbourne. Both to escort U.S. Submarines to Brisbane.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR Contd.
British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

- (xxix) "ST. GILES" arrived Sydney 0054 yesterday 11/4
- (xxx) U.S. Submarines S.37 and S.40 escorted by H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" arrived Melbourne 1900/11/4 later to be escorted to Brisbane by "BINGERA"
- (xxx1) U.S. Submarines S.39 and S.41 en route Albany to Melbourne escorted by "GOULBURN"; to be escorted to Brisbane by "ROCKHAMPTON"
- (xxxii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. With "VOYAGER" and four U.S. Destroyers probably to operate from Sydney
- (xxxiii) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) and S.38 (U.S. Sub) en route Melbourne to Brisbane. E.T.A. late p.m. 14/4
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- (xxxv) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs
- (xxxvi) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) after refuelling from "GULF QUEEN" and at Samoa is to return to Noumea
- (xxxvii) "GEORGE O. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne
- (xxxviii) "BUNGAREE" at Geelong. Intends to proceed to Townsville area 0900 today 12/4. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.

Enemy Forces

NEW BRITAIN

(1) An enemy aircraft carrier was sighted in Rabaul Harbour one 11/4. Description suggests either "HIRYU" or "SORYU". 10 ships including 3 fairly large transports were also sighted in the harbour on 11/4.

It is reported that an enemy submarine base is being established at Warangi River (10 miles South of Cape Gazelle, east Coast of New Britain).

NEW GUINEA - LAE

1 merchant ship and a number of small barges were sighted at Lae at 0735/10/4

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Two enemy Cruisers, 1 destroyer and 1 transport departed Lorengau at 1830/9/4, proceeding North Easterly.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (W. of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHENE" arrived Fremantle from Brisbane 1600/9. To sail later for Trincomalee
- (ii) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (iii) "ISLANDER", with "VENDETTA", in tow escorted by "WHYALLA" sailed Adelaide 2100/10/4. E.T.A. Melbourne a.m. 15/4.
- (iv) K8, K9, and K12 (Dutch Submarines) at Fremantle. K12 will be ready to sail for Eastern Sector 16/4.
- (v) "MAYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle
- (vi) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) "BARKER" & "BULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) returned to Fremantle from patrol 7/4. at Fremantle.
- (vii) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" (U.S. Destroyers) departed Fremantle 9/4 to provide A/S escort for P.M.T. "QUEEN MARY" at Fremantle
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin
- (ix) "WARRNAMBOOL" at Darwin
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix
- (xi) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Fremantle 1459/10/4 for Sharks Bay calling at Geraldton en route
- (xii) "PICKEREL" & "SKIPJACK" (U.S. Submarines) departed Albany 1401/11 for Fremantle

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Ten Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINE SECTOR Contd.PHILIPPINES

- (i) Three warships and four transports reported at Argao (30 miles South West of Cebu City) a.m. 10/4
 (ii) 4 enemy warships off Toledo (West Coast Cebu Island) a.m. 10/4
 (iii) 8 to 10 transports supported by 5 warships at Cebu City a.m. 10/4

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) escorted by "WILCANNIA" sailed from Sydney 6/4 for Noumea to relieve "FALKEFJELL" which has returned to Sydney. "WILCANNIA" to operate in Noumea area.
 (ii) "GEBLONO" in Noumea area.
 (iii) "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayers - Minediv2) at Fiji
 (iv) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji
 (v) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination
 (vi) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREAS.E. PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)F. INDIAN OCEANBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHEUS" (H.M. Looplayer) proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 20/4.
 (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Colombo area to Fremantle E.T.A. 15/4
 (iii) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy ForcesBAY OF BENGAL

- (i) Four aircraft Carriers, 3 Battleships, four or five Cruisers and 2 destroyers course southerly, were sighted by Allied aircraft at 1046/9/4 in a position approx. 200 miles due E. of Trincomalee.
 (ii) An enemy submarine was sighted by Allied aircraft 70 miles S.W. of Cochin (West Coast of India) on 8/4.
 (iii) There are now indications that five enemy aircraft carriers are operating in the Bay of Bengal - Andamans Sea area including:-
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|--------------------|-------------|
| "AKAGI" | 60 Aircraft |
| "ZUIKAKU" | 60 " |
| "SHOKAKU" | 60 " |
| "RYUJO" | 40 " |
| "HIRYU" or "SORYU" | 42 " |

C. in C. Pacific reported 10/4 there were strong indications that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") and one carrier of Carrier Division 2 ("SORYU" & "HIRYU") were in the Bay of Bengal while the other carriers "AKAGI" & "RYUJO" have already been reported as probably being in the area.

This suggests that the enemy naval force operating West of Malaya includes:-

- 3 Battleships
- 5 Aircraft Carriers
- 6 Heavy Cruisers

2. NAVAL INCIDENTSPHILIPPINES

- (i) Enemy landings were made at Argao (approx. 30 miles S. of Cebu City), Cebu City (East Coast of Cebu Island) and Toledo (W. Coast of Cebu) on 10/4 supported by at least 5 warships.

BAY OF BENGAL

- (ii) New Delhi reports that part of the force accompanying H.M.S. "HERMES" was sunk during the air attack on "HERMES"

EAST INDIES

Corrections to previous reports of sinkings by U.S. Submarines are as follows:

EAST INDIES Contd.

- (1) 1 Jintsu Class Cruiser (Sendai) damaged, as well as the "HATORI" and Jintsu class Cruisers claimed sunk previously at Christmas Island.
- (ii) One transport sunk 19/2 in N.E.I. waters (previously reported as 2 seaplane tenders)

Additional sinkings announced are:

- (1) One Siguri class destroyer sunk 25/2 in Badoeng St. Bali

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLY NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E. Coast of India
- (ii) Continued Air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC and INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY .

12th April 1942

A. SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA CHICAGO PENSACOLA LOUISVILLE PORTLAND ASTORIA CHESTER	CANBERRA
6" Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES ADELAIDE	HOBART
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	16 U.S. (approx) VOYAGER	VENDETTA
Submarines	TAMBOR S.37) S.38) S.39) S.40) S.41)	En route Brisbane together with TULSA
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI WESTRALIA KANIMBIA MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B.PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

1 A/C Carrier either "SORYU" or "HIRYU"
14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane tenders.
3 - 8" Cruisers
4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
Approx. 4 Destroyers
At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
1 Sub. Depot Ship ?
1 Squadron Submarines ?
C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
C. in C. Mandates Air Force
Portion 1 Gunboat Division
Approx. 70 shorebased aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER BARKER PAUL JONES PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Cont)
British and Allied Forces (Cont)

MOST SECRET

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarine tenders	OTUS HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u> SARGO SEADRAGON SNAPPER STURGEON SPEARFISH SCULPIN STINGRAY TARPON SWORDFISH SEARAVEN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF) PERMIT) ----- Fremantle SEAL)	
	SKIPJACK) SALMON) SAURY) ----- Albany PORPOISE) PIKE)	
	SAILFISH) PICKEREL) ----- Departed Albany for Fremantle 10/4 and thence to Patrol Stations.	
Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI ERLING BROVIG	
Minesweepers	LARK WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Ten Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) see above
in China Sea or N.E.I. area)

Enemy Forces

1 Battleship
~~1 A/C Carrier~~) ~~SORYU or~~) ~~Possibly Celebes - Timor - Dutch~~
~~HIRYU~~) ~~New Guinea area.~~

2 - 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
12 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (18-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SAIT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO	
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES ST. LOUIS HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	22 (Approx)	

Enemy Forces

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

4 A/C Carriers	KAGA KORYU KASUGA HOSHO	At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly
3 - 8" Cruisers		
2 - 6" Cruisers		
30 Destroyers		
30 Submarines		

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
Some light cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 8 Destroyers
At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama
Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier
At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
1 converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including Portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st
Air Corps, C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces.

S/P Tender
8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser

Effective

TANGIER
NEW ORLEANS
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
ASCANIA

Refitting or Repairing

A.M.C.

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EAST PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

CONCORD
TRENTON

Refitting or Repairing

F. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
FAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
BOISE

Refitting or Repairing

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s.

WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
23 (approx)
6 (approx)

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) RABAUL AREA - Further analysis of enemy shipping sighted in Rabaul Harbour on 11/4 is as follows -

1 aircraft carrier
1 submarine tender
3 submarines
3 fairly large transports
at least 5 other ships

Observations during the attacks on 12/4 (See Naval Incidents) revealed -

15 ships in the area including the aircraft carrier with 1 destroyer, 1 heavy cruiser, 12 other ships.

The aircraft carrier was last reported between 1230 and 1300 local time 15 miles north of Cape Tawui (5 miles north of Rabaul) heading N.W. at high speed, accompanied by a destroyer.

- (ii) GASMATA - A stationary submarine was reported sighted on 12/4 140 miles east of Gasmata.
- (iii) NEW GUINEA-LAE - 1 tanker arrived Lae 11/4.
- (iv) ADMIRALTY IS. - It is reported that fast luggers are being used around the Harbour at Lorengau.

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- (viii) "PICKEREL" & "SKIPJACK" (U.S. Submarines) en route Albany to Fremantle.
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" at Darwin.
- (xi) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Ten submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
 - Oiler "CUYAMA" escorted by Destroyer "HELM" arrived Tongatabu 0950/10/4.
 - "CRESCENT CITY" was to depart Suva for San Diego.
 - "CASTOR" was to depart Suva for San Francisco E.T.A. 21/4.
 - "HENLEY" (U.S. Destroyer) in Suva area.
- (ii) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
 - Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
 - "DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
 - "SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
 - Store Ship "BRIDGE" at Tongatabu.
- (iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea
- (iv) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) escorted by "WILCANNIA" arrived Noumea 1150/12 to relieve "FALKEFJELL", which has returned to Sydney. "WILCANNIA" to operate in Noumea area.
- (v) "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (vi) "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayers - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE"; latter then to proceed Pearl Harbour via Canton Island.

- (vii) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (viii) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (ix) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.

D) NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E) S.E. PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (H.M. Looplayer) proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m. 20/4.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Colombo area to Fremantle E.T.A. 16/4.
- (iii) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces

- (i) BAY OF BENGAL - There is no further information concerning enemy forces in the Bay of Bengal where the total force is believed to include -
 - 3 battleships
 - 5 aircraft carriers
 - 6 heavy cruisers

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) The enemy aircraft carrier sighted in Rabaul Harbour on 11/4 was twice attacked on ~~11/~~ 12/4 by our aircraft. During the first attack at 0900 one direct hit was scored near the stern and two very near misses. During the second attack at 1232 the carrier accompanied by a destroyer was heading N.W. at high speed 15 miles north of Cape Tawui. No damage was inflicted.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E. Coast of India.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC and INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

13th. April 1942.

A. SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide.)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
Destroyers	16 U.S. (approx)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S. 37)	
	S. 38)	En route Brisbane together
	S. 39)	with TULSA
	S. 40) +	6 others en route Brisbane
	S. 41)	with "GRIFFIN"
A.M.C's.	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANCORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area.

1 A/C Carrier ^{possibly} either "SORYU" or "HIRYU"
 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron
 C.C. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron
 and probably several converted Seaplane tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 4 Destroyers
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18
 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	22 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

4 A/C Carriers	KAGA	At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly
	KORYU	
	KASUGA	
	HOSHO	

3 - 8" Cruisers

2 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender

Some light cruisers

Some Units 4th Fleet

Approx. 8 Destroyers

At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships

Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama

Flying Boat Squadron

1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

Possibly 1 Aircraft Carrier

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet

1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")

1 converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")

1 M/S Flotilla (18th)

9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chinese Air Squadron

6 Unidentified Warships

Air Tenders and Minesweepers

At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship

4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd)
British and Allied Forces (Contd)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarine tenders	OTUS HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO SEADRAGON SNAPPER STURGEON SPEARFISH SCULPIN STINGRAY TARPON SWORDFISH SEARAVERN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF) PERMIT) SEAL)	... Fremantle
	SKIPJACK) SALMON) SAURY) PORPOISE) PIKE)	... Albany
	SAILFISH) PICKEREL)	..Departed Albany for Fremantle 10/4 & thence to Patrol Stations
Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI	
Minesweepers	ERLING BROVIG LARK WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers & 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Ten Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) see above
in China Sea or N.E.I. area)

Enemy Forces

1 Battleship
2 - 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
12 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C. in C Third Fleet

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

S/P Tender
8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser

A.M.C.

Effective

TANGIER
NEW ORLEANS
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
ASCANIA

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EAST PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

CONCORD
TRENTON

Refitting or Repairing

F. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

At least 3 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers - AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, SORYU or HIRYU
6 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
20 Submarines
C. in C. Second Fleet
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

Effective

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
BOISE
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

6 (approx)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY14th April, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)British and Allied Forces

(i) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CHICAGO" and Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.

On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. Anzac Squadron to return Noumea today 14/4.

- (ii) "ACHILLES" at Sydney.
- (iii) "LEANDER" was due to arrive Noumea from Brisbane at 0800/13.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" escorting Convoy NML (3 Dutch vessels) to Noumea departed Melbourne a.m. 13/4.
- (v) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S.Destroyers) escorting "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" departed Melbourne 12/4 for Fremantle.
- (vi) "WESTRALIA" & U.S."WHIPPLE" en route Townsville to Sydney E.T.A. 1200/14.
- (vii) "KANIMBLA" escorting "GENERAL PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 from Brisbane arrived Melbourne 1523/13.
- (viii) "MANOORA" at Melbourne to escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane approx E.T.D. 16/4.
- (ix) "ALDEN" at Sydney is to join "MANOORA" south of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea.
- (x) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xiii) U.S.Submarines S.37 & S.40 escorted by "BINGERA" & "BENDIGO" departed Port Phillip for Brisbane 1855/13. "BINGERA" E.T.A. Sydney 1700/16 "BENDIGO" & submarines E.T.A. Brisbane 2000/18.
- (xiv) U.S.Submarines S.39 & S.41 escorted by "GOULBURN" arrived Melbourne from Albany 1850/13. To be escorted to Brisbane by "ROCKHAMPTON".
- (xv) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xvi) "BUNGARKE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" at Thursday Island awaiting arrival of H.T. "TAROONA".
- (xviii) "GEORGE G.HENRY" (U.S.Oiler) at Melbourne.
- (xix) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S.Store Ship) departed Brisbane 1200/13/4 for Melbourne thence Fremantle.
- (xx) "GRIFFIN" (U.S.Submarine Tender) and 6 U.S.Submarines en route Society Islands to Brisbane E.T.A. a.m. 15/4.
- (xxi) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.
- (xxii) "PUNJAB" departed Melbourne 1325/13/4 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1000/21/4.
- (xxiii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney.
- (xxiv) "TULSA" (U.S.Patrol Vessel) and S.38 (U.S.Sub) en route Melbourne to Brisbane. E.T.A. late p.m. 14/4.
- (xxv) "VOYAGER" was to depart Sydney a.m. 11/4 to carry out firing practice outside the Heads then proceed to Jervis Bay.
- (xxvi) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.
- (xxvii) "W.B.PRESTON" (U.S.Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.
- (xxviii) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S.Oiler) after refuelling from "GULF QUEEN" at Samoa is to return to Noumea.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) LAE - No shipping was sighted at Lae on 13/4.
- (ii) GENERAL - There are indications that the enemy may commence offensive operations in the Eastern New Guinea area about 21/4.
- There are indications that the aircraft carrier reported in Rabaul on 12/4 is the new converted carrier "KASUGA". "KASUGA" is believed to be 17,000 tons - speed 22.5 knots - and to have been completed in 1941. She is reported to carry 48 aircraft. The other possibility is that the carrier was either "SORYU" or "HIRYU" (10,050 tons - 30 knots - 42 A/C), one of which is believed in the Bay of Bengal area and the other unlocated.

(c) The aircraft carrier "HOSHO" and two converted carriers which are employed ferrying aircraft to New Britain and the Marshalls were reported near Yokosuka (Japan) on 12/4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (W. of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Fremantle. To sail later for Trincomalee.
- (ii) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) en route Sharks Bay from Fremantle calling at Geraldton en route.
- (iii) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (iv) "ISLANDER" with "VENDETTA" in tow escorted by "WHYALLA" en route Adelaide to Melbourne E.T.A. a.m. 15/4.
- (v) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K12 will be ready to sail for Eastern Sector 16/4.
- (vi) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (vii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" (U.S. Destroyers) at Fremantle.
- (viii) "BARKER" & "BULMER" (U.S. Destroyers) en route to R.V. with "TRINITY" (vide Indian Ocean).
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" at Darwin.
- (x) "WARRNAMBOOL" at Darwin.
- (xi) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area. (See Appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

KOEPANG - Photographic reconnaissance over Koepang on 13/4 revealed 2 merchant vessels and one tanker in the area.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

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- (iii) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

BAY OF BENGAL - There are indications that at least portion of the Naval Force recently operating in the Bay of Bengal, including some aircraft carriers, arrived at Singapore on 11/4 while the aircraft fleet which operated off Colombo was due there on 13/4.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) KOEPANG - Our aircraft attacked shipping at Koepang at 0955/13. A near miss was ~~observed~~ on a merchant vessel (1500 tons) but no damage was observed. Another merchant vessel (7,000 tons) was observed burning but details of the attack are not yet available.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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14th April 1942

A. SOUTH-WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide.)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA CHICAGO LOUISVILLE PORTLAND ASTORIA CHESTER	CANBERRA
6" Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES ADELAIDE	HOBART
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	14 U.S. (approx) VOYAGER	VENDETTA
Submarines	TAMBOR S.37) S.38) S.39) S.40) S.41)	En route Brisbane
A.M.C.'S.	6 others MONOWAI WESTRALIA KANIMBLA MANOORA	En route Brisbane with "GRIFFIN"
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area.

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2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER BARKER PAUL JONES PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd)
British and Allied Forces (Contd)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarine Tenders	OTUS HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO SEADRAGON SNAPPER STURGEON SPEARFISH SCULPIN STINGRAY SWORDFISH SEARAVEN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF) PERMIT) SEAL)	...Fremantle
	SAILFISH) SALMON) SAURY) PORPOISE) PIKE)	...Albany
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SKIPJACK PICKEREL	
Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI ERLING BROVIG	
Minesweepers	LARK WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Eleven Submarines en route to or on patrol stations)
in China Sea or N.E.I. area) see above

Enemy Forces

- 1 Battleship
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
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- 12 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
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A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
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Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and
1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship
Possibly 4 submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possible 4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

S/P Tender
8" Cruisers
6" Cruisers
A.M.C.

Effective

TANGIER
NEW ORLEANS
PENSACOLA
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
ASCANIA

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

CONCORD
TRENTON

Refitting or Repairing

F. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

Effective

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
HAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
BOISE
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
23 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

At least 3 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers - AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, SORYU or HIRYU
6 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
20 Submarines
C. in C. Second Fleet
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) & "LAMSON" at Noumea.
- (ii) "CHICAGO" "PERKINS" & Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.
On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W.
- (iii) "ACHILLES" at Sydney.
- (iv) "LEANDER" at Noumea.
- (v) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" escorting Convoy NMI (3 Dutch vessels) to Noumea departed Melbourne a.m. 13/4. E.T.A. a.m. 19/4.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyers) escorting two merchant ships departed Melbourne 12/4 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1900/20.
- (vii) "WESTRALIA" & U.S. "WHIPPLE" arrived Sydney from Brisbane 0645 yesterday 14/4.
- (viii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne.
- (ix) "MANOORA" at Melbourne to escort "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane approx E.T.D. tomorrow 16/4.
- (x) "ALDEN" at Sydney is to join "MANOORA" south of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea. E.T.D. tomorrow 16/4.
- (xi) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (xii) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xiii) "LE TRIUMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xiv) U.S. Submarines S.37 and S.40 escorted by "BINGERA" & "BENDIGO" en route Melbourne to Brisbane. "BINGERA" E.T.A. Sydney 1700/16 "BENDIGO" and submarines E.T.A. Brisbane 200/18.
- (xv) U.S. Submarines S.39 and S.41 escorted by "GOULBURN" arrived Melbourne from Albany 13/4. To be escorted to Brisbane by "ROCKHAMPTON".
- (xvi) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xvii) "BUNGARKE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.
- (xviii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" are to R.V. with H.T. "TAROONA" 2 miles East of Double Island at 0600 tomorrow 16/4 and escort her to Port Moresby arriving not before 1800/17.
- (xix) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.
- (xx) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) was to return to Brisbane E.T.A. 0600/14.
- (xxi) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and six U.S. Submarines en route Society Islands to Brisbane E.T.A. a.m. 15/4.
- (xxii) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.
- (xxiii) "PUNJAB" departed Melbourne 13/4 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/21/4.
- (xxiv) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney.
- (xxv) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) after refuelling from "GULF QUEEN" at Samoa is to return to Noumea.
- (xxvi) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) and S.38 (U.S. Sub) was due to arrive Brisbane from Melbourne late pm yesterday 14/4.
- (xxvii) "VOYAGER" working up in Jervis Bay area. Later to escort "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departing Sydney 19/4.
- (xxviii) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.
- (xxix) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.
- (xxx) "WHYALLA" escorting "ISLANDER" with "VENDETTA" in tow entered Port Phillip 0304 today 15/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (W. of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Fremantle. To sail today 15/4 on completion of repairs for Trincomalee.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Colombo area to Fremantle E.T.A. 16/4. Later to proceed Melbourne and then rejoin Pacific Fleet.
- (iii) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) en route Sharks Bay from Geraldton.
- (iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK"

& WHIPPOORWILL (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.

- (v) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K12 will be ready to sail for Eastern Sector 16/4.
- (vi) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (vii) "PHOENIX" (U.S.Cruiser) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" (U.S.Destroyers) at Fremantle.
- (viii) "TOWNSVILLE" & "WARRNAMBOOL" at Darwin.
- (ix) "TRINITY" (U.S.Oiler) en route Abadan to Fremantle E.T.A. 17/4. "BARKER" & "BULMER" have joined as escort to Fremantle.
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or NEI area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
 - "CUYAMA" (U.S.Oiler) with Destroyer "HELM" in Tongatabu area.
 - "HENLEY" (U.S.Destroyer) in Suva area. Force later to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2.
- (ii) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
 - Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area.
 - "DOBBIN" to sail for Tongatabu to arrive by May 1st.
 - "SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu when so directed.
 - "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (iv) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "WILCANNIA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (v) "LASSEN" (U.S.ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (vi) "RUSSELL" (U.S.Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (vii) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (viii) "GAMBLE" & "RAMSAY" (U.S.Minelayers - Minediv2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE".
 - "GAMBLE" to proceed without delay to Tutuila (Samoa). "CUYAMA" (see above) to discharge remnant of diesel at Samoa. "GAMBLE" & "CUYAMA" to proceed to Pearl Harbour "CUYAMA" fuelling
 - ~~XGAMBERX~~ "GAMBLE" en route as necessary.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (H.M.Looper) and H.M.S."ALSEY" proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle. E.T.A. a.m. 20/4 and a.m. 21/4 respectively.
- (ii) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTROON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T."FELIX ROUSELL" will join; and thence to Fremantle via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) Air reconnaissance on 11/4 over Port Blair and from Trincomalee Colombo and Akyab was negative.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) PHILIPPINES - U.S. aircraft returning from missions in the Philippines report the following damage to enemy shipping:-
 - (a) A B.17 arriving Darwin 13/4 reported having sunk a 5,000 ton transport or freighter near Cebu.

- (b) Ten B.25's returned 14/4 reported having sunk 2 medium sized ships, possibly cruisers, and also a large transport. at Legaspi (Luzon). A direct hit was registered on a 12,000 ton transport which was observed burning. Near misses were registered on another transport.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E. Coast of India.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamaua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC and INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

15th April 1942

A. SOUTH-WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Is. & Adelaide).

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
A/C Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO	CANBERRA
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
Destroyers	14 U.S. (approx)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TANBOR	
	3.37)	
	3.38)	
	3.39) En route Brisbane	
	3.40)	
	3.41)	
A.M.C.'s	6 others En route Brisbane with "GRIFFIN"	
	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

1 A/C Carrier possibly "SORYU", "HIRYU" or "KASUGA".
 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron
 C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B
 Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx. 4 Destroyers
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C. in C. Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx. 70 shorebased aircraft including probably 30 fighters,
 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	BOISE	
	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd.)
British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarine Tenders	OTUS HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO SEADRAGON SNAPPER STURGEON SPEARFISH SCULPIN STINGRAY SWORDFISH SEARAVEN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF) PERMIT) ... Fremantle SEAL)	
	SAILFISH) SALMON) SAURY) ... Albany PORPOISE) PIKE)	
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SKIPJACK PICKEREL	
Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI	
Minesweepers	ERLING BROVIG - TRINITY LARK WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Eleven Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) see above
 in China Sea or N.E.I. area)

Enemy Forces

1 Battle ship
 1 Aircraft Carrier RYUJO
 6 - 8" Cruisers
 3 - 6" Cruisers
 12 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALPHIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx.)	
Submarines	23 (approx.)	

Enemy Forces

Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

4 A/C Carriers KAGA A\$ Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed
Yokosuka shortly
HORYU
KASUGA (possibly)
HOSHO

3 - 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 converted Seaplane Tender
Some light Cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 8 Destroyers
At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and
1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Possibly 4 submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possible 4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

S/P Tender
8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.

Effective

TANGIER
NEW ORLEANS
AUSTRALIA
PENSACOLA
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
ASCANIA

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH - EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

CONCORD
TRENTON

Refitting or Repairing

F. INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers

Submarines

Effective

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
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GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
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ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAÉ
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSERCK
COVENTRY
23 (approx.)
7 (approx.)

Refitting or Repairing

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

Enemy Forces.

At least 3 Battleships
5 A/C Carriers - AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, SORYU or HIRYU
6 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
20 Submarines
C. in C. Second Fleet
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

16th April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Portion of Anzac Squadron ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON") at Noumea.
- (ii) Remainder of Anzac Force ("CHICAGO" & "PERKINS") and Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.
On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W.
- (iii) "ACHILLES" at Sydney.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" escorting Convoy NMI (3 Dutch vessels) to Noumea from Melbourne. E.T.A. a.m. 19/4.
- (v) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyers) escorting "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900/20.
- (vi) "WESTRALIA" & U.S. "WHIPPLE" at Sydney.
- (vii) "KANIMELA" at Melbourne.
- (viii) "MANOORA" at Melbourne to escort "SANTA PAULA" & "GENERAL JAMES PARKER" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea via Brisbane approx E.T.D. 17/4.
- (ix) "ALDEN" at Sydney is to join "MANOORA" south of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea. E.T.D. 17/4.
- (x) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (xi) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (xii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xiii) U.S. Submarines S.37 and S.40 escorted by "BINGERA" & "BENDIGO" en route Melbourne to Brisbane. "BINGERA" E.T.A. Sydney 1700 today 16/4. "BENDIGO" and submarines E.T.A. Brisbane 2000/18.
- (xiv) U.S. Submarines S.39 and S.41 to sail today for Brisbane via Sydney escorted by "ROCKHAMPTON".
- (xv) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xvi) "BUNGAREE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.
- (xvii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" departed to R.V. with H.T. "TAROONA" 2 miles east of Double Island at 0600 today 16/4 and escort her to Port Moresby arriving not before 1800/17.
- (xviii) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.
- (xix) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) returned to Brisbane 1205/14.
- (xx) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) and six U.S. Submarines arrived Brisbane 1951/15.
- (xxi) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.
- (xxii) "PUNJAB" en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/21/4.
- (xxiii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney.
- (xxiv) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) after refuelling from "GULF QUEEN" at Samoa is to return to Noumea. E.T.A. Noumea 18/4. To operate with Com. Task Force 17 as directed.
- (xxv) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel) and S.38 (U.S. Sub) arrived Brisbane from Melbourne 1020 yesterday 15/4.
- (xxvi) "VOYAGER" working up in Jervis Bay area. Later to escort "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departing Sydney 19/4.
- (xxvii) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.
- (xxviii) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.
- (xxix) "WHYALLA" escorting "ISLANDER" with "VENDETTA" in tow entered Port Phillip 0304/15/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (W. of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)British and Allied Forces

- (i) H.M.S. "ATHENE" at Fremantle. To sail 15/4 on completion of repairs for Trincomalee.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Colombo area to Fremantle E.T.A. 16/4. Later to proceed Melbourne and then rejoin Pacific Fleet.
- (iii) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) en route Sharks Bay from Geraldton.
- (iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK"

& "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.

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- (vi) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
- (vii) "PHOENIX" (U.S.Cruiser) at Fremantle.
- (viii) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" off Fremantle en route to contact Tanker "H.T.PARKER".
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" expected to depart Darwin 0500/17/4 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1230/21/4.
- (x) "TRINITY" (U.S.Oiler) and "BARKER" & "BULMER" at Fremantle.
- (xi) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting a merchant ship departed Darwin 0350/15 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0830/18.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 is disposed as follows -
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- (vi) "RUSSELL" (U.S.Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (vii) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (viii) "RAMSAY" (U.S.Minelayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE", who departed for Pearl Harbour 1249N/15/4. "CUYAMA" (see above) to discharge remnant of diesel oil at Samoa. "GAMBLE" & "CUYAMA" to proceed Pearl Harbour, "CUYAMA" fuelling "GAMBLE" en route as necessary.
- (ix) "TUCKER" (U.S.Destroyer) "WRIGHT" (U.S.A/C Tender) and "KASKASKIA" (U.S.Tanker) arrived Fiji 2152/15/4.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATHEUS" (H.M.Looper) and H.M.S."ALSEY" proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle. E.T.A. a.m. 20/4 and a.m. 21/4 respectively.
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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Air reconnaissance on 11/4 over Port Blair and from Trincomalee, Colombo and Akyab was negative.

1. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) RABAU - In an attack on enemy shipping in Rabaul at 1300/15 two B.25's scored one direct hit and one near miss with 500-lb. bombs on a merchant vessel. Eight other merchant ships and a light cruiser were observed in the Rabaul area at the time of the attack.
- (ii) GENERAL - Cincpac reports that the new converted aircraft carrier "KASUGA MARU" is en route Japan from Rabaul. This further confirms the view that "KASUGA MARU" was the carrier sighted in Rabaul Harbour 12/4.
 - (b) There have been recent indications that the Japanese have a new aircraft carrier operating named "RYUKAKU". This carrier is now reported by Cincpac to be proceeding from Yokosuka to the Carolines.
 - (c) There are indications that the 5th Carrier Division ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") will be ~~passing~~ arriving at Truk from the westward about 28th April.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E.Coast of India.
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- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the Lae - Salamua area and also possibly from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W.Coast.
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- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
16th April, 1942

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	HEX
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
6" Cruisers	ASTORIA	
	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
Destroyers	14 U.S. (approx)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S.37)	
	S.38)	
	S.39) En route Brisbane	
	S.40)	
	S.41)	
	6 others arrived Brisbane with "GRIFFIN"	
A.M.C.'s	MONOWAI	
	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area
 1 A/C Carrier possibly "SORYU" "HIRYU" or "KASUGA" (prob. en route Japan)
 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron
 C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B
 Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 Approx 4 Destroyers
 At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
 1 Sub Depot Ship ?
 1 Squadron Submarines ?
 C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
 C in C Mandates Air Force
 Portion 1 Gunboat Division
 Approx 70 shore-based aircraft including probably 30 fighters,
 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	BOISE	
	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd)
British and Allied Forces (Contd)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO	
	SEADRAGON	
	SNAPPER	
	STURGEON	
	SPEARFISH	
	SCULPIN	
	STINGRAY	
	SWORDFISH	
	SEARAVEN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF )	.... Fremantle
	SEAL)	
	PERMIT	En route Fremantle - Albany
	SAILFISH)	
	SALMON)	
	SAURY )	.... Albany
	PORPOISE)	
	PIKE)	
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SKIPJACK	
	PICKEREL	
Dutch Submarines	K.8	
	K.9	
	K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI	
	ERLING BROVIG	
	TRINITY	
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOORWILL	
	8 Dutch	
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	

Enemy Forces

Some Units from N.E.I. waters are still probably operating South of Java including at least 1 Cruiser, 4 Destroyers and 2 Transports.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java-Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Eleven Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

- 1 Battleship
- 1 Aircraft Carrier RYUJO
- 6 - 8" Cruisers
- 3 - 6" Cruisers
- 12 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALPH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

Falau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

4 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed
Yokosuka shortly
SONYU or HIRYU
KASUGA (possibly)
HOSHO

3 - 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 converted Seaplane Tender
Some light Cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 8 Destroyers
At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOY")
1 converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and
1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one hospital ship

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied ForcesA/C Carrier
8" Cruisers

Effective
~~YORKTOWN~~
 AUSTRALIA
~~CHICAGO~~
 LOUISVILLE
 PORTLAND
~~ASTORIA~~
~~PENSACOLA~~
 CHESTER
 LEANDER
 RICHMOND
 MILWAUKEE
 ASCANIA
 TANGIER

Refitting or Repairing

6" Cruisers

A.M.C.
S/P TenderD. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREAE. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

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TRENTONF. INDIAN OCEANBritish and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective
 WARSPITE
 RESOLUTION
 REVENGE
 RAMILLIES
 ROYAL SOVEREIGN
 VALIANT

Refitting or Repairing

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

FORMIDABLE
 INDOMITABLE
 GEORGIOS AVEROFF
 CALEDON
 DRAGON
 ENTERPRISE
 EMERALD
 CERES
 DURBAN
 BIRMINGHAM
 GLASGOW
 COLOMBO
 CAPETOWN
 NEWCASTLE
 DANAE
 WORCESTERSHIRE
 HECTOR
 RANCHI
 CORFU
 CHITRAL
 ALAUNIA
 HEEMSKERCK
 COVENTRY

MARBLEHEAD
SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines23 (Approx.)
7 (Approx.)Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Battleships

5 A/C Carriers 9 AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, SORYU, or HIRYU

6 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY17th April, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Portion of Anzas Squadron ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON") at Noumea.
- (ii) Remainder of Anzas Force ("CHICAGO" & "PERKINS") and Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.
On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" escorting Convoy NMI (3 Dutch vessels) to Noumea from Melbourne E.T.A. a.m. 19/4.
- (iv) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900/20/4 - later to return to Melbourne approx 30/4 then to proceed to Auckland.
- (v) "WESTRALIA" & "WHIPPLE" at Sydney.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne.
- (vii) "MANOORA" at Melbourne to escort "GENERAL JAMES PARKER" to Brisbane and "SANTA PAULA" ex Convoy BT.201 to Noumea E.T.D. 1700 today 17/4. "ALDEN" at Sydney is to join "MANOORA" 290 miles south of Sydney at 1630/18 and provide A/S escort to Noumea, E.T.D. today 17/4.
"GENERAL JAMES PARKER" to be detached 125 miles east of Brisbane and to proceed independently to Brisbane.
- (viii) "CANBERRA" "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (ix) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.
- (xi) "BENDIGO" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines is due at Brisbane tomorrow 18/4 at 2000 from Melbourne.
- (xii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines en route Melbourne to Brisbane.
- (xiii) "BALLARAT" at Melbourne.
- (xiv) "BUNGARKE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.
- (xv) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" escorting H.T. "TAROONA" to Port Moresby arriving not before 1800 today 17/4.
- (xvi) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.
- (xvii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) at Brisbane.
- (xviii) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.
- (xix) "PUNJAB" en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/21/4. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll.
- (xx) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. To depart for Melbourne approx 1200/19.
- (xxi) "TIPPECANCE" (U.S. Oiler) after refuelling from "GULF QUEEN" at Samoa is to return to Noumea. E.T.A. Noumea 18/4. To operate with Com. Task Force 17 as directed.
- (xxii) "VENDETTA" at Melbourne.
- (xxiii) "VOYAGER" working up in Jervis Bay area. Later to escort "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departing Sydney 19/4.
- (xxiv) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.
- (xxv) "W. B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) NEW IRELAND - Air reconnaissance on 15/4 disclosed 4 ships, 1 probably a destroyer, at Kavieng.
- (ii) ADMIRALTY IS. - Air reconnaissance on 15/4 showed 2 ships at Lorengau.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Fremantle 1600/15/4 for Trincomalee.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) was due at Fremantle yesterday 16/4. Later to proceed Melbourne and then rejoin Pacific Fleet.
- (iii) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) en route Sharks Bay from Geraldton.
- (iv) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK"

- & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (v) KB, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K12 was to depart for Eastern Sector yesterday 16/4.
 - (vi) "MARYBOROUGH" "WOLLONGONG" "BURNIE" & "TOOWOOMBA" at Fremantle.
 - (vii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) at Fremantle.
 - (viii) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" off Fremantle en route to contact Tanker "H.T. PARKER".
 - (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" expected to depart Darwin 0600 today 17/4 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1230/21/4.
 - (x) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) and "BARKER" & "BULMER" at Fremantle.
 - (xi) "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting a merchant ship en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0830/18.
 - (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (U.S. Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY") to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2.
- (ii) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" in Samoa area
"DOBBIN" & "SOLACE" to sail for Tongatabu immediately.
"BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (iv) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "WILCANNIA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (v) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (vi) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (vii) "ASCANIA" at Auckland.
- (viii) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Mineslayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA". "CUYAMA" fuelling "GAMBLE" en route as necessary.
- (ix) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft Tender) and "SKASKIA" (U.S. Tanker) at Fiji.

Enemy Forces

At least one submarine in vicinity of Chatham Islands (see Naval Incidents).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

CEYLON AREA - One enemy battleship and one cruiser were sighted by Catalina reconnaissance in a position 71 miles east of Dondra Head at 1112/15/4. Course south - speed 22 knots. A large merchant ship was observed near this force.

The battleship and cruiser were again sighted at 1711/15/4, 120 miles S.E. of Dondra Head on a westerly course.

1. NAVAL INCIDENTS

CHATHAM IS. AREA (N.Z)

- (1) The Panamanian vessel "FIRETHORN" (4,700 tons) en route Panama to Dunedin was attacked by a submarine approx 160 miles S.E. of Chatham Islands (Pacific Ocean) at 1815/16.
- (ii) BOUGAINVILLE - Further information has been received of the Japanese occupation of Buin (Bougainville Is.) on 5/4 as follows:-
 - (a) Landing was effected from power barge and schooner from Faisi;
 - (b) Government Station at Buin was burnt.
 - (c) Intense air and sea activity observed between Bougainville Is. and Faisi.
 - (d) A submarine was seen patrolling off Faisi.
- (iii) GENERAL - Indications of Carrier Division 5 moving to Truk by the end of the month following other indications of heavy air reinforcements proceeding to Rabaul and the maintenance of regular and extensive air patrols from that area all support other intelligence indicating an enemy offensive commencing against the Port Moresby area before the end of the month.

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A.M.C. S/P Tender	ASCANIA TANGIER	
8" Cruiser	PENSACOLA	

D). NORTHERN PACIFIC AREAE). SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON	

F). INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYA AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE RAMILLIES ROYAL SOVEREIGN VALIANT	
A/C Carriers	FORMIDABLE INDOMITABLE	
8" Cruiser (Greek)	GEORGIOS AVEROFF	
6" Cruisers	CALEDON DRAGON ENTERPRISE EMERALD CERES DURBAN BIRMINGHAM GLASGOW COLOMBO CAPETOWN NEWCASTLE DANAE	MARBLEHEAD SUMATRA
A.M.C.'s	WORCESTERSHIRE HECTOR RANCHI CORFU CHITRAL ALAUNIA	
A.A. Vessels	HEMSKERCK COVENTRY	
Destroyers	23 (Approx)	
Submarines	7 (Approx)	

Enemy Forces

Possibly 3 Battleships
 5 A/C Carriers - AKAGI, RYUJO, SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, SORYU, or HIRYU
 6 - 8" Cruisers (Indications some heavy cruisers & poss. 3 A/C
 4 - 6" Cruisers Carriers en route Formosa)
 30 Destroyers
 20 Submarines
 C. in C. Second Fleet
 C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Portion of Anzac Squadron ("AUSTRALIA" (Flag) & "LEANDER") at Noumea.
- (ii) "LAMSON" ~~departed Melbourne 2132/17~~ from Noumea to Vila today 18/4, returning 20/4. *with 3 small Dutch boats*
- (iii) Remainder of Anzac Force ("CHICAGO" & "PERKINS") and Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8 Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.
On completion of current operations, Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu, there to prepare for further operations to the N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4. It is proposed that "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" later, on completion of repairs to "AUSTRALIA", about 3/5, ~~axata~~ be sailed for Sydney for dry docking and repairs.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" escorting Convoy NM1 (3 Dutch vessels) to Noumea from Melbourne E.T.A. a.m. tomorrow 19/4.
- (v) "MANGORA" departed Melbourne 2132/17 escorting Convoy MN2 ("GENERAL JAMES PARKER" & "SANTA PAULA") to Noumea. E.T.A. 0800/23. "GENERAL JAMES PARKER" to be detached 125 miles east of Brisbane and to proceed independently to Brisbane E.T.A. 0800/21. "ALDEN" departed Sydney 1820 ~~today~~ 17/4 to join "MANOORA" 290 miles south of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea.
- (vi) "ACHILLES" is to depart Sydney 1300 today 18/4 to R.V. approx 390 miles south of Sydney with "MARIPOSA" (E.T.D. Melbourne 1200 today 18/4) and escort her to a position approx 290 miles west of Raratonga. "ACHILLES" to leave "MARIPOSA" in that position at 2000Z/23/4 and proceed to Suva. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059.
- (vii) "WESTRALIA" & "WHIPPLE" at Sydney.
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- (ix) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.
- (x) "TROMP" at Sydney for repairs.
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- (xii) "BINGERA" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines en route ~~via~~ Sydney to Brisbane, in place of "BENDIGO" which is returning to Sydney.
- (xiii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines en route Melbourne to Brisbane via Sydney.
- (xiv) "BUNGAREE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.
- (xv) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" escorting E.T. "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby 1721 yesterday 17/4.
- (xvi) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.
- (xvii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) at Brisbane.
- (xviii) "GOULBURN" departed Melbourne 1046/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500/21.
- (xix) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.
- (xx) "PUNJAB" en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/21. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll.
- (xxi) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. To depart for Melbourne p.m. 22/4.
- (xxii) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) to R.V. with Task Force 17 at sunrise today 18/4 in a position approx 220 miles S.E. of Noumea; to deliver such stores as can be transferred at sea. Later to proceed Noumea when so directed by Com. Task Force 17.
- (xxiii) "VENDETTA" at Melbourne.
- (xxiv) "VOYAGER" working up in Jervis Bay area. Later to escort "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departing Sydney 19/4.
- (xxv) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.
- (xxvi) "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) LAE - Allied reconnaissance over Lae at 0745/17 sighted no shipping at Lae.
- (ii) RABAU - Allied air reconnaissance over Rabaul 17/4 sighted 6 large transports in the Harbour, one transport at the wharf, and one cruiser on patrol outside the Harbour.

Enemy Forces (Contd.)

(1) GENERAL -

- (a) There are indications 7 motor torpedo boats are being assigned to Truk, 15 to Jaluit and 9 to Rabaul (Opnav 15/4).
- (b) The new aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU" is expected to arrive Truk next week. (C in C Pac. 17/4)
- (c) There is a notable increase in air activity in the Marshalls and New Britain area (C in C Pac. 17/4).
- (d) All indications point to withdrawal of heavy units from the Bay of Bengal area to Home Waters for operations in the immediate future to the south-east (CincPac 17/4).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" and "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne to Fremantle. E.T.A. 1900/20/4 "MONOWAI" later to return to Melbourne via Albany approx 30/4 then probably to proceed to Auckland.
- (ii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Fremantle 15/4 for Trincomalee.
- (iii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) at Fremantle. Later to proceed Melbourne and then rejoin Pacific Fleet. E.T.A. Melbourne 23/4.
- (iv) "CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) Sharks Bay area.
- (v) "HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) "HOLLAND" (Submarine Tender) "LARK" & "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweepers) and several large submarines at Albany.
- (vi) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K9 and K12 escorted by Dutch Minelayer "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to depart Fremantle 1700/20 for Adelaide. E.T.A. 0630/27.
- (vii) "PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) At Fremantle
- (viii) "PAUL JONES" & "PARROTT" on escort duty off Fremantle.
- (ix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting 2 merchant ships departed Darwin at 0810/17 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1001/20.
- (x) "TRINITY" (U.S. Oiler) "BARKER" & "BULMER" at Fremantle.
- (xi) "WARRNAMBOOLD" escorting a merchant ship en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0830/18.
- (xii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

C in C Pacific reports 17/4 that the 5th Cruiser Division (three 10,000 ton - 8" cruisers) may operate in the Marshalls area soon.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (U.S. Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY") to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2.
- (ii) Task Force 19 disposed as follows -
Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" & Hospital Ship "SOLACE" en route to or at Tongatabu.
"BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (iv) "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "WILCANNIA" & "GEELONG" in Noumea area.
- (v) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship) at Fiji.
- (vi) "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) and Oiler "PLATTE" departed Noumea 4/4 for unknown destination.
- (vii) "ASCANIA" at Auckland. To depart for Suva p.m. 20/4. E.T.A. a.m. 24/4. Thence Auckland E.T.A. 28/4.
- (viii) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA". "CUYAMA" fuelling "GAMBLE" en route as necessary.
- (ix) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) at Fiji.
- (x) "KASKASKIA" (U.S. Tanker) proceeding to R.V. with Task Force 17 in a position approx 220 miles S.E. of Noumea bringing such stores from "WRIGHT" as can be transferred at sea. "WRIGHT" to

- deliver other stores and aircraft to "TIPPECANOE" at Noumea.
(xi) "SUMNER" (U.S. auxiliary) en route Nandi from Tonga Islands. E.T.A. 1730 today 18/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

At least one submarine in vicinity of Chatham Islands.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (H.M. Looper) and H.M.S. "ALSEY" proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle. E.T.A. a.m. 20/4 and a.m. 21/4 respectively.
(ii) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTRON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSELL" will join; and thence to Fremantle via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

BAY OF BENGAL - Aircraft carriers 2 "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" and Cruiser Division 7 (including 2 probably 3 "MOGAMIS") are en route from Bay of Bengal area to Japanese Home Waters.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

GENERAL - There are now several indications suggesting that the enemy intends commencing offensive operations to the S.E. probably against Port Moresby in the immediate future.

- (1) Indications at least 3 aircraft carriers will be in the Truk area before the end of the month viz. "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUKAKU".
 - (2) The withdrawal of certain heavy units from the Bay of Bengal area and indications heavy units will be despatched to the Marshalls and Truk areas soon.
 - (3) The recent indications of air strength moving from the N.E.I. area to Rabaul and also indications of air reinforcements being ferried from Japan viz. "KASUGA MARU".
 - (4) Notable recent increase in air activity in Marshalls and New Britain area.
 - (5) Indications submarines from Home Waters are resuming operations to the south and the east.
 - (6) Recent indication from most secret sources that an offensive will commence in the S.E. New Guinea area about 21/4.
- (ii) The new Japanese battleship "YAMATO" with Flag 3 in C Combined Fleet was believed to be at Kure (Japan) 15/4.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Increased pressure against Allied bases in the Bay of Bengal area involving a possible attack on Ceylon and landing on S.E. Coast of India.
- (ii) Continued air attacks on the Darwin and N.W. Coast area from both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a prelude to a direct attack on that area.
- (iii) Increased submarine and surface raider activity in the Bay of Bengal, West Indian Ocean and S.W. Pacific areas with a view to cutting supply lines to Australia and Burma.
- (iv) Carrier-borne air raids against Fremantle and against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and ~~XXXXXX~~ Townsville, possibly from the Gulf of Carpentaria. *North East Coast*
- (v) Attack on Port Moresby from the ~~Lae-Salamaua~~ area and also *possibly* from Torres Strait area in conjunction with a move against the N.W. Coast.
- (vi) Occupation of strategic points in Solomon Islands.
- (vii) Continued submarine activity in the Pacific generally with sporadic raids against key bases such as Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

18th April 1942.

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island
British and Allied Forces and Adelaide).

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA CHICAGO LOUISVILLE PORTLAND ASTORIA CHESTER	CANBERRA
6" Cruisers	LEANDER ACHILLES ADELAIDE	HOBART
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	13 U.S. (approx) VOYAGER	VENDETTA
Submarines	TAMBOR S.37) S.39) S.40) En route Brisbane S.41) S.38) S.42) S.43) S.44) At Brisbane S.45) S.46) S.47)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA KANIMBLA MANCOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

- 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.
- 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- Approx. 8 Destroyers
- At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army transports
- 1 Sub. Depot ship ?
- 1 Squadron Submarines ?
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet (4th)
- C. in C. Mandates Air Force
- Portion 1 Gunboat Division
- Approx. 70 shore-based aircraft including probably 30 fighters, 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes.

9 MTB's (possibly not yet arrived)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	BOISE	
Destroyers	PHOENIX	
	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
	J. D. FORD	
A.M.C.	MONOWAI	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO	
	SEADRAGON	
	SNAPPER	
	STURGEON	
	SPEARFISH	
	SCULPIN	
	STINGRAY	
	SWORDFISH	
	SEARAVERN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF)	At Fremantle
	SEAL)	At Albany
	PERMIT)	
	SAILFISH)	
	SALMON)	At Albany
	SAURY)	
	PORPOISE)	
	PIKE)	En route Albany-Fremantle
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SKIPJACK	
	PICKEREL	
Dutch Submarines	K.8	
	K.9	
	K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI	
	ERLING BROVIG	
	TRINITY	
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch	
	ISABEL	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

Eleven Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area)

Enemy Forces

- 1 Battleship
- 1 Aircraft Carrier (HIRYU)
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
- 3 - 6" Cruisers
- 12 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- C. in C. Third Fleet

*Ryugo Zenshu Koho (proceed Jan 1)
(3 mozome proceed Japan from Malaya.)*

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B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

- 4 A/C Carriers
 - KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly.
 - RYUKAKU En route Truk
 - KASUGA En route Rabaul - Japan)
 - HOSHO KORYU
- 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 2 - 6" Cruisers
- 30 Destroyers
- 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender
- Some Light Cruisers
- Some units 4th Fleet
- Approx. 8 Destroyers
- At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
- Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron

1 Submarine Division

7 MTB's (~~assigned~~ assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls

- At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
- 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
- 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron.
- 6 Unidentified Warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
- Possibly 4 submarines in West Hawaiian Waters
- At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship
- 15 MTB's (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser

6" Cruiser

A.M.C.

S/P Tender

Effective

PENSACOLA

RICHMOND

MILWAUKEE

ASCANIA

TANGIER

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

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British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective Refitting or Repairing

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

Effective Refitting or Repairing

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE

~~MARLBOROUGH~~
SUMATRA

S. mod.
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A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

A.M.C's.

WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCH I
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
23 (Approx)
7 (Approx)

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

3 Battleships - 1 Nagato class

2 Fuso class.

2 ^{Apr 3} A.C Carriers

SORYU + possibly *Hiryu*
AKAGI
SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU)
RYUJO

Possibly proceeding Formosa.

3 6 - 8" Cruisers

En route Japan from Malaya
(Indications some heavy cruisers en route Formosa or Japan)

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

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19th April, 1942

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- (viii) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne
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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (1) RABAU - During air reconnaissance over Rabaul at 1135 yesterday 18/4 9 medium transports or naval auxiliaries and one large transport or cruiser were sighted in harbour (See Naval Incidents).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

B. British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" and "J.D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne to Fremantle. E.T.A. 1900 tomorrow 20/4. "MONOWAI" later to return to Melbourne via Albany approx. 30/4; then probably to proceed to Auckland.
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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (see Appendix)

- (i) PHILIPPINES - An Army observer reports battleship "KIRISIMA" (29330 tons, 8-14") arrived near San Fernando/Ligayen Gulf for temporary repairs.
- (ii) TIMOR - No shipping was observed in Koepang area during allied reconnaissance on 18/4.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

C. in C. Pacific reports 17/4 that the 5th Cruiser Division (three 10,000 ton - 8" cruisers) may operate in the Marshalls area soon.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 13 (U.S. Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY") to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2.
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- (x) "SUMNER" (U.S. auxiliary) was due at Nandi from Tonga Islands 18/4.

- 1) "PLATTE" (U.S.Oiler) & "HUGHES" (U.S.Destroyer) en route Pearl Harbour from New Hebrides area.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Chatham Island - At least one submarine in vicinity of Chatham Islands.
(ii) Tuamotu Archipelago - An enemy submarine was reported at 0700/16 on the surface N.W. of Amanu Island.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ATREUS" (M.Looplayer) and H.M.S."ALSEY" proceeding Addu Atoll to Fremantle. E.T.A. a.m. 20/4 and a.m.21/4 respectively.
(ii) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTROON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T."FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.
(iii) H.M.S."ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Trincomalee.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

BAY OF BENGAL - Aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUJO" and Cruiser Division 7 (including 2 probably 2 "MOGAMI'S") are en route from Bay of Bengal area to Japanese Home Waters.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) RABAUL - Enemy shipping in Rabaul Harbour was attacked by aircraft at 1200 yesterday 18/4. Two near misses were scored on a medium transport and one direct hit on the stern of a smaller transport.
(2) GENERAL - There are now several indications suggesting that the enemy intends commencing offensive operations to the S.E. probably against Port Moresby in the immediate future. In particular, it is reported by C.O.S. Colombo that the number of units in the Mandated Islands and N.G. area on 17/4 shows a large increase over number on the previous days.
(3) ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE:-
(i) Attack on Port Moresby from the North East New Guinea Area.
(ii) Carrier borne air raids against North East Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville.
(iii) Consolidation and further occupation of W. strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
(iv) Increased Submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific areas.
(v) Increased pressure against allied bases in Bay of Bengal area.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
19th April 1942.

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island
British and Allied Forces and Adelaide)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	MORAY
	ACHILLES	
	ADLAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
Destroyers	13 U.S. (approx)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOUR	
	S.37)	
	S.39) En route Brisbane	
	S.40)	
	S.41)	
	S.38)	
	S.42)	
	S.43)	
	S.44) At Brisbane	
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
A.R.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	KAKIEMBA	
	MANOCRA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Sub Tender	Griffin	

Enemy Forces.

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area.

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron,
 C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B
 Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 8 Destroyers

At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports

1 Squadron Submarines ?

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 70 shore-based aircraft including probably 30 fighters,
 18 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 6 float planes.

9 motor torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	BOISE
	PHOENIX

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd.)
British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Destroyers	DULMEN BARKER PAUL JONES PARROTT J.D. FORD	
A.E.C. S/P Tenders	HONOWAI CHILDS KERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tenders	OTUS HOLLAND	

Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u> BANGO SEADRAGON SHAPPER STURGEON SPEARFISH SCULPIN STINGRAY SWORDFISH SEARAVEN
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REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS
 SEACOLF) At Fremantle
 SEAL)
 PERMIT)
 SAILFISH) At Albany
 SALMON)
 SAUNY)
 PORPOISE)
 FIVE En route Albany-Fremantle

EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS.
 SKIPJACK
 PICKEREL

Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI ERLING BROVIG TRINITY
Minesweepers	LARE WHIPPOORWILL
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java -
 Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

Eleven Submarines en route to or on patrol stations) See above
 in China Sea or H.S.I. Area

Enemy Forces

1 Battleship
 3 Aircraft Carriers (HYUGO, ZUIKAN, SHOKAKU) (proceeding Japan from
 Malaya).
 5 - 8" Cruisers (3 Nagami proceeding Japan from Malaya).
 3 - 6" Cruisers
 12 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS WINDRAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 5 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly.
 KYUKAIDU En route Truk
 KASUGA En route Rabaul - Japan)
 KOSHO KORYU

3 - 8" Cruisers
 2 - 6" Cruisers
 30 Destroyers
 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands
Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some Light Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
 Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KANIGAWA MARU")
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama P/B Squadron
 and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
 Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship.
 18 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser

A.M.C.
S/P Tender

Effective
PENBACOLA
RICHMOND
WILMAUKE
ASCANIA
TANOTER

Refitting or Repairing

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVERE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALLANT

A/C Carriers

FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

CALEDON
DRAGON

SUMATRA

ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE

A.M.C.'s

WORCESTERSHIRE
PECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU

A.A. Vessels

CHITRAL
ALANIA
HEMSKERCK
COVENTRY

Destroyers
Submarines

25 (Approx)
7 (Approx)

Enemy Forces

3 Battleships - 1 Nagato class
2 Fusō class

2 A.C. Carriers SORYU
possibly 3 AKAGI and possibly HIRYU

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY20th April, 19421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

(i) "AUSTRALIA" "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" are to be sailed from Noumea to Sydney E.T.A. 1100/22.

It is proposed that on completion of repairs to "AUSTRALIA" in Sydney about 3/5, "CHICAGO" be sailed to Sydney for dry docking and repairs. "PERKINS" to accompany "CHICAGO" to Sydney for repairs.

(ii) "LAMSON", with Gen. Patch aboard, due to arrive Vila from Noumea yesterday 19/4, returning 22/4.

(iii) Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea area.

On completion of current operations Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu to prepare for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.

(iv) "MANOORA" escorting Convoy MN2 ("GENERAL JAMES PARKER" & "SANTA PAULA") en route Melbourne to Noumea. E.T.A. 0800/23. "GENERAL JAMES PARKER" to be detached 125 miles east of Brisbane and to proceed independently to Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/21.

"ALDEN" to join "MANOORA" 290 miles south of Sydney and provide A/S escort to Noumea.

(v) "ACHILLES" departed Sydney 18/4 to R.V. approx 390 miles south of Sydney with "MARIPOSA" (departed Melbourne 18/4) and escort her to a position west of Raratonga. "ACHILLES" after leaving "MARIPOSA" to proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.

(vi) "BINGERA" escorting 2 U.S. submarines en route Sydney to Brisbane, in place of "BENDIGO" which returned to Sydney and departed for Brisbane 18/4 E.T.A. 1400 today 20/4.

(vii) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines from Melbourne arrived Sydney 1250/19 en route Brisbane.

(viii) "BUNGAREE" en route Geelong to Townsville. E.T.A. Palm Passage 0900/20.

(ix) "COLAC" & "CRESSNOCK" departed Port Moresby 0959/18 for Townsville E.T.A. 0500/21.

(x) "GOULBURN" departed Melbourne 17/4 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500/21.

(xi) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) with Task Force 17. Later to proceed Noumea when so directed by Com. Task Force 17.

(xii) "VOYAGER" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Sydney 1010 yesterday 19/4 E.T.A. Melbourne 1900 today 20/4. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" proceeding direct to Fremantle, will R.V. with "PHOENIX" approx 500 miles S.E. of Albany at 0500/22.

(xiii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. To depart for Melbourne p.m. 22/4.

(xiv) "WESTRALIA" & "WHIPPLE" at Sydney.

(xv) "KANIMBLA" at Melbourne.

(xvi) "CANBERRA" & "HOBART" at Sydney refitting.

(xvii) "TROMP" at Sydney.

(xviii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney.

(xix) "GEORGE G. HENRY" (U.S. Oiler) at Melbourne.

(xx) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) at Brisbane.

(xxi) "PINGWO" at Melbourne at 24 hours notice.

(xxii) "VENDETTA" at Melbourne.

(xxiii) "WARREGO" & "SWAN" at Sydney.

(xxiv) "W. B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) at Sydney for repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

RABAUL - During an allied air attack on Rabaul 19/4 the following shipping was sighted in the area:

4 ships in harbour; 1 medium sized ship probably transport east of Cape Tawui; 2 small freighters, 1 possible tanker near Duke of York Island.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (WEST of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting XXXX "CITY OF PARIS" & "CITY OF LONDON" from Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900 today 20/4, later to proceed to Melbourne approx 30/4. "MONOWAI" will then probably proceed to Auckland.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 0830/23.
- (iii) "PUNJAB" arrived Albany 1101/19 en route Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/21. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll.
- (iv) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting 2 merchant ships en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1001/20, 2201/21
- (v) "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Thursday Island 1415/18 for Darwin. E.T.A. 1600/21.
- (vi) K8, K9 and K12 (Dutch submarines) at Fremantle. K9 and K12 escorted by Dutch Minelayer "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" to depart Fremantle 1700 today 20/4 for Adelaide. E.T.A. 0630/27.
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- (ix) For U.S. Naval Forces in Fremantle area - see Appendix.

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British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces

- (1) TIMOR - Air reconnaissance over Koepang area at 1700/19 revealed the presence of a probable aircraft carrier, an aircraft tender and an oiler.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

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- (x) "SUMNER" (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Suva 1807/18 and departed 1801/19 destination unknown.
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- (xii) "PLATTE" (U.S. Oiler) & "HUGHES" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Pearl Harbour from New Hebrides area.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO - An enemy submarine was reported at 0700/16 on the surface N.W. of Amanu Island.

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) JAPAN - Reference the reports from Japan of Allied air raids on Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe on 18/4, Cincpac reported 19/4 -
- (a) At 0630/18 Allied aircraft were first reported by an enemy vessel;
 - (b) Allied surface craft were reported by the enemy in a position approx 550 miles east of Tokyo Bay.
 - (c) Intensive searches being conducted by enemy units in Yokosuka (Japan, Chichijima (Bonins), Marianas and Marshalls area including -
 - submarines
 - 5th Cruiser Division (3-10,000 ton -8")
 - new aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU"; and
 - all available surface light craft and shore-based units.
 - (d) Bombers were proceeding to Wake from Marshalls 19/4.
- (ii) CHATHAM IS. AREA - The Panamanian vessel "FIRETHORN" which reported an attack by submarine approx 160 miles S.E. of Chatham Islands at 1815/16, has arrived Wellington. The report was transmitted when a loud report was heard and a torpedo track seen. N.Z.N.B. grades the report C.3.
- (iii) JERVIS BAY (N.S.W) - "ROCKHAMPTON" reported a possible enemy submarine approx 70 miles S.E. Jervis Bay at 1650/18. Subsequent investigation were negative.
- (iv) DUTCH NEW GUINEA - There are indications that enemy occupation force has occupied Serui (Japan). - Geelvink Bay North of Dutch New Guinea.
- (v) GENERAL - Seaplane Tender "FUJIKAWA MARU" is en route Saigon to Rabaul.

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- (v) Continued air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
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20th April 1942

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	SAURY)	
	PORPOISE)	
	PIKE)	En route Albany-Fremantle
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u> SKIPJACK PICKEREL	
Dutch Submarines	K.8 K.9 K.12	
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI ERLING BROVIG TRINITY	
Minesweepers	LARK WHIPPOORWILL	
Patrol Vessel	8 Dutch ISABEL	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

1 Battleship
 3 Aircraft Carriers (RYUJO, ZUIKAKO, SHOKAKU) (proceeding Japan from Malaya).
 5 - 8" Cruisers (3 Mogamis proceeding Japan from Malaya).
 3 - 6" Cruisers
 12 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C. in C. Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA H ONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau-Saipan-Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 5 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) to proceed Yokosuka shortly
 RYUKAKU En route Truk
 KASUGA En route Rabaul-Japan
 HOSHO
 KORYU

3 - 8" Cruisers
 2 - 6" Cruisers
 30 Destroyers
 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands
Truk Area

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some Light Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
 Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

Marshalls

At least 2 submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st
 Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
 Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship.
 15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruiser

Destroyer
A.M.C.
S/P Tender

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
PENSACOLA	
RICHMOND	
MILWAUKEE	
ADELAIDE	
J.D. EDWARDS	
ASCANIA	
TANGIER	

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE

SUMATRA

A.M.C's

DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
25 (Approx)
7 (Approx)

Enemy Forces

3 Battleships - 1 Nagato class
2 Fuso class

2 A.C. Carriers) SORYU
possibly 3) AKAGI and possibly HIRYU

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

21st April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" "ADELAIDE" & "EDWARDS" sailed from Noumea for Sydney at 1330/19 E.T.A. 1100/22.
- (ii) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (iii) "LAMSON" en route Vila to Noumea E.T.A. 1800 today 21/4.
- (iv) Task Force 17 (aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER" and 8 or 9 destroyers) in Noumea - Tongatabu area.
On completion of current operations Task Force to proceed to Tongatabu to prepare for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (v) "MANCORA" & "ALDEN" escorting "SANTA PAULA" en route Melbourne to Noumea E.T.A. 0800/23.
"GENERAL JAMES PARKER" was to be detached 125 miles east of Brisbane and to proceed independently to Brisbane E.T.A. 0700 today 21/4.
- (vi) "ACHILLES" escorting "MARIPOSA" towards Raratonga until such time as it becomes necessary for her to refuel; she is then to leave "MARIPOSA" and proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.
- (vii) "BINGERA" escorting 2 U.S. submarines en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 1400 yesterday 20/4.
- (viii) "BENDIGO" arrived Brisbane 1710 yesterday 20/4.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. submarines from Melbourne departed Sydney 1432/20/4 en route Brisbane. E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1400/23.
- (x) "BALLARAT" expected to depart Melbourne 1400/21. E.T.A. Brisbane 1400/25.
- (xi) "BUNGAREE" arrived Townsville 19/4. Departed for Palm Passage 0400/20.
- (xii) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" en route Port Moresby to Townsville E.T.A. 0600 today 21/4.
- (xiii) "GOULBURN" en route Melbourne to Brisbane E.T.A. 0500 today 21/4.
- (xiv) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) with Task Force 17. Later to proceed Noumea when so directed by Com. Task Force 17.
- (xv) "VOYAGER" after escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" en route Fremantle entered Port Phillip 0552 today 21/4. Later today to escort "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" until after dark.
- (xvi) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) at Sydney. To depart for Melbourne p.m. 22/4.
- (xvii) At Sydney refitting - "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender)
- (xviii) "VICTOR" (ex "GEORGE G. HENRY" - U.S. Oiler) departed Melbourne 1000 tomorrow 22/4 for Sydney.
- (xix) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "WHIPPLE" "SWAN".
- (xx) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "KANIMBLA" "PINGWO".
- (xxi) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) at Brisbane.
- (xxii) "WARREGO" is to depart Sydney 0900 today 21/4 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1000/23.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) RABAUL - C in C Pacific reported "KENJO MARU" at Rabaul 20/4.
This unit is believed to have arrived from N.E.I. waters probably Timor, with air reinforcements.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" & "J.D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived at Fremantle with Convoy at 1735/19. Both ships departed Fremantle for Melbourne at 1000 yesterday 20/4 E.T.A. 1300/25. "MONOWAI" later will probably proceed to Auckland, and "FORD" to Sydney for repairs.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1830/23.
- (iii) "PUNJAB" departed Albany 1235/20 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/22.
Later to proceed to Addu Atoll.
- (iv) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting 2 merchant ships en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 2201 today 21/4.

- (v) "WARHAMBOL" en route Thursday Island to Darwin E.T.A. 1600 today 21/4.
- (vi) Dutch Minesweeper "BANKNSSEN" (possibly "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN") escorting Dutch submarines K9, K12 departed Fremantle 1535 yesterday 20/4 for Adelaide E.T.A. 1700/27.
- (vii) Dutch submarine K8 at Fremantle.
- (viii) "PHOENIX" en route from Fremantle to R.V. with "QUEEN ELIZABETH" approx 500 miles S.E. of Albany at 0930/22.
- (ix) H.M. Loophlayers "ATREUS" & "ALSEY" arrived Fremantle at 0904/19 and 1620/20 respectively.
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - see Appendix.
- (xi) "HEROS" to be sailed from Fremantle for Sydney via Albany and Adelaide p.m. 21/4.
- (xii) "SAILFISH" (U.S. Submarine) departed Albany for Fremantle 1712/20.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Eleven submarine en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix) - A/C Carriers "RYUJO" "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" reported at Formosa 18/4.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) C in C Pacific reported 20/4 Cruiser Division 5A (including probably 2 - 10,000 ton 8" Cruisers) is expected to arrive Truk on April 24th.

(ii) The Commander of the Submarine Force is en route to the Marshalls.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.

(ii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.

(iii) Task Force 13 (U.S. Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY") to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2. "HELM" dep. Nukualofa 1200/19

(iv) HANNAH (U.S. Minelayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBIE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA". "CUYAMA" fuelling "GAMBIE" en route as necessary.

(v) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) & "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) en route Fiji to Noumea E.T.A. a.m. today 21/4. "WRIGHT" to deliver stores and aircraft to "TIPPECANOE" at Noumea. "WRIGHT" & "TUCKER" thence Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

(vi) "KASKASKIA" (U.S. Tanker) proceeding to R.V. with Task Force 17 in a position approx 220 miles S.E. of Noumea bringing such stores from "WRIGHT" as can be transferred at sea.

(vii) "ASCANIA" departed Auckland 1710/20 for Suva E.T.A. 0900/24.

(viii) "PLATTE" (U.S. Oiler) & "HUGHES" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Pearl Harbour from New Hebrides area.

(ix) "SWAN" (U.S. Aircraft Tender) arrived Apia 0603/20.

(x) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S. Survey Ship).

(xi) At Fiji - "WALKE" (U.S. Destroyer) and "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship).

(xii) Noumea area - "GERLONG" "WILCANNIA" & "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(i) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTROON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

(ii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Trincomalee.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

(i) BAY OF BENGAL - C in C Pacific reports 20/4 that most of the heavy units recently operating in the Bay of Bengal are now en route Japan.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

~~(i)~~ JAPAN (i) -/Reference Allied air attack on Japan 18/4, C in C Pacific reported 20/4 -

- (a) In the N.W. Pacific every effort is being made by the enemy to discover the location of Allied Forces.
- (b) In Yokohama area at least 80 bombers plus fighters and scouts are available for attack.
- (c) Marshalls air strength is being concentrated in the Wake area.
- (d) There are indications the C in C 2nd Fleet, who has recently been in command of Japanese Naval Forces in the Bay of Bengal, is actively interested in the search for the Allied Force off Yokosuka.

~~(ii)~~ GENERAL (Unofficial)

Japanese Communiques claim that 10 allied aircraft of the B-25 type were involved in the attack on Tokyo and other areas on 18/4, one of which is claimed to have been forced down. The others are stated to have escaped to China. An unconfirmed message reported from Chungking states that the aircraft arrived safely at their base.

Yesterday's Japanese communique claims that three aircraft carriers and other warships were involved in the operation.

- (ii) BAY OF BENGAL - There are indications that a further 24 transports departed Penang during the week end ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ for an unknown destination presumably in the Bay of Bengal area.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby from the N.E. New Guinea area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville.
- (iii) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (iv) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.
- (v) Continued air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (vi) Increased pressure against allied bases in Bay of Bengal area.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
21st April 1942

a) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
		TROMP
Destroyers	13 U.S. (approx)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S.37)	
	S.39) En route Brisbane	
	S.40)	
	S.41)	
	S.38)	
	S.42)	
	S.43)	
	S.44) At Brisbane	
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Sub Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces.

New Guinea - Bismark Archipelago - Solomons Area.

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.C. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 -5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 8 Destroyers

At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports

1 Squadron Submarines

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters, 27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers
 BOISE
 PHOENIX

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd.)
British and Allied Forces (Contd)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
	J.D. FORD	
A.M.C.	MONOWAI	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tender	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SARGO	
	SEADRAGON	
	SNAPPER	
	STURGEON	
	SPEARFISH	
	SCULPIN	
	STINGRAY	
	SWORDFISH	
	SEARAVEN	
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SEAWOLF)	At Fremantle
	PIKE)	" "
	SEAL	At Albany
	PERMIT	" "
	SAILFISH	" "
	SALMON	" "
	SAURY	" "
	PORPOISE	" "
	<u>EN ROUTE PATROL STATIONS</u>	
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	PICKEREL	
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	TRINITY	
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British and Allied Forces

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6" Cruiser	RICHMOND	
	MILWAUKEE	
	ADELAIDE	
Destroyer	J.D. EDWARDS	
A.M.C.	ASCANIA	
S/P Tender	TANGIER	

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

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	DRAGON	SUMATRA
	ENTERPRISE	
	EMERALD	
	CERES	
	DUREAN	
	BIRMINGHAM	
	GLASGOW	
	COLOMBO	
	CAPETOWN	
	NEWCASTLE	
	DANAE	
	DAUNTLESS	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	HECTOR	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	ALAUNIA	
	HEEMSKERCK	
	COVENTRY	
A.M.C.'s	23 (Approx)	
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Destroyers		
Submarines		

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22nd April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "SIMS", U.S. Patrol Boat "MORRIS" & "KASKASKIA" (Tanker) arrived Nukualofa, Tonga, 1410/20, there to prepare for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) & "EDWARDS" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Noumea to Sydney E.T.A. 1100 today 22/4.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" to R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" and "VOYAGER" and escort former towards Bora Bora, as far as Long. 180°.
- (iv) "CHICAGO" "LEANDER" & "PERKINS" at Noumea. "LAMSON" was due at Noumea from Vila yesterday 21/4.
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- (ix) "BALLARAT" departed Melbourne 1601/21. E.T.A. Sydney 1700/23/4.
- (x) "BUNGAREE" arrived Townsville 1625/20. To operate in Palm Passage.
- (xi) "GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 1130/21.
- (xii) "VOYAGER" escorting "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" departed Melbourne 1401 yesterday 21/4. To deliver "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" to relief escort ("ADELAIDE") and proceed Sydney. E.T.A. 0630 tomorrow 23/4.
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- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

The following reports of allied air reconnaissance on 21/4 have been received:

- (a) New Ireland - 2 transports (approx 8,000 tons each) were sighted at anchor of Enang Is. (N. of New Ireland). There was a tender alongside side one transport.
- (b) China Strait (S.E. of New Guinea) - 1 vessel of 2000-3000 tons was sighted at anchor near Iguari Is.
- (c) New Hanover - 2 enemy transports of 8,000 tons were sighted at the S.E. corner of New Hanover.
- (d) No shipping was sighted in Madang, Lorengau, Cape Gloucester, Lae Salamaua areas.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" & "J.D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1300/25. "MONOWAI" later will probably proceed to Auckland, and "FORD" to Sydney for repairs.
- (ii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1830/23.
- (iii) "PUNJAB" en route Albany to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100/22. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll.
- (iv) "PHOENIX" ex Fremantle to R.V. with "QUEEN ELIZABETH" approx 500 miles S.E. of Albany at 0930/22.
- (v) Dutch Minesweeper "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting Dutch submarine K9,

K12 en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1700/27. K8 at Fremantle.

- (vi) "DELORAIN" escorting 2 merchant ships was to depart Darwin 0500 today 22/4 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0930/26.
- (vii) "HEROS" was to be sailed from Fremantle for Sydney via Albany and Adelaide p.m. 21/4.
- (viii) "WARRNAMEOOL" arrived Darwin 1527 yesterday 21/4.
- (ix) "SAILFISH" (U.S. submarine) en route Albany to Fremantle E.T.A. today 22/4.
- (x) For U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- 13 Eleven submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (See Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) 2 Heavy cruisers "MYOKO" & "HAGURO" (10,000 tons - 10-8") are expected to arrive Truk later this week (April 24th) with other units including destroyers. The new aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU" will probably be associated with this force.

(ii) The Commander of the Submarine Force is en route to the Marshalls.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "BOBBIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.

(ii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.

(iii) Task Force 13 (U.S. Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY") to proceed Tutuila where it will be redesignated Task Group 12.2. "HELM" departed Nukualofa 1200/19.

(iv) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA". "CUYAMA" fuelling "GAMBLE" en route as necessary.

(v) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) & "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) en route Fiji to Noumea E.T.A. a.m. yesterday 21/4. "WRIGHT" to deliver stores and aircraft to "TIPPECANOE" at Noumea. "WRIGHT" & "TUCKER" thence Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

(vi) "RICHMOND" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to depart Bora Bora for R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" and escort her to Bora Bora. Upon arrival at Bora Bora "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco E.T.A. 10/5. When relieved, "RICHMOND" to assume duties with Task Group 12.3.

(vii) "PLATTE" (U.S. Oiler) & "HUGHES" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Pearl Harbour from New Hebrides area.

(viii) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S. Aircraft tender)

(ix) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S. survey ship), "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship).

(x) Noumea area - "GEELONG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) and "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

(i) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTRON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

(ii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" en route Fremantle to Trincomalee.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) BUKA PASSAGE - It is reported that additional troops have recently landed at Sohana. The enemy's total strength there is now estimated at 600.
- (ii) GULF OF CARPENTARIA - It has now been established that the mine reported at Napoon (West Coast Cape York) on 13/3 was enemy.
- (iii) PHILIPPINES - It has now been established that the enemy cruiser recently reported to have been sunk by U.S. Motor Torpedo Boats off Cebu on 10/4 was a unit of the "KUMA" class (7 - 5.5" guns, 5,100 tons).
The vessel was attacked by 2 M.T.B.'s while escorted by 4 destroyers and left in a sinking condition off the south tip of Cebu Is. at 0745/10/4.
One of the M.T.B.'s was forced ashore by enemy action on Cebu Is., 1 officer & 2 men being killed and remainder wounded.
- (iv) GENERAL - There are indications that the aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU" are to R.V. with an aircraft carrier force before proceeding Truk. These carriers were last reported in the Formosa area 18/4 but may have been diverted from their schedule in view of recent air attack on Japan. They were originally scheduled to arrive Truk about 23/4.
- (v) Enemy mopping up operations in the N.W. Dutch New Guinea area continue. Serui (Japan Is.) and Nabire (in Geelvink Bay) have been occupied as expected. There are indications the enemy will replenish his occupation force (believed to comprise air and surface units) at Manokwari on April 24th as scheduled. Manokwari is approx 720 miles bearing 015 degrees from Darwin.
- (vi) N.E. New Guinea Area - An examination of all intelligence suggests that the enemy attack on the East New Guinea area previously indicated for later this month may now be delayed because of the recent air attack on Japan.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville.
- (iii) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (iv) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.
- (v) Continued air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
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A P P E N D I X

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
22nd April 1942

a) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
6" Cruisers	CHESTER	
	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyers	13 U.S. (approx)	TROMP
	VOYAGER	VENDETTA
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S.37)	At Brisbane
	S.39)	En route Brisbane
	S.40)	At Brisbane
	S.41)	En route Brisbane
	S.38)	
	S.42)	
	S.43)	
	S.44)	At Brisbane
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMELA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Sub Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces.

New Guinea - Bismark Archipelago - Solomons Area.

- 14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron, C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.
- 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers.
- Approx. 8 Destroyers
- At least 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports (some of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and Rabaul)
- 1 Squadron Submarines
- 1 Sub Depot Ship ?
- C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)
- C in C Mandates Air Force
- Portion 1 Gunboat Division
- Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters, 27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.
- 9 motor torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	BOISE	
	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
	J. D. FORD	
A.M.C.	MONOWAI	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tender	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	

Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>
	SEARAVEN
	SNAPPER
	SCULPIN
	SEADRAGON
	SARGO
	PIKE
	STURGEON
	SPEARFISH
	STINGRAY
	TARPON
	SWORDFISH
	SKIPJACK
	PICKEREL

REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SAILFISH	20 Apr. departed for Fremantle ETA 22 Apr.
SEAWOLF	} At Fremantle - overhaul.
SALMON	
SAURY	
PORPOISE	} At Albany - Tender overhaul
PERMIT	
SEAL	

Dutch Submarines	K.8
	K.9
	K.12
Auxiliaries	LANAKAI
	HRLING BROVIG
	TRINITY
	ATREUS
	ALSEY
Minesweepers	LARK
	WHIPPOORWILL
	8 Dutch
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

1 Battleship

4 Aircraft Carriers (RYUJO, ZUIKAKO, SHOKAKU) (Formosa Area proceeding Japan) (HIRYU - possibly Timor Area)

5 - 8" Cruisers (3 Mogamis proceeding Japan from Malaya).

3 - 6" Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Several Seaplane Carriers

C. in C. Third Fleet.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO	
6" Cruisers	VINCENNES ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau - Saipan-Bonins-Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 5 A/C Carriers KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged to proceed Yokosuka shortly En route Truk
 RYUKAKU En route ~~Japan~~ - Japan
 KASUGA
 HOSHO
 KORYU ?

3 - 8" Cruisers
 2 - 6" Cruisers
 30 Destroyers
 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area.

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some Light Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
 Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

Marshalls.

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and
 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron.
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver.
 Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship.
 15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
8" Cruiser	PENSACOLA	
6" Cruiser	RICHMOND	
	MILWAUKEE	
Destroyer	J.D. EDWARDS	
A.M.C.	ASCANIA	
S/P Tender	TANGIER	

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
	RAMILLIES	
	ROYAL SOVEREIGN	
	VALIANT	
A/C Carriers	FORMIDABLE	
	INDOMITABLE	
8" Cruiser (Greek)	GEORGIOS AVEROFF	
6" Cruisers	CALEDON	
	DRAGON	SUMATRA
	ENTERPRISE	
	EMERALD	
	CERES	
	DURBAN	
	BIRMINGHAM	
	GLASGOW	
	COLOMBO	
	CAPETOWN	
	NEWCASTLE	
	DANAE	
	DAUNTLESS	
A.M.C.'s	WORCESTERSHIRE	
	HECTOR	
	RANCHI	
	CORFU	
	CHITRAL	
	ALAUNIA	
A.A. Vessels	HEEMSKERCK	
	COVENTRY	
Destroyers	23 (Approx)	
Submarines	7 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

3 Battleships	- 1 Nagato class
	2 Fuso class
2 A.C. Carriers	) AKAGI
	) SORYU
3 - 8" Cruisers	
4 - 6" Cruisers	
30 Destroyers	
20 Submarines	
C. in C. Second Fleet	
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.	

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

23rd April, 1942

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "SIMS" & "MORRIS" & "KASKASKIA" (Oiler) at Tongatabu there to pre-prepare for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) & "EDWARDS" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Sydney 0852 yesterday 22/4.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney 0743 yesterday 22/4 and departed 1608 same day to R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" & "VOYAGER" at 0700 today 23/4 and escort former towards Bora Bora as far as Long. 180° - when relieved by "RICHMOND", "ADELAIDE" will proceed to Suva for fuel, thence Sydney.
- (iv) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (v) "MANCORA" & "ALDEN" escorting "SANTA PAULA" en route Melbourne to Noumea E.T.A. 0800 today 23/4.
- (vi) "ACHILLES" escorting "MARIPOSA" towards Raratonga until such time as it becomes necessary for her to refuel; she is then to leave "MARIPOSA" and proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.
- (vii) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON" en route Suva from Noumea E.T.A. 1400/24. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059.
- (viii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) from Fremantle arrived Port Phillip 0705/23.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines from Melbourne now en route Sydney to Brisbane. E.T.A. 1400 today 23/4.
- (x) "BALLARAT" en route Melbourne to Sydney E.T.A. 1700 today 23/4.
- (xi) "BUNGAREE" will depart Townsville 1800/22/4 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500/27/4.
- (xii) "VOYAGER" escorting "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" departed Melbourne 1401/21. To deliver "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" to relief escort ("ADELAIDE") at 0700 today 23/4 and proceed Sydney.
- (xiii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) departed Sydney for Melbourne 1627/22 E.T.A. 0400/24.
- (xiv) "VICTORIA" (ex "GEORGE G. HENRY" - U.S. Oiler) departed Melbourne 1015 yesterday 22/4 for Sydney. E.T.A. p.m. 25/4.
- (xv) "WARREGO" en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 1000 today 23/4.
- (xvi) "WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 0950 yesterday 22/4 for firing.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "WHIPPLE" "SWAN" refitting - "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender)
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "KANIMBLA" "PINGWO".
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel).
- (xx) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" arrived Townsville 0730/21/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) CORAL SEA - Returning from an attack on Rabaul a B-17 sighted 2 unidentified vessels reported as warships, possibly destroyers at 1145/22 in a position 120 miles S.E. from Port Moresby. Course N.W.
- (ii) CHINA STRAITS - An air search on 22/4 for the 3,000 ton vessel sighted in China Strait on 21/4 proved negative.
- (iii) RABAUL - During an attack on Rabaul yesterday 22/4 7 large transports were observed in the Harbour one of which appeared to be under way.
- (iv) LAE - SALAMAU - No shipping was observed in either Salamaua or Lae areas yesterday 22/4.
- (v) RABAUL - Additional H/Bombers arrived Rabaul 19th April (Cincpac 22/4)

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- (viii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Thirteen submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

TRUK AREA - There are strong indications of an impending concentration in the Truk area by the 28th April including aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUKAKU", heavy cruisers "MYOKO" & "HAGURA" and 4 Destroyers (C in C Pacific 21/4).

MARSHALLS - The Commander of Submarine Force is en route to the Marshalls.

JAPAN - Enemy submarine continue to be active off the north east coast of Japan.

Aircraft Carriers "SORYU" "RYUJO" and probably "AKAGI" are en route Japan from Malayan waters.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy PW.2070 departs San Francisco for Australia 21/4 escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S.Cruiser).
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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) GENERAL - C in C Pacific reported 22/4 it is apparent that major fleet operations in the Indian Ocean have been completed and impending operations centering in the New Britain area will start very soon.

The C in C 2nd Fleet has completed his duty in the East Indies and Malay area and has been given a new task. (Possibly control of impending operations to the South East).

Present intelligence indicates that the enemy striking force in the Truk - New Britain area before the end of the month will include -

- 3 new A/C Carriers - "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" "RYUKAKU"
- 5 Heavy Cruisers (8") - "MYOKO" "HAGURA" "KAKO" "FURUTAKA"
"ACBA" or "KINUGASA"
- 4 Light Cruisers
- 12 Destroyers

As present intelligence suggests the main force will be in the Truk area until about the 28th April, an attack may be made against Port Moresby on or after May 2nd.

In view of recent tactics employed by the enemy in the Bay of Bengal operations, it is submitted that some of the heavy units may be employed in carrying out heavy carrier-borne raids against key bases along the east coast of Australia while an invasion force moves against the Moresby area.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
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- (iii) "ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney 0743 yesterday 22/4 and departed 1608 same day to R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" & "VOYAGER" at 0700 today 23/4 and escort former towards Bora Bora as far as Long. 180° - when relieved by "RICHMOND", "ADELAIDE" will proceed to Suva for fuel, thence Sydney.
- (iv) "CHICAGO" & "PENKINS" at Noumea.
- (v) "MANGORA" & "ALDEN" escorting "SANTA PAULA" en route Melbourne to Noumea E.T.A. 0800 today 23/4.
- (vi) "ACHILLES" escorting "MARIPOSA" towards Raratonga until such time as it becomes necessary for her to refuel; she is then to leave "MARIPOSA" and proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.
- (vii) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON" en route Suva from Noumea E.T.A. 1400/24. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059.
- (viii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) from Fremantle arrived Port Phillip 0705/23.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines from Melbourne now en route Sydney to Brisbane. E.T.A. 1400 today 23/4.
- (x) "BALLARAT" en route Melbourne to Sydney E.T.A. 1700 today 23/4.
- (xi) "BUNGAREE" will depart Townsville 1800/22/4 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500/27/4.
- (xii) "VOYAGER" escorting "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" departed Melbourne 1401/21. To deliver "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" to relief escort ("ADELAIDE") at 0700 today 23/4 and proceed Sydney.
- (xiii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) departed Sydney for Melbourne 1627/22 E.T.A. 0400/24.
- (xiv) "VICTORIA" (ex "GEORGE G. HENRY" - U.S. Oiler) departed Melbourne 1015 yesterday 22/4 for Sydney. E.T.A. p.m. 25/4.
- (xv) "WARREGO" en route Sydney to Brisbane E.T.A. 1000 today 23/4.
- (xvi) "WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 0950 yesterday 22/4 for firing.
- (xvii) At Sydney - "WHIPPLE" "SWAN" refitting - "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender)
- (xviii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "KANIMBLA" "PINGWO".
- (xix) At Brisbane - "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) "GRIFFIN" (U.S. Submarine Tender) "TULSA" (U.S. Patrol Vessel).
- (xx) "COLAC" & "CESSNOCK" arrived Townsville 0730/21/4.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) CORAL SEA - Returning from an attack on Rabaul a B-17 sighted 2 unidentified vessels reported as warships, possibly destroyers at 1145/22 in a position 120 miles S.E. from Port Moresby. Course N.W.
- (ii) CHINA STRAITS - An air search on 22/4 for the 3,000 ton vessel sighted in China Strait on 21/4 proved negative.
- (iii) RABAUL - During an attack on Rabaul yesterday 22/4 7 large transports were observed in the Harbour one of which appeared to be under way.
- (iv) LAE - SALAMAUA - No shipping was observed in either Salamaua or Lae areas yesterday 22/4.
- (v) RABAUL - Additional H/Bombers arrived Rabaul 19th April (Cincpac 22/4)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "MONOWAI" & "J.D. FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1300/25. "MONOWAI" later will probably proceed to Auckland and "FORD" to Sydney for repairs.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY
23rd April 1942.

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORETOWN	
8" Cruisers	AUSTRALIA	CANBERRA
	CHICAGO	
	LOUISVILLE	
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	LEANDER	HOBART
	ACHILLES	
	ADELAIDE	
	BOISE	
Flotilla Leader	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT TROMP
Destroyers	13 U.S. (approx.)	VENDETTA
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S.39)	En route Brisbane
	S.41)	
	S.37)	
	S.38)	
	S.40)	
	S.42)	At Brisbane
	S.43)	
	S.44)	
	S.45)	
	S.46)	
	S.47)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBLA	
	MANOORA	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
Sub Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces.

New Guinea - Bismark Archipelago - Solomons Area.

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron
 C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F/B Squadron,
 Tainan Air Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane
 Tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 8 Destroyers

Approx. 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports (some
 of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and Rabaul)

1 Squadron Submarines

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters,
 27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULMER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
	J.D. FORD	
A.M.C.	MONOWAI	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tender	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
	SEARAVEN	
	SNAPPER	
	SCULPIN	
	SEADRAGON	
	SARGO	
	PIKE	
	STURGEON	
	SPEARFISH	
	STINGRAY	
	TARPON	
	SKIPJACK	
	PICKEREL	
	SWORDFISH	En route Fremantle ETA 1/5.
	<u>REPAIRS and PREPARING FOR PATROLS</u>	
	SAILFISH	Due Fremantle 22 Apr.
	SEAWOLF	At Fremantle - overhaul.
	SALMON)	
	SAURY)	
	PORPOISE)	At Albany - Tender over-
	PERMIT)	haul.
	SEAL)	
Dutch Submarines	K.8	
	K.9	
	K.12	
Auxiliaries	LAHAKAI	
	ERLING BROVIG	
	TRINITY	
	ATREUS	
	ALSEY	
Minesweepers	LARK	
	WHIPPOORWILL	
	8 Dutch	
Patrol Vessel	ISABEL	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

13 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

- 1 Battleship
- 1 Aircraft Carrier (HIRYU) (Possibly Timor area)
- 1 - 8" Cruiser
- 3 - 6" Cruisers
- 12 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau-Saipan-Bonins-Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 7 A/C Carriers ZUIKAKU En route Truk approx. ETA 28/4
 SHOKAKU " " " "
 RYUKAKU " " " "
 KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
 KASUGA En route Rabaul to Japan
 HOSHO
 KORYU ?

6 - 8" Cruisers
 2 - 6" Cruisers
 30 Destroyers
 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area.

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some Light Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
 Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls.

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMCI")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron
 and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron.
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
 Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital Ship.
 15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Effective

PENSACOLA
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
J.D. EDWARDS
ASCANIA
TANGIER

Refitting or Repairing

Destroyer
A.M.C.
S/P Tender

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON

SUMATRA

A/C Carrier

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE

A.M.C.'s

HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
COVENTRY
23 (Approx)
7 (Approx)

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

Enemy Forces

3 Battleships - 1 Nagato class
2 Fuso class
2 A/C Carriers)AKAGI) probably en route Japan
)SORYU)
3 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
20 Submarines
C. in C. Second Fleet
C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

24th April, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8 Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKER" "RUSSELL" "SIMS" & "MORRIS" & "KASKASKIA" (Oiler) at Tongatabu there to prepare for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) at Sydney refitting.
- (iii) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (iv) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON" en route Suva from Noumea E.T.A. 1400 today 24/4 later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059.
- (v) "ADELAIDE" escorting S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" towards Bora Bora as far as Long. 180°, where she will hand convoy over to U.S. Cruiser "RICHMOND". "ADELAIDE" will then proceed to Suva for fuel, thence Sydney.
- (vi) "ACHILLES" escorting "MARIPOSA" towards Baratonga until such time as it becomes necessary for her to refuel; she is then to leave "MARIPOSA" and proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for five ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.
- (vii) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) at Melbourne. To sail for Samoa at 1100 tomorrow 25/4.
- (viii) "MANCORA" & "ALDEN" escorting "SANTA PAULA" were due at Noumea from Melbourne yesterday 23/4.
- (ix) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. Submarines from Melbourne was due at Brisbane yesterday 23/4.
- (x) "VOYAGER" was due to return Sydney from escort duty early a.m. today 24/4.
- (xi) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) en route Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. 0400 today 24/4.
- (xii) "BALLARAT" arrived Sydney from Melbourne 1530/23..
- (xiii) "BUNGARIE" departed Townsville 1931/22 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500/27.
- (xiv) "VICTORIA" (ex "GEORGE G. HENRY" - U.S. Oiler) en route Melbourne to Sydney E.T.A. p.m. tomorrow 25/4.
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- (xvi) At Sydney - "WHIPPLE" "SWAN" "EDWARDS" "WESTRALIA" refitting - "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xvii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "KANIMBLA" "PINGWO"
- (xviii) At Brisbane - "GOLDSTAR" "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) PORT MORESBY - A ship or submarine was sighted at 1230/23 by an allied aircraft in a position approx 90 miles N.W. of Port Moresby (see Naval Incidents).
- (ii) RABOUL - During allied air attack on Rabaul at 1110/23 one large transport was seen at anchor in Talili Bay (2 miles N.W. of Simpson Harbour) and another two entering Talili Bay. Eight transports (including two large transports) were sighted in Rabaul Harbour including one medium transport apparently on fire.
- (iii) ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL - Air reconnaissance over Duke of York Group (St. George's Channel) on 23/4 disclosed -
 (a) 1 small freighter (approx 2,500 tons) anchored between Duke of York Island and Micoke Island;
 (b) One smallyacht seen east of the freighter;
 (c) one submarine on the surface in St. George's Channel, approx 9 miles S.E. of Cape Gazelle;
- (iv) APALIKLIKUN BAY (Northern Coast of Gazelle Peninsula) - 10 miles from Rabaul; Three transports of about 3,000 tons, two proceeding to shore, one putting to sea course N.N.E. were sighted on 23/4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1300 tomorrow 25/4. "MONOWAI" later will probably proceed to Auckland and "FORD" to Sydney for repairs.
- (ii) "PUNJAB" at Fremantle. Later to proceed Addu Atoll.
 - (iii) "PHOENIX" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" was due to arrive Fremantle at 0630 today 24/4.
 - (iv) Dutch Minesweeper "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Dutch submarines K9 & K12 en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1700/27. K8 at Fremantle.
 - (v) "LITHGOW" escorting 2 merchant ships en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1230/26.
 - (vi) "HEROS" en route from Fremantle to Sydney via Albany and Adelaide was due Albany 1800 yesterday 23/4.
 - (vii) "ATREUS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 0800/28.
 - (viii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Thirteen submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

- (i) TRUK - Activity in the Truk area continues. There are strong indications that the enemy concentration in the Truk area includes 3 new aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, at least 4 destroyers and a submarine force. C in C Pacific reports that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" and "SHOKAKU") will remain in the area until about 28th April.
- (ii) JAPAN
 - (a) There are now indications that "SORYU" "HYUJO" and "KAGA" are all now in Japanese Home Waters with "AKAGI" probably en route to Japan.
 - (b) Local defence forces in the northern Japan area were still searching for the Allied Attacking Force 23/4.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy PW.2070 was to depart San Francisco for Australia 21/4 escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S. Cruiser).
- (ii) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DORRIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (iv) Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY" to proceed Tutuila. Later with "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" & Destroyer "FLUSSER" to escort convoy PW.2059 to Vila. "FLUSSER" to replace "LAMSON".
- (v) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Mineslayer) Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Mine div 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "GUYAMA".
- (vi) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) departed Noumea 1913/22, for Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.
- (vii) "RICHMOND" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to depart Bora Bora for R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" at 0900/26 and escort her to Bora Bora. Upon arrival at Bora Bora "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco E.T.A. 10/5. When relieved, "RICHMOND" to assume duties with Task Group 12.2.
- (viii) "PLATTE" (U.S. Oiler) & "HUGHES" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Pearl Harbour from New Hebrides area.
- (ix) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S. Aircraft Tender).
- (x) At Siva - "SUMNER" (U.S. Survey Ship) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship)

- Noumea area - "GEELONG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) and "TIPPECANOE" (U.S.Oiler).
(xii) "ASCANIA" was due at Suva from Auckland 0900/today 24/4.

Enemy Forces

TOKELAU GROUP - An enemy submarine on a S.W. course was sighted by allied aircraft at 1200/21 in a position approx 250 miles north of Apia (Samoa).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTRON") together with "KATCOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATCOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) NEW GUINEA - An allied aircraft reports having sighted at 1230/23 in a position 90 miles N.W. of Port Moresby an enemy ship (apparently a submarine) which fired on the aircraft. The aircraft dived to investigate, but the submarine submerged.
- (ii) SUVA - An unconfirmed cable report was received at 0700/24/4 stating that Suva has been bombed. It was later reported that the "All Clear" was sounded at 0700K/24. Confirmation has been requested from C.W.R. Wellington.
- (iii) GENERAL
- (a) C in C Pacific reported 23/4 that the departure of heavy units from the Bay of Bengal area has resulted in greatly reduced activity in that area.
- There is no large scale offensive action anticipated in the immediate future from the Malay - East Indies area to the south or west except that of submarines and shore-based aircraft.
- (b) Recent intelligence indicates that Carrier Division 5 may leave the Truk area on April 28th which suggests the possibility of a heavy attack on the Moresby area by May 1st.
- (c) It is submitted that the impending heavy air attacks on Darwin from Koepang may be intended to draw air strength from the East coast of Australia, prior to the impending offensive action by the striking force from the Truk - New Britain area on or after May 1st.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island and Townsville and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
- (iii) Possible attack on New Caledonia or Fiji Is.
- (iv) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (v) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.
- (vi) Heavy air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (vii) Increased pressure against allied bases in Bay of Bengal area.

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	H OLLAND	
Submarines	<u>ON PATROL STATIONS</u>	
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British and Allied Forces

13 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 4 Battleships (including possibly 1 'Mogato' class, and 2 'Ise' class)

3 Aircraft Carriers HIRYU (Possibly Timor area)
AKAGI (Probably en route Japan)
SORYU (en route Japan)

1 - 8" Cruiser 3 - 8" Cruisers 12 Destroyers
Several Seaplane
Carriers
C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing.</u>
Battleships	COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA (8-10") (8-10") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Falau-Saipan-Bonins-Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 8 A/C Carriers

ZUIKAKU	En route Truk approx. ETA 28/4
SHOKAKU	" " " "
RYUKAKU	" " " "
KAGA	At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
KASUGA	En route Rabaul to Japan
HOCHO	
KORYU ?	
RYUJO	En route Japan

6 - 8" Cruisers
 2 - 6" Cruisers
 30 Destroyers
 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

TRUK Area.

1 Converted Seaplane Tender
 Some Light Cruisers
 Some units 4th Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
 At least 12 Chartered Merchant ships
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
 Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls.

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMO")
 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
 1 E/S Flotilla (18th)
 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron
 and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron.
 6 Unidentified Warships
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers
 Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
 Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.
 At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship
 15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

Destroyer
A.M.C.
S/P Tender

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

PENSACOLA
RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
~~J.D. EDWARDS~~
ASCANIA
TAMBIER

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

H. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces
Battleships

A/C Carrier

8" Cruiser (Greek)
6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RANILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDEMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF
CALEDON

SUMATRA

DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURHAM
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE

A.M.C.'S

DANAE
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORPU

A.A. Vessels

CENTRAL
ALANIA
Meenskerek
COVENTRY

Destroyers
Submarines

23 (Approx)
7 (Approx)

Enemy Forces

2 - 8" Cruisers
4 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
20 Submarines

C. in C. Second Fleet

C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th April, 1942

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 3 Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "SIMS" "MORRIS" & Oiler "KASKASKIA") at Tongatabu preparing for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu 27/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) at Sydney refitting.
- (iii) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (iv) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) at Melbourne. To sail for Mare Island via Samoa at 1100 today 25/4.
- (v) "MANOORA" & "ALDEN" escorting "SANTA PAULA" arrived Noumea from Melbourne 23/4. "MANOORA" & "ALDEN" returning to Sydney E.T.A. 1003/27.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" & "T.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1300 today 25/4. On 27/4 "MONOWAI" to proceed to Auckland and "FORD" to Sydney for repairs.
- (vii) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) & "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) en route Noumea to Sydney. E.T.A. 1300/26. Thence Melbourne, and Fremantle.
- (viii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) arrived Melbourne 0800 yesterday 24/4. Departed 1300 for working up exercises in Port Phillip.
- (ix) "CHEVREUIL" (Free French Sloop) departed Sydney for Noumea 1634/24
- (x) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney E.T.A. 0500/27.
- (xi) "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. submarines from Melbourne arrived Brisbane 0910/24. "ROCKHAMPTON" to return to Sydney E.T.D. 0800 today 25/4.
- (xii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Brisbane for Sydney 1300/23.
- (xiii) "VICTORIA" (ex "GEORGE G. HENRY" - U.S. Oiler) en route Melbourne to Sydney E.T.A. p.m. today 25/4.
- (xiv) "WARREGO" arrived Brisbane from Sydney 0900/24.
- (xv) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "VOYAGER" "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" "SWAN" refitting - "AUSTRALIA" "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "TROMP" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xvi) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "KANIMELA" "PINGWO"
- (xvii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "KAVIENG" - Allied air reconnaissance 24/4 reported 2 small freighters in the Harbour.
- (ii) "BUKA" (Solomon Is.) - An unidentified ship was sighted from Kessa to the N.E. of Buka Island at 1830/24.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PHOENIX" escorting "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Fremantle at 0700/24
- (ii) Dutch Minesweeper "ABRAHAM GRYNSSSEN" escorting Dutch submarines K9 & K12 en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1700/27. KB at Fremantle.
- (iii) "ATREUS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 0800/28.
- (iv) "HEROS" en route from Fremantle to Sydney via Albany and Adelaide arrived Albany 1901/23.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting 2 merchant ships en route Darwin to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1230/26.
- (vi) "PUNJAB" at Fremantle. Later to proceed Addu Atoll.
- (vii) For U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Thirteen submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.R.I. area (see Appendix)

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy PW.2070 was to depart San Francisco for Australia 21/4 escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S.Cruiser).

Enemy Forces

- (i) TRUK - Activity in the Truk area continues. There are strong indications that the enemy concentration in the Truk area includes 3 new aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, at least 4 destroyers and a submarine force. C in C Pacific reports that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") will remain in the area until about 28th April.
- (ii) JAPAN - There are now indications that the carrier "HIRYU" as well as "SORYU" & "AKAGI", is en route Japanese Home Waters, suggesting that all aircraft carriers with the exception of "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYOKAKU" are now in Empire Waters.
- (iii) MANDATES - One or possibly two submarine squadrons are either in or proceeding to the Mandates. Another squadron is operating off the east coast of Japan.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (1) "LEANDER" & "LAMSON" arrived Suva from Noumea 1230/24. Later will be required for escort duty for 5 ships ex Convoy PW.2059.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" escorting "MARIPOSA" towards Raratonga until such time as it becomes necessary for her to refuel; she is then to leave "MARIPOSA" and proceed direct to Tutuila for fuel. Later will be required for escort duty for five ships ex Convoy PW.2059. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. United States 6/5.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" escorting S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" towards Bora Bora as far as Long.180°, where she will hand convoy over the U.S. Cruiser "RICHMOND". "ADELAIDE" will then proceed to Suva for fuel, thence Sydney.
- (iv) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (v) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (vi) Destroyers "HELM" & "HENLEY" to proceed Tutuila. Later with "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" & Destroyer "FLUSSER" to escort convoy PW.2059 to Vila. "FLUSSER" to replace "LAMSON".
- (vii) "RAMSAY" (U.S.Mineslayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMELE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA".
- (viii) "RICHMOND" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to depart Bora Bora for R.V. with S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" at 0900/26 and escort her to Bora Bora. Upon arrival at Bora Bora "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco E.T.A. 10/5. When relieved, "RICHMOND" to assume duties with Task Group 12.2.
- (ix) "ASCANIA" arrived Suva from Auckland 0825/24.
- (x) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S. aircraft tender).
- (xi) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S. survey ship) "LASSEN" (U.S. ammunition ship).
- (xii) Noumea area - "GEELONG" "WELCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) and "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) "MERKUR" (U.S. Store Ship).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTHROON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) A Japanese Domei Agency claims that 250 survivors from H.M.A.S. "PERTH" succeeded in swimming ashore and are now in a port in Java. Captain Waller C.B., D.S.O., R.A.N. is reported missing.
- (ii) SUVA - Reference the reported bombing of Suva 24/4, a message from C.W.R. Wellington indicates that the report was due to a practice exercise.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
- (iii) Possible attack on New Caledonia or Fiji Is.
- (iv) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (v) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.
- (vi) Heavy air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.

A P P E N D I X

TO
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

25th. April 1942

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA.

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YORRTOWN	
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO LOUISVILLE PORTLAND ASTORIA CHESTER	CANBERRA AUSTRALIA
6" Cruisers	BOISE	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	STUART THOMP	LE TRIOMPHANT
Destroyers	13 U.S. VOYAGER	VENDETTA
Submarines	TAMBOR) 3.47) on patrol 3.37) 3.38) 3.39) 3.40) 3.41) at Brisbane 3.42) 3.43) 3.44) 3.45) 3.46)	
A.M.C.'s	WESTRALIA KAMIMELA MANGORA MONGWAI	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
A/C Tender	WRIGHT	
Sub. Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron
C.G. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama P/B Squadron
Tainan Air Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane
tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers

Approx. 8 Destroyers

Approx. 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
(some of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and
Rabaul)

1 Squadron submarines

1 Sub. Depot ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 80 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters,
27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor Torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

MOST SECRET.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTION (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruiser	PHOENIX	
Destroyers	BULWER	
	BARKER	
	PAUL JONES	
	PARROTT	
B/P Tenders	CHILDS	
	HERON	
Destroyer Tender	BLACK HAWK	
Submarine Tender	OTUS	
	HOLLAND	

Submarines

ON PATROL STATIONS

SEARAYE
 SNAPPER
 SCULPIN
 SHADRACON
 SARGO
 PIKE
 STURGEON
 SPEARFISH
 STINGRAY
 TARPON
 SKIPJACK
 PICKEREL
 SWORDFISH

en route Fremantle ETA
1/5.

REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SAILFISH at Fremantle
 SEAWOLF at Fremantle - overhaul
 SALMON
 SAURY
 PORPOISE At Albany - Tender overhaul
 PERMIT
 SEAL

Dutch submarines

K. 8
K. 9
K. 12

Auxiliaries

IA NAKAI
ERLING BROWIG
TRINITY
AEREUS

Minesweepers

ALSEX
LARK
SHIPPOGWILL

Patrol Vessel

S DUTCH
INABEL

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTION (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

13 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. See above in China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 4 Battleships (including possibly 1 "Nagato" Class, and 2 "Fuso" Class)

3 Aircraft Carriers	HIRYU	{ xxxxxx prob. en route	Japan
	AKAGI	{Probably en route Japan)	
	SOBYU	{en route Japan)	

1 - 8" Cruiser 3 - 5" Cruisers 12 Destroyers
 Several Seaplane Carriers
 C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEKINGTON HORNET	SANATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA HONOLULU DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA HALKIDH
Destroyers	46 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships
 2 A/C Carriers
 SUIKAKU En route Truk approx. ETA 28/4
 SECKAKU " "
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Mandated Islands

Truk Area.

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 Some Light Cruisers
 Some Units 4th. Fleet
 Approx. 8 Destroyers
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 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
 Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
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 1 Submarine Division
 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KANOI")
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 1 M/S Flotilla (15th)
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G. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Effective Refitting or Repairing

8" Cruisers

RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
LEANDER
ACHILLES
ADELAIDE
LAMSON
HENLEY
HELM
ASCANIA
TANGIER
SWAN

Destroyers

A.M.C.
S/P Tender
A/C Tender

B. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

H. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRETON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RANILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVRAFF
CALEDON
DRAGON

SUMATRA

A/C Carrier

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPE TOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE

A.M.C.'S

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines

23 (approx)
7 (Approx)

Enemy Forces

2 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C in C Second Fleet

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

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British and Allied Forces

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C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HONOLULU" with "FLUSSER" (U.S. Destroyer) and 2 other destroyers, escorting five ships forming part of convoy PW 2059, will R.V. 20 miles south of Tutuila at 0900/28 with a force consisting of "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" and U.S. Destroyers "LAMSON" "HENLEY" & "HELM" which will escort the convoy thence to Vila. At the R.V. "LAMSON" is to be relieved as a unit of the Anzac Force by "FLUSSER".
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- (x) Noumea Area - "GRIELOG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "TIPPECANCE" (U.S. Oiler) "MERKUR" (U.S. Store ship)

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) NEW BRITAIN - It was reported on 25/4 that a 4th Fleet W/T Guard in New Britain waters was accepting traffic for the Commander in Chief, 4th Fleet, who on 17/4 was believed to be still at Truk.
- (ii) COOKTOWN (Queensland) - A report from Cooktown states that a submarine was sighted approximately twelve miles North-east of Cooktown about 0715 today 26/4. Aircraft are investigating as no friendly submarine was expected in the vicinity.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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26th April 1942

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A.N.C.'s	WESTRALIA KANIMBLA MANGORA MONOWAI	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
A/C Tender	WRIGHT	
Sub Tender	ORIPPIN	

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

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- C in C Mandates Air Force
- Portion 1 Gunboat Division
- Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters, 27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.
- 9 motor Torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruiser
Destroyers

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX
BULMER
BARKER
PHIL JONES
PARROTT
CHILDS
HERON
BLACKHAWK
OTUS
HOLLAND

S/P Tenders

Destroyer Tender
Submarine Tender

ON PATROL STATIONS

Submarines

SCULPIN
SEADRAGON
SARGO
PIKE
STURGEON
SPEARFISH
STINGRAY
SKIPJACK
PICKEREL
SWORDFISH
SAILFISH

REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SEAWOLF) at Fremantle - overhaul
PORPOISE en route Albany to Fremantle
SEARAVEN) E.T.A. Fremantle today 26/4
SNAPPER)
SALMON)
SAURY) At Albany - Tender overhaul.
PERMIT)
SEAL)

Dutch submarines

K. 8
K. 9
K.12

Auxiliaries

LANAKAI
ERLING BROVIG
TRINITY
ATREUS
ALSEY

Minesweepers

LARK
WHIPPOORWILL

Patrol Vessel

8 DUTCH
ISABEL

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java -
Timor - Dutch New Guinea).

British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations. (See above) in
China Sea or N.E.I. Area.

Enemy Forces

Possibly 4 Battleships (including possibly 1 "Nagato" Class, and
2 "Fuso" Class)

1 - 8" Cruiser
3 - 6" Cruisers
12 Destroyers
Several Seaplane Carriers
C in C Third Fleet

ES CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16") MARYLAND (8-16") MISSISSIPPI (12-14") NEW MEXICO (12-14") IDAHO (12-14") TENNESSEE (12-14") PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces
(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including	5 - 6 Battleships
8 A/C Carriers	ZUIKAKU En route Truk approx. ETA 28/4 SHOKAKU " " " SORYU En route Japan HIRYU Probably en route Japan AKAGI " " " " KAGA At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged) KASUGA En route Rabaul to Japan HOSHO KORYU ? HYUJO En route Japan
6 - 8" Cruisers	
2 - 6" Cruisers	
30 Destroyers	
30 Submarines	

Mandated Islands

Truk Area.

- 1 aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU"
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
- Some Light Cruisers
- Some Units 4th Fleet
- Approx. 8 Destroyers
- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender
- At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
- Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
- 1 Submarine Division
- 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived.)

Marshalls

- At least 2 submarine squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender ("KAMIGAWA MARU")
- 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
- 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron
and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron.
- 6 Unidentified Warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)

Central Pacific Area

Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

MARSHALLS

(At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship.
15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

A.M.C.

S/P Tender

A/C Tender

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
LEANDER
ACHILLES
ADELAIDE
HONOLULU
LANSON
HENLEY
HELM
ASCANIA
TARGIER
SWAN

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
THENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

A/C Carrier

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGE AVEROFF
CALEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAUNIA
HEEMSKERCK
CHEVENTRY
23 (approx)
7 (approx)

SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s.

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers

Submarines

Enemy Forces

2 - 8" Cruisers

4 - 6" Cruisers

30 Destroyers

20 Submarines

C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th April, 1942

I. POSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN" 8" Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "SIMS" "MORRIS" & Oiler "KASKASKIA") at Tongatabu preparing for further operations to N.W. E.T.D. Tongatabu today 27/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) at Sydney refitting.
- (iii) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (iv) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Melbourne to Mare Island via Samoa. E.T.A. Samoa 1530/2/5.
- (v) "MANOORA" & "ALDEN" en route Noumea to Sydney E.T.A. 1003 today 27/4.
- (vi) "MONOWAI" & "J.D.FORD" (U.S. Destroyer) at Melbourne. "MONOWAI" to proceed to Auckland at 1100 today 27/4. "FORD" to proceed Sydney at 1001 today 27/4 E.T.A. 0700/29.
- (vii) "KANIMBLA" exercising in Port Phillip. Expected to return Melbourne tomorrow 28/4.
- (viii) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) & "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) arrived Sydney from Noumea 0950/26. Later to proceed to Melbourne and Fremantle.
- (ix) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) engaged in working up exercises in Port Phillip.
- (x) "TROMP" (Dutch Flotilla Leader) is to depart Sydney today at 0800 for working up, returning at 2330/2/5.
- (xi) "CHEVREUIL" (Free French Sloop) en route Sydney to Noumea E.T.A. 0800 tomorrow 28/4.
- (xii) "BALLARAT" en route Sydney to Townsville E.T.A. 1700/29.
- (xiii) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney E.T.A. 0500 today 27/4.
- (xiv) "COLAC" was to depart Townsville 1700/26 and proceed to the vicinity of Cape Melville to order all luggers or other sailing craft to Cairns. "COLAC" to return to Townsville not later than 1200/2/5.
- (xv) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Sydney 1018/26 from Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 28/4.
- (xvi) "ROCKHAMPTON" en route Brisbane to Sydney E.T.A. 0900 today 27/4.
- (xvii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" to Darwin departed Thursday Is. 0942/26 E.T.A. 1430/30.
- (xviii) "WARREGG" escorting "CREMER" is to depart Brisbane tomorrow 28/4 for Port Moresby, later returning to Townsville.
- (xix) "VOYAGER" is to depart Sydney at 0600 today 27/4 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1330/28/4.
- (xx) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
Refitting - "AUSTRALIA" "CANBERRA" "HOBART"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xxi) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "PINGWO".
- (xxii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA"

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) FAISI (Solomons) - One 600 ton ship was observed by allied aircraft during an attack on Faisi at 1510/26/4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Dutch Minesweeper "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Dutch submarines K9 & K12 en route Fremantle to Adelaide E.T.A. 1700 today 27/4.
- (ii) K8 (Dutch submarine) at Fremantle.
- (iii) "ATREUS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 0800 tomorrow 28/4.
- (iv) "HEROS" en route from Fremantle to Sydney via Albany and Adelaide ~~xxxx~~ departed Albany 1215/26/4 E.T.A. Adelaide 1345/3/5.
- (v) "LITHGOW" escorting 2 merchant ships from Darwin arrived Thursday

Island 0930/25.

(vi) "PUNJAB" at Fremantle. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll with Tanker "THELMA".

(i) At Fremantle - "PHOENIX" "BULMER" "BARKER" "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT"

(ii) For other U.S. Naval Forces in Western Sector - See Appendix.

5. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

11 submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or H.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Dutch New Guinea - Cincpac reports 25/4 that some units of the force which has recently been operating in N.W. New Guinea are now en route to Sasebe.
- (ii) There are indications that "HIYEI" (6-14" - "KONGO" class) which was believed operating in N.E.I. area, has possibly been ordered to the Rabaul area.
- (iii) Borneo - There are indications that "NAGATO" (8-16" - 32,720 tons) and "ASHIGARA" (8" Cruiser - "NATI" Class) and possibly other units will arrive at Tarakan on 27/4.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) Convoy PW.2070 (7 troopships and 1 freight ship) departed San Francisco 22/4 for Australia, escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S.Cruiser).

Enemy Forces

- (i) TRUK - There are strong indications that the enemy concentration in the Truk area includes 3 new aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, at least 4 destroyers and a submarine force. C in C Pacific reports that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") will remain in the area until about 28th April.
- (ii) JAPAN - There are now indications that the carrier "HIRYU" as well as "SORYU" & "AKAGI" is en route Japanese Home Waters, suggesting that all aircraft carriers with the exception of "ZUIKAKU" "SHOKAKU" & "RYUKAKU" are now in Empire Waters.
- (iii) MANDATES - One or possibly two submarine squadrons are either in or proceeding to the Mandates. Another squadron is operating off the east coast of Japan.
- (iv) A/S Carrier "KASUGA" reported en route Marshalls from Japan.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HONOLULU" with "FLUSSER" (U.S.Destroyer) and 2 other destroyers, escorting five ships forming part of Convoy PW.2059, will R.V. 20 miles south of Tutuila at 0900 tomorrow 28/4 with a force consisting of "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" and U.S.Destroyers "LAMSON" "HUNLEY" & "HELM", which will escort the convoy thence to Vila. At the R.V. "LAMSON" is to be relieved as a unit of the Anzac Force by "FLUSSER".
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" was to be relieved as escort for S.S."PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" by "RICHMOND" (vide infra) and to proceed Suva. E.T.A. 1500 today 27/4.
- (iii) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.
- (iv) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (v) "RAMSAY" (U.S.Mineslayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "GUYANA".
- (vi) "RICHMOND" (U.S.6" Cruiser) was to R.V. with S.S."PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" at 0900/26/4 and escort her to Bora Bora. Upon arrival at Bora Bora "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco E.T.A. 10/5. When relieved, "RICHMOND" to assume duties with Task Group 12.2.
- (vii) "ASCANIA" departed Suva 2300/24 for Auckland. E.T.A. 1500/28/4.
- (viii) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) is to depart Fremantle today 27/4 for Colombo en route to Suez.
- (ix) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S.aircraft tender).
- (x) At Suva - "BULMER" (U.S.Survey Ship) "LASSER" (U.S.ammunition ship)

- (xi) Noumea area - "GEELONG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler)
"TIPPECANOE" (U.S.Oiler) "MERKUR" (U.S.Store Ship).

D, NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (SEE Appendix x)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTROON") together with "KATOOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATOOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) MARSHALL IS. - C.O.S.Colombo reported on 25/4 that there are indications of a further increase in the number of units in the Marshall Is. area.
- (ii) COOKTOWN (QLD) - The report of a submarine off Cooktown yesterday 25/4 is now known to have been the result of a sighting of a small cargo vessel low in the water.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville, and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
- (iii) Heavy air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Possible attack on New Caledonia or Fiji Is.
- (v) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (vi) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

27th April 1942.

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Aircraft Carrier	YONKTON	
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO	CANBERRA
	LOUISVILLE	AUSTRALIA
	PORTLAND	
	ASTORIA	
	CHESTER	
6" Cruisers	BOISE	HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT
	TRUMP	
Destroyers	12 U.S. -	VENDETTA
	ALDEN	
	ANDERS ON	
	EDWARDS	
	FORD	
	HANMAN	
	MORRIS	
	FENKINS	
	RUSSELL	
	SIMS	
	TUCKER	
	WALKE	
	WHIPPLE	
	VOYAGER	
Submarines	TAMBOR	
	S.47	On Patrol
	S.37	
	S.38	
	S.39	
	S.40	
	S.41	At Brisbane
	S.42	
	S.43	
	S.44	
	S.45	
	S.46	
A.E.C.S	WESTRALIA	
	KANIMBA	
	MANGORA	
	HONGWAI	
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON
A/C Tender	WRIGHT	
Sub Tender	GRIFFIN	

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron C.O.
 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F.B. Squadron
 Tainan Air Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane
 Tenders.

- 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 4 - possibly 5 - 6.5" Cruisers

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)

EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd.)

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area (Contd.)

Approximately 8 Destroyers

Approximately 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
(some of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and Rabaul)

1 Squadron submarines

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters,
27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor Torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

6ⁿ Cruisers
Destroyers

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Refitting or Repairing

PHENIX
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HOLLAND

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ON PATROL STATIONS

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REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS.

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PORPOISE en route Albany to Fremantle
SEARAVEN } At Fremantle ?
SHAPPER }
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Patrol Vessel

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ISABEL

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British and Allied Forces.

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- 1 - 8" Cruiser
- 5 - 6" Cruisers
- 12 Destroyers
- Several Seaplane Carriers
- C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16")	
	MARYLAND (8-16")	
	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	
	IDAHO (12-14")	
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	SARATOGA
	LEXINGTON	
	HORNET	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	NEW ORLEANS	
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	VINCENNES	
	PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS	HELENA
	ATLANTA	RALEIGH
	DETROIT	
	NASHVILLE	
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships		
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	SORYU	En route Japan
	HIRYU	Probably en route Japan
	AKAGI	" " "
	KAGA	At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
	KASUGA	En route Rabaul to Japan.
	HOSHO	
	KORYU ?	
	RYUJO	Probably at Kure.
6 - 8" Cruisers		
2 - 6" Cruisers		
30 Destroyers		
30 Submarines		

CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)

Mandated Islands

TRUK AREA.

- 1 aircraft carrier "HYUKAKU"
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
- Some Light Cruisers
- Some Units 4th Fleet
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Central Pacific Area

- Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
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C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
RICHMOND	
HIKAWAKE	
LEANDER	
ACHILLES	
ADELAIDE	
HONOLULU	
FLUSSER	
HENLEY	
HELM	
LAMSON	
ASCANIA	
TANGIER	
SWAN	

Destroyers

A.R.C.

S/P Tender

A/C Tender

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
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VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVROFF

A/O Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA (Contd.)
British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	CALEDON DRAGON ENTERPRISE EMERALD CERES DURBAN BIRMINGHAM GLASGOW COLOMBO CAPETOWN NEWCASTLE DANAE	SUMATRA
A.M.C.'s	DAUNTLESS WORCESTERSHIRE HECTOR RANCHI CORFU CHITRAL	
A.A. Vessels	ALANIA HERMSKERCK COVENTRY	
Destroyers	25 (approx)	
Submarines	7 (approx)	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>		
2 - 8" Cruisers		
4 - 6" Cruisers		
30 Destroyers		
20 Submarines		
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet		

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- (v) "MANOORA" and "ALDEN" arrived Sydney 0845 hours yesterday 27/4.
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- (xv) "BUNGAREE" from Townsville arrived Sydney 1242/27/4.
- (xvi) "COLAC" was to depart Townsville 26/4 and proceed to the vicinity of Cape Melville to order all luggers or other sailing craft to Cairns. "COLAC" to return to Townsville not later than 1200/2/5.
- (xvii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store ship) en route Melbourne to Sydney. E.T.A. P.M. today 28/4.
- (xviii) "ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Sydney from Brisbane 0747 hours yesterday 27/4.
- (xix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" en route Thursday Island to Darwin. E.T.A. 1430/30.
- (xx) "BENDIGO" escorting "CREMER" is to depart Brisbane today 1200 hours 28/4 for Port Moresby, later returning to Townsville.
- (xxi) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "ALDEN" "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" "SWAN" "BUNGAREE" "VICTORIA".
Refitting - "AUSTRALIA" "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON".
- (xxii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "PINGWO"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA" "WARREGO".
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern sector - see appendix.

Enemy Forces. - (See Appendix)

During an attack on enemy shipping 90 miles S.E. of Kavieng, (New Ireland) a 6,000 ton transport received one direct hit and five near misses; and four transports, two destroyers and wake of two submarines were sighted making towards Rabaul. E.T.A. of this shipping 1330/27/4.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces.

- (i) Dutch Minesweeper "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" escorting Dutch submarines K.9 and K.12 en route Fremantle to Adelaide. E.T.A. 1700 hours 27/4.
- (ii) H.M. Trawler "ALSEY" departed Fremantle for Melbourne at 1515/27. E.T.A. 6/5.
- (iii) "ATREUS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1600 hours today 28/4.
- (iv) "HEROS" en route Albany to Adelaide, thence Sydney E.T.A. Adelaide 1345/3/5.
- (v) "MAUNGANUI" departed Fremantle 1326/27/4 for Colombo. E.T.A. 8/5.
- (vi) "PUNJAB" at Fremantle. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll with Tanker "THELMA".
- (vii) At Fremantle - "PHOENIX" "BARKER" "BULMER" "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BLACKHAWK" "OTUS" K.8 - see appendix
At Albany - "HERON" "HOLLAND" (see Appendix) U.S. Minesweepers "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL".
Sharkes Bay area - U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" U.S. Auxiliary "LANAKAI".
- (viii) For submarines in Western sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR
British and Allied Forces

11 submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Timor - Cincpac reports 26/4 that units of the Takao Air Corps are en route from Japan to Timor via Manila.

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy PW.2050 (7 troopships and 1 freight ship) departed San Francisco 22/4 for Australia, escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S.Cruiser).

Enemy Forces

- (i) TRUK - There are strong indications that the enemy concentration in the Truk area includes 3 new aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, at least 4 destroyers and a submarine force. C in C Pacific reports that Carrier Division 5 ("ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU") will remain in the area until about 28th April.
- (ii) Cincpac reports 27/4 that there are indications that aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU", two 8" Cruisers ex Cruiser Division 5 and destroyers will operate to the southwards of Truk.
- (iii) JAPAN - The new aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU" which recently arrived Truk from Japan was reported on 26/4 to be en route Yokosuka, but is expected to return Truk shortly.
- (iv) MARSHALLS - Aircraft Carrier "KASUGA" is expected to arrive Kwajalein on 3/5.
- (v) Submarines: One or possibly two submarine squadrons are either in or proceeding to the Mandates. Another squadron is operating off the north-east coast of Japan.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

- (i) "HONOLULU" with "FLUSSER" (U.S.Destroyer) and 2 other destroyers, escorting five ships forming part of Convoy PW.2059, will R.V. 20 miles south of Tutuila at 0900 today 28/4 with a force consisting of "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" and U.S.Destroyers "LAMSON" "HENLEY" & "HELM", which will escort the convoy thence to Vila. At the R.V. "LAMSON" is to be relieved as a unit of the Anzac Force by "FLUSSER".
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" arrived Suva 1530/27/4.
- (iii) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN", Hospital Ship "SOLACE" & "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.

- (iv) Task Force 9.8.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with a accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
- (v) "SIMS" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "CAROLINIAN" arrived Fiji 1645/26.
- (vi) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minesweeper - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "SAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "CUYAMA".
- (vii) "RICHMOND" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) escorting S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" to Eora Eora. On arrival "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco E.T.A. 10/5, and "RICHMOND" to assume duties with Task Group 12.2.
- (viii) "ASCANIA" en route Suva to Auckland E.T.A. 1500 today 28/4.
- (ix) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S. aircraft tender).
- (x) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S. Survey Ship) "LASEEN" (U.S. ammunition ship).
- (xi) Noumea area - "GEELONG" "MILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "TIPPECANOE" (U.S. Oiler) "KEEKUR" (U.S. Store ship).

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTRON") together with "KATOomba" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa where H.M.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATOomba" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) RABAUL - A 6,000 ton enemy transport was attacked by aircraft approx 90 miles S.E. of Kavieng (New Ireland) at 0805/27. One direct hit and 5 near misses were scored on this vessel and possibly some near misses on other transports in the vicinity.
Vessels sighted en route Rabaul included 4 transports, 2 destroyers or transports and two possible submarines, estimated to arrive Rabaul yesterday afternoon 27/4.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville, and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
- (iii) Heavy air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Possible attack on New Caledonia or Fiji Island.
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- (vi) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

28th April 1942

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

Aircraft Carrier
8" Cruisers

Effective
YORETOWN
CHICAGO
LOUISVILLE
PORTLAND
ASTORIA
CHESTER

Refitting or Repairing
CANBERRA
AUSTRALIA

6" Cruisers
Flotilla Leaders

BOISE
STUART
TROMP

HOBART
LE TRIOMPHANT

Destroyers

ALDEN)
ANDERSON)
EDWARDS)
FORD)
HAMMAN)
MORRIS)
PERKINS)
RUSSEL)
TUCKER)

VENDETTA

Submarines

WALKE)
WHIPPLE)
VOYAGER)
TAMBOR)
S.47)

S.37)
S.38)
S.39)
S.40)
S.41)
S.42)
S.43)
S.44)
S.45)
S.46)

On Patrol

At Brisbane

A.M.C.'S

WESTRALIA
KANIMBLA
MANOORA
MONOMAI

S/P Tender
A/C Tender
Sub Tender

WRIGET
GRIFFIN

W.B. PRESTON

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion CHitose Air Squadron C.O
1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F.B. Squadron
Tainan Air Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane
Tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers
4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA (Contd)1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd.)Enemy ForcesNew Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area(Contd)

Approximately 8 Destroyers

Approximately 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
(some of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and Rabaul)

1 Squadron Submarines

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters,
27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor Torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Effective

PHOENIX

BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROTT

CHILDS

HERON

BLACKHAWK

OTUS

HOLLAND

ON PATROL STATIONS

SCULPIN

SEADRAGON

SARGO

PIKE

STURGEON

SPEARFISH

STINGRAY

SKIPJACK

PICKEREL

SWORDFISH

SAILFISH

REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SEAWOLF At Fremantle - overhaul

PORPOISE At Fremantle ?

SEARAVEN At Fremantle ?

SNAPPER)

SALMON)

SAURY) At Albany - Tender overhaul

PERMIT)

SEAL)

Dutch Submarines

K.8 At Fremantle

K.9 Due Adelaide 27/4

K.12 Due Adelaide 27/4

3. EAST INDIES - PHILLIPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)British and Allied Forces

11 Submarines en route to or on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area (See above).

Enemy Forces

Possibly 4 Battleships (including possibly 1 "Nagato" Class, and 2 "Fuso" Class)

1 - 8" Cruiser

3 - 6" Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Several Seaplane Carriers

C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO IDAHO TENNESSEE PENNSYLVANIA	(8-16") (8-16") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14") (12-14")
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
B" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS ATLANTA DETROIT NASHVILLE	HELENA RALEIGH
Destroyers	40 (approx)	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including 5 - 6 Battleships

9 A/C Carriers	AKAGI SORYU HIRYU RYUJO RYUKAKU KASUGA HOSHU KORYU (KAGA)	In Japan In Japan probably en route Japan Probably at Kure Probably en route Japan from Truk " " "Marshalls from Japan ? At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)
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6 8" Cruisers
2 - 6" Cruisers
30 Destroyers
30 Submarines

Mandated IslandsTruk Area

2 Aircraft Carriers "SHOKAKU" "ZUIKAKU"
2 - 8" Cruisers
Some Light Cruisers
Some Units 4th Fleet
Approx. 8 Destroyers
1 Converted Seaplane Tender
At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)
Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion
Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
1 Submarine Division
7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMOI")
1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron
and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
6 Unidentified Warships
Air Tenders and Minesweepers
At least 20 Chartered Merchant ships including one Hospital ship.
15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (Contd.)Central Pacific Area

Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	RICHMOND MILWAUKEE LEAN DER ACHILLES ADELAIDE HONOLULU	
Destroyers	FLUSSER HENLEY HELM LAMSON SIMS	
A.M.C. S/P Tender A/C Tender	ASCANIA TANGIER SWAN	

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREAE. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREABritish and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers	CONCORD TRENTON
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F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREABritish and Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE RAMILLIES ROYAL SOVEREIGN VALIANT
A/C Carriers	FORMIDABLE INDOMITABLE
8" Cruiser (Greek)	GEORGIOS AVEROFF

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
6" Cruisers	CALDON DRAGON ENTREPRISE EMERALD CERES DURBAN BIRMINGHAM GLASGOW COLOMBO CAPETOWN NEWCASTLE DANAE DAUNTLESS WORCESTERSHIRE HECTOR RANCHI CORFU CHIERAL ALAUNIA HEEMSKERCK COVENTRY	SUMATRA
A.M.C.'S		
A.A. Vessels		
Destroyers		
Submarines	25 (approx)	
<u>Enemy Forces</u>	7 (Approx)	
2 - 8" Cruisers		
4 - 6" Cruisers		
30 Destroyers		
20 Submarines		
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet		

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1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHESTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "MORRIS" and Oiler "KASKASKIA") departed Nukualofa 1116/27.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) at Sydney refitting.
- (iii) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea.
- (iv) "BOISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Melbourne to Mars Island via Samoa. E.T.A. Samoa 1630/2/5.
- (v) "MONOWAI" en route Melbourne to Auckland. E.T.A. 2330/1/5.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" exercising in Port Phillip. Expected to depart Melbourne 1/5 escorting "MAETSUYKER" to Tongatabu via Brisbane.
- (vii) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) and "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) departed Sydney 0844/28. E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600/30.
- (viii) "STUART" (Flotilla Leader) engaged in working up exercises in Port Phillip.
- (ix) "THOMP" (Dutch Flotilla Leader) engaged in working up exercises returning to Sydney at 2330/2/5.
- (x) "VOYAGER" arrived Melbourne from Sydney 1620/28.
- (xi) "WARREGO" departed Brisbane 1630/28 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200/30.
- (xii) "ATREUS" from Fremantle arrived Port Phillip 1510/28.
- (xiii) "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" (Dutch Minesweeper) escorting Dutch submarines K9 and K12 arrived Port Adelaide 1458/28 from Fremantle.
- (xiv) "BENDIGO" & "BALLARAT" escorting "CREMER" departed Brisbane 1300/28 for Port Moresby; later to return to Townsville E.T.A. 0700/1/5.
- (xv) "CESSNOCK" escorting H.T. "TARONGA" was expected to arrive Port Moresby from Townsville 1700/2.
- (xvi) "JOHN D. FORD" en route Melbourne to Sydney E.T.A. 0700 today 29/4.
- (xvii) "COLAC" is in the vicinity of Cape Melville to order all luggers or other sailing craft to Cairns; returning to Townsville not later than 1200/2/5.
- (xviii) "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) from Sydney arrived Port Phillip 1657/28.
- (xix) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" en route Thursday Island to Darwin. E.T.A. 1430/30.
- (xx) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANOORA" "ALDEN" "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" "SWAN" "VICTORIA"
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- (xxii) At Melbourne - "VENDETTA" (repairing) "PINGWO"
- (xxiii) At Brisbane - "GRIFFIN" "TULSA".
- (xxiv) For submarines in Eastern sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) RABOUL - Analysis of all reports of enemy shipping sightings sighted between Kavieng and Rabaul on 27/4 suggests a possible maximum as follows - 7 transports (including one which was possibly damaged), 5 freighters, 2 destroyers and possibly 2 submarines, all en route Rabaul except 1 transport in harbour at Dyaul Island.

- (ii) Two converted seaplane tenders "FUJIKAWA MARU" & "KAMIKAWA MARU" are expected to arrive Rabaul early next month.

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Aircraft Tender "HERON" departed Albany for Fremantle 0815/28.
- (ii) H.M. Trawler "ALSEY" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/6/5
- (iii) "HEROS" en route Albany to Adelaide E.T.A. 1345/3/5. Thence Sydney.
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- (v) At Fremantle - "PHOENIX" "BARKER" "BULMER" "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BLACKHAWK" "OTUS" K.8 - (see appendix)
- At Albany - "HOLLAND" (see Appendix) U.S. Minesweepers "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"

Sharks Bay area - U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" U.S. Auxiliary
"LANAKAI".

(vi) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

Ten submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area
(see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) Convoy PW.2070 (7 troopships and 1 freight ship) departed San
Francisco 22/4 for Australia, escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS"
(U.S. Cruiser).

Enemy Forces

(i) JAPAN - The new aircraft carrier "RYUKAKU" which recently
arrived Truk from Japan is probably en route Yokosuka, but
is expected to return Truk shortly.

(ii) MARSHALLS - Aircraft Carrier "KASUGA" is expected to arrive
Kwajalein on 2/5.

(iii) Submarines - One or possibly two submarine squadrons are either
in or proceeding to the Mandates. Another squadron is operating
off the north-east coast of Japan.

(iv) A/C Carrier "KAGA" is expected to depart Sasebo soon for sea, after
(extensive repairs.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

(i) "LEANDER" "ACHILLES" and U.S. Destroyers "FLUSSER" "HENLEY" &
"HELM" escorting five ships forming part of Convoy PW.2059
to Vila.

(ii) "ADELAIDE" departed Fiji 0828/26 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500/3/5.

(iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying
aircraft) at Noumea.

(iv) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE"
& "BRIDGE" (Store Ship) at Tongatabu.

(v) "SINS" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Fiji 0715/28.

(vi) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Minelayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY"
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(viii) "ASCANIA" from Suva arrived Auckland 1705/28/4.

(ix) "CHEVREUIL" (Free French Sloop) arrived Noumea 0832/28 from Sydney.

(x) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S. aircraft tender).

(xi) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S. Survey Ship) "LASSER" (U.S. ammunition
ship).

(xii) Noumea area - "GUELONG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler)
"TIFEGANOR" (U.S. Oiler) "MERCUR" (U.S. Store Ship).

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(ii) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) en route Fremantle to Colombo E.T.A. 8/5.

(iii) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) departed Colombo 26/4 for Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAV/INCIDENTS

- (i) U.S. Naval authorities announce the following additional enemy losses -
- (a) One small freighter torpedoed at Wake Island on 23/3.
 - (b) One medium sized tanker sunk 80 miles N.W. of Rabaul on night of 15/3.
- (ii) PORT MORESBY - A submarine was sighted by allied aircraft at 1120/28 approx 3 miles south of Port Moresby proceeding towards Moresby. The submarine submerged when the aircraft circled over it.
- (iii) GENERAL - C in C Pacific reports 28/4 that activity in the Carolines, Marshalls and New Britain area is increasing. The force consisting of aircraft carriers "ZUIKAKU" & "SHOKAKU", 3" Cruisers "MYOKO" & "HAGURO" and destroyers is now reported to be south of Truk.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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Submarines

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1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Cont)

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismarck Archipelago - Solomons Area (Cont)

Approximately 8 Destroyers

Approximately 20 Merchant ships including several Army Transports
(some of these may be transporting supplies between Truk and Rabaul)

1 Squadron Submarines

1 Sub Depot Ship ?

C in C Mandates Fleet (4th)

C in C Mandates Air Force

Portion 1 Gunboat Division

Approx. 90 shore-based aircraft including probably 42 fighters,
27 heavy bombers, 16 flying boats and 4 float planes.

9 motor torpedo boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Destroyers

S/P Tenders

Destroyer Tender

Submarine Tenders

Submarines

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

PHOENIX

BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROTT

CHILDS

HERON

BLACKHAWK

OTUS

HOLLAND

ON PATROL STATIONS

PORPOISE

SARGO

PIKE

STURGEON

SPEARFISH

STINGRAY

SKIPJACK

PICKEREL

SWORDFISH

SAILFISH

REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SEAWOLF At Fremantle - overhaul

SCULPIN At Fremantle

SEADRAGON

SEARAVEN At Fremantle ?

SNAPPER

PERMIT

SEAL

} At Albany - Tender
overhaul

SALMON

SAURY

} En route Albany to
Fremantle

Dutch Submarines

K.8

K.9

K.12

At Fremantle

Due Adelaide 27/4

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3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR (North of and including Java - Timor - Dutch New Guinea)

British and Allied Forces

10 Submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. Area (See above)

Enemy Forces

Possibly 4 Battleships (including possible 1 "Nagato" Class, and
2 "Fuse" Class)

1 - 8" Cruiser

3 - 6" Cruisers

12 Destroyers

Several Seaplane Carriers

C in C Third Fleet

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>
Battleships	COLORADO (8-16")	
	MARYLAND (8-16")	
	MISSISSIPPI (12-14")	
	NEW MEXICO (12-14")	
	IDAHO (12-14")	
	TENNESSEE (12-14")	
	PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	
A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE	SARATOGA
	LEXINGTON	
	HORNET	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY	
	NORTHAMPTON	
	NEW ORLEANS	
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	VINCENNES	
	PENSACOLA	
6" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS	HELENA
	ATLANTA	RALEIGH
	DETROIT	
	NASHEVILLE	
Destroyers	(40 (approx))	
Submarines	23 (approx)	

Enemy Forces

(Palau - Saipan - Bonins - Japan)

Units of the Combined Fleet including	5 - 6 Battleships
9 A/C Carriers	AKAGI In home waters
	SORYU In home waters
	HIRYU probably en route Japan
	RYUJO probably at Kure
	RYUKAKU probably en route Japan from Truk
	KASUGA probably en route Marshalls from Japan
	HOSHO
	KORYU ?
	(KAGA) At Sasebo Yards, Japan (damaged)

- 6 - 8" Cruisers
- 2 - 6" Cruisers
- 30 Destroyers
- 30 Submarines

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 2 Aircraft Carriers "SHOKAKU" "ZUIKAKU"
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
- Some light Cruisers
- Some Units 4th Fleet
- Approx. 8 Destroyers
- 1 Converted Seaplane Tender
- At least 12 Chartered Merchant Ships
- Special landing party Force (Marines)
- Several Air Squadrons including 17th Air Squadron and portion Yokohama Flying Boat Squadron
- 1 Submarine Division
- 7 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

Marshalls

- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons from 6th Fleet
- 1 Seaplane Carrier ("KAMO")
- 1 M/S Flotilla (16th)
- 9 Naval Air Authorities including portion Yokohama F/B Squadron and 1st Air Corps. C.O. Chitose Air Squadron
- 6 Unidentified Warships
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers
- At least 20 Chartered Merchant Ships including one Hospital ship.
- 15 Motor Torpedo Boats (assigned but possibly not yet arrived)

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA (Cont)

Central Pacific Area

Possibly 4 Submarines between Midway Islands and Vancouver
Possibly 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

C. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

RICHMOND
MILWAUKEE
LEANDER
ACHILLES
ADELAIDE
HONOLULU
FJUSSER
HENLEY
HELM
LAMSON
SINS
ASCANIA
TANGIER
SWAN

Destroyers

A.M.C.
S/P Tender
A/C Tender

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
RAMILLIES
ROYAL SOVEREIGN
VALIANT
FORMIDABLE
INDOMITABLE
GEORGIOS AVEROFF

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

Effective

Refitting or Repairing

CAEDON
DRAGON
ENTERPRISE
EMERALD
CERES
DURBAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGO
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
DANAE
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL

SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

Destroyers
Submarines
Enemy Forces
3 - 6" Cruisers
16 Destroyers
20 Submarines
C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet

25 (approx)
7 (approx)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30th April, 1942

I. DISTRIBUTIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of & including Thursday Is. & Adelaide)
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 (including aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "ASTORIA" "PORTLAND" "CHRISTER", U.S. Destroyers "HAMMAN" "ANDERSON" "WALKE" "RUSSELL" "MORRIS" and Oiler "KASKASKIA") en route Tongatabu to New Hebrides area.
- (ii) "CHICAGO" & "PERKINS" at Noumea. To R.V. with Task Force 17 at 1300/1/5.
- (iii) "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to sail from Sydney at 1200 today 30/4 to arrive at Hervey Bay 1200/2/5 to fuel from "KARUMBA" which was to depart Brisbane today, 30/4 with two A/S vessels.
- (iv) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) and "HOBART" to sail from Sydney a.m. 1/5 for firing practice off Sydney Heads, thence to Hervey Bay, arriving 1600/2/5. After R.V. at Hervey Bay "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "WHIPPLE" & "EDWARDS" to sail at 2900/2/5 to R.V. with Task Force 17 one hour after daylight on 4/5.
- (v) "BEISE" (U.S. Cruiser) en route Melbourne to Mare Island via Samoa. E.T.A. Samoa 1530/2/5.
- (vi) ~~"HENOWAI" en route Melbourne to Auckland. E.T.A. 2330/1/5.~~
- (vii) "KANIMELA" at Williamstown. Expected to depart Melbourne 1/5 escorting "MASTSUEKER" to Tongatabu via Brisbane.
- (viii) "TUCKER" (U.S. Destroyer) and "WRIGHT" (U.S. aircraft tender) en route Sydney to Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip 1200 today 30/4.
- (ix) "TROMP" (Dutch Flotilla Leader) engaged in working up exercises returning to Sydney at 2330/2/5.
- (x) "VOYAGER" is to depart Melbourne 1001/today 30/4 for Fremantle so as to arrive a.m. 5/5 for duty with Task Force 51.
- (xi) "JOHN D. FORD" arrived Sydney 0715 yesterday 29/4.
- (xii) "ABRAHAM GRYNSSSEN" (Dutch Minesweeper) with Dutch submarines K9 and K12 at Port Adelaide. E.T.D. 1830/1/5 for Melbourne E.T.A. 4/5.
- (xiii) "WARRECO" en route Brisbane to Sydney E.T.A. 1200 today 30/4.
- (xiv) "BENDIGO" & "BALLARAT" escorting "CREMER" en route Brisbane to Port Moresby via Townsville. "BENDIGO" with engine trouble is unable to keep pace with "BALLARAT" & "CREMER" which are proceeding E.T.A. Townsville 0701/1/5.
- (xv) "CESSNOCK" escorting "TARDONA" arrived Port Moresby 1802/23 and departed 0600/29 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600/1/5.
- (xvi) "GOLAG" is in the vicinity of Cape Melville to order all luggers or other sailing craft to Cairns; returning to Townsville not later than 1200/2/5.
- (xvii) "GOLDSTAR" to depart Melbourne 1000 today 30/4 for Albany.
- (xviii) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island 1418/29.
- (xix) At Sydney - "WESTRALIA" "MANCORA" "ALDEN" "WHIPPLE" "EDWARDS" "SWAN" "VICTORIA" "J.D. FORD" refitting - "AUSTRALIA" "CANBERRA" "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT" "W.B. PRESTON"
- (xx) At Melbourne - "KANIMELA" "VENDETTA" (repairing) "VOYAGER" "PINGWO" "GOLDSTAR" "ATREUS" "STUART"
- (xxi) At Brisbane - "ORIFFIN" "TULSA"
- (xxii) For submarines in Eastern Sector - see Appendix.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Seaplane tender "FUJIKAWA MARU" is now reported at Rabaul and another tender "KAMIKAWA MARU" is expected to arrive Rabaul early next month.
- (ii) SOLOMONS - Kieta - Allied aircraft over Kieta on 29/4 sighted no shipping.
- (iii) No shipping was sighted on 29/4 by allied aircraft on reconnaissance in the Port Moresby - Bougainville - New Britain area.
- (iv) Possible enemy submarine sighted off Wilson's Promontory (see Naval Incidents).

2. WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (West of Thursday Is. & Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

- Aircraft Tender "HERON" departed Albany for Fremantle 0816/28.
H.M.S. "ALSEY" en route Fremantle to Melbourne E.T.A. 1700/6/5.
(iii) "HEROS" en route Albany to Adelaide E.T.A. 1345/3/5. Thence Sydney.
(iv) "PUNJAB" at Fremantle. Later to proceed to Addu Atoll with tanker "THELMA".
(v) At Fremantle - "PHOENIX" "BARKER" "EULMER" "PAUL JONES" "PARROTT" "BLACKHAWK" "OTUS" "K.S" - (see Appendix) "ERLING BROVIG" "TRINITY" (Oilers)
At Albany - "HOLLAND" (see Appendix) U.S. Minesweepers "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Sharks Bay area-U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" U.S. Auxiliary "LANAKAI"
(vi) For submarines in Western Sector - see Appendix.

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES SECTOR

British and Allied Forces

Ten submarines on patrol stations in China Sea or N.E.I. area (see Appendix).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (1) Convoy PW.2070 (7 troopships and 1 freight ship) departed San Francisco 22/4 for Australia, escorted by "INDIANAPOLIS" (U.S. Cruiser).

Enemy Forces

- (i) TRUK - A force including 2 possibly 3 aircraft carriers ("SHOKAKU" "ZUIKAKU" "RYUKAKU") two 8" Cruisers ("MYOKO" "HAGURO") some destroyers and possibly a battleship, is assembled in the Truk area for operations to the southward, and is probably now south of Truk.
"RYUKAKU" is still possibly en route Truk from Japan.
Cinspac reports 29/4 indications that a battleship is in the Truk area. The only intelligence available for identifying this unit is Opnav's report on 21/4 that "HIYEI" (1912 - "Kongo" class - 29,330 tons - 6-14") had possibly been ordered to the Rabaul area.
(ii) JAPAN - Batdiv 3 (3 battleships) which was recently operating in the Bay of Bengal is now reported in Home yards, and is expected to remain there until the middle of May.
(iii) Aircraft Carrier "KAGA" is expected to depart Sasebo soon for sea, after extensive repairs.
(iv) MARSHALLS - Aircraft Carrier "KASUGA" is expected to arrive Kwajalein on 2/5.
(v) Submarines - One or possibly two submarine squadrons are probably either in or proceeding to the Mandates.

C) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Group 12.2 ("LEANDER" "ACHILLES" & U.S. Destroyers "FLUSSER" "HENLEY" & "HELM") escorting five ships forming part of Convoy PW.2059 to Vila.
(ii) "ADELAIDE" en route Fiji to Sydney E.T.A. 0500/3/5.
(iii) Task Force 9.6.2 (Seaplane Tender "TANGIER" with accompanying aircraft) at Noumea.
(iv) Task Force 19 (Destroyer Tender "DOBEIN" Hospital Ship "SOLACE" - at Tongatabu; Store Ship "BRIDGE" arrived Fiji 1804/27).
(v) "SIMS" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Fiji 28/4.
(vi) "McCALL" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Fiji 0850/29.
(vii) "RAMSAY" (U.S. Mineslayer - Minediv 2) at Fiji. "MONTGOMERY" proceeding to Suva to relieve "GAMBLE" (in Minediv 2) who departed for Pearl Harbour 15/4, with "OHYAMA".
(viii) "RICHMOND" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) escorting S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" to vicinity of Bora Bora. On arrival at R.V. "ST. LOUIS" (U.S. 6" Cruiser) to relieve "RICHMOND" as escort of "COOLIDGE" to San Francisco and "RICHMOND" to proceed Bora Bora to assume duties with Task Group 12.2.

- (ix) "MONOWAI" en route Melbourne to Auckland E.T.A. 2330/1/5.
- "TIFPECANOE" (U.S.Oiler) departed Noumea 0700/29 for unknown destination.
- (xi) At Samoa - "SWAN" (U.S.aircraft tender).
- (xii) At Suva - "SUMNER" (U.S.Survey Ship) "LASSEN" (U.S.ammunition ship)
- (xiii) At Noumea - "CHEVREUIL" (Free French Sloop) "GEELONG" "WILCANNIA" "BISHOPDALE" (Oiler) "MERRKUR" (U.S.Store Ship).
- (xiv) At Auckland - "ASGANIA".
- (xv) "BOISE" en route Melbourne to Samoa E.T.A. 1530/2/5.

D) NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

E) SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA (See Appendix)

F) INDIAN OCEAN

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy SU4 ("HOLBROOK" & "DUNTRON") together with "KATCOMBA" escorted by "CHITRAL" departed Colombo 12/4. SU4 to proceed to Mombasa ~~area~~ where H.M.T."FELIX ROUSSEL" will join; and thence to Fremantle and Adelaide via Durban. "KATCOMBA" to be detached from Convoy and to proceed ~~independently~~ independently to Fremantle calling at Mauritius for fuel.
- (ii) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) en route Fremantle to Colombo E.T.A.8/5
- (iii) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) departed Colombo 23/4 for Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) At 2334/29 U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" proceeding westerly about 5 miles S.E. of the South East light Wilsons Promontory reported sighting a submarine which appeared from behind Rodondo Island (6 miles SSW of Wilsons Promontory). Five rounds of 5" were fired without positive results and the submarine submerged. "TUCKER" investigated without result.
- (ii) A submarine was sighted by Task Force 17 on course 140° in a position approximately 190 miles S.W. of Suva at 1530/28.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Port Moresby area.
- (ii) Carrier-borne air raids against N.E. Australian air bases including Horn Island, Townsville, and possibly Brisbane or Sydney.
- (iii) Heavy air attacks on Darwin area possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Possible attack on New Caledonia or Fiji Island.
- (v) Consolidation and further occupation of western strategic points in the Solomon Islands.
- (vi) Increased submarine and possibly surface raider activity in the Central and South West Pacific area.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

30th April, 1942.

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (East of and including Thursday Island and Adelaide)

British and Allied Forces

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Refitting or Repairing</u>	
Aircraft Carrier	YORKTOWN		
8" Cruisers	CHICAGO	CANBERRA	
	PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA	
	ASTORIA		
	CHESTER		
6" Cruisers		HOBART	
Flotilla Leaders	STUART	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	TROMP		
Destroyers	ALDEN	VENDETTA	
	ANDERSON		
	EDWARDS		
	FORD		
	HAMMAN		
	MORRIS		
	PERKINS		
	RUSSEL		
	TUCKER		
	WALKE		
	WHIPPLE		
	VOYAGER		
Submarines	TAMBOUR	} On patrol	
	S.47		
	S.38		
	S.42		
	S.44		
	S.37		
	S.39		
	S.40		
	S.41		} At Brisbane
	S.43		
	S.45		
	S.46		
	S.46		
Dutch Submarines	K.9		} At Adelaide
A.M.C.'s	K.12		
	WESTRALIA		
	KANIMBA		
	MANOORA		
S/P Tender		W.B. PRESTON	
A/C Tender	WRIGHT		
Submarine Tender	GRIFFIN		
Gun Boat	TULSA		

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismark Archipelago - Solomons Area.

14 Naval Air Authorities including portion Chitose Air Squadron C.O. 1st Air Corps, Yokosuka Air Squadron, Yokohama F.B. Squadron Tainan Air Squadron and probably several converted Seaplane Tenders.

3 - 8" Cruisers

4 - possibly 5 - 5.5" Cruisers.

A. SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA (Contd)

1. EASTERN AUSTRALIA SECTOR (Contd)

Enemy Forces

New Guinea - Bismark Archipelago - Solomons Area (Contd)

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Effective

Refitting or Repairing

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BULMER

BARKER

PAUL JONES

PARROT

CHILDS

HERON (En route Albany to Fremantle)

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OTUS

HOLLAND

ON PATROL STATIONS

FOXPOLSE

SARGO ✓

PIKE

STURGEON ✓

SPEARFISH ✓

STINGRAY ✓

SKIPJACK ✓

PICKEREL ✓

SWORDFISH ✓

SAILFISH ✓

REPAIRS AND PREPARING FOR PATROLS

SEAWOLF At Fremantle - overhaul

SCULPIN ✓ At Fremantle

SEADRAGON ✓

SEARAVEN ✓

SHAPPER ✓

PERMIT ✓

SEAL } At Albany - Tender

overhaul

SALMON ✓

SABHY ✓

K.S

} En route Albany to Fremantle

At Fremantle

Dutch Submarine

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C in C Third Fleet

Timor

Approximately 72 shore-based aircraft including 24 fighters, 36 heavy bombers, 12 flying boats.

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British and Allied Forces

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A/C Carriers	ENTERPRISE LEXINGTON HORNET	SARATOGA
8" Cruisers	SAN LUIS CITY NORTHAMPTON NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO VINCENNES LOUISVILLE PENSACOLA	
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SINS
McCALL
ASCANIA
MONGWAI
TANGIER
SWAN

Refitting or Repairing

Destroyers

A.M.Co.

3/P Tender

A/C Tender

D. NORTH PACIFIC AREA

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA
British and Allied Forces

6" Cruisers

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TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN - MALAYAN AREA
British and Allied Forces

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WARSPITE
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CERES
DUREAN
BIRMINGHAM
GLASGOW
COLOMBO
CAPETOWN
NEWCASTLE
BANAB
DAUNTLESS
WORCESTERSHIRE
HECTOR
RANCHI
CORFU
CHITRAL
ALAVIA
HEEMKERCK
GOVEYRY
25 (approx)
7 (approx)

Refitting or Repairing

A/C Carriers

8" Cruiser (Greek)

6" Cruisers

SUMATRA

A.M.C.'s

A.A. Vessels

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Submarines

Enemy Forces

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