

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

1st April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "SC.748" escorting "H.D.THOREAU" dep. Port Moresby 1803/31 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/1.
- (3) "BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" departed Milne Bay 1626/31 for Oro Bay ETA 1600/1.
- (4) "ECHUCA" departed Port Moresby 1646/31 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/2.
- (5) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" (for Townsville) was to depart Milne Bay 0400/1.
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- (8) "BUNGAREE" en route Caloundra ETA 2200/1 and Sydney 0200/4.
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- (15) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN OUTHOORN" "MULCRA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "KHOEN HOEA"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
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	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "CHARON"
	"VAN DER LIJN" "EDWARD R.SILL" "LADY ISOBEL"
	"WEST CACTUS" "PRES.GRANT"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "WHYALLA" "PIRIE"
	"PLATYPUS" "YP.280" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"HENLEY" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "YUNNAN"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "SELFRIDGE" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW"
	"KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
	YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46
	YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745
	SC.747 SC.749 SC.750 PC.1119 PC.1121
	"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
	(Repairing, Trials etc) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PREMANTLE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.749 escorting Convoy BT49 ("ULOOLOO" "ARDENT") to depart Brisbane 1500/2.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Rekata Bay - Reconnaissance a.m. 31/3 sighted 3 floatplanes in Rekata Bay.
(2) New Georgia - Munda airfield was attacked 1500/30 by 16 dive-bombers escorted by 23 fighters. The runway and revetment areas were hit.

At 2050/31 an enemy convoy reported at that time to consist of 3 unidentified vessels was sighted by aircraft approximately 25 miles NW of Vella Lavella heading for Vella Gulf and probably Vila Plantation. At 2255/31 the convoy was reported off the west coast of Kolombangara. It consisted of at least 6 vessels including 3 large destroyers and was possibly made up entirely of destroyers. Shortly after midnight the convoy reversed course to 30°, and was last reported 30 miles north of Vella Lavella course 300° at 0340/1. It would appear that the convoy adopted tactics previously used in the Solomons and elsewhere and probably RV'd with barges in Blackett Strait. Cargo was probably discharged into barges before the convoy returned to Buin.

A strike of Liberators attacked the convoy at about 0140/1 but no report has yet been received.

- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 31/3 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area:-
5 destroyers
1 patrol craft
1 large transport
3 cargo vessels

Total 10

In addition, 10-15 barges and several other small craft were seen.

One large cargo vessel with 2 small escort vessels was seen to depart eastwards through Bougainville Strait at 1000/31. These were probably included in the 10 ships reported above.

The six ship convoy which made the run to Vila during the night 31/3-1/4 was also probably included in the above 10 ships as it could have departed Faisi after noon to have reached the positions reported.

- (4) Kieta Area - At 1715/30 a cargo vessel was seen off the N.E. coast of Bougainville (probably between Buka and Numa Numa) heading S.E. At 0830/31 a 1,000 ton cargo vessel was reported at Numa Numa while another cargo vessel had arrived from the north at that time. The first mentioned vessel may have been one of the two reported at Numa Numa.

Also at 0830/31 a schooner was reported at Teraka (46 miles N.W. Kieta).

- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 31/3 show -
Kahili - 18 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 11 dive-bombers, 18 unidentified types
Ballale - 7 fighters
Faisi - 18 floatplanes
Munda - nil operational
Vila - 5% coverage: nil.

At 0840/31 20 fighters were seen over Vella Lavella.

These may be additional to the numbers shown in photographs.

- (6) Finschhafen - Our aircraft attacking Finschhafen area p.m. 30/3 show several barges tied up in the harbour and others along the shore of the Harbour. No evidence was seen of stores or laden barges in the immediate Finschhafen vicinity.
(7) Salamaua - Between dawn and 0900/31 Salamaua area was heavily attacked by 13 Bostons and 4 Beaufighters. Photographs show three small launches at Salamaua also a tug towing two barges loaded with gasoline drums off Kela Village.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
"KURUMBA"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "BABINDA" "TULAGI" "ALAGNA"
"DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Kaukenau - The airfield area at Timika was attacked 1000/31 by 5 Hudsons.
Twenty landing barges were seen by the attacking aircraft concealed at the mouth of the Keaukwa River (about 7 miles S.E. Kaukenau).
- (2) Babo - Babo was attacked at approximately 1600/31 by 5 Liberators. 18 large medium bombers or transport type aircraft were seen on the aerodrome and fighter aircraft were seen taxi-ing for take-off.
Two ships of about 4,000 tons each were seen in the vicinity of Babo: one apparently at a small wharf.
Four ships including one large cargo vessel were seen off Faocer Island in Sebakor Bay (W.coast of Peninsula which runs S.W. between Babo and Kaimana).

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 0835/28 for Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "LARK" departed Fremantle 1612/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA 1200/1.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"VAN GALEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "STUART" departed Sydney 2332/31 to RV with and escort "MIZAR" to Sydney.
(2) "BUCHANAN" departed Sydney 1051/31 for Noumea.
(3) "BENDIGO" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy C084.
(4) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1030/3.
(5) "DELORAINNE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC83 ETA Port Kembla 1800/1, Sydney 2359/1, Newcastle 0600/2.
(6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy GP41 dep. Sydney 0905/31 ETA Caloundra 0700/3.
(7) "QUIBERON" departed Fremantle 0824/28 for Melbourne. Was due 1100/1.
(8) "PATTERSON" to depart Sydney 0900/2 to rejoin T.F.74.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KYBRA" "SHEPPARTON" "ABRAHAM
CRYNSSSEN" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR"
YDG.2 YP.286 YP.288
(Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "PATTERSON" "RUSSELL"
"VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "SPRINGDALE"
"DOOMBA" "H.T.ALLEN" "MANCOORA" "MOUNT VERNON"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" to depart Sydney 1330/1 for Brisbane.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALLA
SMITH FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER O'BANNON
TAYLOR CHEVALIER FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION FULLER
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE
NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) SKYLARK
CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BAICH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP
FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN
PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA)
CLEVELAND MONTEPELLIER DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER
RENSHAW PHILLIP (DD) LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT
PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(9) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

"NEPAL" en route Mauritius to Fremantle ETA a.m. April 2nd.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS


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III.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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DAILY APPRECIATION- PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

I. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

AUSTRALIA
PHOENIX

NASHVILLE
HOBART
VAN HEEMSKERK

1 armed Merchant Cruiser
Flotilla Leaders

KANIMBLA
ARUNTA
WARRAMUNGA
LE TRIOMPHANT
SELFRIDGE

Destroyers

HELM
HENLEY
BUCHANAN
BAGLEY
MUGFORD
STUART

PATTERSON
RUSSELL
RALPH TALBOT
CRAVEN

Submarines

VENDETTA
QUIBERON
ALBACORE)
AMBERJACK)
GRAMPUS)
GROUPEL)
GROWLER)
PETO)
GATO)
GRAYBACK)
GREENLING)
GUARDFISH)
TRITON)
TUNA)

At Brisbane

On Patrol

At Sydney

Submarine Tender
Destroyer Tender
Gunboats

K.9
FULTON
DOBBIN
TULSA
HILO

Combat Loaded Transports

H.T. ALLEN
MANOORA
AASE MAERSK
BISHOPDALE
VICTORIA

WESTRALIA (On reserve)

Oilers

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

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

YAMATO
MUSASHI
MUTSU
NAGATO

2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHO
ZUIKAKU)

1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)

ZUIHO)

Poss. Empire Waters

2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers

(ACV) UNYO
RYUHO

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11 MYOKO (poss. sunk 13- 14/11
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINFSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx. 34 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 458 shore-based aircraft incl. 201 F, 140 M/B, 38 SE/B, 16 F/B, 46 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDUS VAN GALEN NEPAL (DD) HERON W.B. PRESTON	
S/P Tenders	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GAR) GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) On Patrol TAMBOR) TAUTOG) TROUT) THRESHER)	
Oiler	K.12) KURUMBA)	At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 Heavy Cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 Light Cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx. 12 Destroyers (DD)

Approx. 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx. 216 shore-based aircraft incl. 93 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non-effective.

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/c Carriers	CHANANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8 th Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO
6 th Cruisers	WICHITA HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER
5 th Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/c Carrier Auxiliary A/c Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAHAMA COPAHEE	
8 th Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND

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

C in C 1st Fleet	ISE
C in C 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	FUSO
6-7 Battleships (BB)	YAMASHIRO HYUGA HARUNA KONGO SHOKAKU
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	HAYATAKA
2 Converted A/c Carriers (XCV)	HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/c Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI ABUKUMA
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	NISSHIN
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	KAMO I
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx. 20 destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 heavy cruisers (CA)

NACHI
1 Unidentified

2 light cruisers (CL)

TAMA
KISO
(XCL)

1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON
RICHMOND

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA

DURBAN
CARADOC

BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA

Armed Merchant Cruisers

CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 Submarines

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- (15) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1112/1 ETA Townsville 0600/3.
- (16) YP.236 departed Brisbane 2121/1 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol.
- (18) YP.280 departed Cairns 0700/1 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/3.

(b) In Harbour:

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	10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "YUNNAN"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "GEELONG" "LITHGOW"
 "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
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 "VICTORIA"
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- (1) SC.749 escorting Convoy BT49 ("ULOOLOO" "ARDENT") to depart Brisbane 1500/2.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photographs 0930/1 show -
 Kahili - 32 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 9 dive/B
 Ballale - 9 fighters
 Faisi - 11 Zero F/Ps,
 Vila - nil
 Munda - 20% coverage - nil
 Buka - 10 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 28 Dive/B
- (2) Rekata Bay - Two floatplanes landed in the Bay at 2020/31. It is recalled that 3 floatplanes were sighted in the Bay a.m. 31/3.
 Reconnaissance a.m. 31/3 sighted a cargo vessel approximately 65 miles NNW Rekata Bay course 350°. An air strike of dive-bombers covered by fighters was despatched but could not locate the ship. As alternative target, Suavana Point in Rekata Bay was attacked.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 1/4 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
 3 destroyers
 4 cargo vessels (small)
 1 small unidentified vessel
 The six ship convoy consisting probably of 5 destroyers and one probable cargo vessel which made the Faisi-Vila trip during the night 31/3-1/4 could have been back at base by daylight 1/4 and may be included in the above 8 vessels allowing for some discrepancy in descriptions.
- (4) Kieta Area - One of the two cargo vessels reported at Numa Numa at 0830/31 departed that place at 1305/31 towards Kieta.
- (5) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1530/1 reported the following vessels in Silver Sound (W.entrance to Balgai Bay) -
 3 light cruisers
 4 probable destroyers
 1 transport (10-12,000 tons)
 5 cargo ships incl. 2 large, 3 medium
 Total tonnage of merchant shipping is estimated at 45,000 tons.
- (6) Gasmata Area - Reconnaissance 1450/31 sighted 8 enemy fighter aircraft approximately 50 miles east of Gasmata course 250°. These aircraft may have been merely on patrol as photographs 1120/1 show that there are still several bomb craters on Gasmata runway.
- (7) Wewak - Photographs of Wewak 1100/1 show two 600 ton vessels and 40 barges in the Harbour. No serviceable aircraft are visible on the old aerodrome. At Boram aerodrome work continues on dispersal lanes but the runway is as yet un-serviceable. One fighter or a dummy is visible in revetments. At But aerodrome 19 revetments appear completed and the runway is serviceable. Work continues on the aerodrome generally.
- (8) Madang - Photos 1015/1 show the aerodrome serviceable but no aircraft visible.
- (9) Mubo-Komiatum - Enemy activity is reported 1/4 in the Bitoi River Valley and Kitchen Creek areas. Possible enemy activity was noted 30-31/3 on the track between Komiatum and Lokanu (on the coast almost due east of Komiatum).
- (10) Nassau Bay (10-12 miles south of Salamaua) - At 0850/31 4 landing barges left Lababia Island towards Duali which is on the coast of Nassau Bay and from whence a track leads to Mubo.
- (11) Brisbane - H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" destroyed a mine located 6 miles N.E. Caloundra Head at 1710/1.

- (12) Lord Howe Is. Area - At 0300/1 there were indications of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of 34°30'S 158°30'E (165 miles S. by W. of Lord Howe Is.).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0208/1 for Drysdale and Wyndham.
(2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL" "KURUMBA"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI" "ALAGNA" "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Timor - Reconnaissance aircraft a.m. 1/4 sighted five 20 ft. boats moored off Wonreli on Kisar Island. Small arms fire was directed at the aircraft.
(2) Kaukenau - Photographs 31/3 of the new strip at Timika show that the runway has been levelled for 1500 x 120 yards and work is continuing.
(3) Babo Area - Distant photos of Babo 31/3 show 4 merchant vessels all under 2,000 tons. The visual report gave two vessels approximately 4,000 tons each.
Photographs of the shipping in Sebakor Bay 31/3 show 2 merchant vessels 1-3,000 tons and 4 other small vessels.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "CHILDS" departed Shark Bay 1845/1 for Fremantle ETA 1100/2.
(2) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1715/1 for Melbourne ETA 6/4.
(3) "NEPAL" was due Fremantle a.m. 2/4 from Mauritius.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "WHIPPOORWILL"
"LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/2:

- (1) "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 2301/1 for Sydney ETA 0200/4.
(2) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C084.
(3) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0819/1 for Melbourne.
(4) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.
(5) "KANIMBLA" en route Colombo to Sydney ETA 1030/3.
(6) "DELORAINNE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC83 was due Sydney 0800/2, Newcastle 1400/2.
(7) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Phillip 2125/1 for Sydney ETA 1200/3.
(8) "BUCHANAN" departed Sydney 1051/31 for Noumea.

- (9) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy GP41
 dep. Sydney 0905/31 ETA Caloundra 0700/3.
 (10) "SHEPPARTON" departed Sydney 14 29/1 for Brisbane ETA 1400/3.
 (11) "PATTERSON" was to depart Sydney 0900/2 to rejoin T.F.74.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
 "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "YDG.2
 "MIZAR"
 (Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "RUSSELL" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
 "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
 "SPRINGDALE" "DOOMBA" "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA"
 "MOUNT VERNON"
 (Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MOUNT VERNON" to depart Melbourne 1300/2 for Wellington.
 (2) Convoy GP42 - "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to sail as convenient so as
 to pick up Newcastle section off Nobby's Head at
 0930/3. "DELORAIN" to sail with Sydney section at
 0900/3 and join up with "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" at time
 and RV to be arranged.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
 (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALLA
 SMITH FARENHOLT LANS DOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER O'BANNON
 TAYLOR CHEVALIER FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD)
 CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD)
 PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT
 FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO
 PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS)
 ROSEWOOD (YN)
 (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP
 FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN
 PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
 ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
 MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
 PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
 ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518
 (4) At Norfolk Island - SKYLARK (AM)
 (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
 (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
 (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
 Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
 (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA)
 CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL) SAGAMON CHENANGO
 SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER
 RENSHAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
 LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
 PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
 (9) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAT
 PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
 (10) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM)
 SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS
 CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

San Cristobal - A single enemy bomber ineffectively bombed two of our patrol vessels a.m. 30/3 east of San Cristobal.

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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2/4/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	SELFRIE	
Destroyers	HELM	PATTERSON
	HENLEY	RUSSELL
	BUCHANAN	RALPH TALBOT
	BAGLEY	GRAVEN
	MUGFORD	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	QUIBERON	
Submarines	ALBACORE) At Brisbane
	AMBERJACK	
	GRAMPUS	
	GROUPE	
	GROWLER	
	PETO	
	DRUM) On Patrol
	GATO	
	GRAYBACK	
	GREENLING	
	GUARDFISH	
	TRITON	
	TUNA) At Sydney
	K.9	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H. T. ALLEN	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
	MANCOORA	
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet		
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)		
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)		
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)		
4-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO	
	MUSASHI	
	MUTSU	
	NAGATO	
	KOEGO) 1 poss. Empire Waters
	HARUNA	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHO HOSHO	
	ZUIKAKU) Poss. Empire Waters
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	
	RYUHO	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss. sunk 13-14/11)
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 38 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub. Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 458 shore-based aircraft incl. 201 F, 140 M/B, 38 SE/B, 16 F/B, 46 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN NEPAL	
S/P Tenders	W. B. PRESTON HERON CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GAR) GRAYLING) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) TROUT) THRESHER) K.12)	On Patrol At Fremantle
Oiler	KURUMBA	

3. EAST INDIAS - PHILIPPINES AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 Heavy Cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 Light Cruisers (CL)	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 12 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 218 shore-based aircraft incl. 105 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P,
16 transport aircraft

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Aircraft Carriers

MARYLAND
COLORADO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SAN GAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HONOLULU
HELENA
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

DENVER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
MASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

RICHMOND

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

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)

4-6 Battleships (BB)
(see Truk area)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

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

SHOKAKU
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

OTAKA
CHUYO

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA

1 Light Cruiser (CL)
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSEIN
KAMOJ

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS
6" Cruisers DETROIT
RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 heavy cruisers (CA) NACHI
1 unidentified
2 light cruisers (CL) TAMA
KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
Aircraft Carrier * ILLUSTRIOUS
Seaplane Carrier ALBATROSS
8" Cruiser DEVONSHIRE
7.5" Cruisers HAWKINS
PROBISHER
6" Cruisers MAURITIUS DURBAN
GAMBIA CARADOC
BIRMINGHAM
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
Armed Merchant Cruisers ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

3rd. April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "SUMNER" SC.744 SC.746 on survey duty Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" escorting "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA" was to depart Thursday Island 030630 for Darwin.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" en route from Oro Bay to Townsville. Was due 031200.
- (4) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 010538 for Townsville. Was due 030800.
- 5) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT9 "DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT" for Townsville was to depart Port Moresby 031200. "VENDETTA" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island.
- (6) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 were due Townsville a.m. 3/4 after carrying out searching sweeps in Grafton Passage.
- X (7) SC.739 SC.751 escorting 15 LCI (landing craft infantry) en route Noumea to Sydney. E.T.A. 060800.
- (8) "BALLARAT" towing ML.815 "ROCKLEA" from Townsville. ML.815 to be detached at Ince Point E.T.A. 050900. "BALLARAT" to tow "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby ETA. 071600.
- (9) "BOWEN" departed Townsville 021532 for Cairns for boiler cleaning.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN63 ("MANGOLA" GENERAL "VERSPIJCK") to Port Moresby.
- (11) "Convoy TN.65" "AROONA" "KEY PITMAN" were to depart Townsville 031200 "PIRIE" to RV. off Fitzroy Island 040700 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 061600.
- (12) YP.280 departed Cairns 010700 for Port Moresby ETA 031800.
- (13) "SELFRIDGE" departed Caloundra 011345 for Palm Island ETA 031530
- (14) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 011112 ETA Townsville 030600.
- (15) SC.749 escorting Convoy BT.49 ("ULOOLOO" for Bowen ETA 052039 "GEORGE McCRRARY" for Gladstone ETA 040839) departed Caloundra 021954.
- (16) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT.50 were to depart Caloundra 030800.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WAGGA" "SC.748"
	"HILO" 15 PT'S
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSK" "H.D.THOREAU"
	"JANSSENS" "HANYANG" "MAETSUYCKER"
	Small Craft - Approx. 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. "KAPUNDA" HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "KHOEN HOEA" "WANAKA" "EDWARD R.SILL" "LADY ISOBEL"
	"WEST CACTUS"
	Small Craft - Approx. 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PLATYPUS"
	10 PT'S (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "HELM"
	"BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "YUNNAN" "AASE MAERSK"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. "MUGFORD" "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY"
 "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233
 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747
 SC.750 PC.1119 PC.1121 "BISHOPDALE"
 "VICTORIA"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE"
 "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA".

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Islands - At 1040/1 30 - 40 Zeros were intercepted over Russell Islands by 28 Grummans 7 Corsairs and 6 Lightnings. 16 Zeros were shot down (13 by Grummans and 3 by Corsairs). We lost 6 fighters. No attack on our positions appears to have eventuated.
- (2) New Georgia - Barge activity is reported at Rendova Island for a few nights previous to 2/4.
 At 1050/31 30 enemy aircraft were reported circling over Ganongga Island, apparently covering some activity West of the Island. This might be in connection with the convoy of 6 vessels which ran from Faisi to Vila during the night 31/3-1/4.
 A small well camouflaged cargo vessel in Kokolope Bay (N.E. coast Vella Lavella) was attacked 2/4 by 7 Lightnings and 6 Corsairs. The vessel was heavily damaged and left on fire. The ship was probably engaged in supplying the known Observation Post in this vicinity.
- (3) Rekata Bay - Our ground observer reported a submarine with aircraft as escort in Rekata Bay at 0209/2. Reconnaissance 2/4 reported much small boat activity in the Bay.
- (4) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 2/4 reported in the Buin - Faisi area :-
 1 destroyer
 5 cargo vessels
 6
- (5) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 2/4 sighted 1 cargo vessel and many small boats and barges in the Harbour. The cargo vessel may be the unit which departed Numa Numa 1305/31.
- (6) Kavieng - Shipping sighted in Silver Sound (west of entrance to Balgai Bay) at 1530/1 was reported from visual sightings as follows :-
 3 light cruisers
 3 or 4 destroyers
 1 transport, 10-12000 tons
 5 cargo vessels including 2 large 3 medium
 (Note: This was reported yesterday 2/4).
 Photos confirm 5 or 6 merchant vessels
 1 cruiser
 2 destroyers
 1 possible tanker, ~~and remainder of~~
 23 unidentified.

Our aircraft attacking between 1820 and 1905 found shipping dispersed out of Silver Sound. 7 vessels were along the coast S.E. of Steffan Strait, and at least 4 were in Byron Straits (N.W. of Balgai Bay).
 Results of the attacks are not yet fully assessed.

- (7) Rabaul - Reconnaissance 1100/2 sighted approximately 55 ships in the harbour. No report on photographs has yet been received.
 The same reconnaissance reported 6 unidentified vessels approximately 25 miles N.N.E. of Rabaul, heading thereto. These vessels may be some of the shipping seen in the Kavieng vicinity the previous evening.
- (8) Witu Is. (North New Britain) - Reconnaissance 1705/1 reported 1 small ship at the mouth of the Harbour at Garove Is.
- (9) Wewak: Reconnaissance 0845/2 reported 5 cargo ships of 2-3000 tons. 4 were in the Harbour and 1 entering. No report on photographs has yet been received, but on previous occasions photographs have invariably proved shipping at Wewak to be of lesser tonnage than that reported from visual sightings.

- (10) Finschhafen - Reconnaissance 17-18/1 reported 2 medium bombers on Finschhafen aerodrome, apparently having just landed.
2 boats were sighted at Finschhafen.
Reconnaissance 1200-1300/2 reported a ship in what appeared to be a dredged cove into which the ship just fitted. The vessel was well camouflaged with netting and foliage.
- (11) Lae-Finschhafen - Japanese are reported 2/4 to have occupied :-
Sialum - 30 miles N.W. Finschhafen
Buki - 5½ miles S. Finschhafen
Tamigudu 25 miles S.W. Finschhafen, and
Bukaua - 22 miles E. Lae.
- X (12) NASSAU BAY - MUBO AREA - Ground reports 2/4 stated that large movements of troops involving at least 6 barges were seen between Lababia Is. and the coast. It was reported in yesterday's appreciation, 2/4, that barge activity between Lababia Island and Duali on the mainland on the track to Mubo, had been observed 31/3.
Enemy positions in Kitchen Creek, Lababia Island and Duali were bombed and strafed a.m. 2/4 by 3 Bostons.
- X (13) Brisbane - At 0630/3 an allied vessel (identify not yet confirmed) sent an S.O.S. "torpedoed" signal from a position off Cape Moreton.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin 010208 for Drysdale and Wyndham.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.16 ("KURUMBA" "TULAGI") departed Darwin 020902 for Thursday Island ETA 051230.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux.- "INVERELL"
Merchant Vessels: "KOOLIGA" "ALAGNA" "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - Possible new airfield clearings are reported approximately 19 miles North of Kavar (16 miles W. of Kaukenau) and also at Utarom (4 miles W. of Kaimana.)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "NEPAL" was due Fremantle a.m. 2/4 from Mauritius.
- (2) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 011715 for Melbourne ETA 6/4.
- (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Exmouth Gulf p.m. 1/4 for Fremantle ETA 040800.
- (4) "CHILDS" was due Fremantle 031400 from Sharks Bay.
- (5) "W.B.PRESTON" was due Exmouth Gulf 031200 from Sharks Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux.- "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK
HIDDES" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy GP.41 were due Caloundra 030700 "WARRNAMBOOL" was to proceed Brisbane "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG.41 were to depart Caloundra 030800.
- (2) "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 012301 for Sydney ETA 040200.
- (3) "KANIMBLA" was due Sydney 031030.
- (4) YP.286 departed Sydney 011322 for Fremantle.
- (5) "KYERA" departed Sydney 010819 for Melbourne.
- (6) "DDCOMBA" escorting Convoy OC.84 (including "SPRINGDALE") departed Port Phillip 022309 to RV. in Wilson's Promontory area with "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy CO.84.
- (7) "MOUNT VERNON" was to depart Melbourne 021300 for Wellington ETA 051730.
- (8) "SHEPPARTON" departed Sydney 011429 for Brisbane ETA 031400.
- (9) "ABRAHAM CRIMNSSEN" was to depart Sydney so as to pick up Newcastle section Convoy GP.42 at 030930. "DELORAIN" was to sail with Sydney section at 030900 and RV. with "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN".
- (10) "PATTERSON" departed Sydney 020945 to rejoin TF.74.
- (11) "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Phillip 012125 for Sydney, was due 031200.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux.	"STUART" "MILDURA" "BUNDABERG"
		"TOWN SVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "YDG.2" "MIZAR"
(Repairing)		"HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "RUSSELL" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship "ALHENA"
(On reserve)		"WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux.	- "QUIBERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
		"H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA"
(Repairing)		"COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo $\frac{3}{4}$ ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALL SMITH FARENHOLT LANDSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER O'BANNO TAYLOR CHEVALIER FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (C) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518.
- (4) At Norfolk Island - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S) Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MEMONINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA)

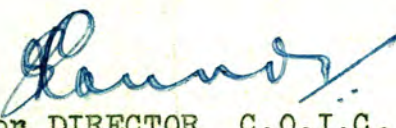
- CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL) SAN GAMON CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER
RENSEAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Auckland - SAN DIEGO (CL) EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAT
PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - LOUISVILLE (CA) GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM)
SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North
coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -
Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area
including further infiltration to the eastward
along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W.Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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3/4/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1 EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HELM HENLEY SUCHANAN BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	RUSSELL RALPH TALBOT CRAVEN
Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GRAM PUS) GROUPEL) GROWLER) PETO) DRUM) GATO) GRAYBACK) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) TRITON) TUNA)	At Brisbane On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T.ALLEN	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	MANOORA AA SE MAERSK BISHOPDALE VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
4-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO) HARUNA) 1 poss. Empire Waters
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	HOSHO ZUIKAKU)
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO) Poss. Empire Waters
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO RYUHO

EffectiveNon-effective

6 heavy cruisers (CA)

ATAGO

TAKAO

AOBA

HAGURO

KUMANO

SUZUYA

JINTSU

SENDAI

KATORI

KASHIMA

NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. sunk 14/11)

MYOKO (poss. sunk 13-14/11)

5 light cruisers (CL)

2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)

Approx 38 Destroyers (DD)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE

AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 467 shore-based aircraft incl. 201 F, 140 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B,

46 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

ADELAIDE

Flotilla Leader

TROMP

Destroyers

TJERK HIDDIES

VAN GALEN

NEPAL

S/P Tenders

W.B. PRESTON

HERON

CHILDS

Submarine Tender

ELIAS

Submarines

GAR)

GRAYLING)

GRENADIER)

GUDGEON)

On Patrol

TAMBOR)

TAUTOG)

TROUT)

THRESHER)

K.12)

At Fremantle

Oiler

KURUMBA

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 light cruisers (CL)

KASHII

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 12 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P,

16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA
6" Cruisers	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER
5" Cruisers	DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN
Destroyers	50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA CCPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND
6" Cruisers	RICHMOND	

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

CinC 1st Fleet	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
4-6 Battleships (BB) (see Truk area)	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)	SHOKAKU
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	HAYATAKA HITAKA
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	OTAKA CHUYO
3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	TONE TIKUMA CHOKAI ABUKUMA
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	NISSHIN KAMO I
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

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

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 heavy cruisers (CA)	NACHI
	1 unidentified
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
1 or 2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)	

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVER POOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
Approx 27 Destroyers		
Approx 9 Submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

4th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Is. area.
- (2) "WILCANBIA" escorting Convoy TD17 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") dep. Thursday Island 0732/3 for Darwin.
- (3) "ARUNTA" departed Milne Bay 1430/3 for Townsville ETA 16 00/4.
- (4) "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy NT9 ("DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1800/3.
- (5) "BALLARAT" towing ML.815 "ROCKLEA" from Townsville. ML.815 to be detached at Ince Point, was due 0900/5. "BALLARAT" to tow "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (6) "WHYALLA" departed Cairns 1500/3 for Port Moresby ETA 1300/5.
- (7) "PIRIE" was to RV with Convoy TN65 ("AROCNA" "KEY PITMAN") off Fitzroy Island at 0700/4 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1600/6.
- (8) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1112/1, was due Townsville 0600/3.
- (9) SC.749 escorting Convoy BT49 ("ULDOLCO" for Bowen ETA 2039/5; "GEORGE McGRARY" for Gladstone ETA 0839/4) departed Caloundra 1954/2.
- (10) "GERLONG" "LITHGOW" escorting BT50 ("PORTMAR" for Gladstone ETA 0500/5; "ARISTOPHANES" "CARDROSS" "STAGEN" "MACUMBA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" for Townsville ETA 0800/7) departed Caloundra 0610/3.
- (11) "PATTERSON" departed Sydney 0945/2 to rejoin T.F.74.
- (12) "WARRNAMBOOL" "BIMBURY" exercising with submarine vicinity Cape Mcreton.
- (13) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SPILBERGEN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "SC.748" "HILO"
	15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "H.D.THOREAU" "HANYANG"
	"JANSSENS" "MAETSUYCKER"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "HDML.1161" YP.280
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "MANGOLA"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "WANAKA" "EDWARD R.SILL"
	"LADY ISOBEL" "WEST CACTUS"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's
	(2refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE"
	"HELM" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "GLENELG" "YUNNAN"
	"AASE MAERSK" YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "GYMPIE" "SHEPPARTON"
	"TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.236
	YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
	YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747 SC.750

Brisbane (Contd.) Warships & Aux. - PC.1119 PC.1121 "BISHOPDALE"
"VICTORIA"
(Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE"
"FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN56 ("TAROONA") to depart Townsville 0400/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/7.
- (2) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 to depart Townsville 0600/4 for sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage returning Townsville 1000/8.
- (3) Convoy TS21 ("PAINE WINGATE" "CHARON") when met in approx position 22°25'S, 151°05'E at 0900/5 is to be escorted by "LITHGOW" to Brisbane.
- (4) "GEEELONG" to RV with Convoy TS22 ("DUNTRON" "PRES. GRANT") vicinity of Dent Island at 0800/6 and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Local reports 2/4 indicate clearing activity and construction of defensive positions on a small island off Vila Plantation.
It is now disclosed that the small ship in Kokolopi Bay (N.E. coast Vella Lavella) attacked by aircraft 2/4 (reported in yesterday's appreciation 3/4) arrived at this location at dawn 2/4.
At 1550/3 an enemy submarine was sighted on the surface off the N.W. coast of Vella Lavella while at 2230/3 reconnaissance aircraft reported a large number of enemy aircraft over Vila.
- (2) Choiseul - Reconnaissance 0830/3 sighted 3 destroyers off Senga (towards southern end of N.E. coast Choiseul) course N.W.
Three destroyers, probably the same three, were sighted at 1000/3 approaching Buin through Bougainville Strait.
It is considered likely that these vessels have been to Rekata Bay.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 0950/3 sighted 9 small cargo ships, one large merchant ship painted white. This last vessel was thought to be a Hospital Ship.
At 1000/3, 3 destroyers were seen arriving through Bougainville Strait (see previous Para.).
- (4) Kavieng - Fortresses carried out a most successful attack on shipping at Kavieng before dawn 3/4. Results have still to be assessed.
The following shipping was sighted in the area:-
 - 1 possible heavy cruiser
 - 2 possible light cruisers
 - 3 destroyers
 - 1 submarine
 - 1 cargo vessel
 - 3 unidentified vessels

Total II

It is recalled that photographs 1/4 show a heavy cruiser in the area but no further description given. From the description of the possible heavy cruiser sighted before dawn 3/4 the vessel should be either a "MOGAMI" class cruiser or one of the new large "TERUTSUKI" class destroyers but for a length of 600 ft. given.

- (5) Dyaul Is. - Reconnaissance about 1620/3 sighted and attacked a cargo vessel reported to be of 6,000 tons approximately 20 miles south of Dyaul Is. course 135 speed 9 knots, probably making for Rabaul.
- (6) Bismarck Sea - Reconnaissance about 1630/3 sighted 4 vessels described as three probable destroyers and one cargo vessel approximately 45 miles N.W. Rabaul course 240°.
The composition and course of the ships may suggest a repeat of the Finschhafen convoy run but the position and more especially the time indicate a movement between Rabaul and Kavieng, probably towards the latter.
- (7) Saidor - The coastal area from Mur (5½ miles SE Saidor) to Mundiri (22 miles W. by N. Saidor) is reported 3/4 to be

occupied by the enemy while patrols are operating inland.
(8) Mubo Area - Lababia Island and Duali Village in Nassau Bay have been strongly attacked by air:-

a.m. 2/4 by 3 Bostons

a.m. 3/4 by 7 Bostons

a.m. 3/4 the Kitchen Creek area was worked over by 3 Bostons.

(9) Brisbane - The report of a distress signal 0630/3 from a position off Cape Moreton is now somewhat discounted owing to the context of the intercept and as all known shipping in the area is believed safe.

2. NORTE WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin 0208/1 for Drysdale and Wyndham.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT16 ("KURUMBA" "TULAGI") departed Darwin 0902/2 for Thursday Island ETA 1230/5.
- (3) "INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0231/3 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/7.
- (4) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux.
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - The aerodrome area at Timika was attacked 1005/3 by 6 Hudsons one of which was shot down by A.A. Barges were reported in the area.
- (2) Kai Islands - Langgoer strip and barges were attacked by 2 or 3 Beaufighters 0715/3.
- (3) Tanimbar Is. - Saumlaki was attacked 0655/3 by 3 B.25's and at 1442/3 by a Liberator.
- (4) Ambon - Reconnaissance 1240/3 reported 3 large vessels and 2 other merchant vessels in Ambon Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1715/1 for Melbourne ETA 6/4.
- (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Exmouth Gulf p.m. 1/4 for Fremantle, was due 0800/4.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "NEPAL"
"TJERK HIDDEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/4:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG41 departed Caloundra 1200/3 for Sydney ETA 0800/6.

- (2) "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 2301/1 for Sydney, was due 0200/4.
- (3) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.
- (4) "KYBRA" departed Sydney 0819/1 for Melbourne.
- (5) "STUART" escorting Convoy C085. "BUNDABERG" returned Sydney 1745/3 with engine trouble. "MILDURA" departed Sydney 2111/3 to overtake and join "STUART" and provide additional escort for Convoy C085.
- (6) SC.739 SC.751 escorting 15 LCI (landing craft infantry) en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (7) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC84 (including "SPRINGDALE").
- (8) "DELORAINNE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP42 ETA Caloundra 0300/5.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "KANIMBLA" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE"
	"GOLD STAR" YDG.2 "MIZAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing)	"HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "RUSSELL" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
	"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve)	"WESTRALIA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
	"H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA" "DRESDEN"
(Repairing)	"COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALLA SMITH FARENHOLT LANS DOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION HUNTER LIGGETT FULLER (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) BALCH GRIDLEY HUGHES DUNLAP FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ MAHAN MUSTIN BUCHANAN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA) CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHEW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AF)
- (11) At Wellington - GRAYSON (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.JACKSON PRES.ADAMS CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AE)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Hebrides - Local sources report enemy submarine activity around the island.
- (2) Cook Island - A probable enemy reconnaissance floatplane was

reported over Manihiki Island 10°33'S 161°E 2/4.

C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Bombay-Karachi Area - An attack by enemy submarine was reported at 2003/3 in a position 21°02'N, 169°31'E (235 miles N.W. of Bombay) by s.s. "STEEL ENGINEER" (U.S. Freighter - 5,600 tons).

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

Kavieng - During the attack on shipping in the Kavieng area 1820-1905/1 by 7 Liberators and 3 Fortresses, the following results were reported:-

Probable hits on 2 medium merchant ships
Two bombs straddled another merchant ship which was last seen stationary settling by the bow.
Darkness, however, prevented accurate assessment of results.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W. P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBLA	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARFAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT	
Destroyers	SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY MUGFORD STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	RUSSELL RALPH TALBOT CRAVEN
Submarines	ALBACORE) AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GROUPEL) At Brisbane GROWLER) PETO) TRITON) DRUM) CATO) GRAYBACK) On Patrol GREENLING) GUARDFISH) TUNA)	
Submarine Tender	K.9 At Sydney	
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIE TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T.ALLEN	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	MANOORA AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	YAMATO	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	MUSASHI	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	MUTSU	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	NAGATO	
4-6 Battleships (BB)	KONGO) HARUNA) 1 poss. Empire Waters HOSHO	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAU) ZUIHO) Poss. Empire Waters	
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	UNYO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	RYUHO	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
6 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO KUMANO SUZUYA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)
5 light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx. 38 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 450 shore-based aircraft incl. 185 F, 140 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B 45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDIS	
	VAN GALEN	
	NEPAL	
S/P Tenders	W.B. PRESTON	
	HERON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING)	
	GRENADIER)	
	GUDGEON)	On Patrol
	TAMBOUR)	
	TAUTOG)	
	TROUT)	
	GAR)	
	THRESHER)	At Fremantle
	K.12)	
Oiler	KURUMBA	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(1) Allied Forces

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
Approx. 12 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx. 7 Submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		NOTORO
Approx. 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P 16 transport aircraft.		

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA(1) Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO
ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA
CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANEE

Aircraft Carriers

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

6" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
WICHITA
HONOLULU
HELENA
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
50 (approx)

5" Cruisers

Destroyers

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEVADA
LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMANA
COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS
RICHMONDWEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEEConverted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

8" Cruisers

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

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

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)

4-6 Battleships (BB)
(See Truk area)ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA
SHOKAKU
HAYATAKA
HITAKA
OTAKA
CHUYO
TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
ABUKUMA1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)
2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

3 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

1 Light Cruiser (CL)
2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)
6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx. 30 submarines (SS)NISSHIN
KAMOJ

EffectiveNon-effective(D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 heavy cruisers (CA)	NACHI
	1 unidentified
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
1 or 2 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)	

(E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

(F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA(i) Allied Forces

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

5th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" on survey duty Deboyne Is. area.
- (2) "KAPUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1418/4 for Milne Bay ETA 1800/5.
- (3) "WAGGA" escorting "JANNSENS" departed Milne Bay 1211/4 for Oro Bay ETA 1600/5.
- (4) "SC.748" escorting "MULCRA" departed Milne Bay 0216/4 for Goodenough Island.
- (5) "LATROEE" escorting Convoy DT16 ("KURUMBA" "TULAGI") departed Darwin 0900/2 for Thursday Island ETA 1230/5.
- (6) "VENDETTA" "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy NT9 ("DUNTRON" "PRESIDENT GRANT" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1800/3.
- (7) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1632/4 for Brisbane 0600/7.
- (8) "LITHGOW" was to RV with Convoy TS21 ("PAINE WINGATE" "CHARON") in position 22°25'S, 151°05'E at 0900/5 and escort to Brisbane.
- (9) "BALLARAT" towing ML.815 "ROCKLEA" from Townsville. ML.815 to be detached at Ince Point, was due 0900/5. "BALLARAT" to tow "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (10) "WHYALLA" departed Cairns 1500/3 for Port Moresby ETA 1300/5.
- (11) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN65 ("AROONA" "KEY FITMAN") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/6.
- (12) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN66 ("TAROONA") was to depart Townsville 0400/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/7.
- (13) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Townsville 1710/4 to carry out sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage returning Townsville 1000/8.
- (14) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT50 ("PORTMAR" for Gladstone was due 0500/5; "ARISTOPHANES" "CARDROSS" "STAGEN" "MACUMBA" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" for Townsville ETA 0800/7) dep. Caloundra 0610/3.
- (15) SC.749 escorting Convoy BT49 ("ULOOLOO" for Bowen ETA 2039/5) departed Caloundra 1945/2.
- (16) "PATTERSON" departed Sydney 0945/2 to rejoin T.F.74.
- (17) "WARRNAMBOOL" "BUNBURY" exercising with submarine vicinity Cape Moreton.
- (18) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN SPILBERGEN"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"KARSIK" "H.D.THOREAU" "HANYANG" "MAETSUYCKER"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	HDML.1161 YP.230
	Merchant Vessels:	"ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "MANGOLA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "WANAKA" "EDWARD R.SILL" "LADY ISOBEL" "WEST CACTUS"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. -	"GLENELG" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux. -	"AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "HELM" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "WARREGO" "YUNNAN"
 "AASE MAERSK"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "SHEPPARTON" "TULSA"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.236 YP.291
 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70
 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747 SC.750 PC.1119
 PC.1121 "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "SWAN" "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "PREMAN TLE"
 "KATOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HELM" to depart Palm Island 1700/5 for Moreton Bay.
- (2) "BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILEBERGEN" "HENRY D. THOREAU" to depart Milne Bay a.m. 6/4 for Townsville.
- (3) "GEEELONG" to RV with Convoy TS22 ("DUNTROON" "PRES. GRANT") vicinity of Dent Island at 0800/6 and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 3/4 show -

Kahili	- 47 fighters, 4 medium bombers
Ballale) not covered
Faisi	
Vila	- nil
Munda	- nil
Rekata Bay	- nil
Buka	- 13 fighters, 4 medium bombers
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissances 1010 and 1445/4 both reported 14 vessels, probably comprised of

4 light cruisers or destroyers
5 corvettes
1 possible seaplane tender
4 cargo vessels of which one large

Total 14
- (3) N.E. Coast Bougainville - Local sources report 4/4 considerable coastal activity with barges between Tenekau (in the Numa Numa area) and Baniu (on the northern shore, east of the Passage).
- (4) Lorengau - Photos 1315/4 show that work is continuing on the runway and dispersal lanes.
- (5) Kavieng - A report of the attack on shipping pre-dawn 3/4 is shown in Naval Incidents.

Shipping was again attacked with some success before dawn 4/4 but results are not yet fully assessed. Shipping sighted in the area during this operation was as follows -

3 light cruisers or large destroyers
1 destroyer
1 corvette
1 possible submarine
4 cargo vessels

Total 10

In addition, 4 or 5 warships or auxiliaries were sighted in Gazelle Channel (between Dyaul Is. and New Ireland) heading towards Kavieng. These units may have included two possible destroyers, 1 cargo ship or submarine tender and a submarine. The ten ships were dispersed around the area from south of Steffan Strait to N.W. of Kavieng and also S.E. to North Cape.
- (6) Dyaul Is. - The cargo vessel reported at about 1620/3 (see yesterday's appreciation 4/4) 20 miles south of Dyaul Is. course 135° was shown by photographs to be a Hospital ship of the "URAL MARU" class (6,374 tons).

This vessel was erroneously reported yesterday as in company with 3 probable destroyers 45 miles NW of Rabaul, course 240°. In fact, the 3 destroyers formed a separate group approximately 53 miles N.W. by N. of Rabaul course 240° at 1625/3.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance a.m. 4/4 sighted a motor launch approximately 35 miles east of Cape Gloucester.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1140/4 sighted a 50 ft. sailing boat at Wewak. This is the only shipping reported in the Harbour area.

- (9) Lae - Enemy defence positions at Heath's Plantation were severely raided 0730-0900/4 by 12 B.25's, 6 Bostons, 9 Beaufighters.
- (10) Mubo - Kitchen Creek area was attacked 0920-0945/4 by 6 Bostons.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD17 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") departed Thursday Island 0732/3 for Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0231/3 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/7.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux.
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL"

Drysdale - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "BABINDA"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "NEPAL" departed Fremantle 1000/4 ETA Port Phillip 1300/8.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDIES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG41 dep. Caloundra 1200/3 for Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (2) "MUGFORD" dep. Caloundra 1726/4 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion to proceed Sydney ETA 0700/6.
- (3) "RUSSELL" departed Sydney 1033/4 for Noumea.
- (4) "STUART" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy C085.
- (5) "YP.286" "YP.288" dep. Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.
- (6) "SC.739" "SC.751" escorting 15 LCI (landing craft infantry) en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 0800/6.
- (7) "VAN GALEN" dep. Fremantle 1715/1 for Melbourne ETA 6/4.
- (8) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC84 (including "SPRINGDALE").
- (9) "DELORAINIE" ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP42 ETA Caloundra 0300/6.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KANIMBLA" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE"
"GOLD STAR" YDG.2 "MIZAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "BUNGAREE"

(Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"MAUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"

(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"H.T. ALLEN" "MANCORA" "DOOMBA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HELENA LEANDER (CL) McCALLA SMITH FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR GRAYSON FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEEARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE HEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) NAUTILUS (SS) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) GRIDLEY CASE CUMMINGS CONYNHAM READ MAHAN BUCHANAN PERKINS (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) ALGORAB MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518 YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53
(4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
(5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
(7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LCCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MEMOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA) CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KAMEAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALEAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) PRES.HAYES PRES.ADAMS PRES.JACKSON CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Vella Lavella - A Japanese "I" class submarine was reported by coastwatcher on the surface off the N.W. coast of Vella Lavella on a northerly course at 1550/3. Shortly afterwards a Hudson, despatched from Guadalcanal, scored direct hits on the submarine with depth charge and bombs. Cdr. 3rd Fleet considers the submarine sank.
(2) Kavieng - An attack on enemy shipping dispersed at Kavieng was carried out 0444-0510/3 by 8 Fortresses. One of the 8 Fortresses bombed the Kavieng aerodrome while four dropped flares and attacked shipping from medium height (3-8000 ft.) with 500-lb inst. demolition bombs, scoring a hit on a large warship starting a fire on the stern, a probable hit on a destroyer and bombing 2 other probable destroyers without observing results.


The 3 other Fortresses came in at low level on skip-bombing tactics with 500-lb 5 second delay action bombs. The large warship, already hit and afire, was hit with 3 such bombs out of stick of 4 from 125 ft. The ship, described as a possible heavy cruiser with single stack, burst into flames from stem to stern and ten minutes later exploded violently throwing debris 300-400 ft. in the air. She was considered to have been destroyed.

Another stick of 4 delay-action bombs all landed from 130 feet on a probable light cruiser, of which full description was not observed. Two aircraft saw the vessel sink, bow first, five minutes later.

The third skip-bombing, Fortress saw two of his delay-action bombs enter the side of a destroyer from 75 ft. while the two others near-missed. The bombs exploded 5 seconds later but further results could not be seen. The destroyer was considered to have been seriously damaged.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W. P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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5/4/43

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(1) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	NASHVILLE
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	HOBART
		VAN HEEMSKERK
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser	KANIMBIA	
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA	
	WARRAMUNGA	
	LE TRI OMPHANT	
	SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON	
	HELM	
	HENLEY	RALPH TALBOT
	BAGLEY	GRAVEN
	<i>VAN GALEN</i> MUGFORD	
	RUSSELL	
	STUART	
	VENDETTA	
	QUIBERON	
Submarines	ALBACORE)	
	AMBERJACK)	
	GRAMPUS)	At Brisbane
	GROUPEL)	
	GROWLER)	
	PETO)	
	TRITON)	
	DRUM)	
	GATO)	On Patrol
	GRAYBACK)	
	GREENLING)	
	GUARDFISH)	
	TUNA)	
	K. 9 At Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA	
	HILO	
bat Loaded Transports	H.T.ALLEN	WESTRALIA (on
	MANOORA	reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK	
	BISHOPDALE	
	VICTORIA	
	<i>KURUMB</i>	
	<u>(ii) Enemy Forces: (Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-Solomons)</u>	
CinC Combined Fleet	YAMATO	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	MUSASHI	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	MUTSU	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	NAGATO	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	KONGO	
	HARUNA	
	HOSHO	
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU	} Poss. Empire Waters
1 Converted A/C Carrier (XCV)	ZUIHO	
2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO	
	RYUHO	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-Effective</u>	
4 Heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA HAGURO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 11 MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11	14/
5 light cruisers (CL)			
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)			
Approx. 25-30 Submarines (SS)			
Approx. 38 Destroyers (DD)			
2 Seaplane Carriers	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA		
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)			
Several Submarine Tenders			
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)			
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft			
Approx. 485 shore-based aircraft incl. 204F, 156 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B 45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.			

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

5" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDES VAN GALEN	
S/P Tenders	NEPAL W.B. PRESTON HERON	
Submarine Tender	CHILDS	
Submarines	PELIAS GRAYLING GRENADIER GUDGEON TAMBOR TAUTOG TROUT GAR	} On Patrol
	THRESHER K.12	
Oiler	KURUMBA	} At Fremantle

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

C's in C 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleets		
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI	
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		NOTORO
Approx. 12 destroyers (DD)		
Approx. 7 submarines (SS)		
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		
Approx. 240 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 26 F/P 16 transport aircraft		

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-Effective

(i) Allied Forces

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON

8" Cruisers

SUWANEE
LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HONOLULU
HELENA

5" Cruisers

ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND

Destroyers

MONTPELLIER
DENVER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN
50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPAHEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

RICHMOND

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

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)

4-6 Battleships (BB)
(See Truk area)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1 Aircraft Carrier (CV)

2 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)

SHOKAKU
HAYATAKA
HITAKA

2 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)

OTAKA
CHUYO

5 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

TONE
TIKUMA
CHOKAI
KUMANO
SUZUYA
ABUKUMA

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMOJ

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx. 30 Submarines (SS)

EffectiveNon-effective(D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 heavy Cruisers (CA)	NACHI
	1 unidentified
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)	

(E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

(F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPE TOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

6th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "SELFRIDGE") proceed from Palm Island to Dunk Island 6/4.
- (2) SC.748 (damaged) departed Milne Bay 1300/5 for Port Moresby. Was due 1200/6. (Note: SC.748 hit reef off East Cape. A/S dome smashed and hull damaged. Port propellor bent.)
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.746" were due Port Moresby 5/4 from Deboyne Islands area.
- (4) "BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" "HENRY D. THOREAU" was to depart Milne Bay a.m. 6/4 for Townsville.
- (5) ML.815 departed Thursday Island 1427/5 for Darwin.
- (6) "INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0231/3 for Thursday Island ETA 0200/7.
- (7) "KURUMBA" departed Thursday Island 2228/5 for Townsville 0700/8.
- (8) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy TS21 ("PAINE WINGATE" "CHARON") to Brisbane.
- (9) "HELM" was to depart Palm Island 1700/5 for Moreton Bay.
- (10) "GEELONG" was to RV with Convoy TS22 ("DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT") vicinity of Dent Island at 0800/6 and escort to Brisbane.
- (11) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1632/4 for Brisbane 0600/7.
- (12) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy TN65 ("ARCONA" "KEY PITMAN") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/6.
- (13) "BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (14) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN66 ("TARCONA") dep. Townsville 0315/5 for Milne Bay ETA 1100/7.
- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN67 ("BONTEKOE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALIKPAPAN") was to depart Townsville 1200/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (16) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Townsville 1710/4 to carry out sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage returning Townsville 1000/8.
- (17) "SWAN" departed Caloundra 0116/6 to RV with Convoy GP42 ("JAMES COOK" "VAN HEUTSZ" "VAN SWOLL") at outer end searched channel and provide onward escort to Whitsunday Passage.
- (18) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA"
	Merchant Vessels - "JANNSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "HANYANG" "MAETSUYCKER"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" HDML.1161 YP.280
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "MANGOLA"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "WANAKA" "EDWARD R.SILL"
	"LADY ISOBEL" "WEST CACTUS"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS"
	10 PT's (2 refitting)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "WARREGO"
 SC.749 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "AASE MAERSK"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY"
 "WARRNAMBOOL" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S)
 YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740
 SC.745 SC.747 SC.750 PC.1119 PC.1121
 "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"
 (Repairing, Trials etc) "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"
 "KATOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" to depart Thursday Island
 0700/6 for Merauke.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Vella Lavella-Western New Georgia - A vessel was reported
 in Vella Gulf at 2000/4. In the early hours 6/4 five vessels
 were sighted in Blackett Strait course 82° speed 12 knots.
 On 31/3 a force of six vessels (probably all destroyers)
 proceeded to the Japanese bases in this area, and this
 further convoy indicates an intention on the part of the
 enemy to maintain and strengthen his bases in this area.
 These two forces are the largest yet reported as having
 proceeded to the Vila-Stanmore Plantation area.
 No report of shipping in the Shortland area on 5/4,
 is to hand. Two reconnaissances 4/4 reported 14 vessels in
 the area.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 4/4 show -
 Kahili - 51 fighters, 5 medium bombers, 4 dive-bombers
 Faisi - 18 floatplanes
 Ballale - 6 fighters
- (3) Russell Islands - Two unidentified vessels were sighted 18 miles
 N.W. of Russell Islands at 2300/4. On night 3-4/4 enemy
 aircraft dropped bombs near the fighter strip on Banika Is.
- (4) Lorengau - Three sailing vessels were sighted anchored off the
 runway noon 5/4. Photos of the aerodrome reveal no change.
- X (5) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1400/5 reveals -
 1 cruiser (apparently beached at east tip Manus Is.)
 1 cargo vessel (5,000 tons)
 3 cargo vessels (2000 tons)
- Total 5
- Fifth Air Force appreciation of the attacks on shipping in
 the Kavieng area 1/4-4/4 states that a total of 16-17 vessels
 were in the area comprising -
 4 cargo vessels (incl. one possible S/P Tender)
 totalling 23-29,000 tons
 3 light cruisers (2 probably destroyers)
 3 destroyers
 1 corvette
 4 or 5 other warships and auxiliaries (incl. minimum one
 destroyer)
 1 possible submarine
 One cruiser, and one other warship (cruiser or destroyer)
 were sunk, 1 destroyer was badly damaged or probably sunk and
 3 destroyers, 2 cargo vessels (5-6,000 tons) and one hospital
 ship (6000 tons) damaged.
- (6) Zungen Point - 2 partially camouflaged barges were strafed 8
 miles east of Zungen Point afternoon 5/4.
- (7) New Britain-New Guinea Aerodrome Intelligence - morning 5/4:
Gasmata - 2 Zero's, 1 camouflaged bomber were sighted on
 the aerodrome.
Cape Gloucester - 4 Zero's on the aerodrome were attacked
 with unobserved results.
Madang - Photos reveal 33 completed revetments. The runway
 was serviceable but no aircraft visible.
- (8) Finschhafen - A vessel, possibly a destroyer, was sighted
 apparently beached 5 miles north of the aerodrome afternoon
 5/4.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting Convoy TD17 ("ISLANDER" "MULIAMA") departed Thursday Island 0732/3 for Darwin.
- (2) "CASTLEMAINE" "BABINDA" were to depart Wyndham 1100/5 for Darwin.
- (3) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux.
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Sekar Bay (McCluer Gulf) - 6 vessels were reported in Sekar Bay morning 5/4 including one of 4,000 tons, two of 1-2000 tons and 3 smaller vessels, possibly lighters. These ships were attacked and near misses were scored.
- (2) Kaimana - Two small ships were sighted at Kaimana noon 5/4. The new runway at Utarom (4 miles west of Kaimana) was reported to be developing.
- (3) Koepang - One enemy vessel (4-5000 tons) was sighted stationary half a mile off Koepang-early a.m. 5/4.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "NEPAL" departed Fremantle 1000/4 ETA Port Phillip 1300/8.
- (2) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "MUGFORD" dep. Caloundra 1726/4 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion to proceed Sydney ETA 0700/6.
- (2) "DELORAINÉ" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP42 were due Caloundra 0600/6. On arrival "DELORAINÉ" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" were to escort Convoy PG42 (3 MV) to Sydney.
- (3) "RUSSELL" departed Sydney 1033/4 for Noumea.
- (4) "SC.739" "SC.751" escorting 15 LCI (landing craft infantry) en route Noumea to Sydney were due 0800/6.
- (5) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy OC85 departed Port Phillip 2207/5 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "STUART" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy CO85.
- (6) "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1715/1. Was due Port Phillip 0800/6.
- (7) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC84 (including "SPRINGDALE").

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "KANIMBLA" "BUNDABERG"
"TOWNSVILLE" "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" "GOLD STAR"
YDG.2 "MIZAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
"BUNGAREE"
(Repairing) "HOBART" "RALPH TALBOT" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "H.T.ALLEN" "MANOORA"
"DOOMBA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" to RV with H.T."KATOOMBA" in position 39°45'S
150°50'E at 1000/7 and escort to Sydney.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP43 to depart Sydney
0600/7. To RV with Newcastle section at 1200/7 and
continue escort.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER (CL) McCALLA SMITH
FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR GRAYSON
FLETCHER MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK)
SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO)
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SAPATOGA (CV)
COLUMBIA SAN JUAN (CL) GRIDLEY CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM
READ MAHAN BUCHANAN PERKINS (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG)
WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) ALGORAB MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AE) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
HOLLY (YN) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBCLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO (CA)
CLEVELAND MONTPPELLIER DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO
SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER
RENSHAW PHILIP LANG CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA
LACKAWANNA KANEAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Mandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBOHY (YN) ANTARES POMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAFE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Vella Lavella - The small well camouflaged vessel in Koklope
Bay which was attacked and heavily damaged 2/4 is now reported
to have sunk.
- (2) Ysabel Island - Cdr. 3rd Fleet credits U.S. destroyer "O'BANNON"
with the destruction of an enemy submarine south of Ysabel Is.
at 0230/5.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Possible offensive activity from East Indies area including further infiltration to the eastward along south coast Dutch New Guinea.
- (3) Possible offensive activity in N.W. Pacific.
- (4) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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6/4/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

1. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	<u>(i) Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON	
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY BAGLEY MUGFORD VAN GALEN RUSSELL STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	RALPH TALBOT CRAVEN
Submarines	ALBACORE AMBERJACK GRAMPUS GRAYBACK GROUPE GROWLER PETO TRITON DRUM GATO GREENLING GUARDFISH TUNA	at Brisbane On Patrol
Submarine Tender	K. 9 at Sydney	
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE VICTORIA KURUMBA	KANIMBLA "

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ZUIKAKU ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
1 Aircraft Carrier (V)	
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO CHUYO RYUHO	
7 heavy cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA	MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11 MYOKO (possibly sunk 13-14/11)
5 Light cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx. 38 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 485 shore-based aircraft incl. 204F, 156 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B		
45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDEN	
	NEPAL	
S/P Tenders	W.B. PRESTON	
	HERON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING	} On Patrol
	GRENADIER	
	GUDGEON	
	TAMBOR	
	TAUTOG	} At Fremantle
	TROUT	
	GAR	
	THRESHER	
	K.12	
Oiler		

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleets		
1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	
1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)		
Approx. 12 destroyers (DD)		

Approx 7 submarines (SS)	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)		NOTORO
Approx. 243 shore-based aircraft	incl. 117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B,	
	29 F/P 16 transport aircraft	

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANEE
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA HONOLULU HELENA
8" Cruisers	ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER
6" Cruisers	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN 50 (approx)
5" Cruisers	
Destroyers	

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA LONG ISLAND NASSAU ALTAMAHA COFAHEE	WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE
Converted A/C Carrier Auxiliary A/C Carriers	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND
8" Cruisers	RICHMOND	
6" Cruisers		

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

CinC 1st Fleet	ISE
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	FUSO
4-6 Battleships (BB) (See Truk area)	YAMASHIRO HYUGA SHOKAKU HOSHIO OTAKA KUMANO SUZUYA ABUKUMA
2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	NISSHIN KAMO I
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	
1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (SCVS)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 30 submarines (SS)	

EffectiveNon-effective(D) SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

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

CinC 5th Fleet	
2 heavy Cruisers (CA)	NACHI
	1 unidentified
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA
	KISO
3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)	

(E) SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD
	TRENTON

(F) INDIAN OCEAN AREA(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPRITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	FROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	
Approx. 27 destroyers		
Approx. 9 submarines		

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

7th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) SC.744 surveying Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) YP.280 was to depart Port Moresby 0600/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/8.
- (3) ML.815 departed Thursday Island 1427/5 for Darwin.
- (4) "INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0231/3 for Thursday Island, was due 0200/7.
- (5) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" departed Thursday Island 0900/6 for Merauke.
- (6) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC5 ("H.D. THOREAU" "VAN SPILBERGEN") departed Milne Bay 0949/6 for Townsville ETA 1000/9.
- (7) "KURUMBA" departed Thursday Island 2228/5 for Townsville ETA 0700/8.
- (8) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy TS21 ("PAINE WINGATE" "CHARON") to Brisbane.
- (9) "HELM" was to depart Palm Island 1700/5 for Moreton Bay.
- (10) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS22 ("DUNTRON" "PRESIDENT GRANT") from vicinity Dent Island to Brisbane ETA 1414/8.
- (11) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville 1632/4 for Brisbane was due 0600/7.
- (12) YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/8.
- (13) "BAILARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" to Port Moresby ETA 1600/7.
- (14) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy TN66 ("TAROONA") dep. Townsville 0315/5 for Milne Bay was due 1100/7.
- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN67 ("BONTEKOE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALIKPAPAN") dep. Townsville 1240/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (16) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Townsville 1710/4 to carry out sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage returning Townsville 1000/8.
- (17) "SWAN" escorting Convoy GP42 ("JAMES COOK" "VAN HEUTSZ" "VAN SWOLL") to Whitsunday Passage.
- (18) SC.750 escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" was to depart Brisbane 0800/7 northbound.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "EARSIK" "HANYANG" "MAETSUYCKER"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "PIRIE" "SUMNER"
	SC.746 SC.748 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "MANGOLA"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "WANAKA" "EDWARD R. SILL"
	"LADYISOEEL" "WEST CACTUS" "AROONA" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS"
	9 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" SC.749
	"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S) "AASE MAERSK" 1 PT

Dunk Island - warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE"
 "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "SHEPPARTON"
 "WARRNAMEOOL" "TULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740
 SC.745 SC.747 PC.1119 PC.1121 "BISHOPDALE"
 "VICTORIA"
 (Repairing, Trials etc) "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"
 "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) SC.746 SC.748 escorting Convoy NT10 ("EDWARD R. SILL"
 "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") to depart Port Moresby 1600/7
 for Townsville ETA 0100/10.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - The only photos taken 5/4 show 17 fighters
 and 5 bombers at Buka.
 Photos a.m. 6/4 show -
 Kahili - 40 fighters, 5 medium bombers
 Ballale - nil
 Faisi - 11 floatplanes
 Munda - nil
 Vila - nil
 Buka - 22 fighters, 4 medium bombers
- (2) New Georgia - Further details of the five ship Vila convoy
 (reported yesterday's appreciation 6/4) are given in Naval
 Incidents.
 Vila Plantation area was attacked a.m. 6/4 by 6 dive-
 bombers covered by 6 Lightnings.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 6/4 sighted one small cargo
 ship and 2 small vessels in the Buin-Tonolei area. In
 addition, 4 destroyers were seen heading for Buin from the
 S.W.
- (4) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 6/4 sighted one small cargo vessel
 at Kieta with steam up.
- (5) Rabaul - Reconnaissance 1115/6 reported having sighted approx-
 imately 75 vessels in Rabaul Harbour. Photos covering only a
 small portion of the harbour area show 11 merchant vessels
 totalling 65,000 tons and one tanker (8000 tons).
 Previous photos 25/3 covering the majority of shipping
 in the harbour showed 48 vessels including 34 merchant vessels
 totalling approximately 145,000 tons.
 Photos covering only part of Rapopo aerodrome show 28
 medium bombers and 3 fighters.
- (6) Gasmata Area - Reconnaissance 0825/6 sighted and unsuccessfully
 attacked a 50 ft. camouflaged open boat off Montague Harbour
 (35 miles east of Gasmata).
- (7) Lorengau - Reconnaissance 1115/6 sighted only one small dory
 type boat in the harbour.
 Photos show work continuing on the runway and additional
 stores in the wharf area.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0945/6 made no report of any shipping.
- (9) Saidor - Local reports 6/4 state that the enemy is using Singor
 Anchorage (14 miles west of Saidor) for barges.
- (10) Salamaua - The building area on the isthmus was attacked 0850-
 0915/6 by 7 B.25's and 6 Bostons.
 Two or three small boats or barges were seen on the
 shore near Kela Point.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"
"BABINDA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaimana - Photographs noon 5/4 covering the whole strip at Utaron (4 miles west of Kaimana) show that work is in progress on a strip of 1600 x 100 yards.
- (2) Kokas - Photos of the six vessels reported in Sekar Bay a.m. 5/4 (see yesterday's appreciation 6/4) show -
- 1 1,500 ton merchant vessel
 - 2 500 ton merchant vessels or sea trucks
 - 3 large lighters
- Total 6
- (3) Aroe - Tanimbar - Kai Islands - Reconnaissance about 1100/6 reported no shipping in the area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "DELORAINIE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSSEN" escorting Convoy PG42 (3 MV) departed Caloundra 0957/6 for Newcastle ETA 1500/8 and Sydney ETA 1900/8.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" sailing to RV with Convoy C086 off Newcastle. "MORESBY" "BENDIGO" to sail with Sydney section (including "BUNGAREE") and take over escort at RV off Sydney at 1700/7.
- (3) "NEPAL" departed Fremantle 1000/4 ETA Port Phillip 1300/8.
- (4) "STUART" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC85 to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (5) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to RV with H.T. "KATOOMBA" in position 39°45'S, 150°50'E at 1000/7 and escort to Sydney.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP43 were to depart Sydney at 0600/7 and RV with Newcastle section at 1200/7 and continue escort.
- (7) YDG.2 en route Sydney to Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALEOT" "BENDIGO" "MORESBY"
"TOWNSVILLE" "GOLD STAR" "MIZAR" "WANGANELLA"
(Hospital Ship), "BUNGAREE" SC.739 SC.751
"SPRINGDALE" 13 LCI
(Repairing) "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANUNDA"
(Hospital Ship), "ALHENA" "~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "VAN GALEN" "H.T.ALLEN"
"MANOORA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "COLAC" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
McCALLA SMITH FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER
TAYLOR GRAYSON MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) PREBLE
BREESE (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO FLATTE
PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (EB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) GRIDLEY CASE CUMMINGS CONYNGHAM READ
MAHAN BUCHANAN PERKINS (DD) ENGADINE (AFV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
ALGORAB MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK)
SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMIGO GIMARRON (AO)
KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MCNTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATEFINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO
LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPPELLIER
DENVER (CL) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY
AARON WARD EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHAW PHILLIP LANG
CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE
NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES POMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

X
New Georgia - At 0100/6, a Catalina spotted 5 ships in
Blackett Strait course 82° speed 12 knots. The composition
was reported at the time to consist of 1 light cruiser, 3
destroyers, 2 cargo ships. A smoke screen was kept over
the vessels for two hours preventing bombing.

Contact was lost when the ships passed southwest
through Ferguson Passage and a dawn strike of 6 dive-bombers
covered by 6 Lightnings were unable to locate the convoy
again.

Morning reconnaissance of Faisi saw 4 destroyers
steaming at speed into Buin. These were no doubt part of
the force returning from the Buin-Vila run.

III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

7/4/43

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
	(i) <u>Allied Forces:</u>	
8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON	
Destroyers	HELM HENLEY BAGLEY RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN NEPAL STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	MUGFORD CRAVEN
Submarines	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane GROUPEL) GROWLER) TRITON) ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GREENLING) On Patrol GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA) K.9 at Sydney	
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T. ALLEN	WESTRALIA (on reserve)
Oilers	MANOORA AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE VICTORIA KURUMBA	KANIMBLA "

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

CinC Combined Fleet	YAMATO
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	MUSASHI
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	MUTSU
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	NAGATO
5-6 Battleships (BB)	KONGO
	HARUNA
1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU
	SHOKAKU (possibly Empire)

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
3 Converted A/c Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA	
3 Auxiliary A/c carriers (ACV)	UNYO CHUJO RYUHO	
7 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA	MOGAMI (believed sunk 14/11) MYOKO (possibly sunk 13-14/11)
5 Light Cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx. 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx. 38 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine tenders		
Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx. 485 shore-based aircraft incl 204F, 156 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B 45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(1) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser	ADELAIDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyers	TJERK HIDDUS	
S/P Tenders	W.B. PRESTON	
	HERON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING	} On Patrol
	GRENADIER	
	GUDGEON	
	TAMBOR	
	TAUTOG	
	THRESHER	} At Fremantle
	TROUT	
	GAR	
	K.12	
Oiler		

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleets

1 heavy Cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light Cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)
Approx. 12 destroyers (DD)

Effective Non-Effective

Approx. 7 submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx. 243 shore-based aircraft incl.

117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B,
29 F/P 16 transport aircraft

NOTORO

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/c Carriers

CHEMANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO
WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU
HELENA
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER

5" Cruisers

DENVER
SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO CALIFORNIA
MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE
NEW MEXICO

Converted A/c Carrier
Auxiliary A/c Carriers

NEVADA
LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA

8" Cruisers

COPAHEE
SALT LAKE CITY MINNEAPOLIS
NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

RICHMOND

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

CinC 1st Fleet

CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)

4-6 Battleships (BB)
(See Truk area)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)
1 Auxiliary A/c Carrier (ACV)
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

HOSHO
OTAKA
KUMANO
SUZUYA
ABUKUMA

1 light Cruiser (CL)
1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN
KAMO I

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (SCVS)
6 old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)
Approx. 16 destroyers (DD)
Approx. 30 submarines (SS)

D. SOUTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

10 destroyers
10 submarines

INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 heavy Cruisers (CA)
2 light Cruisers (CL)
3 armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)

NACHI
1 unidentified
TAMA
KISO

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPRITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

* ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS
DEVONSHIRE
HAWKINS

6" Cruisers

FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
AFETHUSA
CERES
DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN

DURBAN
CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx. 27 destroyers
Approx. 9 submarines

* Note: No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

8th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) SC.744 surveying Deboyne Islands area.
- (2) "PIRIE" escorting "WANAKA" departed Port Moresby 1803/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/8.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" "NOORA" departed Milne Bay 1224/7 for Oro Bay ETA 1500/8.
- (4) YP.280 departed Port Moresby 0651/7 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/8.
- (5) "WHYALLA" escorting "SUMNER" to China Strait departed Port Moresby 1035/7. "SUMNER" for survey ground. "WHYALLA" to proceed Milne Bay ETA 1300/8.
- (6) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC5 ("H.D.THOREAU" "VAN SPILBERGEN") departed Milne Bay 0949/6 for Townsville ETA 1000/9.
- (7) SC.746 SC.748 escorting Convoy NT10 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") dep. Port Moresby 1600/7 for Townsville ETA 0100/10.
- (8) "KURUMBA" departed Thursday Island 2228/5 for Townsville was due 0700/8.
- (9) YMS.11 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.71 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) en route Noumea to Brisbane ETA Cape Moreton 0800/8.
- (10) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN68 ("JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W.McCRARY") was to depart Townsville 0500/8 for Port Moresby 0900/10.
- (11) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN67 ("BONTEKOE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALIKPAPAN") dep. Townsville 1240/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (12) YMS.9, YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Townsville 1710/4 to carry out sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage; were to return Townsville 1000/8.
- (13) "SWAN" escorting Convoy GP42 ("JAMES COOK" "VAN HEUTSZ" "VAN SWOLL") to Whitsunday Passage.
- (14) SC.750 escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" dep. Caloundra 1225/7 for Townsville ETA 1200/10.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "WAGGA" "HILO" 15 PT's Merchant Vessels: "KARSIE" "HANYANG" "TAROONA" Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - "BALLARAT" HDML.1161 Merchant Vessels: "MANGOLA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "LADY ISOBEL" "WEST CACTUS" "AROONA" "KEY PITMAN" Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is. Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL" - Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BOWEN" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" SC.749 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "AASE MARRSK"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE" "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux. - "KALGOORLIE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "GYMPIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "FULSA" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 YMS.8 YMS.10 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.70 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747 PC.1119 PC.1121 "BISHOPDALE"

Brisbane (Contd) Warships & Aux.

"VICTORIA" "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing, Trials etc) "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"
"KATOCMBA" "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) HDML.1074 to depart Brisbane a.m. 9/4 for Townsville and onward routing to Port Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos a.m. 7/4 show the following aircraft -
Kahili - 114 fighters, 5 med.bombers, 1 four-engined aircraft (100 ft. span).
Ballale - 95 fighters, one medium bomber
Buka - 37 fighters, 6 medium bombers
Faisi - 6 floatplanes
Vila and Munda were not covered.

The above photos show a total of 246 fighters in the area but identification of aircraft was not positive and it is possible that single-engine bombers were included amongst the fighters.

Buka reported that at 1226 48 aircraft were heading SE and at 1235 another 50 aircraft, all reported as Zero's, it would appear that these aircraft were headed directly on a strike mission (see Tulagi-Guadalcanal blow).

Photographs 1715/7 show -

Kahili - 50 fighters, 5 bombers
Ballale - 25 fighters, 1 bomber
Faisi - 25 floatplanes

In view of the reduced figures it would appear likely that another operation was in progress at about this time.

- (2) Guadalcanal - During the evening 6/4 3 enemy aircraft were over Guadalcanal. Bombs were dropped but no casualties inflicted and only slight damage in Lunga bivouac area.
- (3) Tulagi-Guadalcanal - A strong enemy air strike of 50 bombers and 48 fighters (see Solomons Aircraft above) attacked our shipping at Tulagi and Koli Point at 1440/7. 67 of our fighters intercepted and preliminary reports indicate that 21 Zero's and 5 dive-bombers plus one other unidentified were destroyed. Seven of our fighters are missing. No report of damage to our shipping has been received.
- (4) Rekata Bay - Ships were seen arriving at Rekata Bay at 0345/7. The vessels departed towards the west shortly before daylight. At 0655/7 2 destroyers were sighted north of Manning Strait on a westerly course and at 1020 2 destroyers, presumably the same units, were sighted approaching the Buin base through Bougainville Strait. Rekata Bay was attacked at 1215/7 by 6 torpedo bombers and 6 dive-bombers covered by 12 Grummans. One four-engined Flying Boat was seen to be destroyed by a direct hit.
- (5) New Georgia - Ships lights were seen off Iringila Mission (N.W. coast Vella Lavella) during the night 6-7/4 probably at 2139/6. The lights may have been from small craft coming ashore.

Vila bivouac and strip area were attacked 0615/7 by 4 dive-bombers, 4 torpedo bombers covered by 11 fighters.

- (6) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 1020/7 reported in the Buin-Faisi area -

1 light cruiser
4 destroyers
2 cargo vessels (one large, one small)

Total 7

In addition, a sunken cargo vessel was seen close in-shore and the 2 destroyers approaching through Bougainville Strait probably returning from the Rekata Bay Mission.

At 1830/7 a merchant vessel accompanied by a corvette departed Faisi towards the SE. At 1910 the merchant vessel was proceeding on her course while the corvette returned to Faisi. It is thought that this merchant vessel is probably bound for New Georgia at the southern end of Kula Gulf near Vila Plantation.

At 1244/6 a single destroyer was sighted approximately 80 miles west of Buin on course 327° probably returning to Rabaul from Buin. Bombs were dropped but no damage apparently inflicted.

- (7) Kavieng - Reconnaissance reported one probable cargo vessel apparently beached in Kavieng Harbour in addition to 3 small boats. 3 Zero's were seen taking off from the aerodrome. A 3 ship convoy reported to include one destroyer and 2 medium sized cargo vessels was sighted shortly afterwards approximately 17 miles WNW Kavieng course 320° speed 12 knots. The convoy was strafed and shadowed until 1500/7 when it was in a position 65 miles NW of Kavieng course 300° speed 10 knots.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - Reconnaissance 1530/7 reported 3 camouflaged Zero's concealed near the runway which was bombed and strafed.
- (9) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1215/7 sighted 2 cargo vessels (3-5,000 tons each) and three 500 ton vessels. In addition several motor launches were seen in the Mushu-Karsau Is. area off Wewak.

Possible stores concentrations were seen at the Sepik River Mouth.

- (10) Madang - 2 unidentified type aircraft, probably medium bombers, were sighted on Madang aerodrome by reconnaissance 0812/7.
- (11) Saidor - The coastal area from Mur (5 miles SE Saidor) to Singor (14 miles N.W. Saidor) was bombed and strafed 0820-0925/7 by 6 B.25's.
- (12) Milne Bay - An enemy submarine was reported 2152/6 off Kana Kopo Point (9 miles north of Samarai).
- (13) Osprey Reef - ASV indications of a possible enemy submarine were obtained 1045/6 approximately 100 miles NE of Osprey Reef.
- (14) Gulf of Carpentaria - There have been reports since 1/4 of possible enemy submarine activity off-shore on the west coast Cape York Peninsula in the Aurukun-Mitchell River area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) HDML.815 departed Thursday Island 1427/5 for Darwin.
(2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE"
Merchant Vessels: "DARVEL" "ISLANDER" "MULIAMA"
"BABINDA"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) McCluer Gulf - Babo was attacked about 1600/7 by 4 Liberators and another attacked Fak Fak.
(2) Aroe-Tanimbar Is. - Reconnaissance a.m. 7/4 sighted nil shipping in Aroe - Tanimbar Islands area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy TS22 ("DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT") from vicinity Dent Island. "SHEPPARTON" escorting "CHARON" departed Caloundra 0356/8 to RV at outer end of swept channel and provide onward escort to Sydney.
- (2) "DELORAINNE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG42 (3 MV) were due Newcastle 0600/8 and Sydney 1100/8.
- (3) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C086 (including "BUNGAREE").
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" departed Sydney 1637/7 to RV with "MORMACSEA" in position 27°S 160 07'E at 1600/9 and escort to Brisbane.
- (5) "NEPAL" was due Port Phillip 0900/8 from Fremantle.
- (6) "STUART" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy OC85 to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (7) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to RV with "H.T." "KATOOMBA" in position 39°45'S, 150°50'E at 1000/7 and escort to Sydney.
- (8) "VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" was to depart Port Phillip 1100/8 for Sydney.
- (9) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP43 (7 MV) ETA Caloundra 0400/10.
- (10) YDG.2 en route Sydney to Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MIZAR"
"GOLD STAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI
(Repairing) "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANUNDA"
(Hospital Ship), "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KAIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "COLAC" "DOOMBA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (GV) LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL)
McCALLA FARENHOLT LANSDOWNE WOODWORTH LARDNER TAYLOR
GRAYSON MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) PREBLE BREESE (DM)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ALCHIBA ALDEBARAN
CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT WHIPSTOCK (AO)
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - READ BUCHANAN (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP)
ALGORAB MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK)
SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.739 SC.518
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)

- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO
LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPPELLIER DENVER (CL)
SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD
EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSCHAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD)
BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANAKAKEE NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North
coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea -
Timor/Aradura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and
possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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8/4/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIUMPHANT SELFRIIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN NEPAL STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	MUGFORD GRAVEN
Submarines	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane GROCUPER) GROWLER) TRITON) ALBACCRE) DRUM) GATO) GREENLING) On Patrol GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA)	
Submarine Tender	K.9	At Sydney
Destroyer Tender	FULTON	
Gunboats	DOBBIN TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T.ALLEN	WESTRALIA (On Reserve)
Oilers	MANOORA AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	KANIMBLA

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA
1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU (possibly Empire)
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO HITAKA HAYATAKA
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO CHUYO RYUHO

	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Non-effective</u>
7 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA	MOGAMI (bel.sunk 14/11) MYOKO (poss.sunk 13-14/11)
5 Light Cruisers (CL)	JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA	
2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)		
Approx 38 Destroyers (DD)		
2 Seaplane Carriers	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA	
5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)		
Several Submarine Tenders		
Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)		
Minelayers, Minesweepers, Sub.Chasers, MTB's, Gunboats, Patrol Craft		
Approx 485 shore-based aircraft incl. 204 F, 156 M/B, 47 SE/B, 16 F/B, 45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.		

2. WESTERN SECTION

(i) Allied Forces

6" Cruiser	ADELA IDE	
Flotilla Leader	TROMP	
Destroyer	TJERK HIDDES	
S/P Tenders	W.E. PRESTON	
	HERON	
	CHILDS	
Submarine Tender	PELIAS	
Submarines	GRAYLING)	
	GRENADIER)	
	TAMEOR)	On Patrol
	TAUTOG)	
	THRESHER)	
	TROUT)	
	GAR)	
	GUDGEON)	At Fremantle
	K.12)	

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

CinC's 1st, 2nd and 3rd Southwest Expeditionary Fleets

1 heavy cruiser (CA)	ASHIGARA	
6 light cruisers (CL)	KASHII	NATORI (damaged 21/1)
	KUMA	
	ISUZU	
	OI	
	KITAGAMI	

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx 12 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx 243 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 78 M/B 3 F/B, 29 F/P
16 transport aircraft.

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE
SARATOGA

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

CHENANGO
SANGAMON
SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE
SAN FRANCISCO

6" Cruisers

WICHITA
HONOLULU
HELENA
ST. LOUIS
COLUMBIA
CLEVELAND
MONTPELLIER
DENVER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO
SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(1) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

NORTH CAROLINA
IDAHO
MISSISSIPPI
NEW MEXICO
NEVADA

WEST VIRGINIA
CALIFORNIA
TENNESSEE

Converted A/C Carrier
Auxiliary A/C Carriers

LONG ISLAND
NASSAU
ALTAMAHA
COPANEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY
NEW ORLEANS

MINNEAPOLIS
PENSACOLA
PORTLAND

6" Cruisers

RICHMOND

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

CinC bt Fleet

4-6 Battleships (BB)

ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO
HYUGA

1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHO

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

OTAKA

2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

KUMANO

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

SUZUYA

1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

ABUKUMA

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN

KAMOJ

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx 16 destroyers (DD)

Approx 30 submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

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

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

CinC 5th Fleet		
2 heavy cruisers (CA)	NACHI	
	1 unidentified	
2 light cruisers (CL)	TAMA	
	KISO	
3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)		
Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)		
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)		

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers	CONCORD	
	TRENTON	

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	WARSPITE	
	RESOLUTION	
	REVENGE	
Aircraft Carrier	* ILLUSTRIOUS	
Seaplane Carrier	ALBATROSS	
8" Cruiser	DEVONSHIRE	
7.5" Cruisers	HAWKINS	
	PROBISHER	
6" Cruisers	MAURITIUS	DURBAN
	GAMBIA	CARADOC
	ENTERPRISE	
	LIVERPOOL	
	ARETHUSA	
	CERES	
	DAUNTLESS	
	CAPETOWN	
Armed Merchant Cruisers	ALAUNIA	
	CARTHAGE	
	CHITRAL	
	RANPURA	
	RANCHI	
	WORCESTERSHIRE	

Approx 27 Destroyers	* No recent intelligence.	Present location
Approx 9 Submarines		uncertain

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines.

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

9th April, 1943

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" departed Port Moresby 0816/8 for Milne Bay p.m. 10/4.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.744" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Islands.
- (3) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0413/8 for Townsville ETA 0600/10.
- (4) "BROOME" escorting Convoy FC5 ("H.D.THOREAU" "VAN SPILEERGEN") departed Milne Bay 0949/6 for Townsville was due 1000/9.
- (5) SC.746 SC.748 escorting Convoy NF10 ("EDWARD R.SILL" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") dep. Port Moresby 1600/7 for Townsville ETA 0100/10.
- (6) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1336/8 for Brisbane ETA 2030/11.
- (7) "KALGOORLIE" en route Maryborough to Brisbane ETA 1830/9.
- (8) "SWAN" returning Brisbane after escort duty to Whitsunday Passage.
- (9) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN68 ("JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W.McCRARY") dep. Townsville 0500/8 for Port Moresby ETA 1000/10.
- (10) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN67 ("BONTEKOE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALIKPAPAN") dep. Townsville 1240/6 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/9.
- (11) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 departed Townsville 1710/4 to carry out sweeping operations Whitsunday Passage; were to return Townsville 1000/8.
- (12) SC.749 departed Townsville 1432/8 for Deboyne Island ETA 0600/11.
- (13) SC.750 escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" dep. Caloundra 1225/7 for Townsville ETA 1200/10.
- (14) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1245/8 for Port Moresby ETA 2359/12.
- (15) HDML.1074 was to depart Brisbane a.m. 9/4 for Townsville and onward routeing to Port Moresby.
- (16) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA"
	Merchant Vessels: "MAETSUYCKER" "NOORA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "WHYALLA" "WAGGA" YP.280
	"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "HANYANG" "WANAKA"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "MANGOLA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	"WEST CACTUS" "AROONA" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BOWEN" "FLATYPUS"
	10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	-- Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
	"AASE MAERSK"
Dunk Island	- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE"
	"PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HEMLEY"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "GYMPIE" "GEE LONG" "TULSA"
	"FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.236 YP.295
	YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51
	YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740
	SC.745 SC.747 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER"

Brisbane (Contd) Warships & Aux.

"BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA"

(Repairing, Trials Etc) - "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE"
"KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BOWEN" to depart Cairns so as to RV at 0700/10 with Convoy TN69 ("ULOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "STAGEN") which were to depart Townsville 1200/9) off Fitzroy Island and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1600/12.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos a.m. 8/4 showed at Buka 49 fighters of which 41 are possibly being refuelled and 8 medium bombers. Other aerodromes were not covered owing to bad weather. The only other significant report is of numerous enemy aircraft, described as Zero's, flying on various courses seen by a dawn reconnaissance south of New Georgia Group. It would appear that weather interfered with air operations.
- (2) New Georgia - Further to the report of the vessel sunk in Kokolopi Bay (N.E. coast Vella Lavella) on 2/4, local sources now state that the vessel was carrying fuel and food and only a small amount was salvaged. Approximately 80 men were killed.
- (3) Shortlands - Bad weather interfered with reconnaissance 8/4 but during the early hours 2 Fortresses and 12 torpedo bombers bombed Kahili. 6 torpedo bombers are missing.
- (4) Namatanai - Reconnaissance 1350/8 reported the strip overgrown and apparently unserviceable. At the same time a 5,000 ton cargo vessel was sighted off a jetty probably at Namatanai although the position given places it on the S.W. coast opposite Namatanai.
- (5) Kavieng - Photos 1300/7 show 13 medium bombers and 10 fighters, all serviceable, on Kavieng aerodrome. Reconnaissance 1250/8 reported one cargo vessel in the vicinity of Byron Strait but no other shipping in the immediate vicinity of Kavieng. At the same time a five ship convoy comprising:-
1 light cruiser
1 destroyer
2 transports
1 cargo vessel
was sighted 15 miles north of Ysabel Passage course 350°. The same reconnaissance reported that the Kavieng - Namatanai road appeared in good condition with evidence of heavy use.
- (6) Wewak - Photos 1325/8 show in Wewak Harbour -
1 destroyer
2 1,000 ton tanker type merchant vessels
1 400 ton coaster
33 barges
It is recalled that reconnaissance 7/4 reported two 3-5,000 ton cargo vessels and three 500 ton cargo vessels in the area.
- (7) Gulf of Carpentaria - Reports continue concerning possible enemy activity on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula in the Aurukun - Mitchell River area. Investigations are in progress.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BABINDA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0335/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/11.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" ML.815
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - 12 barges and a motor patrol vessel were seen by reconnaissance 1030/8 approximately 20 miles west of Kaukenau on course 100°. The vessels were bombed and strafed; the patrol vessel and 3 barges were set on fire and the remaining barges damaged. A motor truck and other equipment were seen on the barges. A motor truck was also seen on Timika Strip.
- (2) Aroe-Tanimbar-Kai Islands - Reconnaissance p.m. 8/4 reported no shipping sighted in this area except for 6 luggers S.E. of Aroe Islands and 7 prauws on the east coast.
- (3) Timor - Reconnaissance a.m. 8/3 sighted one probable merchant vessels (4-5000 tons) stationary in Koepang Bay. A few small craft were also seen there.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/9:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TS22 ("DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT") from Caloundra area to Sydney ETA 1900/9.
- (2) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C086 (including "BUNGAREE").
- (3) "RALPH TALBOT" departed Sydney 1637/7 to RV with "MORMACSEA" in position 27°S 160°07'E at 1600/9 and escort to Brisbane.
- (4) "LE TRIOMPANT" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" was due Sydney 2100/8.
- (5) "NEPAL" was to depart Port Phillip 1130/9 for Sydney.
- (6) "VAN CALEN" escorting "HENRY T.ALLEN" was to depart Port Phillip 1100/8 for Sydney.
- (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP43 (7 MV) ETA Caloundra 0400/10. "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Brisbane 0225/9 to RV and provide additional escort due to failure of "ROCKHAMPTON's" asdic.
- (8) YDG.2 en route Sydney to Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE"
"MIZAR" "MILDURA" "DELORAINÉ" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
"GOLD STAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739
SC.751 15 LCI
(Repairing) "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ALHENA"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KENNIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "KYBRA"
(Repairing) "COLAC" "DOOMBA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" to sail as convenient so as to pick up Convoy C087 off Nobby's Head at 1100/10. "STUART" to sail with Sydney section at 1430/10 to join up with main convoy north of Sydney.
- (2) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP44 to depart Sydney 1000/10.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LANSLOWNE TAYLOR GRAYSON
MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) PREBLE BREESE (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHEWE (APV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NECSHO PLATTE PATUXENT
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - READ (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) ALGORAB MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.739 SC.518
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BE) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO
LOUISVILLE (CA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL)
SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD
EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD)
BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

II. NAVAL INCIDENTS

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III. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.



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9/4/43

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(1) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	PHOENIX	NASHVILLE HOBART VAN HEEMSKERK
Flotilla Leaders	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN NEPAL STUART VENDETTA QUIBERON	MUGFORD CRAVEN
Submarines	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GROUPEL) GROWLER) TRITON) ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA)	At Brisbane On Patrol At Sydney
Submarine Tender	FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	DOBBIN	
Gunboats	TULSA HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA	WESTRALIA) KANIMBLA) On Reserve
Oilers	AASE MAERSK BISHOPDALE KURUMBA VICTORIA	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	YAMATO <i>poss Empire</i> MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA ZUIKAKU
1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	SHOKAKU (possibly Empire) *
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	ZUIHO HAYATAKA HITAKA
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	UNYO <i>BT 41-10</i> CHUYO RYUHO

7 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

Effective

Non-effective

ATAGO
TAKAO
AOBA
CHOKAI
HAGURO
TONE
TIKUMA
JINTSU
SENDAI
KATORI
KASHIMA
NAGARA

MOGAMI (bel. 1.
MYOKO (poss. 2
(13-14.

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS)
Approx 38 Destroyers (DD)
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

CHITOSE
AKITSUSHIMA

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx. 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx. 611 shore-based aircraft incl. 270 F., 156 M/B, 108 SE/B.,
15 F/B, 45 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION.

(1) Allied Forces.

6" Cruiser
Flotilla Leader
Destroyer
S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE
TROMP
TJERK HIDDIS
W.B. PRESTON
HERON
CHILDS
PELIAS
GRAYLING)
GRENADIER)
TAMBOR)
TAUFOG)
THRESHER)
TROUT)
GAR)
GUDGEON)
K.12)

On Patrol.

At Fremantle

Submarine Tender
Submarines

EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA.

(1) Allied Forces:

6 Submarines on patrol Stations in China Sea or NEI Area (see above)

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 Heavy Cruiser (CA)
6 Light Cruisers (CL)

ASHIGARA
KASHII
KUMA
ISUZU
OI
KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged
21/1)

1 Armed Merchant Cruiser (XCL)

Approx. 12 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 7 Submarines (SS)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

Approx. 243 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F., 78 M/B., 3 F/B., 29 F/P.,
16 transport aircraft.

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5. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non-Effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

INDIANA
WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
MARYLAND
COLORADO

Aircraft Carriers

ENTERPRISE

Auxiliary A/c Carriers

SARATOGA

CHANANGO

SANGAMON

SUWANNEE

8" Cruisers

LOUISVILLE

SAN FRANCISCO

WICHITA

6" Cruisers

HONOLULU

HELENA

ST. LOUIS

COLUMBIA

CLEVELAND

MONTPELLIER

DENVER

5" Cruisers

SAN DIEGO

SAN JUAN

Destroyers

50 (approx.)

6. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA.

(i) Allied Forces.

Battleships

NORTH CAROLINA

WEST VIRGINIA

IDAHO

CALIFORNIA

MISSISSIPPI

TENNESSEE

NEW MEXICO

NEVADA

Converted A/C Carrier

LONG ISLAND

Auxiliary A/C Carriers

NASSAU

ALTAMAHA

COPAKEE

8" Cruisers

SALT LAKE CITY

MINNEAPOLIS

NEW ORLEANS

PENSACOLA

6" Cruisers

RICHMOND

PORTLAND

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

C in C 1st Fleet

4-6 Battleships (BB)

ISE

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

HYUGA

1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)

HOSHO

1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)

OTAKA

2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

KUMANO

SUZUYA

1 Light Cruiser (CL)

ABUKUMA

1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

NISSHIN

KAMOI

1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)

6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)

Approx. 16 Destroyers (DD)

Approx. 30 Submarines (SS)

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA.

Effective

Non-effective

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

(i) Allied Forces:
INDIANAPOLIS
DETROIT
RALEIGH

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

C in C 5th Fleet
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)
Approx. 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx. 10 Submarines (SS)

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1 unidentified
TAMA
KISO

E. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

CONCORD
TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships

WARSPITE
RESOLUTION
REVENGE
*ILLUSTRIOUS
ALBATROSS

Aircraft Carrier
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruiser
7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
FROBISHER
MAURITIUS
GAMBIA
ENTERPRISE
LIVERPOOL
ARETHUSA
CERES

DURBAN
CARADOC

6" Cruisers

DAUNTLESS
CAPETOWN
ALAUNIA
CARTHAGE
CHITRAL
RANPURA
RANCHI
WORCESTERSHIRE

Armed Merchant Cruisers

Approx. 27 Destroyers
Approx. 9 Submarines

* No recent intelligence. Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx. 3 Submarines.

NAVY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

10th April, 1943.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" departed Port Moresby 0816/8 for Milne Bay p.m. 10/4.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.744" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Island.
- (3) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0625/9 for Survey Ground.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BABINDA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0335/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/11.
- (5) "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0413/8 for Townsville was due 0600/10.
- (6) SC.746 SC.748 escorting Convoy NT10 ("EDWARD R. SILL" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS") dep. Port Moresby 1600/7 for Townsville were due 0100/10.
- (7) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1536/8 for Brisbane ETA 2030/11.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting Convoy TN68 ("JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W. McCRARY") dep. Townsville 0500/8 for Port Moresby was due 1000/10.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN67 ("BONTEKOE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALIKPAPAN") dep. Townsville 1240/6 for Milne Bay was due 1300/9.
- (10) "BOWEN" was to RV with Convoy TN69 ("WOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "STAGEN") off Fitzroy Island at 0700/10 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1600/12.
- (11) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN70 ("GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN") departed Townsville 1616/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/12.
- (12) SC.749 departed Townsville 1432/8 for Deboyne Island ETA 0600/11.
- (13) SC.750 escorting "FAVID BUSHNELL" dep. Caloundra 1225/7 for Townsville ETA 1200/10.
- (14) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) dep. Brisbane 1245/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0955/13.
- (15) HDML. 1074 departed Brisbane 1641/7 for Townsville ETA a.m.13/4.
- (16) "ROCKHAMPTON" en route Cape Moreton to Maryborough.
- (17) "GEELONG" "GYMPIE" escorting "KOWARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "MILDURA" "YARRA" "TAMBUA" "PESHAWAR" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" were to depart Caloundra 0600/10.
- (18) "RALPH TALBOT" proceeding to rejoin TF74.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "KAPUNDA"
	Merchant Vessels:	"MAETSUYCKER" "NOORA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "PIRIE" "WAGGA" YP.280
		"HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"KARSIK" "HANYANG" "WANAKA"
	Small Craft	- Appr ox. 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"MANGOLA" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
		"WEST CACTUS" "AROONA" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Appr ox. 20
Thursday Is.	Warships & Aux.	- "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "GLENELG" "PLATYPUS"
		10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville	Warships & Aux.	- "SWAN" "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
		YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Dunk Island	Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE"
		"PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"
		"AASE MAERSK" "MERKUR"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "KALGOORLIE" "TULSA"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233
 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738
 SC.740 SC.745 SC.747 PC.1119
 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER"
 "EISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" YDG.2
 (Repairing, Trials, Etc.) - "GOULBURN" "GLADSTONE"
 "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "BUNBURY"
 "LITHGOW"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - During the night 6-7/4 5 barges entered Wilson Strait (between southern end of Vella Lavella and Ganongga) from the south. An aircraft was apparently giving cover.
 At 0200/7 2 barges and a lugger arrived at Bokolai River (south west coast Vella Lavella, north of Wilson Strait) and were still there a.m. 8/4.)
 At 1830/8 5 barges were seen on a north westerly course further up the coast from Bokolai River.
- (2) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 9/4 reported in the Buin-Faisi Area -

2 Destroyers
 2 Cargo Vessels (of which one large)
 4 Total

Weather conditions were cloudy. On account of weather no effective photos were taken of aerodromes in the area.

- (3) Buka - Local sources report 9/4 that approximately 50 aircraft were active on the Buka Aerodrome.
- (4) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1800/8 reported probably 3 vessels in the anchorages around Kavieng thus:-

1 large Destroyer
 1 Cargo Vessel or possibly a Destroyer
 1 Cargo Vessel (5-6,000 tons)

In addition, a small escort vessel and a Hospital Ship were sighted south east of Steffan Strait.

Most of these vessels must be new arrivals since a.m. 8/4 as reconnaissance at that time reported only one cargo vessel in Kavieng Area.

The same reconnaissance reported 12 to 20 aircraft on the aerodrome or in revetments. One Zero attempted interception without effect.

Reconnaissance 1408/9 reported 6 ships in Kavieng Harbour and the adjoining area, of which three appeared beached. 45 aircraft were seen on the aerodrome. Interception was unsuccessfully attempted by one Zero.

- (5) Open Bay - Wide Bay - At 0930/9 18 to 20 Zeros were seen by a reconnaissance Fortress over Ubili, while another 3 were again encountered over Talasea. At 1015 twelve probable Zeros attempted to intercept a P.38 over Wide Bay.

A probable submarine was sighted at 1456/9 sixteen miles off the coast of New Britain, southern end of St. Georges Channel on course 250°.

- (6) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1750/9 reported 3 x 2,000 ton vessels near Wewak Harbour.

- (7) Bogia - Reconnaissance 1835/9 reported in Bogia Harbour 8 large barges apparently loaded with supplies and equipped with A/A.

- (8) Madang - Alexishafen - Madang aerodrome and waterfront and the coast up to Alexishafen were successfully attacked 0910-0945/9 by 13 B.25's and 10 Beaufighters with Lightning cover. 5 aircraft were seen on the ground at Madang and all destroyed; also a petrol truck. 7 to 10 barges were seen near Madang while 5 loaded barges were seen at Alexishafen. Those at Alexishafen were all hit while three were probably destroyed.

- (9) Mubo - Enemy positions in the Mubo-Kitchen Creek Area were bombed and strafed at 1115/9 by 6 Bostons.

- (10) Milne Bay - A single probable reconnaissance aircraft was over Milne Bay approximately 1000/9.

2. H WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (2) 6 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
Merchant Vessels: -
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - Reconnaissance of the Kaukenau Coast about 1030/9 reported nil shipping sighted.
- (2) Aroe-Tanimbar Islands - Negative shipping reconnaissance was contacted p.m. 9/4 over this area.
- (3) Milimgimbi - A single enemy reconnaissance floatplane dropped a bomb on a small convoy approximately 65 miles north west of Milimgimbi at about 1110/9. No damage was effected.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDERS"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
"WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/10:

- (1) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TS22 ("DUNTROON" "PRESIDENT GRANT" "CHARON") from Caloundra area to Sydney was due 1900/9.
- (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "ROCKHAMPTON" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP43 were due Caloundra 0400/10. On arrival "WARRNAMBOOL" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG43 (2 MV) were depart Caloundra approx. 0630/10 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" was to pick up Convoy C087 off Nobby's Head at 1100/10. "STUART" to sail with Sydney section at 1430/10 and join up with main convoy north of Sydney. "VAN HEEMSKERK" to provide additional escort joining off Sydney.
- (4) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC86 (14 MV) departed Port Phillip 2223/9 to RV in Wilson's Promontory Area with "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C086 (including "BUNGAREE")
- (5) "VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" was to depart Port Phillip 1100/8 for Sydney.
- (6) "NEPAL" departed Melbourne 0901/9 for Sydney ETA 1300/10.

- "TRIOMPHANT" escorting HT "KATOOMBA" (for Townsville) was to depart Sydney 0900/10. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort to Percy Island and on completion to proceed Brisbane.
- (8) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP44 (1 MV) was to depart Sydney 1000/10.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux.	- "STUART" "TOWNSVILLE" "MIZAR"
		"DELORAINÉ" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
		"GOLD STAR" "WANGANÉLLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI
(Repairing)		"HOBART" "MUGFORD" "VAN HEEMSKERK" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)		"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux.	- "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "KYBRA"
		"ATREUS"
(Repairing)		"COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" to sail as convenient so as to pick up Convoy C087 off Nobby's Head at 1100/10. "STUART" to sail with Sydney section at 1430/10 to join up with main convoy north of Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - LEANDER (CL) LANSDOWNE TAYLOR GRAYSON
MANLEY HOPKINS TREVER (DD) PREBLE BREESE (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (AV) THORNTON (AVD) ATHENE (APV) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) ALCHIBA
ALDEBARAN CELENO (AK) SABINE NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - READ (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR)
ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY (AP) ALGORAB MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.739 SC.518
- (4) At Norfolk Is. - SKYLARK (AM)
- (5) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (6) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM)
- (7) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI MOA GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHBINDER (AGS)
- (8) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO
LOUISVILLE (GA) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER (CL)
SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY AARON WARD
EATON CONWAY WALLER RENSHAW PHILLIP LANG CONY (DD)
BALLARD (AV) KANAWHA LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC. 479 RAPPAHANNOCK (ACG)
- (9) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (10) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
- (11) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Caledonia - An enemy submarine was sighted at 1015/9 approximately 315 miles southwest of Noumea.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P. A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Island.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

10/4/43.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC & INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ACTIVITY

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. EASTERN SECTION

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser	✓ AUSTRALIA	
6" Cruisers	✓ PHOENIX	✓ NASHVILLE
	✓ VAN HEEMSKERK	✓ HOBART
Flotilla Leaders	✓ ARUNTA	
	✓ WARRAMUNGA	
	✓ LE TRIOMPHANT	
	✓ SELFRIDGE	
Destroyers	✓ PATTERSON	
	✓ HELM	
	✓ HENLEY	✓ MUGFORD
	✓ BAGLEY	✓ CRAVEN
	✓ RALPH TALBOT	
	✓ VAN GALEN	
	✗ NEPAL	
	✓ STUART	
	✓ VENDETTA	
	✓ QUIBERON	
Submarines	✓ AMBERJACK)	
	✓ GRAMPUS)	
	✓ GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane
	✓ GROUPER)	
	✓ GROWLER)	
	✓ TRIDN)	
	✓ ALBACORE)	
	✓ DRUM)	
	✓ GATO)	
	✓ GREENLING)	On Patrol
	✓ GUARDFISH)	
	✓ PETO)	
	✓ TUNA)	
	✓ K.9	At Sydney
Submarine Tender	✓ FULTON	
Destroyer Tender	✓ DOBBIN	
Gunboats	✓ TULSA	
	✓ HILO	
Combat Loaded Transports	✓ H. T. ALLEN	✓ WESTRALIA)
	✓ MANOORA	✓ KANIMBLA) On Reserve
Oilers	(AASE MAERSK)	
	(BISHOPDALE)	
	(KURUMBA)	
	(VICTORIA)	

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

CinC Combined Fleet	
CinC 2nd Fleet (Striking Force)	
CinC 3rd Fleet (Aircraft Carriers)	
CinC 4th Fleet (Mandates Fleet)	
CinC 6th Fleet (Submarines)	
5-6 Battleships (BB)	✓ YAMATO
	✓ MUSASHI
	✓ MUTSU
	✓ NAGATO
	✓ KONGO
	✓ HARUNA
1-2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	✓ ZUIKAKU
	SHOEAKU (possibly Empire)
3 Converted A/C Carriers (XCV)	✓ ZUIHO
	✓ HAYATAKA
	✓ HITAKA
3 Auxiliary A/C Carriers (ACV)	✓ UMYO
	✓ CHUYO
	✓ RYUHO

EffectiveNon-effective

7 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

A TAGO ✓

TAKAO ✓

AOBA ✓

CHOKAI ✓

HAGURO ✓

TONE ✓

TIKUMA ✓

JINTSU ✓

SENDAI ✓

KATORI ✓

KASHIMA ✓

NAGARA ✓

CHITOSE ✓

AKITSUSHIMA) ✓

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

5 Light Cruisers (CL)

2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)

5-6 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS) ✓

2 or 3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 38 Destroyers (DD) ✓

Approx 25-30 Submarines (SS) ✓

Several Submarine Tenders

Approx 50 Merchant Ships (over 3,000 tons)

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

Approx 514 shore-based aircraft incl. 244 F, 156 M/B, 90 SE/B,

15 F/B, 52 F/P, 17 Obsn. or transport aircraft.

2. WESTERN SECTION(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruiser

Flotilla Leader

Destroyer

S/P Tenders

ADELAIDE

TROMP

TJERK HIDDES

W.B.PRESTON

HERON

CHILDS

PELIAS

GRAYLING)

GRENADIER)

TAMBOR)

TAU TOG)

THRESHER)

TROUT)

GAR)

GUDGEON)

K.12)

On Patrol

At Fremantle

Submarine Tender

Submarines

3. EAST INDIES - PHILIPPINES AREA(i) Allied Forces:

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

(ii) Enemy Forces:

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

1 Heavy Cruiser (CA)

ASHIGARA

6 Light Cruisers (CL)

KASHII

KUMA

ISUZU

OI

KITAGAMI

NATORI (damaged 21/1)

1 Seaplane Carrier (CVS)

NOTORO

Approx 12 Destroyers (DD)

Approx 7 Submarines (SS)

Approx 243 shore-based aircraft incl. 117 F, 78 M/B, 3 F/B, 29 F/P,
16 transport aircraft.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	✓ INDIANA
	✓ WASHINGTON
	✓ MASSACHUSETTS
	✓ MARYLAND
	✓ COLORADO
Aircraft Carriers	✓ ENTERPRISE
	✓ SARATOGA
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	✓ CHENANGO
	✓ SAN GABON
	✓ SUWANNEE
8" Cruisers	✓ LOUISVILLE
	✓ SAN FRANCISCO
	✓ WICHITA
6" Cruisers	✓ HONOLULU
	✓ HELENA
	✓ ST. LOUIS
	✓ COLUMBIA
	✓ CLEVELAND
	✓ MONTPELLIER
	✓ DENVER
5" Cruisers	✓ SAN DIEGO
	✓ SAN JUAN
Destroyers	✓ 50 (approx)

C. CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battleships	✓ NORTH CAROLINA	✓ WEST VIRGINIA
	✓ IDAHO	✓ CALIFORNIA
	✓ MISSISSIPPI	✓ TENNESSEE
	✓ NEW MEXICO	
	✓ NEVADA	
Converted A/C Carrier	✓ LONG ISLAND	
Auxiliary A/C Carriers	✓ NASSAU	
	✓ ALTAMAHA	
	✓ COPAHEE	
8" Cruisers	✓ SALT LAKE CITY	✓ MINNEAPOLIS
	✓ NEW ORLEANS	✓ PENSACOLA
		✓ PORTLAND
6" Cruiser	✓ RICHMOND	

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

CinC 1st Fleet	✓ ISE
4-6 Battleships (BB)	✓ FUSO
	✓ YAMASHIRO
	✓ HYUGA
1- 2 Aircraft Carriers (CV)	✓ HOSHO
1 Auxiliary A/C Carrier (ACV)	✓ OTAKA
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)	✓ KUMANO
	✓ SUZUYA
1 Light Cruiser (CL)	✓ ABUKUMA
2 Seaplane Carriers (CVS)	✓ NISSHIN
	✓ KAMOJI
1-2 Converted S/P Tenders (XCVS)	
1-2 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)	
6 Old Armoured Cruisers (OCA)	
Approx 16 Destroyers (DD)	
Approx 30 Submarines (SS)	

D. NORTHERN PACIFIC AREA

Effective

Non-effective

(i) Allied Forces:

8" Cruiser
6" Cruisers

✓ INDIANAPOLIS
✓ DETROIT
✓ RALEIGH

10 Destroyers
10 Submarines

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

CinC 5th Fleet
2 Heavy Cruisers (CA)

✓ NACHI
1 unidentified
TAMA
KESO

2 Light Cruisers (CL)

3 Armed Merchant Cruisers (XCL)

Approx 4 Destroyers (DD)
Approx 10 Submarines (SS)

E. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

6" Cruisers

✓ CONCORD
✓ TRENTON

F. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

(i) Allied Forces:

Battle ships

✓ WARSPITE
✓ RESOLUTION
✓ REVENGE

Aircraft Carriers
Seaplane Carrier
8" Cruisers

* ✓ ILLUSTRIOUS
✓ ALBATROSS
✓ DEVONSHIRE
✓ SUSSEX

7.5" Cruisers

HAWKINS
PROBISHER

6" Cruisers

✓ MAURITIUS
✓ GAMBIA
✓ ENTERPRISE
✓ LIVERPOOL
✓ ARETHUSA
✓ CERES

CARADOC

Armed Merchant Cruisers

✓ DURBAN
✓ DAUNTLESS
✓ CAPETOWN
✓ ALAUNIA
✓ CARTHAGE
✓ CHITRAL
✓ RANPURA
✓ RANCHI
✓ WORCESTERSHIRE

Approx 27 Destroyers
Approx 9 Submarines

* No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

(ii) Enemy Forces:

Approx 3 Submarines

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 384

Date: 11th April, 1943

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

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0625/9 for survey ground.
- (3) "KAPUNDA" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" was to depart Milne Bay 1200/11 for Port Moresby ETA 1300/12.
- (4) "BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay 1602/10 for Cairns ETA 1800/12.
- (5) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" was to depart Milne Bay 0400/11 for Townsville ETA 0800/13.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "MANGOLA" (for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1803/10. "WARRAMUNGA" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island and then proceed Townsville ETA 2300/12.
- (7) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BABINDA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0335/8 for Thursday Island ETA 1930/11.
- (8) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1536/8 for Brisbane ETA 2030/11.
- (9) "ARUNTA" escorting Convoy TN70 ("GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN") departed Townsville 1616/9 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "SWAN" was to depart Townsville 0830/11 for Dunk Island with mail and ratings for CTF.74.
- (11) "WARREGO" departed Townsville 1810/10 for Cairns ETA 1030/11.
- (12) "YMS.50" proceeding Challenger Bay. Returning p.m. 11/4.
- (13) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN69 ("STAGEN" "ULOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH") en route Port Moresby ETA 0600/12.
- (14) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1245/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0955/13.
- (15) HDML.1074 departed Brisbane 1641/7 for Townsville ETA a.m. 13/4.
- (16) "ROCKHAMPTON" en route Cape Moreton to Maryborough.
- (17) "GEEELONG" "GYMPIE" escorting "KOWARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PESHAWAR" "TAMBUA" "MILDURA" "YARRA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" for Gladstone, Bowen and Townsville, departed Caloundra 0758/10. "GEEELONG" to part company at High Peak ETA 1800/12. "GYMPIE" proceeding Townsville ETA 0630/14.
- (18) "TULSA" departed Caloundra 1858/10 for Townsville ETA dawn 13/4.
- (19) "GOULBURN" sailing to RV with LST.452 LCI.339 in position 25°32'S, 157°53'E at 0830/12 and escort to Brisbane.
- (20) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Merchant Vessels: "NOORA"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "WAGGA" YP.280 "HILO"
	15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK" "HANYANG" "WANAKA"
	"BONTEKOE"
	Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1161
 Merchant Vessels: "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT"
 "GEORGE W. McCRARY" "WEST CACTUS" "AROONA"
 "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT's
 (2 refitting)

Dunk Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIDGE"
 "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "AASE MAERSK"
 "MERKUR"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) SC.746
 SC.748 SC.750 YMS.9 YMS.49

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "HELM" "KALGOORLIE"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.291 YMS.10
 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745
 SC.747 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER"
 "BISHOPDALE" "VICTORIA" YDG.2
 (Repairing, Trials etc) "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "BUNBURY" "LITHGOW"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" to depart Thursday Island 1300/11 for Merauke ETA 1730/12.
- (2) "SWAN" to RV vicinity Fitzroy Is. at 0500/12 with Convoy TN71 ("TAROONA") which is to depart Townsville 1800/11 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1700/13.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Central Solomons - Bad weather prevented reconnaissance 10/4.
- (2) Numa Numa - Native sources report 10/4 that the strip at Numa Numa has been under construction under cover of coconut trees which have now been cut down.
 Japanese are reported to be there in considerable strength.
- (3) Buka - Natives report 9/4 that ~~the~~ heavy guns are at Chinatown at Buka.
- (4) Kavieng - A convoy probably consisting of a freighter transport one or 2 merchant vessels with one escort vessel was sighted 190 miles NNW Kavieng course north at 1700/9. This convoy presumably from Kavieng may have been the five ship convoy seen 12 miles north of Steffan Strait at 1400/8.
 At 1400/9 six ships were reported in Kavieng vicinity of which three appeared beached. Photographs show a probable cruiser possibly aground, one small vessel alongside, 2 other vessels unidentified.
 Photos 1400/9 show 90 aircraft on the old Kavieng aerodrome including 48 fighters serviceable, 3 unserviceable 16 medium bombers serviceable, 8 unserviceable 13 single-engine bombers.
 Heavy activity continues over the area with the runway being surfaced. The serviceability of the new aerodrome at Panapai is doubtful and work on the dispersal bays is continuing slowly.
- (5) Talasea - Reconnaissance 2330/10 saw a searchlight presumably from a vessel which was, however, not seen, approximately 30 miles NW of Talasea.
- (6) Gasmata - Two camouflaged barges were seen on the beach 18 miles west of Gasmata at 1730/10.
- (7) South Coast New Britain - Two destroyers were seen off Cape Oxford at 1615/10 course southerly and at 2108/10 presumably the same 2 destroyers were sighted 22 miles SW of Gasmata course 270° speed 20 knots.
- (8) Wewak - The 3 vessels reported at Wewak 1750/9 were of 200 tons each not 2,000 tons each as reported yesterday 10/4.
 The town, waterfront and shipping were attacked 0515-0700/10 by 10 Fortresses and 6 Liberators. Results are not yet fully assessed.
 Five cargo ships were seen in the area including three of 500 tons, one of 1000 tons and one of 1,500 tons. Three of

these vessels were off the east coast of Wewak Peninsula, one was off the jetty at Cape Boram and the other vessel was 5 miles at sea.

Reconnaissance 1045/10 sighted a possible destroyer entering Wewak Harbour. This may have been the vessel seen 5 miles at sea earlier. Photos taken during this reconnaissance show 6 floatplanes, 2 luggers and 5 landing craft off Kairiru Island.

Local sources report 10/4 that the majority of the natives in the But - Wewak area are pro-Japanese and are assisting them in activities in the hinterland.

- (9) Nubia - Reconnaissance 1850/9 reports considerable work on the old civil aerodrome. The strip is about 3,000 ft. long and is being extended. About 8 dispersal bays have been constructed.
- (10) Bogia-Madang-Alexishafen - Bogia and Ulingan (30 miles SE Madang) were attacked 0830-0900/10 by 9 B.25's while 4 Beaufighters attacked Madang and Finschhafen. 12 Lightnings covered the operation.

3 barges amongst native boats were seen approximately 30 miles up the Ramu River at Palipan. At 1530/10 five camouflaged barges were seen at Dalua (15 miles SE of Bogia).

A well constructed highway runs from Bogia to Madang and appears well used. All sizeable streams appear bridged some being 400 ft in length. A possible light tank was seen 9/4 on this road. 4 loaded trucks were seen at 1600/10 moving along this road at Cape Croisilles (13 miles north of Alexishafen).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Celebes - An eastbound convoy of 5 merchant vessels and a destroyer was reported in Boetoeng Passage (S.E. Celebes) at 0759/9.
- (2) Timor - Ossu and Viqueque (eastern Timor inland from Beaco) were attacked 0800/10 by 6 Hudsons.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SCUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG43 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 0755/10 for Newcastle ETA 0500/12 and Sydney ETA 1000/12.
- (2) "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting Convoy CO87.
- (3) "BENDIGO" "MOHESBY" escorting Convoy OC86 for Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (4) "VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" was to depart Port Phillip 0800/10 for Sydney ETA 0800/12.
- (6) "MILDURA" escorting GP44 (1 MV) departed Sydney 1000/10 ETA Caloundra 1200/12.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" (for Townsville) dep. Sydney 0928/10. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort to Percy Island and on completion to proceed Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "NASHVILLE" "NEPAL" "CRAVEN"
"TOWNSVILLE" "DELORAINE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
"MIZAR" "GOLD STAR" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
(Repairing) "HOBART" "MUGFORD" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital
Ship) "SHEPPARTON"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "KYBRA"
"ATREUS" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "NASHVILLE" "CRAVEN" to depart Sydney 1700/11.
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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS LEANDER (CL)
LANSDOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD
JENKINS TAYLOR MAURY HOPKINS (DD) PREBLE BREESE
MEYER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHERE (APV) MACKINAC (AVP)
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB LIBRA CELENO (AK) SABINE
NEOSHO PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO)
CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - KILTY RUSSELL (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT) PRESIDENT HAYES (AP)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) WICHITA SAN FRANCISCO
LOUISVILLE (CA) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) SAUFLEY
MUSTIN EATON CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE
NESHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)

- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK)
SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

11/4/43

P A R T II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA	YAMATO (Possibly Empire)
	-	WASHINGTON	MUSASHI
	-	MASSACHUSETTS	MUTSU
	-	MARYLAND	NAGATO
	-	COLORADO	KONGO
		-	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKA KU
	-	SARATOGA	-
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	HITAKA
	-	-	HAYATAKA
	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO	CHUYO
	-	SANGAMON	OTAKA
	-	SUWANNEE	RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE	ATAGO
	-	SAN FRANCISCO	TAKAO
	-	WICHITA	AOBA
	-	-	CHOKAI
	-	-	HAGURO
	-	-	STONE
	-	-	TIKIMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX	HONOLULU	AGANO
	NASHVILLE	HELENA	JINTSU
	VAN HEEMSKERK	ST. LOUIS	SENDAI
* HOBERT		COLUMBIA	KATORI
		CLEVELAND	KASHIMA
		MONTPELLIER	NAGARA
		DENVER	-
		SAN DIEGO	-
		SAN JUAN	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA		
	WARRAMUNGA		
	LE TRIOMPHANT		
	SELFRIDGE		
	PATTERSON	Approx. 50	Approx. 40
	HELM		
	HENLEY		
	BAGLEY		
	CRAVEN		
	RALPH TALBOT		
	VAN GALEN		
	NEPAL		
	STUART		
	VENDETTA		
	QUIBERON		
* MUGFORD			

* Non-Effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane GKO UPER) GROWLER) TRITON)	Approx. 25-30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) On Patrol GATO) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) PETO) TUHA) K.9) At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTIS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
	25	?	?

<u>COMBAT</u>	H. T. ALLEN
<u>AP</u>	MANOORA
*	WESTRALIA
*	KANIMBLA

<u>AS</u>	FULTON	-	?
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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<u>PG</u>	TULSA	3	?
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<u>APT</u>	HILO	?	?
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<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.E. Area Only)	
Fighters	240
M/Bombers	154
SE/Bombers	90
Flying Boats	15
Boat Planes	52
Transport	17

2.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE
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ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA

<u>CV</u>	
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND

SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship) HOSHO-(Training-Ship)

<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE
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UNYO

CENTRAL PACIFIC (Contd)

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	KUMANO SUZUYA
* <u>CL</u>	MINNEAPOLIS	1 Unidentified
* <u>CL</u>	PENSACOLA	
* <u>CL</u>	PORTLAND	
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	3 - 6
<u>XCL</u>		ABUKUMA KISO
<u>AV/CVS</u>		1-2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>		NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>DD</u>		2
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 16
		Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI 1x Unidentified
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>		3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4.

SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
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* Non Effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>		WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	
<u>CV</u>		ILLUSTRIOUS \emptyset	
<u>CA</u>		SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN * CARADOC	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDEN	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADE) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROUT) GAR) GUDGEON) K.12)	On Patrol 9	10
<u>XCL</u>		ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	NOTORO
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
Fighter			117
M/Bombers			78
Flying Boats			3
Coast Planes			29
Transport			16

\emptyset No Recent Intelligence
Present Location Uncertain

* Non-Effective

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

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

No. 385

Date: 12th April, 1943

P A R T IA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "PHOENIX" "SELFRIIDGE" "PATTERSON" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY") moves from Dunk Island to Palm Island 12/4.
- (2) "PIRIE" en route from Oro Bay to Milne Bay. "WHYALLA" to provide escort and was to intercept if possible at Spear Island daylight 12/4.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (4) "KAPUNDA" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Milne Bay 0400/11 for Port Moresby ETA 1400/12.
- (5) "BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay 1602/10 for Cairns ETA 1800/12.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Milne Bay 0400/11 for Townsville ETA 0800/13.
- (7) YP.280 departed Milne Bay 1009/11 for Townsville ETA 0600/14.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "MANGOLA" (for Cairns) departed Port Moresby 1803/10. "WARRAMUNGA" to provide escort to Fitzroy Island and then proceed Townsville ETA 2300/12.
- (9) "WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" "BABINDA" "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0335/8 for Thursday Island, was due 1930/11.
- (10) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (11) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" was to depart Thursday Island 0200/12 for Merauke.
- (12) SC.746 SC.748 departed Townsville 1636/11 for Brisbane.
- (13) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN69 ("STAGEN" "ULOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH") en route Port Moresby, was due 0600/12.
- (14) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1245/8 for Port Moresby ETA 0955/13.
- (15) HDML.1074 departed Brisbane 1641/7 for Townsville ETA a.m. 13/4.
- (16) "GEELONG" "GYMPIE" escorting "KOWARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PESHAWAR" "TAMBUA" "MILDURA" "YARRA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" for Gladstone, Bowen and Townsville, departed Caloundra 0758/10. "GEELONG" to part company at High Peak ETA 1800/12. "GYMPIE" proceeding Townsville ETA 0630/14.
- (17) "TULSA" departed Caloundra 1858/10 for Townsville ETA dawn 13/4.
- (18) "HELM" departed Caloundra 1618/11 for Palm Island ETA 1500/13.
- (19) "GOULBURN" dep. Brisbane 0854/11 to RV with LST.452 LCI.339 escorted by "SKYLARK" in position 25°32'S 157°53'E at 0830/12. When met "GOULBURN" to relieve "SKYLARK" and escort to Brisbane.
- (20) "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" (for Townsville) departed Sydney 0928/10. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort to Percy Island and on completion to proceed Brisbane.
- (21) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "HILO" 15 PT's
Merchant Ships - "KARSIK" "HANYANG" "WANAKA"
"BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1161
Merchant Vessels: "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" "JOSEPH HOLT"
"GEORGE W. McCRARY" "WEST CACTUS"
"AROONA" "KEY PITMAN"
Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "INVERELL"
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "GLENELG" "PLATYPUS"
10 PT's (2 refitting)
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) SC.750
YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "RALPH TALBOT" "KALGOORLIE"
"FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.291
YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51
YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740
SC.745 SC.747 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER"
"BISHOPDALE" "KURUMEA" YDG.2
(Repairing, Trials etc) - "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
"BUNBURY" "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy BT51 (3 MV) to depart Caloundra 0600/13.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - 2 barges arrived at Viru Harbour early a.m. 10/4 probably carrying supplies for the known enemy O.P. in that location.
Barge activity continues along the S.E. coast of Vella Lavella.
- (2) Rekata Bay - The waterfront was attacked at sunset 11/4 by 7 Lightnings and 8 Corsairs.
- (3) Shortlands - Before dawn 11/4 Liberators dropped 7 tons of bombs on Kahili.
Reconnaissance a.m. 11/4 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
1 possible cruiser
1 destroyer
3 cargo vessels (1 large, 2 small).
- (4) Kieta - Reconnaissance a.m. 11/4 sighted ~~the~~ a small cargo vessel at Kieta.
- (5) Numa Numa - The previous report of a strip being cleared at Numa Numa is now discounted but the main supply dumps for this area are located here.
- (6) Solomons Aircraft - A significant reduction in numbers of aircraft in the Solomons is shown by photographs 11/4 thus -
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|---------|---|----------------|
| Kahili | - 27 fighters, 4 medium bombers | |
| Ballale | - 1 fighter (and 4 damaged) | |
| Faisi | - | 15 floatplanes |
| Vila | - 1 fighter | |
| Munda | - Nil | |
| Buka | - 8 fighters, 1 medium bomber | |
| Totals | 37 fighters, 5 medium bombers, 15 floatplanes | |

It is recalled that a.m. 7/4 there were on these aerodromes 246 fighters, 12 medium bombers and 6 floatplanes excluding Vila and Munda.

- (7) Kavieng - At about noon 11/4 one light cruiser and one destroyer were sighted about 200 miles ENE Kavieng course 230° speed 30 knots.

Reconnaissance 1100/11 sighted 2 cargo vessels only in the Kavieng area. Full observations were not possible owing to interception by 10 Zero's of which two were destroyed, one possibly destroyed and three others damaged.

Preliminary report of reconnaissance 1700/11 show one 3,000 ton cargo vessel in a position given as the Portland Is.

- Group (25 miles S.W. of New Hanover).
- (8) Witu Islands - Reconnaissance aircraft encountered 10 Zero's over the Witu Islands at 0805/11 and again 3 Zero's in the same vicinity at 1011/11.
 - (9) South Coast New Britain - The two destroyers reported off Cape Orford at 1615/10 and 22 miles S.W. Gasmata at 2108/10 course 270° were located again at 2346/10 37 miles S.W. of Gasmata course 80° and at 0235/11 26 miles S.W. Gasmata course 75°. It would appear that ~~after~~ these vessels were bound for the New Guinea coast they did not reach their objective.
 - (10) Vitiaz Strait - At 0300/11 the possible wake of a vessel was seen in Vitiaz Strait proceeding north.
 - (11) Wewak - A preliminary report of reconnaissance over Wewak at 1100/11 shows two vessels probably 500 tonners in Wewak Harbour and probably 18 Zero's mostly on the ground.
 - (12) Hansa Bay - Photographs 10/4 of Hansa Bay show considerable defensive positions. Two 8-gun and 4-gun A.A. batteries are visible, also 19 machine gun positions. 26 camouflaged barges are also visible.
 - (13) Oro Bay - 40 to 45 enemy fighters and dive-bombers attacked shipping in the Oro Bay area at 1225/11 (see Naval Incidents).
 - (14) Gulf of Carpentaria - Reports continue of suspicious activities along the west coast of Cape York Peninsula. Investigations are still in progress.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - Baucau (north coast Eastern Timor) was attacked 1000/11 by 5 B.25's.
- (2) North coast Dutch New Guinea - 2 cargo vessels (3,000 and 6,000 tons) were sighted p.m. 11/4 in Humboldt Bay (Hollandia). The vessels were stationary and the smaller was unloading at the wharf.
- (3) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - Babo, Kaimana and Timika (Kaukenau) were attacked during the early hours 11/4 by 4 Catalinas and a Hudson. At Kaimana 2 ships of 800 and 100 tons respectively were seen and strafed, also 4 floatplanes. At Babo 2 small boats were seen in the vicinity of the seaplane base.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) YP.286 YP.283 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
 "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
 "LOTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG43 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 0755/10 for Newcastle, was due 0500/12 and Sydney due 1000/12.
- (2) "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting Convoy C087.
- (3) "CRAVEN" escorting "NASHVILLE" was to depart Sydney 1700/11 for Noumea.
- (4) "BENDIGO" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC86. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" was ordered at 1615/11 to RV with convoy and provide additional escort.
- (5) "TOWNSVILLE" was ordered to depart Sydney 1609/11 to proceed to position 137° 62 miles from Macquarie Light and carry out A/S search.
- (6) "VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" was to depart Port Phillip 0800/10 for Sydney, due 0800/12.
- (7) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP44 (1 MV) due Caloundra 0900/12.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "DELORAINÉ" "GOLD STAR"
"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739 SC.751
13 LCI's
(Repairing) "HOBART" "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "ALHENA" "SHEPPARTON"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "KYERA"
"ATREUS" "DCOMBA"
(Repairing) "COLAC"
Geelong - Warships & Aux. - "BUNGAREE"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG44 (1 MV) to depart Caloundra 1500/12 for Sydney.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

A probable enemy submarine attack was made on an allied convoy at 1400/11 approximately 18 miles E.N.E. of Cape Howe (see Navá Incidents).

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
LEANDER SAN DIEGO (GL) LANSLOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS
FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS TAYLOR MAURY
HOPKINS (DD) PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) WARD STERRET
PARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McALLA (DD)
CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) MACKINAC (AVP)
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) ALCHIEA ALGORAB LIBRA CELENO (AK) NECSHO
PLATTE PATUXENT WAPPANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - KILTY (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
THYON (APH) PEGOS SUANICO (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT) PRESIDENT HAYES (AP)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)

- ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- X (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV)
 LANG WILSON EATON CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
 KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477
 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) ANTARES POMALHAU T PINCKNEY (AK)
 SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
 CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Wewak - Results of the attack on shipping at Wewak shortly before dawn 10/4 are as follows:-
 Direct hits were scored on a 1000 ton cargo vessel off the wharf area. The ship was reported to be destroyed. A direct hit or very near miss damaged a 500 tonner in the same area.
 The 1500 ton ship 5 miles off-shore was strafed and set on fire.
- X (2) Cape Howe - "RECINA" (Yugoslav - 4,732 tons) was sunk off Cape Howe at 1400/11. "RECINA" was in convoy with 12 or 13 merchant vessels, escorted by H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" & "MORESBY" from Melbourne. Nine or ten survivors were picked up by H.M.A.S. "MORESBY".
 "RECINA" exploded and sank in 1½ minutes. It is reported that she was torpedoed but no enemy sightings were made and counter attack was negative.
- X (3) Oro Bay - "PIRIE" escorting "HANYANG" (British - 2,876 tons) and "NOORA" (British - 1,072 tons) was attacked by a large force of dive bombers and fighters (about 50 in total) off Oro Bay at 1225/11. "PIRIE" received a direct hit amidships and was machine gunned and cannoned. Extensive damage was reported to guns and navigational instruments. "HANYANG" was hit in No.3 Hatch and was making water and an attempt was being made to beach her at Oro Bay. N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that "PIRIE" escorting "HANYANG" arrived at Oro Bay 1445/11. An air signal states that "NOORA" also received a direct hit.
 Casualties are not yet fully reported, but include the 12 pdr. gun crew and gunnery officer of "PIRIE".
 Approximately 50 Lightnings and Kittyhawks attacked the enemy aircraft at 1230/11 as a result of which 5 dive bombers and 12 fighters were destroyed and one dive-bomber and five fighters probably destroyed. One Lightning crash-landed otherwise only slight damage to our aircraft was sustained.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W. P.A. particularly Central & Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

12/4/43

P A R T II

11/4/43

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	→ - - - - -	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO -	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	- -	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU -
<u>XCV</u>	- - -	- - -	NITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	- - -	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CEUYO OTAKA RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA - - - - -	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA - - -	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX NASHVILLE VAN HEEMSKERK * HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA - - -
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY CRAVEN RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN SPUART VENDETTA QUIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx 50	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GROUPEL) GROWLER) TRIDON)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GREENLING) GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA) K.9)	On Patrol	
		At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?

COMBAT AP H.T. ALLEN
MANOCRA
* WESTRALIA
* KANIMBLA

AS or XAS FULTON - 3 or more

AD DOBBIN DIXIE
WHITNEY ?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters	240
M/Bombers	154
SE/Bombers	90
Flying Boats	15
Foatplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	SHOKAKU HCSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>		3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

4. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CI</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES -- INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>		WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	
<u>CV</u>		∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>		SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DUREAN * CARADOC	KASHII KUMA ISUZU OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDEN	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROUT) GAR) GUDGEON) K.12)	9 On Patrol At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (~~XXXXX~~ N.W. Area only)

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- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (5) "WHYALLA" escorting "PIRIE" (damaged, en route from Oro Bay) to Milne Bay, was due 2300/12.
- (6) "KAPUNDA" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" "VAN HEEMSKERK" en route Port Moresby to Milne Bay ETA 1200/14.
- (7) "BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay 1602/10 for Cairns, was due 1800/12.
- (8) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Milne Bay 0400/11 for Townsville was due 0800/13.
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- (10) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (11) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy TN69 ("STAGEN" "ULOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH") en route Port Moresby, was due 0600/12.
- (12) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane 1245/8 for Port Moresby, was due 0955/13.
- (13) "SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" to Milne Bay ETA 1700/13.
- (14) "GYMPIE" escorting "KOWARRA" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "TAMBUA" "MILDURA" "YARRA" "MATTHEW FLINDERS" for Bowen and Townsville, ETA Townsville 0630/14.
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- (16) HDML.1074 departed Brisbane 1641/7 for Townsville, was due a.m. 13/4.
- (17) "TULSA" departed Caloundra 1858/10 for Townsville was due dawn 13/4.
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- (21) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA" "BONTEKOE"
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 "HENLEY" "YUNNAN"
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 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233
 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738
 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119
 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER" "BISHOPDALE" "KURUMBA"
 YDG.2
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
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- (3) Convoy TN73 ("PORTMAR" "BAN HONG LIONG" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") to depart Townsville 1200/14. "GLENELG" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0600/15 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/17.
- (4) "GOULBURN" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy BT51 (6 MV including "BISHOPDALE") to depart Brisbane 1500/13. On arrival Percy Islands "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane. "BUNBURY" to continue escort of slow section to Townsville.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 12/4 revealed the following shipping in the Buin - Faisi area :-
 3 cargo vessels
 1 corvette
- (2) Solomons - Barge & Small Craft Activity 11-12/4 - The two barges which were at Viru Harbour departed NW at 0200/12. Considerable launch activity was reported in the Rekata Bay area morning 12/4. A barge was at Munda night 11/4 and two in N.W. Vella Lavella area morning 12/4.
- (3) Solomons - Air Attacks - 12 Avengers attacked Munda a.m. 11/4 starting fires and explosions. 7 Lightnings 8 Corsairs at sunset 11/4 silenced four A.A. positions at Rekata Bay and on the same night, 6 Fortresses attacked Kahili and Ballale. Two Fortresses missing.
- (4) New Ireland - Reconnaissance 11/4 reported sighting a force described as one cargo vessel and 7 destroyers 240 miles NNE of Kavieng, course not reported.
- (5) Rabaul - Three 1000 ton merchant vessels with 20 small boats nearby, some of which were under tow, were sighted at approx 0900/12 69 miles WNW of Rabaul on course 105°. The convoy was attacked and one near miss was scored, and one small craft was set on fire by strafing.

Photos Rabaul 1035/12 reveal the following shipping -
 9 destroyers (incl. 1 large prob. "TERUTSUKI" class)
 1 possible old destroyer
 2 destroyer tenders
 3 submarines
 1 submarine tender ("JINGEI" class)
 2 submarine chasers
 1 minesweeper
 4 tankers (one of "SHIREKOTO" class - 14,000 tons -
 and 3 described as of 2000 tons)
 36 merchant vessels totalling 181,000 tons (incl. 2
 off Kokopo)

Total 59

The photographing P.38 also reported sighting 2 destroyers 23 miles E. by N. of Rabaul on course 200° at 1030/12. The last complete photographic reconnaissance was on 26/3 when 66 vessels were sighted including 38 merchant vessels totalling 200,000 tons).

The following aircraft were photographed -

	<u>M/B</u>	<u>L/B</u>	<u>D/B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Transport A/C</u>
Lakunai	8	8		54	5
Rapopo	23	6		10	
Vunakanau	17		15	40	

(a small portion obscured by clouds)

- X (6) Cape St. George - A convoy of 2 destroyers and one large merchant vessel was sighted 10 miles west of Cape St. George on course 150° speed 10 knots at approx 0545/12. The convoy was shadowed until 0700 when it was five miles SW by W. of Cape St. George. This force would appear to be en route from Rabaul to the Shortlands base.
- (7) Wide Bay - A cargo vessel is reported to have entered Wide Bay 0920/12.
- (8) But - 10 fighters, 2 medium bombers were reported on the aerodrome at 0928/11. The strip appeared to be in good condition.
- X (9) Wewak-Hansa Bay Area - A force comprising 4 destroyers and 4 merchant vessels (6000 tons) was sighted 94 miles north by east of Wewak on course 130° at 1130/11. At 1628/12 2 destroyers 4 merchant vessels (6-8000 tons) and 2 merchant vessels (500-1000 tons) were reported in Hansa Bay. The vessels were attacked at 1641/12, and one direct hit was scored, and two vessels were ~~reported to be~~ observed to be smoking. At 1706/12 two merchant vessels were reported to be unloading.
- This is the first sighting of an enemy convoy in Hansa Bay following several recent indications of enemy interest in this area, including the development of strong A.A. defences around the Bay. It is possible that the enemy now intends to use Hansa Bay as his advanced shipping terminal in this area, in view of the closer proximity of this base to his advanced New Guinea positions.
- In Wewak Harbour 5 cargo vessels (one of 6-8000 tons, 2 of 1000 tons and 2 of 500 tons) and two other small vessels were sighted at 1040/12.
- At Wewak 20 fighters and M/B's were sighted on the aerodrome and 2 fighters airborne morning 11/4. Twelve fighters intercepted the rescue Liberator 30 miles east of Wewak at 1040/12. Six were shot down and one probably.
- (10) Morobe - It was reported 1700/12 that an enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Morobe. No damage was caused.
- (11) Port Moresby - 50 bombers escorted by 50 fighters attacked aerodromes morning 12/4. 2 B.25's, 1 Beaufighter~~x~~ were destroyed, 1 B.25, 1 Beaufighters, 1 P.39 badly damaged and 4 B.25's and 2 Beaufighters damaged. In addition some damage was done to buildings and camp areas, and 4000 drums of fuel were destroyed. 7 personnel were killed. A number of enemy aircraft were destroyed by allied fighter interception and A.A. but final results are not yet assessed. The last heavy daylight raid on Port Moresby prior to this attack was on September 21, 1942.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" was due Merauke 0730/13.
 (2) 6 submarine on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Hollandia - Photos 1625/11 show 2 vessels of 6000 and 3000 tons in Humboldt Bay. Reconnaissance 0740/12 revealed one 300 ton cargo vessel in Humboldt Bay.
Photos 1630/11 of the Hollandia Strip are not clear, but the aerodrome appears to be serviceable.
- (2) Kaimana Bay - One 3000 and two 2000 ton vessels were sighted in Kaimana Bay a.m. 12/4. The larger vessel was unsuccessfully attacked.
- (3) Arce Islands - Two heavily camouflaged 200 ton vessels 25 miles SSW of Dobo were strafed a.m. 12/4.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) YP.286 YP.288 departed Sydney 1322/1 for Fremantle.
- (2) "HERON" departed Fremantle 1555/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"CTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "KALSCORLIE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG44 were to RV with "ASFASIA NOMIKOS" southbound at outer end Brisbane searched channel at 1200/13 and escort to Sydney.
- (2) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC87 (including "BUNGAREE") was to depart Port Phillip 2300/12 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "VAN HEEMSKEERK" escorting Convoy C087.
- (3) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12. To exercise vicinity Wilson's Promontory and then proceed Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle - Warships & Aux. - "BENDIGO"
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "DELORAINNE" "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN"
"MORESBY" "WARRNAMBOOL" "YANDRA" "ABRAHAM
CRIJNSSEN" "TOWNSVILLE" "WANGANEILA" (Hospital
Ship) SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
(Repairing) "HOBART" "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA"
"SHEPPARTON" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "AUSTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "ATREUS"
(Repairing) "COLAC"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy C088 to depart Newcastle a.m. 14/4.
"DELORAINNE" "MORESBY" to take over escort at RV off Sydney at 1300/14.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP45 to depart Sydney 1000/14.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
LEANER SAN DIEGO (GL) LANSDOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS
FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS
WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McCALLA (DD)
PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV)
MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD)
PYRC (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO
PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - KILTY (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PEGOS SUAMICO (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SCENOMA (AT) PRESIDENT HAYES (AP)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV)
LANG WILSON EATON CONY (DD) HALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PG.477
PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (AGV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) POMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- 1 Guadalcanal - Aircraft reported sighting 2 vessels off the west end of Guadalcanal during night 11-12/4.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) San Cristobal - Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports that U.S. "STRONG" definitely sank an enemy submarine off the northeast coast San Cristobal on 7th April.
- (2) Oro Bay - Further to the attack on "PIRIE" "HANYANG" "NOORA" in the Oro Bay area 11/4, N.O.I.C. Port Moresby now reports that the casualties were as follows -
 - "PIRIE" - one officer, six ratings killed;
five ratings wounded.
 - "HANYANG" - one killed, two missing believed killed,
three wounded.
 - "NOORA" - nil casualties.

It was reported that "HANYANG" is possible able to remain afloat. Part of the unloading gear is serviceable and an attempt will be made to sail this vessel to Milne Bay on completion of unloading operations.

"NOORA" sustained a hole in the port side probably from a near miss and has been sailed for Port Moresby.

"PIRIE" escorted by "WHYALLA" was due at Milne Bay 2300/12.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

13/4/43

P A R T II

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ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	- - - * -	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU NAGATO KONGO HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU -
<u>V</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO SANGAON SUWANNEE	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKEI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK * HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KATEK KASHIMA NAGARA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY RALPH TALBOT VAN GALEN STUART VENDETTA QUIHERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx 50	Approx 40

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South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)		
	GATO)		
	GRAMPUS)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	GRAYBACK)		
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GREENLING)	On Patrol	
	GROUPEE)		
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	TUNA)		
	K.9)	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?

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CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA WEST VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>		3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

4. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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5. EAST INDIES -- INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>		WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	
<u>CV</u>		♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>		SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII KINU ISUZU OI KITAGAMI KUMA * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	.	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDEN	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING } GRENADIER } TAMBOR } TAUTOG } THRESHER } TROUT } GAR } GUDGEON } K.12 }	9	10
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 "HELM" "HENLEY" "YUNNAN"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "BROOME"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GEELONG" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71
 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748
 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER" "BISHOPDALE"
 "KURUMBA" YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "GLADSTONE" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

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- (1) Convoy TN73 ("PORTMAR" "BAN HONG LIONG" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") to depart Townsville 1200/14. "GLENELG" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0600/15 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/17.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 12/4 show -
 Kahili - 33 fighters, 5 medium bombers
 Ballale - 7 fighters
 Faisi - 16 floatplanes
 Buka - 13 fighters, 7 medium bombers
 Munda and Vila were not covered.
 Photos a.m. 13/4 show -
 Ballale - 7 fighters
 Faisi - 10 floatplanes
 Munda & Vila - nil
 Kahili and Buka were not covered.
- (2) Choiseul Is. - A barge at Bambatana (middle SW coast) was attacked 1440/13 by 4 Corsairs and 4 Lightnings and set on fire.
- (3) New Georgia - Vila bivouac area was attacked a.m. 12/4 by 6 torpedo bombers covered by 23 Wildcats.
 At 0815/13 Munda runway dispersal areas and bivouac area were attacked by 11 torpedo bombers covered by 21 fighters. One fighter is missing.
- (4) Shortlands - Kahili airfield was attacked 2105-2155/12 by 3 Liberators which dropped 5 tons of bombs.
 Reconnaissance 1010/13 sighted the following shipping in the Buin-Faisi area -
 1 destroyer
 4 cargo vessels (2 large)
 Total 5
 Reconnaissance 1305/13 reported no change in the shipping.
- (5) Rabaul - Reconnaissance 1425/13 reported over 50 vessels in Rabaul Harbour in addition to three large cargo ships and 4 unidentified warships off Praed Point, course 360°. Shipping was probably similar to that reported by photographs 12/4 when 59 vessels were visible including 36 merchant vessels totalling 181,000 tons.
- (6) Cape Orford - A submarine was seen off Cape Orford 0730/13 on a northerly course. At 1400/13 a reconnaissance aircraft sighted an enemy submarine, probably the same unit, 40 miles NNE Cape Orford course 110°.
- (7) Wide Bay - Reconnaissance 1545/12 sighted a schooner near Brown Island in Wide Bay. This may be the "cargo ship" reported to have entered Wide Bay 0920/12.
- (8) North Coast New Britain - 2 destroyers were sighted 0740/13 approximately 50 miles N.N.E. Talasea course 85°. These 2 units could possibly be two of the escort which accompanied the convoy into Hansa Bay a.m. 12/4.
- (9) Cape Gloucester - Some quantities of boxed materials were seen near Cape Gloucester runway 1550/13.
- (10) Hansa Bay - The 8 ships in Hansa Bay which were attacked at 1630/12 (see yesterday's summary 13/4) were again attacked

between 2100 & 2200. At this time possibly 6 vessels including 2 destroyers, one medium cargo vessel and 3 other possible vessels were sighted.

At Approximately 1430/13 a convoy of 9 ships including 3 destroyers, 3 transports (8-10,000 tons) and 3 cargo vessels (3,000 tons) was sighted approximately 40 miles N.W. of Hansa Bay course 100°. This would appear to be a second convoy going into Hansa Bay indicating a total of probably 10 merchant vessels involved in the two convoys carrying troops and supplies to Hansa Bay in the last 2 days.

- (11) Saidor - Local sources report that the anchorages of Singor, Billiau and Gumbi in the vicinity of Saidor are being used regularly for small craft, probably from Madang.
- (12) Mubo - Enemy positions in the Mubo area were attacked 1100/13 by 3 Bostons.
- (13) Moresby - A Fifth Air Force summary of aircraft losses in the raid on Port Moresby 12/4 is as follows -

Enemy

Definitely Destroyed - 15 bombers, 10 fighters) aerial
Probably destroyed - 6 bombers, 1 fighter) combat
3 bombers by A.A.

Allied

3 fighters lost as a result of combat
4 B .25's, 2 Beaufighters destroyed or damaged beyond repair.

- (14) Gulf of Carpentaria - Further to reports of suspicious activities and possible enemy landings at the Nassau River (W.coast Cape York Peninsula, south of Mitchell River) an investigation party has returned and reported having found no trace or sight of enemy nor evidence of a landing.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In H arbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

25
10
11/4
12/4
12/4

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Kaimana - Photos of the shipping reported in Kaimana Bay a.m. 12/4 show -

3 merchant vessels (1 of 1500 tons, 1 of 1000 tons, 1 of 500 tons).

This compares with the visual report of one 3,000 ton and 2 2000 ton vessels.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "HERON" departed Fremantle 1555/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG44 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 0836/13 for Sydney ETA 0400/15.
- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" en route Sydney after escort duty to vicinity Percy Islands.
- (3) "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CC88 was to depart Newcastle 0500/14. "YANDRA" departed Sydney 2300/13 to join "BENDIGO" off Nobby's Head. "DELORAINE" "MORESBY" to take over convoy at RV off Sydney, 1300/14.
- (4) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12. To exercise vicinity Wilson's Promontory until 18/4 and then proceed Sydney ETA 1200/22.
- (5) "STUART" "BUNDABERG" escorting Convoy OC87 (including "BUNGAREE") to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle.
- (6) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP45 (3 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/14 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "GOLD STAR" "H.T.ALLEN" "WARRNAMBOOL" "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
(Repairing)	"HOBART" "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "SHEPPARTON" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "QUIBERON" "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "DOOMBA"
(Repairing)	"COLAC"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Sydney - A possible enemy submarine was reported in the eastern channel of Sydney Harbour at 1155/13.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS
FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS
WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McCAILL (DD)
PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV)
MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) HANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD)
PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEPSHO
FLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
BOSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - "KILTY (DD) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA
TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMIGO (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PANNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT) PRESIDENT HAYES (AP)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (EB) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV)
LANG WILSON EATON CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LASKAVANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477
PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AGS)

- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)


NAVAL INCIDENTS

St. George's Channel - A Fortress returning from the raid on Rabaul early a.m. 12/4, without having released its bombs, attacked a submarine in St. George's Channel at 0545/12 and claimed to have sunk same.

The submarine had a rising sun aft of the conning tower and 2 white bands forward of the deck gun.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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

14/4/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

MOST SECRET

P A R T II

13/4/43

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA	YAMATO (poss. Empire)
	-	WASHINGTON	MUSASHI
	-	MASSACHUSETTS	MUTSU
	-	MARYLAND	NAGATO
	-	COLORADO	KONGO
	-	-	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU
	-	SARATOGA	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA
	-	-	HAYATAKA
	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO	CHUYO
	-	SANGAMON	OTAKA
	-	SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE	ATAGO
	-	SAN FRANCISCO	TAKAO
	-	WICHITA	AOBA
	-	-	CHOKAI
	-	-	HAGURO
	-	-	TONE
	-	-	TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX	HONOLULU	AGANO
	VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA	JINTSU
* HOBART	-	ST. LOUIS	SENDAI
	-	NASHVILLE	KATORI
	-	COLUMBIA	KASHIMA
	-	CLEVELAND	NAGARA
	-	MONTPELLIER	-
	-	DENVER	-
	-	SAN DIEGO	-
	-	SAN JUAN	-
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA		
	WARRAMUNGA		
	LE TRIOMPHANT		
	SELFRIDGE		
	PATTERSON	Approx 50	Approx 40
	HELM		
	HENLEY		
	BAGLEY		
* VAN GALEN			
	RALPH TALBOT		
	STUART		
	VENDETTA		
	QUIBERON		
* NEPAL			
* MUGFORD			

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)		
	GATO)		
	GRAM PUS)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	GRAYBACK)		
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GREENLING)	On Patrol	
	GROOPER)		
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	TUNA)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
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<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
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<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN		
	MANOORA		
	* WESTRALIA		
	* KANIMBLA		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters	276
M/Bombers	153
SB/Bombers	37
Reefing Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTE CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

4. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES -- INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippine
	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAP ETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII KINU ISUZU OI KITAGAMI KUMA * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROUT) GAR) GUDGEON) K.12)	On Patrol 9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters			117
M/Bombers			78
Flying Boats			3
Fleet Planes			29
Transport A/C			22

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

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

No. 388

Date: 15th April, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "WAGGA" escorting "BONTEKOE" en route Milne Bay to Oro Bay
ETA Veale Reef 1600/15.
- (2) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (3) "BOWEN" carrying troops and towing loaded barge departed Port
Moresby 0800/14 for Lakekamu River Mouth. Returning
Port Moresby with empty barge 16/4.
- (4) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for
Thursday Island.
- (5) "SWAN" escorting "PIRIE" departed Milne Bay 0430/14 for
Townsville ETA 1100/16.
- (6) "ARUNTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0634/14 for
Townsville ETA 2100/15.
- (7) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Moresby 1703/13 for
Brisbane ETA 1400/18.
- (8) "BALLARAT" departed Townsville 1610/13 ETA Caloundra 0600/16.
- (9) "WARRAMUNGA" "SC.750" escorting Convoy TN72 ("ASSOCIATED"
"DAVID BUSHNELL" "VAN HEUTSZ") to Port Moresby ETA
0830/16.
- (10) "GYMPIE" departed Townsville 1432/14 for Cairns.
- (11) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for
operations in Curtis Channel.
- (12) "GOULBURN" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy BT51 ("BISHOPDALE" "CREMER"
"HENRY DEARBORN" "JAPARA" "SWARTENHONDT" "THEELENS") dep.
Caloundra 0335/14. On arrival Percy Islands ETA 1400/16,
"GOULBURN" to return Brisbane. "BUNBURY" to continue
escort of slow section to Townsville ETA 2000/17.
- (13) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN" "BALIKPAPAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W. McCRAK" " "STAGEN" "ULOOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "WEST CACTUS" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "WARREGO" "GLENELG" "TULSA" "PLATYPUS" 10 PT'2 (2 refitting) YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.280

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY"
 "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (ASIS
 HDML.1074
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALENT"
 "GEELONG" "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) Y P.233
 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53
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 "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Convoy TN73 ("PORTMAR" "BAW HONG LIONG" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD") to depart Townsville 1200/15. "GLENELG" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 0600/16 and escort to Milne Bay.
- (2) "PATTERSON" to depart Brisbane 1830/15 to RV with "KLIPFONTEIN" in position 27°S 159°E at 1700/16 and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) Russells - A single enemy aircraft dropped bombs harmlessly in the water off Banika Is. during the night 13/4.
- (2) New Georgia - Three camouflaged barges at Viru Harbour were attacked by 6 torpedo bombers and 16 Grumman's at 1620/14. At 0200/14 2 barges arrived at Vila from Vella Lavella.
- (3) Shortlands - At 0830/14 the following shipping was seen in the Buin-Faisi area -
 - 4 cargo vessels
 - 3 destroyers
 Total 7
 Two of the destroyers appeared to be arriving from the east indicating no other change from the previous day when four cargo vessels and one destroyer were present.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 0815/14 show -
 - Kahili - 31 fighters
 - Buka - 10 fighters, 3 bombers
 Ballale, Vila and Munda were not covered.
 Photos at 1500/14 show - one floatplane at Rekata Bay.
- (5) Kapingamarangi - At 1420/14 one cruiser and one destroyer were sighted 125 miles south of Kapingamarangi course 180°. These vessels would appear to be heading either for Buin or possibly for Rabaul via St. George's Channel.
- (6) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 0756/14 sighted five ships reported all as cargo vessels (2 small, 3 medium), 25 miles S.W. of Steffan Strait, course 120°.
- (7) Gasmata - At 1430/14 a reconnaissance Hudson was unsuccessfully intercepted by 3 Zero's approximately 75 miles S.E. Gasmata.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1115/14 sighted in Wewak Harbour one cargo vessel (4-6,000 tons) and 2 small unidentified vessels.
- (9) Hansa Bay - Reconnaissance 0920/14 saw one cargo vessel (about 4000 tons) and 2 barges only in Hansa Bay. Later during the morning 5 Fortresses and 3 Liberators attacked this ship, Nubia Strip and shore installations.
 The same reconnaissance aircraft returning at 1300/14 saw probably the same cargo ship still burning.
 No further intelligence is to hand concerning the 9 ship convoy reported at 1430/13 40 miles N.W. of Hansa Bay course 100°. Photos show only 6 vessels in this convoy including -
 - 1 destroyer
 - 3 merchant vessels
 - another probable merchant vessel
 - 1 unidentified vessel.
 It is possible that the reported course of this convoy was incorrect and in fact the vessels were departing towards the north or N.W. from Hansa Bay.
- (10) Morobe - Our patrols report 14/4 no enemy at Palawa (25 miles N.W. Morobe).

- (1) Milne Bay - At 1215/40 36 medium bombers with 30 Zero's and possibly as many as 25 dive-bombers attacked shipping in Milne Bay and aerodromes. Damage to shipping is reported in Naval Incidents. About 45 fighters including Kittyhawks and Lightnings intercepted the enemy aircraft and shot a number down but results are not yet fully assessed.
- (2) Whitsunday Passage - An unconfirmed report of a submarine 45 miles N. by E. of Mackay at 0812/14 was investigated by aircraft whose search proved negative.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Island 0804/14 for Merauke. Was due 0730/15.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
 Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA"
 Merchant Vessels: "BARALABA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) North Coast Dutch New Guinea - Photographs 1045/13 show a medium sized merchant vessel in Humboldt Bay. The visual report gave this vessel as 2-3,000 tons.
- (2) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - Aircraft reported 2 vessels (1 of 2,000 tons and one of 3,500 tons) at Kaimana 1130/14. Reconnaissance 1100/14 sighted nil shipping in the Kaukenau area.
- (3) Tanimbar-Kai-Aroe Islands - Reconnaissance a.m. 14/4 reported nil shipping sighted in this area.
- (4) Banda Sea - B.24's sighted at 1615/14 a light cruiser or heavy destroyer in a position about 100 miles west of Tanimbar Is. on course 90°. The vessel was attacked and changed course to 350°.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "HERON" departed Fremantle 1555/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
 "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
 "OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG44 (2 MV) departed Caloundra 0836/13 for Sydney, was due 0400/15.

- (2) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due Sydney 0930/15.
- (3) "DELORAINE" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C088 (including "GOLD STAR").
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- (6) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYESSEN" escorting Convoy GP45 (3 MV) departed Sydney 1018/14 ETA Caloundra 0030/17.
- (7) ML.426 departed Sydney 1641/14 for Brisbane ETA 1000/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO" "YANDRA"
 "WARRNAMBOOL" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
 SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
 (Repairing) "HOBART" "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA"
 "SHEPPARTON" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANOORA" "ATREUS"
 "DOOMBA"
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "QUIBERON" "COLAC"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Sydney - A channel patrol boat sighted a possible submarine at 2317/14 outside the boom in Sydney Harbour.
- (2) Bass Strait - At 1740/14 a civil aircraft pilot sighted a possible submarine in position 39°55'S 145°40'E (40 miles north of Burnie, Tasmania).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
 LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS
 FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS
 WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McCALLA (DD)
 PREBLE BREESSE TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV)
 MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD)
 PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO
 PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
 ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - KILTY (DD) ENCADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
 CHEVREUIL (Sloop) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD)
 McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA
 TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA GASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
 TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
 PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (3S) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
 SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT) PRESIDENT HAYES (AP)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AWK) LOCUST
 BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
 ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
 STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) SANGAMON CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV)
 LANG WILSON EATON CONY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
 KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) RAOMER PC.476 PC.477
 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
 CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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(1) Milne Bay - During the raid on shipping at Milne Bay at 1216/14, N.C.I.C. Milne Bay reports serious damage to 3 ships and superficial damage to 2 others:-

"VAN HEEMSKERK" (Dutch freighter; 2,996 tons) set on fire, beached and still burning at 1600/14. Considered ship and cargo total constructive loss.

"GORGON" (British; 3,533 tons) hit amidships and holed on water line: will require towage. 90% of crew are, at least temporarily, "hors de combat".

"VAN OUTHOORN" (Dutch freighter; 2,069 tons) set on fire which was soon under control. Ship is seaworthy. 8 of crew killed and 9 wounded.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" & "KAPUNDA" suffered superficial damage only.

- (2) Hansa Bay - Results of the attack on shipping at Hansa Bay at 1635/12 by Liberators bombing from about 7,500 feet were:-

3 direct hits with 500-lb inst. bombs on an 8-10,000 ton cargo vessel which was left burning from stem to stern.

Direct hits on an 8,000 ton cargo vessel which was left smoking heavily.

At 2145-2200/12, Fortresses attacked using skip-bombing tactics and scored a possible hit and near misses on a 2,000 ton cargo ship and a very close miss on a destroyer.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W. P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

15/4/43

14/4/43

P A R T II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA	YAMATO (poss. Empire)
	-	WASHINGTON	MUSASHI
	-	MASSACHUSETTS	MUTSU
	-	MARYLAND	NAGATO
	-	COLORADO	KONGO
	-	-	HARUMA
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU
	-	SARATOGA	-
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA
	-	-	HAYATAKA
	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO	CHUYO
	-	SANGAMON	OTAKA
	-	SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE	ATAGO
	-	SAN FRANCISCO	TAKAO
	-	WICHITA	AOBA
	-	-	CHOKAI
	-	-	HAGURO
	-	-	TONE
	-	-	TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX	HONOLULU	AGANO
	VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA	JINTSU
* HOBART	-	ST. LOUIS	SENDAI
	-	NASHVILLE	KATORI
	-	COLUMBIA	KASHIMA
	-	CLEVELAND	NAGARA
	-	MONTPELIER	-
	-	DENVER	-
	-	SAN DIEGO	-
	-	SAN JUAN	-
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA		
	WARRAMUNGA		
	LE TRIOMPHANT		
	SELFRIEDGE		
	PATTERSON	Approx. 50	Approx. 40
	HELM		
	HENLEY		
	BAGLEY		
* H VAN GALEN			
	RALPH TALBOT		
	STUART		
	VENDETTA		
* QUIBERON			
* NEPAL			
* MUGFORD			

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GATO) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) At Brisbane GROWLER) TRITON)		Aprox. 25-30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GREENLING) GRUCPER) On Patrol GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA)		
	K-9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBLIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>			
Fighters			279
Bombers			144
SE/Bombers			37
Flying Boats			15
Floaterplanes			52
Transport A/c			17

* Non-effective.

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

	<u>ALLIED FORCES.</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES.</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
<u>OGA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>GL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 of 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4. SOUTH - EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES -- INDIAN OCEAN.

ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY FORCES.

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Phillippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARODOC	KASHII KINU ISUZU OI KITAGAMI KUMA * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.E. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NCTORO
<u>XGL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>ES</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) TAMBOR) TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROUT)	On Patrol 9	10
	GAR) GUDGEON) K.12)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
Fighters			117
Bombers			78
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			29
Transport A/c			22

♠ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective.

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 389

Date: 16th April, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "BOWEN" carrying troops and towing loaded barge departed Port Moresby 0800/14 for Lakekamu River Mouth. Returning Port Moresby with empty barge 16/4.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (4) "SWAN" escorting "PIRIE" departed Milne Bay 0430/14 for Townsville, was due 1100/16.
- (5) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Moresby 1703/13 for Brisbane ETA 1400/18.
- (6) "GLENELG" was to RV with Convoy TN73 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTMAR") off Fitzroy Island at 0600/16 and escort to Milne Bay ETA 1730/18.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "SC.750" escorting Convoy TN72 ("ASSOCIATED" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "VAN HEUTSZ") to Port Moresby ETA 1600/16.
- (8) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for operations in Curtis Channel.
- (9) "GOULBURN" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy BT51 ("BISHOPDALE" "CREMER" "HENRY DEARBORN" "JAPARA" "SWARTENHONDT" "THEELENS") dep. Caloundra 0335/14. On arrival Percy Islands ETA 1400/16, "GOULBURN" to return Brisbane. "BUNBURY" to continue escort of slow section to Townsville ETA 2000/17.
- (10) "PATTERSON" departed Brisbane 1653/15 to RV with "KLIPFONTEIN" in position 27°S 159°E at 1700/16 and escort to Brisbane.
- (11) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux.	- "WAGGA"
	Merchant Vessels:	"BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay Area	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN"
		"BALIKPAPAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W. McCRAKY"
		"STAGEN" "CITY OF FORT WORTH"
		"ULOOLOO" "WEST CACTUS" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "WARREGO" "GYMPIE" "TULSA"
		"PLATYPUS" "10 PT's (2 refitting)"
		YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 YP.280

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "EAGLEY"
 "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "BROOME"
 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) HDML.1074
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PEGENIX" "PATTERSON" "GEELONG"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (A.S.I.S) YP.233 YP.291
 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70
 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747
 SC.748 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER" "KURUMBA"
 "BISHOPDALE" YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "RALPH TALBOT" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" to depart Cairns 1600/16 for Thursday Is. ETA p.m.
 18/4.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - Local sources reported p.m. 14/4 that bomb
 craters on Munda strip were being filled in. Reconnaissance
 0935/15 sighted 4 fighters on the aerodrome.
 Continued barge activity was reported 14/4 along the
 S.W. coast Vella Lavella.
- (2) Ysabel Is. - Reconnaissance 1015/15 sighted a small vessel at
 Rekata Bay.
- (3) Shortlands - The following shipping was sighted in the Buin -
Faisi area at 0950/15 -
 2 destroyers
 3 patrol vessels
 6 cargo ships (1 very large)
- Total II
 The large cargo vessel and 2 destroyers were apparently
 coming into the area through Bougainville Strait.
- (4) N.E.Coast Bougainville - Local sources report 14-15/4 hundreds
 of Japanese soldiers at Numa Numa and in the vicinity. Some
 of these may be evacuees from Guadalcanal. Equipment, stores
 and high explosives have been put ashore at Tinputz.
 The Japanese appear to be digging in all along the
 coast, presumably from Numa Numa to Buka.
- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 0930/15 show -
 Kahili - 42 fighters, 5 medium bombers
 Faisi (partial coverage) - 2 floatplanes
 Vila - 1 fighter
 Buka - 7 fighters, 3 bombers
 Ballale was not covered while 4 fighters were observed on
 Munda airfield at 0935/15.
- (6) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 0900/15 sighted no shipping in Kavieng
 Harbour nor in the vicinity but observation was interrupted
 by interception by 8-10 enemy fighters of which three were
 probably shot down.
 Photographs show 15 fighters and 3 medium bombers on
 Kavieng aerodrome but only a portion of the area was covered.
- (7) Rabaul - Lakunai aerodrome was attacked before dawn 15/4 by 3
 Fortresses. Weather, however, was extremely bad.
- (8) Wide Bay - 2 submarines were sighted on the surface at 2015/15
 approximately 3 miles S. by E. of Cape Orford on a southerly
 course.
- (9) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0905/15 reported on destroyer, one gunboat,
 2 large and 2 medium cargo vessels approaching or entering
 Wewak Harbour. In addition, a three funnel light cruiser with
 one large cargo vessel and a small unidentified ship were seen
 in Muschu Strait. Photographs taken at this time of Wewak
 Harbour proper show one merchant vessel of 1,000 tons, 4
 luggers and the usual number of barges.
 Photographs of the aerodromes show 27 fighters, 4 medium
 bombers, 3 light bombers on Wewak aerodrome, also one probable
 dummy aircraft on Boram Strip.
 Shipping was attacked with some success after dark 15/4
 by Fortresses but full results have not been received.

- (10) Hansa Bay - Photographs 1100/15 of Nubia airfield show 8 fighters on a dispersal lane. The runway is in poor condition but is evidently serviceable. Grading and construction work are in progress.
- (11) Lae - Photographs 1400/15 show 9 aircraft on Lae aerodrome, probably all unserviceable. The blast pens were empty.
- (12) Mubo - Enemy installations in the Mubo area were attacked 1135-1200/15 by 3 Bostons.
- (13) Cape York Peninsula - N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reports 15/4 that a mine, similar to Japanese Type 88, has been washed ashore 30 miles south of Mapoon Mission (80 miles south of Thursday Is.).

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
 Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "LATRCBE"
 Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Hollandia - Photographs 1030/15 show that the runway is unserviceable but work is in progress. A.A. and trench defence positions are visible.
- (2) Kaimana - The two vessels reported in Kaimana Bay at 1130/14 (see yesterday's summary 15/4) are shown by photographs to be of 600 and 800 tons respectively.
 The photos also show one floatplane while activity on the S.E. outskirts of the town is proceeding rapidly.
 Reconnaissance 1200/14 sighted a cargo vessel south of Nautilus Strait, course 250°, apparently departing from Kaimana.
- (3) Banda Sea - The light cruiser or heavy destroyer unsuccessfully attacked about 100 miles west of Taimbar Is. at 1615/14 is shown by photographs to be a torpedo boat of the "CHIDORI" class (1933; 527 tons; 3-4.7" guns).

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "HERON" departed Fremantle 1555/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
 "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HRSHAM" "DUBEO" "WALLAROO"
 "OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "BALLARAT" departed Townsville 1610/13. Was due Caloundra 0600/16 and was to proceed direct to Sydney.

- (2) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy C088 (including "GOLD STAR"). "GOLD STAR" to proceed independently to Fremantle, departing convoy vicinity Cape Liptrap.
- (3) "COLAC" departed Melbourne 0803/15 for Sydney ETA 1730/17.
- (4) "KYERA" departed Melbourne 1305/12. To exercise vicinity Wilson's Promontory until 18/4 and then proceed Sydney ETA 1200/22.
- (5) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRYNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP45 (3 MV) departed Sydney 1018/14 ETA Caloundra 1430/16.
- (6) ML.426 departed Sydney 1641/14 for Brisbane, was due 1000/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Newcastle	- Warships & Aux. - "STUART"
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO" "YANDRA" "BUNLAHERG" "KALGOORLIE" "MILDURA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "MANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "BUNGAREE" SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
(Repairing)	"HOBART" "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "SHEPPARTON" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "VAN HEEMSKERK" "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "DOOMBA"
(Refitting)	"QUIBERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

N.S.W.Coast - There were indications 13/4 of an enemy submarine in the vicinity of 37°S 151°E (45 miles E. by N. of Twofold Bay). This unit could have been responsible for the reports off Sydney Harbour or in Bass Strait.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASEVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG NICHOLAS RUSSELL FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McCALLA (DD) PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYBO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE FLATTE PATUXENT TAPPANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON MAHAN PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH GRIDLEY McCALL FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) SANGAMON SHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) LANG WILSON EATON CONY WALLER CONWAY SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Hanoi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

N I L.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
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For DIRECTOR C.O.I.G.
G.H.Q., S.W.P.A.

16/4/43

15/4/43

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES.

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Juliet-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA	YAMATO (poss. Empire)
	-	WASHINGTON	MUSHASHI
	-	MASSACHUSETTS	MUTSU
	-	MARYLAND	KONGO
	-	COLORADO	HARUNA
	-	-	NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE	ZUIKAKU
	-	SARATOGA	-
<u>KCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA
	-	-	HAYATAKA
	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO	CHUYO
	-	SANGAMON	OTAKA
	-	SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE	ATAGO
	-	SAN FRANCISCO	TAKAO
	-	WICHITA	AOBA
	-	-	CHOKAI
	-	-	HAGURO
	-	-	TONE
	-	-	TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX	HONOLULU	AGANO
	VAN HEEMSKERK	HELENA	JINTSU
* HOBERT	-	ST. LOUIS	SENDAI
	-	NASHVILLE	KATORI
	-	COLUMBIA	KASHIMA
	-	CLEVELAND	NAGARA
	-	MONTPELLIER	-
	-	DENVER	-
	-	SAN DIEGO	-
	-	SAN JUAN	-
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA		
	WARRAMUNGA		
	LE TRIOMPHANT		
	SELFRIDGE	Approx. 50	Approx. 40
	PATTERSON		
	HELM		
	HENLEY		
	BAGLEY		
* VAN GALEN			
	RALPH TALBOT		
	STUART		
	VENDETTA		
* QUIBERON			
* NEPAL			
* MUGFORD			

* Non-effective.

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Maluit-Bismarcks
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GATO) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GROWLER) TRITON)	At Brisbane	Approx. 25-30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GREENLING) GROUPEr) GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA)	On Patrol	
	K-9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters	276
Bombers	135
SE/Bombers	63
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/c	17

* Non-effective

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY FORCES.

<u>BB.</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO BYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYO 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx. 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* non-effective

5. EAST INDIES -- INDIAN OCEAN.

ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY FORCES.

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines.
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	6 ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII KINU ISUZU OI KITAGAMI KUMA * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDIES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) TAUTOG) THRESHER) TROUT)	On Patrol 9	10
	GAR) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) K.12)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
	Fighters		117
	/Bombers		78
	Flying Boats		3
	Floatplanes		29
	Transport A/c		22

6 No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain

* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

390 17th April, 1943

No.

Date:

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

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "WAOGA" escorting "BONTEKOE" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (4) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Moresby 1703/13 for Brisbane ETA 1400/18.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" departed Port Moresby 1856/16 for Townsville ETA 2359/17.
- (6) "GOULBURN" returning Brisbane after escort duty with Convoy BT51.
- (7) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLADSTONE" were to depart Wide Bay 1100/17 1100/17 for Brisbane ETA 1900/17.
- (8) "OLENELO" escorting Convoy TN73 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTHAR") to Milne Bay ETA 1730/18.
- (9) "TULSA" "YP.280" "YMS.9" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" 6PT's departed Cairns 1431/16 for Thursday Island.
- (10) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 1605/16 for Thursday Island ETA 1130/18.
- (11) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for operations in Curtis Channel.
- (12) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy BT51 ("BISHOPDALE" "CREMER" "HENRY DEARBORN" "SWARTENHONDY" "THEDENS") departed Caloundra 0335/14 for Townsville ETA 2000/17.
- (13) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT52 ("PATRAS" "BASILEA") departed Caloundra 0421/19. "GEELONG" to part company vicinity Percy Islands ETA 0800/19 and return Brisbane.
- (14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area	- Warships & Aux.	- "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "MILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN" "BALIKPAPAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux.	- SC.750 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W. McCRAKY" "ASSOCIATED" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN" "ULDOLOO" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "IYVERELL" "WILGANNIA" "ECHUCA"
Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "GYMPIE" "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY"
 "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "VENDETTA" "BROOME"
 "SWAN" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "PHOENIX" "PATTERSON" "FULTON"
 "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738
 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119
 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER" "YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "RALPH TALBOT" "PREMANE" "KATOOMBA"
 "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) New Georgia - At 1130/15 Munda airfield was attacked by 6 torpedo bombers and 15 Grummans. The four fighters reported on the aerodrome at 0935/15 were not to be found.

Vila airfield area was attacked 1608/15 by 5 dive-bombers escorted by 14 Grummans. A building on the Vila River Bank, believed to be a power station, was destroyed.

(2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 0740/16 show -

Kahili - 35 fighters, 5 medium bombers
 Ballale - 8 fighters
 Faisi - 22 floatplanes
 Vila - 1 fighter
 Munda - nil serviceable

(3) Shortlands - At 0745/16 the following shipping was seen in the Buin-Faisi area -

2 destroyers
 3 patrol vessels
 4 cargo vessels

Total 9

This indicates a decrease of 2 cargo vessels from the previous day.

(4) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1100/16 reported one cargo vessel approximately 1500 tons in the Kavieng anchorage. In addition, a burnt out cruiser was seen which is shown by photographs to be "AOBA" class: one 5,000 ton cargo vessel is visible wrecked, and the stern of another vessel standing out of the water.

At 1115/16 a cargo ship reported as 15,000 tons was seen in Gazelle Channel heading towards Kavieng.

(5) Lorengau - Reconnaissance 1010/16 sighted a convoy, described below, about 85 miles ESE Lorengau, course 360°.

Composition:- 1 light cruiser
 1 destroyer
 2 medium cargo vessels

The convoy was covered by three Zero's.

(6) Rabaul - Photos 1020/16 show the following shipping in Rabaul Harbour:-

7 destroyers (5 "PUBUKI" cl., 1 small & 1 old)
 5 submarines of RO.100 type
 4 patrol craft
 2 destroyer tenders
 1 submarine tender
 2 tankers (7,500 & 8,500 tons respectively)
 24 merchant vessels (approx 106,000 tons)
 1 converted seaplane tender

Total 46

The following aircraft were visible:-

Rapopo - 36 M/B in revetments
 Vunakanau - 59 fighters, 9 M/B. (Greater part bomber dispersal area not covered.)
 Lakunai - 120 fighters, 5 M/B, 7 L/B, 4 transports
 In Harbour - 8 floatplanes.

Fighters at Lakunai are lined up along the runway, wing-tip to wing-tip, indicating recent arrival.

(7) Cape Orford - At dawn 16/4 a submarine was seen on the surface off Cape Orford proceeding slowly north.

(8) Wewak - Nine ships, apparently newly arrived at Wewak 0905/15, were attacked during the night 15-16/4 and results are summarised in Navá incidents. At 2315/15 during the attack a destroyer or corvette and 4 unidentified vessels were seen steaming out to sea past the east coast of Muschu Island. Reconnaissance 1030/16 saw only one vessel in addition to

small craft in Wewak Harbour. Photos at this time which only cover part of the area show one cargo ship (1000 tons), 2 coastal vessels, 2 large power boats, 2 luggers, 25 barges.

Photographs 1035/16 show 24 fighters and 5 medium bombers on Wewak aerodrome.

- (9) Hansa Bay - Aircraft over Hansa Bay early a.m. 16/4 sighted in no shipping.
- (10) Salamaua - A local source reports 15/4 50 Japanese crossing Francisco River heading south.
- (11) Port Moresby - Two probable Zero's were seen over the Port Moresby area at about 1130/16.
- (12) Lorengau - Photos 0950/16 show a 5000 ton vessel in Lorengau Hbr.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Timor - Baucau was attacked 0800/16 by 3 B.25's. On their way to the target 2 Zero's were sighted over the south coast of Timor.
- (2) South Coast Dutch New Guinea - 3 vessels were sighted early a.m. 16/4 in Kaimana Bay. The vessels are reported as two 2,000 tonners and one 4,000 tonner but the tonnage may be excessive.
At approximately the same time 3 very small vessels were seen in the vicinity of Pak Pak.
- (3) Aroe Islands - Reconnaissance p.m. 16/4 sighted 3 barges and fishing boats only in the Aroe Is. area.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 0830/16 for Geraldton ETA 1000/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "BALLARAT" departed Townsville 1610/13 for Sydney ETA 0600/18.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG45 (7 MV including "KURUMBA") departed Caloundra 0433/17 ETA Newcastle 0800/19, Sydney 1400/19.

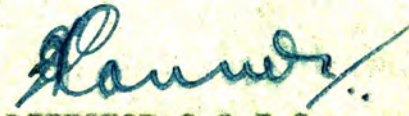
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Rekata Bay - The small camouflaged vessel or barge seen at Rekata Bay was attacked at 1535/15 and sunk by 2 Avenger torpedo bombers with 4 Corsairs covered by 15 Grumman fighters.
- (2) Choiseul - At 1700/12 a small allied party sighted a Japanese barge anchored at Sagigai (about 5 miles up the coast from Bambatana on S.W. coast). They attacked and burned the barge capturing a 50 calibre gun, 4 rifles, ammunition, binoculars, food etc. Two Japs were killed and several wounded: others escaped into the bush and were being rounded-up. One of the attacking party was wounded by a bayonet.
- (3) Wewak - The 9 ships which apparently arrived at Wewak early a.m. 15/4 were attacked after dark by Fortresses. Four aircraft using skip-bombing tactics scored hits as follows:-
A 6-8000 ton cargo vessel hit with two bombs at 2342/15. Seen to sink at 2355/15.
An 8000 ton transport hit with 2 bombs and also near missed. Lifted high out of water by explosions. Left listing and in sinking condition. Considered possibly sunk.
A 6-8000 ton cargo vessel hit when moving out to sea. Stopped when hit and was left listing and in sinking condition. Considered possibly sunk.
An unidentified vessel, probably a gunboat, received direct hits or near misses and was violently rocked by explosions. Ship turned 90° off her course and apparently beached. Considered probably destroyed.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.


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

17/4/43

AMENDMENT: (Page 2, Para.5)

Wewak - The four ship convoy - 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer and 2 medium cargo ships, was incorrectly reported 85 miles ESE of Lorengau. It was in fact approx 60 miles north of Wewak course 360° at 1010/16 indicating the departure of the remnants of the 9 ship convoy which arrived Wewak a.m. 15/4.

- (3) "KALGOORLIE" was to sail to join "STUART" escorting Convoy CDB9 off Nobby's Head at 0700/17. "WARRNAMBOOL" was to depart Sydney 1500/17 with Sydney section and RV with main convoy. "STUART" to proceed Sydney when "WARRNAMBOOL" joins.
- (4) "GOLD STAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (5) "COLAC" departed Melbourne 0803/15 for Sydney ETA 1730/17.
- (6) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC88 departed Port Phillip 2313/16 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "DELOIRINE" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy CDB8. Convoy OC88 ETA Port Kembla 1800/19, Sydney 2359/19, Newcastle 0800/20.
- (7) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12. To exercise vicinity Wilson's Promontory until 18/4 and then proceed Sydney ETA 1200/22.
- (8) ML.426 departed Sydney 1641/14 for Brisbane, was due 1000/16.
- (9) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle ETA 1000/21.
- (10) "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy GP46 (including "BUNGAREE") were to depart Sydney 0900/17, ETA Caloundra 2300/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "HOBART" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
	"H.T.ALLEN" "YANDRA" "MILDURA" "WARRNAMBOOL"
	"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739 SC.751
	13 LCI's
(Repairing)	"NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA"
	"MAHUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)	"WESTRALIA" "KANIMELA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "MANCORA" "ATREUS" "AL SEY"
(Refitting)	"QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HOBART" to depart Sydney p.m. 17/4 ETA Cid Harbour 1700/19.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - THORNTON (AVD)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
NICHOLAS RUSSELL FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS
MAURY HOPKINS WARD PARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN
LARDNER McALLA (DD) PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) MACKINAC (AVP) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP)
MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA
ALORAB CELENG (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT
TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON MAHAN PERKINS CONYNSHAM
SMITH GRIDLEY McALL PANNING CASE CUMMINGS CRAVEN
LAMSON (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY
PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADCIT (AM)
PANNIE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ONTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) SANGAMON CHERANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) LANG
WILSON EATON CONY WALLER CONWAY SAUPLY PHILIP
RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO)
RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.477 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

MOST SECRET

16/4/43

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEMANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOFAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASEVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELEN HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA * VAN GALEN * RALPH TALBOT * QUIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx 50	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)		
	GATO)		
	GRAMPUS)		
	GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GREENLING)		
	GROUPEL)	On Patrol	
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	TUNA)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE A KITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
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<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
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<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T.ALLEN		
	MANOORA		
	* WESTRALIA		
	* KANIMBLA		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?
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AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area only)

Fighters	306
Bombers	138
Bombers	38
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

* Non-effective

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CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	*	Approx 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

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SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHICARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.S. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOFORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMPE TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) TAUTOG) On Patrol 9 THRESHER) TRCUT)		10
	GAF) GUDGEON) At Fremantle TANBOR) K.12)		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.W. Area Only)		
Fighters			117
M/Bombers			78
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			29
Transport A/C			22

♠ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

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

No. 391

Date: 18th April, 1943.

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "SC.750" departed Port Moresby 1256/17 for Milne Bay. ETA 1200/18.
- (3) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island.
- (4) "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Port Moresby 1703/13 for Brisbane ETA 1400/18.
- (5) "ECHUCA" departed Thursday Island 1258/17 for Cairns ETA 0700/19.
- (6) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" were to depart Townsville a.m. 18/4 for Brisbane.
- (7) "PIRIE" departed Townsville 2146/16 for Maryborough ETA 0700/19.
- (8) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN73 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTMAR") to Milne Bay ETA 1730/18.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN74 (H.T. "KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 1800/17 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/19.
- (10) H.D.M.L. 1074 en route Townsville to Port Moresby ETA 1700/18.
- (11) "WARREGO" departed Cairns 1605/16 for Thursday Island was due 1130/18.
- (12) "TULSA" "YP.280" "YMS.9" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" 6PT's departed Cairns 1431/16 for Thursday Island.
- (13) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for operations in Curtis Chanel.
- (14) "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT52 ("PATRAS" "BASILEA") departed Caloundra 0421/19. "GEELONG" to part company vicinity Percy Islands ETA 0800/19 and return Brisbane.
- (15) 6 submarines on patrol

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "WHYALLA" "KAPUNDA" "WAGGA"
"HILO" 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "CARDROSS" "VAN OUTHOORN"
"BALIKPAPAN" "BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50

Note: N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported at 1016/17 that "WHYALLA" was aground on a Reef off Killerton Point in Milne Bay. "KAPUNDA" was sent to her assistance, and "ROCKLEA" was also despatched to discharge "WHYALLA'S" accumulation and stores so as to lighten.

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1161
Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH HOLT" "GEORGE W. McGRARY"
"ASSOCIATED" "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN" "ULOOLOO"
"CITY OF FORT WORTH" "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"

Cairns	- Warships & Aux.	- "SWAN" "GYMPIE" "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "SELFIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MERKUR"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "BUNBURY" "BROOME" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "EISHOFDALE"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "PHOENIX" "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLADSTONE" "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YP.291 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119 PC.1121 "CHANTICLEER" YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339 ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 (Repairing, Trials, Etc.) - "RALPH TALBOT" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "LITHCOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" to depart Palm Island 0600/19 for Cid Harbour ETA 1600/19. To meet "HOBART". "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" to depart Cid Harbour, evening 19/4 and proceed Palm Island carrying out night exercises with destroyers from Palm Island during passage.

Addendum to Forces N.E. Area (At Sea)

- (16) "PATTERSON" escorting "MORMACSEA" departed Calcundra 2201/17. To escort to position 26°38' S. 157°42' E. On completion "PATTERSON" to return to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - Two enemy aircraft were over Guadalcanal during the night 16/4. Three men were wounded and a small fuel dump was fired. Anti-aircraft claimed one enemy aircraft shot down.

- (2) New Georgia - Two barges departed Viru Harbour 2359/15 while another arrived 1505/16, no doubt all in connection with supplies for the enemy O.P. The Jap Radio at Viru Harbour has been moved into the bush.

A 9 ft. road has been constructed from Munda across to Baeroko (at the southern end of Kula Gulf), together with a telephone line. Up to the middle of March no motor traffic had been seen on this road, but it is now reported, 16/4, that trucks and other motor transport are in the Munda Area for the first time.

This indicates that supplies for Munda may in future be shipped from Buin to Baeroko, thence by road to Munda.

Munda airfield was attacked 1415/17 by 12 Dive Bombers escorted by 14 Grumman Fighters. The runway and dispersal area were hit.

Local sources report continued barge activity along the western coast of Vella Lavella.

- (3) Shortlands:- Kahili Area and Ballale were attacked 2000-2130/16 by 11 Torpedo Bombers, 5 Fortresses and 9 Liberators. Fires were started. A possible Tanker and Cargo Ship were attacked by 2 Torpedo Bombers which scored a possible hit on the Cargo Ship and a near miss on the Tanker. A Hospital Ship was seen illuminated, but the red crosses were not visible above 2,000 ft.

Reconnaissance a.m. 17/4 sighted 6 Cargo vessels including 1 large and 1 very large in the Buin-Faisi Area. The largest vessel appeared to be arriving from the East.

The above shipping represents an increase of two Cargo Vessels, while 2 Destroyers and 3 Patrol Craft appear to have departed.

- (4) Northeast Coast Bougainville - Although troops, stores and lorries have been landed on the north eastern shores in the Tinputz Area, latest reports, 17/4, indicate that the area is free of

enemy except for a small force at Tinputz where buildings are being demolished, believed for shipment to Numa Numa.

- (5) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 0920/17 show little change in the air strength, thus -
- | | | |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Kahili | - | 39 Fighters, 5 Medium Bombers |
| Ballale | - | 9 Fighters |
| Faisi | - | 15 Floatplanes |
| Vila-Munda | - | Nil operational |
| Buka | - | 6 Fighters, 1 Medium Bomber |

- (5) Kavieng Area - In the sea area to the Northeast two convoys were seen 17/4 as follows:-

1030/17 - 1 Cruiser, 2 Destroyers, 1 Merchant Vessel approximately 275 miles North East of Kavieng, Course 275°.

1045-1100/17 - 2 Destroyers, 3 Cargo Vessels approximately 200 miles North East of Kavieng, Course 20° which was apparently changed to 190° 15 minutes later.

Reconnaissance approximately 1030/17 reported the following shipping in the Kavieng Area:-

1 Warship (probably the damaged heavy Cruiser) and 4 Unidentified Vessels in the Kavieng Anchorages.

1 small Cargo Vessel 50 miles west of Kavieng course 340° and 1 x 5,000 ton Unidentified type vessel 90 miles South West of Kavieng, course 120°.

- (6) Cape Orford - At 0715/17 an enemy submarine was sighted off Cape Orford on a northerly course. It is recalled that 2 Submarines were sighted p.m. 15/4 in this area, going south and at 0715/16 another one heading north, indicating an almost daily run probably to Lae.
- (7) Gasmata - Photographs 1700/16 show the Gasmata runway to be serviceable, together with 2 Medium Bombers and 1 Fighter all serviceable on the airfield.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance 1140/17 sighted 1 x 2,000 ton Cargo Vessel and 1 x 500 ton vessel in Wewak Harbour.
- (9) Hansa Bay - Photographs 1120/16 show 2 Fighters in revetments on Nubia Aerodrome.
- (10) Bogia - At 1215/17 1 Cargo Vessel of 1,000 tons was seen in Bogia Harbour.
- (11) Lae - Photographs about 1600/16 show 1 Medium Bomber and 2 Fighters, of which one is damaged, additional to the previously reported unserviceable aircraft on the drome.
Photographs at the same time show Malahang runway to be serviceable.
- (12) Mubo - Enemy positions at Komiatum were raided during the night 15-16/4. Details are not yet available.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- 1) 5 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"
Merchant Vessels: "SIBIGO"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon was raided at about 1900/17 by 4 Liberators. 9 Vessels, varying from 1-5,000 tons, type unspecified, were seen in the Bay.
- (2) Banda-Arafura Sea - Reconnaissances over the Tanimbar, Kai, Aroe Islands and along the Kaukenau Coast reported no shipping sighted.
- (3) Humboldt Bay - Reconnaissance 1035/17 sighted one small boat only in the Bay.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 0830/16 for Geraldton. Was due 1000/18.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP 288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "BALLARAT" departed Townsville 1610/13 for Sydney. Was due 0600/18.
- (2) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG45 (6 MV including "KURUMBA") departed Caloundra 0433/17 ETA Newcastle 0700/19, Sydney 1300/19.
- (3) "GOLD STAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (4) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle ETA 1000/21.
- (5) "KALGOORLIE" "WARNAMEGOL" escorting Convoy C089.
- (6) "COLAC" departed Melbourne 0803/15 for Sydney. Was due 1730/17.
- (7) "DELORAIN" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC88 (8 MV.) ETA Port Kembla 1800/19, Sydney 2359/19, Newcastle 0800/20.
- (8) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/18. To exercise vicinity Wilson's Promontory until 18/4 and then proceed Sydney ETA 1200/22.
- (9) "HOBART" departed Sydney 1935/17 to rejoin TF74 at Cid Harbour ETA 1700/19.
- (10) "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy GP46 (3 vessels including "BUNGAREE") departed Sydney 0920/17, ETA Caloundra 2300/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"H.P. ALLEN" "YANDRA" "MILDURA"
"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) SC.739 SC.751
13 LCI's
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GAL EN" "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"DOOMBA"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAE (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANDSOWNE STRONG
NICHOLAS RUSSELL FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS
MAURY HOPKINS WARD PARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN
LARDNER McCALLA (DD) PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS
TANJIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) WANLEY
(APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUKENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON MAHAN PERKINS CONYNGHAM
SMITH GRIDLEY McCALL FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CRAVEN
LAMSON (ED) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY
PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST
BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSEINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROMMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOC)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) There were indications, 16-17/4, of 4 enemy Submarines in the
Tongatabu-Samoa-Canton Islands Area.
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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Nil.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Island.
- (2) Heavy Air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

W. G. Brown

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

18/4/43.

17/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANHEE	CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AG ANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA IZUZU KINU KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA * VAN GALEN * RALPH TALBOT * QUIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx 50	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section) South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)		
	GATO)		
	GRAMPUS)		
	GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GREENLING)		
	GROUPEE)	On Patrol	
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETC)		
	TUNA)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANCORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	321
M/Bombers	140
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	15
Coatplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

* Non-effective

2.

CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 cr 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

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SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING } GRENADIER } TAUTOG } THRESHER } TROUT }	On Patrol 9	10
	GAR } GUDGEON } TAMBOR } K.12 }	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

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Flying Boats	3
Patrolplanes	29
Transport A/C	22

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(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" was to depart Palm Island 0600/19 for Cid Harbour ETA 1600/19.
- (2) "HOBART" departed Sydney 1935/17 ETA Cid Harbour 1700/19.
- (3) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "PHOENIX" (for U.S.) departed Brisbane 1055/18. "RALPH TALBOT" to part company vicinity 159°E to rejoin T.F.74. ETA Townsville 1500/21.
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- (6) "BOWEN" departed Port Moresby 1335/18 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/19.
- (7) "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 2127/18 for survey ground.
- (8) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/20.
- (9) "GLENELG" escorting "HANYANG" "VAN OUTHOORN" was to depart Milne Bay 1200/19 for Townsville.
- (10) "WAGGA" escorting "CARDROSS" departed Milne Bay 0507/18 for Cairns ETA 0800/20.
- (11) "ECHUCA" departed Thursday Island 1258/17 for Cairns was due 0700/19.
- (12) "PIRIE" departed Townsville 2146/16 for Maryborough was due 0700/19.
- (13) "GEELONG" returning Brisbane from vicinity Percy Island after escort duty.
- (14) "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" en route Townsville to Brisbane ETA 1430/19.
- (15) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN74 (H.T. "KATOOMBA") departed Townsville 1800/17 for Port Moresby ETA 1800/19.
- (16) Convoy TN75 ("CREMER" "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN") was to depart Townsville 0400/19. "GYMPIE" to RV off Fitzroy Island 1700/19 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 0800/21.
- (17) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN76 ("VAN SWOLL" "SWARTENHONDT") was to depart Townsville 1000/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/22.
- (18) "TULSA" "YP.280" "YMS.9" "YMS.49" "YMS.50" 6 PT's dep. Cairns 1431/16 for Thursday Island.
- (19) "BUNBURY" departed Townsville 1716/18 for Cairns ETA 0700/19.
- (20) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for operations in Curtis Channel.
- (21) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns ETA 1200/22.
- (22) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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Merchant Vessels: "GORGON" "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTMAR"
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 EDML.1161
 Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH HOLT" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
 "STAGEN" "CITY OF FORT WORTH" "VAN HEUTSZ"
 "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx 20
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL" "WILCANNIA"
 "LATROBE"
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's
 (2 refitting)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY"
 "HELM" "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "YUNMAN" (ASIS) "BISHOPDALE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "GOULBURN" "FULTON"
 "FOYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740
 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119 PC.1121
 "CHANTICLEER" YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339 ML.424
 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 "CENTAUR" (Hospital
 Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "ROCKHAMPTON" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "LITHGOW" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" to depart Gid Harbour, evening 19/4 and proceed Palm Island carrying out night exercises with destroyers from Palm Island during Passage.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - At 1945/17 a small vessel arrived at Rekata Bay from the N.W.
- (2) Shortlands - Following the heavy raid on Kahili and Ballale and shipping in the area on the night 16/4, shipping was again successfully attacked after dark during the evening 17/4 (see Naval Incidents). Simultaneously Kahili strip and revetment area was bombed by 4 torpedo bombers followed shortly afterwards by 6 Fortresses and 7 Liberators which dropped 20 tons of bombs. During the fighter sweep over Kahili area by Lightnings at about 0930/18 3 enemy bombers and 3 Zero's were shot down. One of our fighters was lost.
 At 0825/18 the following shipping was sighted in the Buin-Faisi area -
 2 destroyers
 4 patrol craft
 5 cargo vessels
- (3) Solomons Aircraft - Photos around 0745/18 covering all main drones except Ballale and Faisi showed no material change from the previous day.
- (4) Kavieng - Photographs 1029/17 show the "AOBA" class heavy cruiser beached north of Baudissen Is. and low by the stern. The superstructure and stacks appear normal.
 At 0930/18 reconnaissance sighted apparently 5 ships in the Kavieng area but observation was interrupted by interception. A convoy of 3 ships including probably one destroyer and one merchant vessel off North Cape was sighted probably heading for Kavieng. In addition, one 10,000 ton transport and one 3,000 ton cargo vessel were seen in Kavieng Harbour although high distant oblique photos only show one vessel here.
 Photos also show 2 floatplanes, 4 serviceable medium bombers and 22 fighters on the aerodrome.
- (5) Open Bay - 4 Zero's were seen over Open Bay 0830/18.
- (6) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 0730/18 sighted no aircraft on the aerodrome although the strip appeared serviceable. At 1605/18 4 fighters and 2 medium bombers were seen on the runway and a floatplane moored close by.
- (7) Vitiaz Strait - A twin-engined single seater fighter intercepted a reconnaissance Liberator over Rooke Island at 1200/18 and was shot down in flames.
- (8) Wewak - Reconnaissance at 1000/18 reported nil sightings in Wewak Harbour but there was a heavy haze.
- (9) Bogadjim-Saidor - Local sources report that enemy patrols have been active in the hinterland of this area between 26/3 and

15/4. The same source reports 4 launches running from Madang to Singor (15 miles W. Saidor) and Saidor.

- (10) Salamaua Area - Local sources report 16/4 that Lababia, Duali (in Nassau Bay) and Sachen Bay (adjacent to Nassau Bay) are strongly held by the enemy and are being reinforced from Lae. At Salamaua proper extensive underground positions are reported in the quarry area.

It is recalled that reinforcements for Mubo were believed to have been trans-shipped from the Finschhafen convoy (29-30/3) to Lababia Is., thence to Duali and Mubo.

- (11) Milne Bay - An enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over Milne Bay at 0800/18.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Wissellakes (about 42 miles N. by W. Kaukenau) - A single enemy reconnaissance floatplane was over Wissellakes at 0900/16 and possibly again at about the same time 17/4.
(2) Timor - Aircraft over Koepang at 0825/18 sighted no shipping in Koepang Bay but one ship, shown by photographs to be a 6,000 ton merchant vessel, was seen at anchor off Hansisi (in Semaoe Strait).

Incomplete photos 18/4 of Penfoei aerodrome show 6 fighters and one damaged light bomber.

- (3) Crocker Is. - Two Japanese airmen were washed up on a raft 17/4 on Crocker Is. where they were captured. These men may be from the enemy floatplane which attacked our convoy 9/4 approximately 65 miles NW Milimgimbi and was damaged by a Hudson which was escorting the convoy.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle ETA 1000/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "TOWNSVILLE" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG45 (6 MV including "KURUMBA") dep. Caloundra 0433/17, were due

Newcastle 0300/19, Sydney 1100/19.

- (2) "GOLD STAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (3) "KALGOORLIE" "WARRENAMBOOL" escorting Convoy C089.
- (4) "DELORAI NE" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC88 (8 MV) ETA Port Kembla 1800/19, Sydney 2359/19, Newcastle 0800/20.
- (5) "KYERA" departed Melbourne 1305/12 ETA Sydney 1200/22.
- (6) "BUNDA BERG" "BENDIGO" "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy GP46 (3 vessels including "BUNBAREE") departed Sydney 0920/17, ETA Caloundra 1700/19.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "LE TRIOMPHANT"
"H.T.ALLEN" "YANDRA" "MILDURA" "BALLARAT"
"COLAC" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
SC.739 SC.751 13 LCI's
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALRENA"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"DOOMBA"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA:

ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG
NICHOLAS RUSSELL FLETCHER O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS
MAURY HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN
LARDNER McCALLA (DD) PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT
(AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR)
ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE
PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON MAHAN PERKINS CONYNGHAM
SMITH GRIDLEY McCALL FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CRAVEN
LAMSON (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) WHITNEY (AD) McCAWLEY
PRESIDENT ADAMS PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA
MERCURY TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSRAW (DD) BALIA RD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

17
X
Shortlands - Shipping at the Buin base was attacked from mast-head height by ^{torpedo} bombers at or shortly before 2000/17. Two Avengers scored five hits on a 10,000 ton cargo vessel S.E. of Bauvo Is. off west shore of Fauro Is. The ship was seen with decks awash and sinking during the last bombing pass.

Another two Avengers scored two hits on a second cargo vessel in the anchorage N.W. of Pupukuna Point, and near misses on a third cargo ship nearby.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. Coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Heavy air offensive against Southern Solomons and possibly against New Guinea.
- (3) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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19/4/43

18/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHEENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	CHUYC OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	ATAGO TAKAO AOBA CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX VAN HEEMSKERK HOBART	HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA IZUZU KINU KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA * VAN GALEN * RALPH TALBOT * QUIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx 50	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)		
	GATO)		
	GRAMPUS)		
	GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	Approx 25-30
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GREENLING)		
	GROUPEL)	On Patrol	
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	TUNA)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANCORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	321
M/Bombers	140
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	15
Seaplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

* Non-effective

2.

CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTE CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	<i>(Before War)</i> ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	MASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO RYUHO
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NAGHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

4.

SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section) 1

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies & Philippine

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING GRENADIER TAUTOG THRESHER TROUT GAR GUDGEON TAMBOR K. 12	On Patrol 9 At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	113
M/Bombers	78
Flying Boats	29 3
Floatplanes	29
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

No. 393

Date: 20th April, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM" en route Cid Harbour to Palm Island exercising on passage.
- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "PHOENIX" (for U.S.) departed Brisbane 1055/18. "RALPH TALBOT" to part company vicinity 159°E to rejoin T.F.74 ETA Townsville 1500/21.
- (3) "PATTERSON" en route Brisbane after escort duty with "NORMACSEA".
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (5) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (6) "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0818/9 for Thursday Island ETA 1200/20.
- (7) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" was to depart Thursday Island 1800/19 for Darwin.
- (8) "GLENELG" escorting "HANYANG" "VAN OUTHOORN" dep. Milne Bay 1200/19 for Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (9) "WAGGA" escorting "CARDROSS" departed Milne Bay 0507/18 for Cairns, was due 0800/20.
- (10) "GORGON" in tow of "KAPUNDA" and U.S. Tug "JAMES WALLACE" with "BOWEN" assisting, escorted by SC.750 departed Milne Bay 1330/19 southbound. "BOWEN" "SC.750" to return to Milne Bay when Tug "RESERVE" takes over tow.
- (11) "GEELONG" returning Brisbane from vicinity Percy Island after escort duty.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy TN75 ("CREMER" "STEPHEN B.ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 0800/21.
- (13) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN76 ("VAN SWOLL" "SWARTENHONDT") dep. Townsville 2126/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (14) "YMS.46" "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Brisbane 2008/14 for operations in Curtis Channel.
- (15) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns ETA 1200/22.
- (16) "SHEPPARTON" en route Caloundra to Townsville ETA 1200/22.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTMAR"
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
Merchant Vessels: "JOSEPH HOLT" "DAVID BUSHNELL"
"STAGEN" "VAN HEUTSZ" "KATOOMBA"
"KEY PITMAN"
Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "INVERELL" "LATROBE"
 "TULSA" YP.280 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50 6 PT's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ECHUCA" "BUNBURY"
 "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "BISHOPDALE"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GOULBURN"
 "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738
 SC.740 SC.745 SC.746 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119
 PC.1121 YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339 ML.424
 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 "CENTAUR"
 (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "ROCKHAMPTON" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT53 ("HENRY.D.THOREAU" for Gladstone; "BUNGAREE") to depart Caloundra 1300/20.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT11 ("H.T.KATOOMBA" for Cairns ETA 1000/22; "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville ETA 2300/22) to depart Port Moresby 1500/20.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 19/4 reported 2 medium vessels, and one small cargo vessel. Previous recce a.m. 18/4 revealed 11 vessels including two destroyers. The decrease may be due to dispersal following upon recent successful attacks.
- (2) Solomons - Barge Activity -- Natives report that 4 barges arrived at Vila from the west at 0230/18.
- (3) Munda - 4 Liberators attacked Munda night 18/4 scoring hits on runway and blast pens and causing a large explosion.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos morning 19/4 reveal -

	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>M/Bombers</u>	<u>Floatplanes</u>
Faisi			13
Ballale	12		
Buka	7	4	
- (5) Rabaul - A P.38 on photographic reconnaissance at 1000/19 reported the "usual shipping" in the harbour. The actual photographs covered only portion of the harbour. Photos of Lakunai aerodrome which was almost completely covered reveal 38 fighters, 4 M/B, 2 transport aircraft.
- (6) Cape Orford - At 0645/19 an enemy submarine was sighted proceeding on a northerly course past Cape Orford. Since 15/4, five sightings of submarines have been made in this area, two proceeding south and three north. This most recent sighting is probably further evidence of an almost daily submarine supply run, probably to Lae.
- (9) New Britain-New Guinea Aerodromes -- Photographs 19/4 reveal -

Gasmata	- one Fighter, 2 M/B
But	- 3 L/B
Dagur	- A new aerodrome under construction along the shore 2 miles east of the old strip. New aerodrome comprises two parallel strips 1400 x 80 yards and 2000 x 80 yards with 25 fighter revetments and dispersal lanes. Serviceability doubtful.
Wewak	- 36 fighters (incl. 9 twin-engined), 6 M/B, 2 transport aircraft
Boram	- 1 unserviceable fighter. Work continues slowly in dispersal area.
Nubia	- Partial coverage reveals 3 probable fighters on runway which appears rough.
- (10) Wewak-Sepik River Area - Photographs 1100/19 reveal -

	1 merchant vessel (8,000 tons)
	2 merchant vessels (1,000 tons)
also	3 coasters, 2 large power boats and 20 barges in Wewak Harbour.

It is reliably reported as rumoured that a Japanese naval vessel and high ranking officer will proceed up the Sepik River within a few weeks. This would appear to be quite possible as the enemy may well be concerned to examine the navigational potentialities of the Sepik.

- (11) Hansa Bay - A schooner was sighted in Hansa Bay 0945/19. Heavy accurate A.A. fire was reported by the reconnaissance aircraft.
- 32 barges were photographed in the Nubia area.
- (12) Finschhafen - An 80 foot vessel described as a probable sea truck was unsuccessfully attacked in a bay three miles north of Finschhafen.
- (13) Cape Cretin - An aircraft reported sighting a cargo vessel (1-2000 tons) south of Cape Cretin at 0625/19. No course or speed was reported.
- (14) Normanby Is. - A report states that an enemy submarine was sighted 2 miles north of Cape Pierson at 1800/18.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke-Tanamerah - An enemy fighter made a reconnaissance of the Merauke area morning 19/4. Enemy reconnaissances of Tanamerah were reported 15/4, 16/4 and 19/4.
- (2) Hollandia - Photos morning 19/4 indicate that work on the aerodrome continues slowly.
- (3) Tanimbar Islands - A 2,400 ton vessel in Selwassa Bay, Jandena Island was unsuccessfully attacked at 1230/19.
- (4) Darwin - There was an enemy reconnaissance of the area morning 19/4.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle ETA 1000/21.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDES"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy PG46 (4 MV) were to depart Caloundra 0600/20.
- (2) "STUART" was to depart Sydney 0530/20 to RV with "DUNTERCON" in position 40°S 151°17'E at 0700/21 and escort to Sydney.
- (3) "WHITNEY" "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" en route Noumea to Sydney 0700/23.
- (4) "HERMITAGE" departed Wellington 1100/19 for Melbourne ETA 1100/24.
- (5) "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC89 (6 MV's) departed Port Phillip 0111/20 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "KALGOORLIE" "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy C089, ETA Convoy OC89 Port Kembla 2000/22, Sydney 0200/23, Newcastle 1000/23.
- (6) "DELORAIN" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC88 were due Newcastle 0800/20.
- (7) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12 ETA Sydney 1200/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TOWNSVILLE"
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "H.T.ALLEN" "YANDRA"
"MILDURA" "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital
Ship) "KURUMBA" "SC.739" "SC.751" 13 LCI's
(Repairing) "NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP47 to depart Sydney 0900/21.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS
WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH BUCHANAN LARDNER McALLA (DD)
PREBLE BREESE TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON MAHAN PERKINS CONYNGHAM
SMITH GRIDLEY McCALL FANNING CASE CUMMINGS CRAVEN
LAMSON (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop) ENGADINE (APV) JAMESTOWN (PG)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY PRESIDENT ADAMS
PRESIDENT JACKSON (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY
TITANIA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PEGOS SUAMIGO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S
Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)

- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSRAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) FOMALHAUT PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

20/4/43

ADDENDUM:

(Page 3: Enemy Forces - N.W. Area)

Koepang - A vessel described as a possible large destroyer was sighted 2 miles north of Cape Lelaka (N.E. tip of Semaoe Is.) course 300° at 2000/18.

19/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>ACV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA AOBA
<u>CL</u>	PHOENIX HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATCRI KASHIMA NAGARA IZUZU KINU KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA * VAN GALEN * RALPH TALBOT * QIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD	Approx. 50	Approx. 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GATO) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GROWLER) TRITON)	At Brisbane	Approx. 30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GREENLING) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO) TUNA)	On Patrol	
	K. 9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PF</u>	25	?	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H. F. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON	-	3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE WHITNEY	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	297
M/Bombers	137
SE/Bombers	40
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	17

* Non-effective

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CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	-
<u>ACV</u>	MASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO HYUHO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

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SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD	-
TRENTON	-

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

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	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA GAREHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) THRESHER) TROUT) K.12)	On Patrol 9	10
	GAR) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) TAUTOG)	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	113
M/Bombers	78
Flying Boats	3
Patrol planes	23
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. **394** Date: **21st April, 1943**P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFDRIDGE" "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM" en route Cid Harbour to Palm Island exercising on passage.
- (2) "RALPH TALBOT" en route Townsville after escort duty with "PHOENIX" ETA 1500/21.
- (3) "PATTERSON" departed Caloundra 1649/20 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion about 22/4 "PATTERSON" to proceed Sydney.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (5) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946/20 for Darwin.
- (7) "GLENELG" escorting "HANYANG" "VAN OUTHOORN" departed Milne Bay 1200/19 for Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (8) "GORGON" in tow of "KAPUNDA" and U.S. tug "JAMES WALLACE" with "BOWEN" assisting, escorted by SC.750 departed Milne Bay 1330/19 southbound. "BOWEN" SC.750 to return to Milne Bay when tug "RESERVE" takes over tow.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT11 (H.T. "KATOOMBA" for Cairns; "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1500/20 ETA Townsville 1730/31.
- (10) "AASE MAERSK" was to depart Palm Island 0900/21 for Cairns ETA 0600/22.
- (11) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy TN75 ("CREMER" "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby was due 0800/21.
- (12) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN 76 ("VAN SWOLL" "SWARTENHONDT") dep. Townsville 2126/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (13) "SWAN" departed Cairns 1400/20 for Willis Islets with relief W/T operator, was due 0800/21. To return Cairns ETA 1000/22.
- (14) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns ETA 1200/22.
- (15) "SHEPPARTON" en route Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns ETA 1200/22.
- (16) "SC.745" was to depart Brisbane 0600/21 for Gladstone ETA 1600/22.
- (17) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT53 ("HENRY D. THOREAU" for Gladstone ETA 2300/21; "BUNGAREE" for Townsville ETA 1030/23) dep. Caloundra 1311/20.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "BAN HONG LIONG" "PORTMAR"
"ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BALIKPAPAN" "BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
 Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN"
 "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx 20
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "CASTLEMAINE"
 "INVERELL" "LATROBE" "TULSA"
 YP.280 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
 6 PT's
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "ECHUCA" "BUNBURY"
 "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "MERKUR"
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "BISHOPDALE"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.746
 SC.747 SC.748 PG.1119 PC.1121 YDG.2 LST.452
 LCI.339 ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA"
 "VICTORIA"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.51 YMS.52

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - 10 Avengers attacked Kahili aerodrome 2030/19.
 At 2330/19, 7 Avengers attacked shipping scoring a direct hit on a cargo vessel N.W. of Pupukuna Point and several near misses on another cargo vessel near Ovau Island.
- (2) Solomons Barge Activity - Two barges were sighted evening 18/4 bound for Vella Lavella. At 0300/19 one barge was heard approaching Vila from Vella Lavella, and another barge departed from Malasova Plantation after picking up roofing material.
- (3) Kieta - 7 Fortresses attacked Kieta 2030/19.
- (4) Munda - At 0740/20 8 Avengers and 12 Dauntless attacked Munda knocking out gun positions and starting a fire.
- (5) Bougainville - It was reported 1339/19 that 100 Japanese are known to be at Tinputz.
- (6) Kavieng - A reconnaissance Fortress reported sighting only one sunken and two damaged and beached vessels in the Kavieng area at 0911/20. 6 Zero's were airborne but did not attempt interception.
- (7) Aitape - A Liberator reports having sighted a clearing in a position 19 miles WNW of Aitape at 1015/19.
- (8) Wewak - Fortresses attacking Wewak 0225-0415/20 reported sighting one tanker (4-6000 tons) between Wewak and Cape Moem, 2 medium u/i vessels, including one possibly beached off west coast Cape Moem, 1 small u/i vessel off Wewak
 4 to 6 small boats were also sighted around Cape Boram. One crew member reported sighting a 5000 ton unidentified vessel just off Cape Boram.
 For attack on shipping see Naval Incidents.
 Photographs Cape Boram 1005/20 reveal one dummy fighter on the aerodrome where work continues. There were three barges along the beach, and evidence of heavy activity over the entire area.
 On Wewak aerodrome 11 unidentified aircraft were sighted and 2 airborne at 1000/20.
- (9) Nubia - Photographs 1000/20 reveal three fighters on the aerodrome. The runway still appears rough.
- (10) Madang - Photographs 0915/20 show one damaged 1000 ton merchant vessel at the Government Wharf and four barges. There has been further damage to the Government Administration Quarters. Six fighters were revealed on the aerodrome.
- (11) Teliata Point - Reconnaissance 1125/20 over Teliata Point (45 miles NW of Finschhafen) revealed a long wide smooth runway and some shacks. This is the first report of a runway in this area.
- (12) Lae - A report 1615/20 states that enemy submarines were in Lae Harbour.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle
ETA 1000/21.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "WHIPPOORWILL" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy PG46
(4 MV) departed Caloundra 0720/20 for Newcastle
ETA 1900/22 and Sydney ETA 2300/22.
- (2) "MILDURA" was to depart Sydney and RV with "MORESBY" escorting
Convoy C090 off Nobby's Head at 0900/21. "TOWNSVILLE"
to sail with Sydney section at 1530/21 to RV with main
convoy off Sydney. "MORESBY" to return Sydney when
"TOWNSVILLE" has joined.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1140/20 for Melbourne ETA
0800/22.
- (4) "STUART" departed Sydney 0607/20 to RV with "DUNTROON" in
position 40°S 151°17'E at 0700/21 and escort to
Sydney.
- (5) "WHITNEY" "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" en route Noumea to Sydney
0700/23.
- (6) "HERMITAGE" departed Wellington 1100/19 for Melbourne ETA
1100/24.
- (7) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12 ETA Sydney 1200/22.
- (8) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC89 (6 MV) for
Port Kembla ETA 2000/22, Sydney ETA 0200/23 and
Newcastle ETA 1000/23.
- (9) "DELORAIN" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP47 (including "KURUMBA"
for Port Moresby) were to depart Sydney 0900/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "TOWNSVILLE"
"H.T.ALLEN" "BALLARAT" "COLAC" "SC.739 SC.751
(Repairing) 13 LCI's "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)
"NEPAL" "MUGFORD" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA"
(On Reserve) "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS
WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH LARDNER McCALLA (DD)
TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD)
HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE)
VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE
PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM)
ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH
McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) CHEVREUIL (Sloop)
ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
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Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOC)
(8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Commander 3rd Fleet reports that recent sightings and indications reveal an eastward movement of Japanese submarine activity along the general line Phoenix - Samoa - Fiji Groups.

Two enemy submarines were sighted west of the Phoenix Islands 19/4.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Wewak - Two B.17's attacked a 5,000 ton vessel described as an oiler or cargo vessel between 0225-0234/20. Several hits were scored but final results not yet assessed. One small unidentified vessel was also reported to have been hit.

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20/4/43.

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1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XC</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA # AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA IZUZU KINU # KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA # VAN GALEN RALPH TALBOT # QUIBERON # NEPAL # MUGFORD NICHOLAS FLETCHER	Approx. 45	Approx. 40

Non-effective

South West Pacific
(EASTern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

AMBERJACK)			
GRAMPUS)			
GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane		Approx. 30
GROWLER)			
TRITON)			
TUNA)			
ALBACORE)			
DRUM)			
GATO)			
GREENLING)	On patrol		
GROUPEL)			
GUARDFISH)			
PETO)			
K. 9	At Sydney		
<u>CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	30	?
<u>COMBAT AP</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA		
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CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES
(empire waters)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUJIO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (training ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	KYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NAGHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4.

SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCESSouth West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-
Philippine

<u>BB</u>	-		WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ø	ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	-		SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADGLAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK		MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI # NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON		ALBATROSS	# NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-		ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDIES		Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING) GRENADIER) THRESHER) TROUT) K.12)	On patrol	9	10
	GAR) GUDGEON) TAMBOR) TAUTOG)	At Fremantle		
<u>AS or MAS</u>	PELIAS		?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	113
M/Bombers	78
Flying boats	3
Boatplanes	28
Transport A/C	22

ø No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

Non-effective

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

No. 395

Date: 22nd April, 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (3) "BALIKPAPAN" "MULGRA" departed Milne Bay (without escort) 1259/21 for Oro Bay ETA 1600/22.
- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946/20 for Darwin.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" was to depart Thursday Island 0300/22 for Darwin ETA 1130/26.
- (6) "WARREGO" escorting H.M.A. Tug "FORCEFUL" towing a scow was to depart 0700/22 from Thursday Is. for Merauke ETA 1530/23.
- (7) "GLENELG" escorting "HANYANG" "VAN OUTHOORN" departed Milne Bay 1200/19 for Townsville ETA 1800/22.
- (8) "GORGON" in tow of "KAPUNDA" and U.S. tug "JAMES WALLACE" with "BOWEN" assisting, escorted by SC.750 departed Milne Bay 1330/19 southbound. "BOWEN" "SC.750" to return to Milne Bay when tug "RESERVE" takes over tow.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT11 (H.T. "KATOOMBA" for Cairns; "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1500/20, was due Townsville 1730/21.
- (10) "AASE MAERSK" was due Cairns 0600/22 from Palm Island.
- (11) "SWAN" was due Cairns 0600/22 from Willis Island.
- (12) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN76 ("VAN SWOLL" "SWARTENHONDT") dep. Townsville 2126/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (13) "YP.291" departed Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns, was due 1200/22.
- (14) "SHEPPARTON" en route Caloundra 1951/18 for Cairns, was due 1200/22.
- (15) "SC.745" departed Brisbane 1112/21 for Gladstone ETA 1600/22.
- (16) "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy BT53 ("BUNGAREE" for Townsville ETA 1030/23) departed Caloundra 1311/20.
- (17) PC.1121 escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" (for San Francisco) departed Caloundra 0351/22. To escort to position 27°07'S, 157°25'E and return to Brisbane.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "PORTMAR" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
"BONTEKOE"
Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" HDML.1074 HDML.1161
Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN"
"CREMER" "STEPHEN B.ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
"VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
Small Craft - Approx 20



Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "LATROBE" "TULSA"
 YP.280 YMS.9 YMS.49 YMS.50
 6 PT's

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "ECHUCA" "BUNBURY"
 "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
 "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "BISHOPDALE"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.746
 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" "FREMANTLE" "KATCOMBA"
 "VICTORIA"

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - YMS.51 YMS.52

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Convoy TN77 ("THEDENS" "JAPARA") to depart Townsville 2359/22.
 "BUNBURY" to RV off Fitzroy Island at 1500/23 and
 escort to Port Moresby ETA 1800/25.
- (2) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TN78 ("GENERAL VERSPIJCK") to
 depart Townsville 1600/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/25.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - Aerial reconnaissance a.m. 21/4 reported 5 cargo
 vessels in the area a.m. 21/4. Previous reconnaissance 20/4
 sighted a small cargo vessel, damaged in the attack night
 19/4, down by the stern with a line attached to the shore
 off Ovau Island.
- (2) Kolombangara - A report states that a submarine anchored off
 Vila at 2045/20 and discharged supplies by barges. The
 submarine then withdrew via Ferguson Passage. This is the
 first evidence of submarines in addition to barges being
 used as transports to Kolombangara bases, but conforms with
 the tactics at present employed in ferrying supplies between
 Rabaul and Lae. Submarines were previously used for this
 purpose between Buin and Guadalcanal.
- (3) Buka Passage - One cargo vessel was sighted at Toiokh Island
 (3 miles south of Buka Passage) a.m. 20/4.
- (4) Solomons Aircraft - Photos midday 21/4 reveal -
 Vila - no serviceable a/c
 Munda - no serviceable a/c
 Kahili - 43 fighters, 7 medium bombers
 Ballale - 10 fighters
 Buka - 6 fighters, 4 medium bombers
- (5) Bougainville Island - 5 Liberators attacked the Numa Numa area
 1840-1900/20.
- (6) Kavieng - A Fortress on morning reconnaissance 21/4 reported
 sighting one damaged ~~mk~~ cruiser with small probable salvage
 craft nearby. This is the unit previously identified from
 photographs as an "AOBA" class cruiser which was beached on
 Baudissen Island. The report of probable salvage craft nearby
 may indicate that the enemy is attempting to salvage this
 important unit. Several small unidentified vessels were also
 sighted in the harbour. One 6-8000 ton cargo vessel was
 sighted 31 miles SW by S. of Kavieng on course 160° at 1020/21.
- (7) Wewak - One 1200 ton cargo vessel and one 5-600 ton vessel
 (possible sea truck) were sighted 15 miles NE of Sepik River
 Mouth on course 273° at 0900/21.
 Photographs of Wewak Harbour 1000/21 reveal 2 x 1000 ton
 merchant vessels, 2 coasters, 3 large power boats and 40 barges
 in the harbour. In addition the photos revealed one merchant
 vessel (probably 1000 tons) sunk in the harbour.

36 fighters (including 12 twin-engined), 3 light bombers, one unserviceable medium bombers and 10 unserviceable unidentified aircraft were photographed on Wewak aerodrome.

At Cape Boram, work on the runway proceeds slowly and at Dagur construction work continues in the dispersal area.

- (8) Madang - Photos 1115/21 reveal two dummy or camouflaged aircraft on the aerodrome. The runway is serviceable.
- (9) Salamaua - A large unidentified aircraft was sighted on the runway with trucks lined up alongside at 0850/21.
- (10) Morobe - At 0250/20 one enemy aircraft dropped bombs harmlessly in the area. At 0330/21 another aircraft attacked a command post. One person was killed and three injured. No damage reported.
- (11) Palm Island - A possible submerged submarine was reported to have been sighted 47 miles NNE of Great Palm Island 0640/21.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Langgoer - Reconnaissance a.m. 20/4 reported blast bays under construction along the south side of the runway which appeared in good condition.
- (2) Fullore - Unsatisfactory photos 21/4 reveal 2 fighters. There appears to have been little work on the runways since the last photographs in January.
- (3) Koepang - Photos of the Koepang - Tenau (3½ miles west by south of Koepang) area reveal 3 merchant vessels (under 350 tons) and 71 barges. This barge concentration may indicate the large scale employment of these craft by the enemy in supplying and consolidating his positions in the Timor area.

At Penfoei aerodrome there were eight medium bombers including 4 unserviceable and 4 fighters (2 unserviceable). Extensive new dispersal loops are under construction, and there are two probable new A.A. position.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Melbourne 1603/16 for Fremantle, was due 1000/21.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (3) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 1630/21 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "TJERK HIDDEN"
"PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "BENDIGO" "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy PG46 (4 MV) departed Caloundra 0720/20 for Newcastle ETA 1900/22 and Sydney ETA 2300/22.
- (2) "PATTERSON" departed Caloundra 1649/20 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion about 22/4 "PATTERSON" to proceed Sydney.
- (3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1140/20 for Melbourne.
- (4) "WHITNEY" "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" en route Noumea to Sydney 0700/23.
- (5) "STUART" proceeding to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 43°03'S 144°20'E at 1500/23 and escort to Melbourne.
- (6) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was to RV with "DUNTROON" in position 35°46'S 152°40'E at 0700/22 and escort to Sydney.
- (7) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C090 (13 MV).
- (8) "KYBRA" departed Melbourne 1305/12 was due Sydney 1200/22.
- (9) "WARRNAMBOOL" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy C089 (6 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 2000/22, Sydney ETA 0200/23 and Newcastle ETA 1000/23.
- (10) "DELORAINNE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP47 (3 vessels including "KURUMBA" for Port Moresby) departed Sydney 1135/21 ETA Caloundra 2300/23.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "MUGFORD" "MORESEY" "H.T.ALLEN"
"BALLARAT" "COLAC" "SC.739" "SC.751" 13 LCI's
(Repairing) "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship) "CEANTICLEER"
"NEPAL" "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOCRA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY" "DOOMBA"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

"MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "DUNTROON" "ORMISTON" to depart Sydney a.m. 23/4 for Townsville. "MUGFORD" to escort to Townsville, "LE TRIOMPHANT" to act as additional escort as far as possible, returning Sydney by a.m. 26/4.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST.LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD JENKINS MAURY HOPKINS WARD FARENHOLT WOODWORTH LARDNER McALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH McALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)

- At Vila - MARYLAND (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A.
particularly Central and Northern Solomons -
North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New
Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

22/4/43

21/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC.

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	.	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATCRI KASHIMA NAGARA IZUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA * VAN GALEN RALPH TALBOT * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD NICHOLAS FLETCHER	Approx. 45	Approx. 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK) GRAMPUS) GRAYBACK) GROWLER) TRITON) TUNA)	At Brisbane	Approx. 30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GREENLING) GROUPEL) GUARDFISH) PETO)	On patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	30	?

COMBAT AP H.T. ALLEN
MANOORA
* WESTRALIA
* KANIMBLA

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBLN WHITNEY	DIXIE	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. area only)

Fighters	247
M/Bombers	136
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/c	17

* Non-effective

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	<u>ENEMY FORCES (Empire Waters)</u> ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (training ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA

* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 unidentified
	* MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	

<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx. 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippine
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPRITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING GRENADIER THRESHER TROUT K.12 GAR GUDGEON TAMBOR TAUTOG	On patrol 9 At Fremantle	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

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- (4) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946/20 for Darwin.
- (5) "INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 0952/22 for Darwin ETA 1130/26.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALAGNA" "YARRA" was to depart Thursday Island 0200/23 for Darwin ETA 1130/27.
- (7) "WARREGO" (with 100 R.A.A.F. personnel) en route Merauke ETA 1430/23. To return on route to pick up and escort H.M.A.Tug "FORCEFUL" and escort to Merauke.
- (8) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy NT11 (H.T."KATOOMBA" for Cairns; "JOSEPH HOLT" for Townsville) departed Port Moresby 1500/20, was due Townsville 2300/22.
- (9) "TULSA" departed Thursday Island 1258/22 for Cairns ETA p.m. 24/4.
- (10) "SWAN" escorting Tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" was to depart Cairns 0200/23. "LITHGOW" to intercept and assume escort to Brisbane.
- (11) "BROOME" escorting Convoy TN76 ("VAN SWOLL" "SWARTENHONDT") dep. Townsville 2126/19 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (12) "BUNBURY" was to RV with Convoy TN77 ("THEDENS" "JAPARA") off Fitzroy Island at 1500/23 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1800/25.
- (13) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TN78 ("GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1616/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/25.
- (14) "BOWEN" departed Cairns 2355/22 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/24.
- (15) "BUNGAREE" was due Townsville 1030/23.
- (16) YMS.51 YMS.52 departed Gladstone 1320/22 for Brisbane.
- (17) "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Brisbane 1354/22 for Maryborough was due 0800/23.
- (18) PC.1121 escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" (for San Francisco) departed Caloundra 0351/22. To escort to position 27°07'S, 157°25'E and return to Brisbane.
- (19) "WOODWORTH" "JENKINS" escorting "JUPITER" "PRESIDENT MONROE" departed Espiritu Santo 0800/21 for Brisbane ETA 0900/25.
- (20) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay

- Warships & Aux.

Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "MULCRA"

Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" 15 PT's
 Merchant Vessels: "PORTMAR" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD"
 "BONTEKOE"
 Small Craft - Approx 50
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HDML.1074 HDML.1161
 Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN"
 "CREMER" "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
 "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx 20
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9
 YMS.49 YMS.50 6 PT's
 Cairns -- Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA"
 "PLATYPUS" YP.291 "AASE MAERSK"
 4 PT's (2 refitting)
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
 "BAGLEY" "HENLEY" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT" "MERKUR"
 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GLENELG" "BISHOPDALE"
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.738 SC.740 SC.746
 SC.747 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
 "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) PC.1121 escorting "TAROONA" to depart Caloundra 1330/23 for Townsville.
- (2) SC.738 SC.747 escorting 5 vessels (including 3 ex Convoy GP47) to depart Caloundra 0600/24.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Shortlands - 2 Avengers attacked one cargo vessel 2115/21. The report states that it was believed that hits were obtained but interception by two enemy night fighters made observation impossible. 8 Fortresses 4 Liberators 7 Avengers attacked Poporang Island night 21/4 starting numerous fires.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos 22/4 reveal:-
 Munda - no operational aircraft
 Vila - no operational aircraft
 Buka - 6 fighters, 4 medium bombers
 Buin-Faisi - no photographs available
- (3) Kavieng - One transport (described as 10-12,000 tons) was sighted 30 miles west by south of Kavieng course 300° at 0815/22. One cargo vessel (10,000 tons) and a transport (3-4000 tons) in addition to a previously reported cargo vessel were sighted 5 miles N. by W. of Kavieng at 0825/22. At midnight 22-23/4 5 vessels were reported in Silver Sound.
- (4) Rabaul - Photos 0830/22 reveal:-
 1 light cruiser
 2 destroyers (one "FUJUKI" class, 1 smaller)
 6 submarines (incl. 4 of RO.100 type, one poss. I.121 class)
 1 submarine tender
 2 destroyer tenders
 3 submarine chasers
 1 minesweeper
 1 hospital ship
 2 tankers (totalling 16,000 tons)
 27 merchant vessels (totalling 105,000 tons)
 Total 46 vessels

The last complete photographic reconnaissance of Rabaul 16/4 revealed 46 ships including 24 merchantmen totalling 106,000 tons.

The following aircraft were visible -

Vunakanau - 15 M/B, 9 L/B, 17 F.
 Lakund - 7 M/B, 17 L/B, 6 D/B, 36 F.
 Rapopo - 14 M/B, 5 L/B, 4 transports

- (5) Cape Orford - There is a further report of a submarine sighting in this area at 1524/22. The submarine was proceeding on a southerly course past Cape Orford.
- (6) Madang - Photos 0715/22 show one serviceable and one unserviceable fighter.
- (7) Saidor - It is reliably reported 1553/22 that the enemy in this area is now concentrated at Wilwilan.
- (8) Teliata Point - Further interrogation reveals that there is no strip at Teliata Point. It was reported 20/4 that a long wide smooth runway was sighted in this area.
- (9) Salamaua - It is reliably reported that the Japanese at Salamaua are starving and suffering from dysentery and that Japanese marines have been withdrawn.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Kaimana - Photos 0700/21 reveal one 250 ton merchant vessel and two probably serviceable floatplanes.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "GOLD STAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 1630/21 for Exmouth Gulf.

(b) In Harbour:

Geraldton - Warships & Aux. - "HERON"
 Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
 "TJERK HIDDEN" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM"
 "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286
 YP.288
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" K.12.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "PATTERSON" departed Caloundra 0824/22 for Sydney.
- (2) "SC.741" escorting 12 landing craft departed Noumea 0900/20 for Sydney.
- (3) "CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 0900/27.
- (4) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C090 (13 MV).
- (5) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1140/20 for Melbourne.
- (6) "WHITNEY" "NICHOLAS" "FLETCHER" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 0700/23.
- (7) "STUART" proceeding to RV with "HERMITAGE" in position 43°03'S 144°20'E at 1600/23 and escort to Melbourne.

- (8) "WARRN AMBOOL" "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy OC89 were due Sydney 0200/23 and Newcastle 1000/23.
- 9) "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "FRANCISCO" (detaching 28°40'S 155°45'E for Noumea) "DUNTROON" "ORMISTON" "AURORA" were to depart Sydney 1000/23 for Townsville. "LE TRIOMPHANT" to provide escort as far as possible returning to Sydney by a.m. 26/4.
- (10) 13 LCI's were to depart Sydney 0730/23 northbound. Nine to detach Port Stephens, four to proceed Brisbane.
- (11) "DELORAINE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy GP47 (3 vessels including "KURUMBA" for Port Moresby) departed Sydney 1135/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney	- Warships & Aux. -	"MORESEY" "H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO"
		"KYBRA" "BUNDABERG" "GLADSTONE" "BALLARAT"
		"COLAC" "SC.739" "SC.751" "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "CHANTICLEER"
(Repairing)		"NEPAL" "VAN GALEN" "ALHEMA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve)		"WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. -	"MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
		"KALGOORLIE"
(Refitting)		"QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP48 to depart Sydney 1030/24.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST.LOUIS NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER FAHRENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) FYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NECSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BE) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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23/4/43

22/4/43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>South West Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO TONE TIKUMA * ACBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD NICHOLAS FLETCHER	Approx 45	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

SS

AMBERJACK)		
GRAMPUS)		
GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	Approx. 30
GROWLER)		
TRITON)		
TUNA)		

ALBACORE)		
DRUM)		
GATO)		
GREENLING)	On Patrol	
GROUPEL)		
GUARDFISH)		
PETO)		

K. 9 At Sydney

AV/CVS

-	CURTISS	CURTISS	CHITOSE
	TANGIER	TANGIER	AKITSUSHIMA

XAV/XCVS

-		3	6
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25		30	?
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COMBAT AP

	H.T. ALLEN
	MANOORA
*	WESTRALIA
*	KANIMBLA

AS or XAS

FULTON		3 or more
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AD

DOBBIN	DIXIE	?
WHITNEY		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters	260
M/Bombers	140
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

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* Non-Effective

2.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES (Empire Waters)</u>
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	-	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	KYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND	KUMANO SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	?	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	?	Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	INDIANAPOLIS	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4. SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	-
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* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Philippines

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
<u>B</u>	*	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALEATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAMFURA RANGHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDUS	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRAYLING GRENADIER THRESHER TROUT K.12 GAR GUDGEON TAMBOR TAUTOG	On Patrol 9 At Fremantle	10
<u>ASor XAS</u>	FELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
			113
Fighters			78
M/Bombers			3
Flying Boats			28
Floatplanes			22
Transport A/C			

∅ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective.

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

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

No. 397

Date: 24th April, 1943.

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "BAGLEY" departed Palm Island 1300/23 for Brisbane ETA 0600/25.
- (2) "GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 0231/24 for Oro Bay. ETA 2300/24.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (4) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (5) "BROOME" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Milne Bay 0317/23 for Beli Beli, Goodenough Island.
- (6) "LATROBE" escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALAGNA" "YARRA" departed Thursday Island 0211/23 for Darwin ETA 1130/27.
- (7) "WARREGO" escorting H.M.A. Tug "FORCEFUL" to Merauke.
- (8) "TULSA" departed Thursday Island 1258/22 for Cairns ETA p.m. 24/4.
- (9) "WOODWORTH" "JENKINS" escorting "JUPITER" "PRESIDENT MONROE" from Espiritu Santo to Brisbane. "WOODWORTH" to be detached prior to arrival. ETA Caloundra "JENKINS" escorting "JUPITER" "PRESIDENT MONROE" 0900/25.
- (10) "LITHGOW" escorting Tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane.
- (11) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0319/23 for Milne Bay. ETA 1000/25.
- (12) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TN78 ("GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1616/22 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/25.
- (13) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN77 ("THEDENS" "JAPARA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1800/25.
- (14) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" departed Thursday Island 0707/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/25.
- (15) "BOWEN" departed Cairns 2355/22 for Milne Bay ETA 2100/25.
- (16) "BUNGAREE" departed Townsville 0030/24 for Cairns.
- (17) "SC.745" departed Gladstone 1800/23 for Mackay. ETA 1500/24 and Townsville ETA 0600/26.
- (18) "PC.1121" escorting "TAROONA" departed Caloundra 1427/23 for Townsville ETA 1400/25.
- (19) "SC.738" "SC.747" escorting Convoy BT54 (5 vessels) including "KURUMBA" for Townsville) were to depart Caloundra 0600/24.
- (20) "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Gladstone 1320/22 for Brisbane.
- (21) 7 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux.
Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "MULCRA"
Milne Bay Area - Warships & Aux. - 15 PT's
Merchant Vessels: "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "BONTEKOE"
"VAN SWOLL"
Small Craft - Approx. 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "HILO" "HDML.1074" "HDML.1161"
 Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN"
 "CREMER" "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
 "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx. 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9
 6 PT's

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA"
 "FLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SEL-
 FRIDGE" "HENLEY" "HELM"
 "RALPH TALBOT"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "SWAN" "GLENELG"
 SC.750 "BISHOPDALE" "AASE
 MAERSK" "YUNNAN"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" "FULTON" "POYANG"
 (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47
 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746
 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339
 ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817
 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
 "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WAGGA" to RV with Convoy TS23 ("MERKUR" "HANYANG") at Cleveland Bay 1400/24 and escort to Brisbane ETA 0800/28.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda: Enemy positions were attacked 1600/22 and A/A positions were silenced. Corsairs strafed the area one hour later destroying three grounded aircraft.
- (2) Vila: Corsairs strafed the area afternoon 22/4, setting fire to a motor transport on the strip.
- (3) Kahili: Three Liberators attacked Kahili at 0200/23.
- (4) Rekata Bay: Twelve Dauntless escorted by fourteen Corsairs bombed and strafed Rekata Bay Area 0745/23.
- (5) Solomons - Barges: During night 21-22/4 three barges containing fifty men and timber left Vila for Vanga Vanga, and later returned to Gatere (10 miles W.N.W. of Vila). Vanga Vanga is on S.W. coast of Kolombangara Island.
- (6) New Hanover-Kavieng Area: A Hospital Ship (6-8,000 tons) was sighted 70 miles W.S.W. of Cape Matanalem on course 90° at 1010/23.
 Two cargo vessels (4,000 and 6,000 tons) were reported stationary in Kavieng Anchorages at 1035/23.
 Photographs reveal a convoy of 5 vessels including one each of 7,000, 5,000 and 2,500 tons and two small unidentified vessels, 50 miles S.E. of Kavieng on course 120° at 1100/23.
 The largest vessel was attacked. Results are not yet assessed.
- (7) Rabaul: Reconnaissance 0945/23 reported the "usual shipping".
- (8) Wewak: Photos 1000/23 reveal only three coasters, two power boats and thirtytwo barges. The last photographic report of shipping of any size in the Wewak area was on 19/4, when one 8,000 ton merchant vessel in addition to two 1,000 ton ships were present. In the photos 21/4 two 1,000 ton merchantmen were revealed.
 Photographs also revealed 25 fighters, 3 light bombers and 8 twin-engined aircraft, all serviceable on Wewak Aerodrome. At Boram there is evidence of continued improvement on the runway, while at Dagua work on the aerodrome progresses slowly. At But, work also continues on the runway which appears serviceable.
 It is reported 1159/23 that the Japanese have occupied Maprik (35 miles W. by S. of Wewak).
- (9) Lae: Two apparently serviceable medium bombers were sighted on the Aerodrome 0630/22.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES:

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946/20 for Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 0952/22 for Darwin. ETA 1130/26.
- (3) 3 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(ii) ENEMY FORCES.

Merauke: An unidentified twin-engined aircraft was over the Merauke Area 1015-1107/23.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "GOLD STAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Fremantle 1630/21 for Exmouth Gulf.
- (3) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1620/23 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HIDDES" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM"
"DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286
YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "LARK" K.12.

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "DELORAINÉ" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG47 (3 MV) were to depart Caloundra 0600/24.
- (2) "SC.741" escorting 12 landing craft departed Noumea 0900/20 for Sydney.
- (3) "CHENREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" en route Noumea to Sydney ETA 0900/27.
- (4) "BUNDABERG" was to depart Sydney so as to RV with "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy C091 off Nobby's Head at 0945/24. "DOOMBA" escorting Sydney section to depart Sydney 1330/24 and join main convoy. "WARRNAMBOOL" to return Sydney when "DOOMBA" joins.
- (5) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C090 (13 MV).
- (6) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1140/20 for Melbourne.
- (7) "STUART" escorting "HERMITAGE" to Melbourne was due 0830/24.
- (8) 13 LCI's were to depart Sydney 0730/23 northbound. Nine to detach Port Stephens, four to proceed Brisbane.
- (9) "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy ST2 "BEAU" (for St. Pedro detaching 31°30' S. 155°E.) Francisco-Coronado (for Noumea detaching 28°40' S. 155°45' E.) "DUNTROON" "ORMISTON" (both for Townsville ETA 1930/27) departed Sydney 1040/23.
- (10) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP48 were to depart Sydney 1030/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" "H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO"
"KYBRA" "GLADSTONE" "SC.739" "SC.751"
(Repairing) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) "CHANTICLEER"
"PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
"VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WHITEY"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "WESTHALIA" "KANIMBLA"
(Refitting) "MANCOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"KALGOORLIE"
"QUIBERON"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD
LARDNER FARENHOLT McALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS
TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT
(AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIB
ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT
TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH
McCALL PANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE
(APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA TALAMANCA MERCURY CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS
(APD) TRYON (APH) PEGOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO)
KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31
(SS) ARD. 2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM)
LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE TUI
(A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) ERSKINE PHELPS
(AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA
KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479
RAPPANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

(11) ENEMY FORCES.

Ellice Is.: Two waves probably of five and six enemy aircraft attacked
Funafuti before dawn 23/d. Two grounded Liberators were
destroyed, the radio station was moderately damaged and two
personnel casualties caused.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly
Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W.
coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
(2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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24/4/45.

23/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOKI
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD NICHOLAS FLETCHER	Approx. 45	Approx. 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK GRAMPUS GRAYBACK GROWLER TRITON TUNA	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx. 30
	ALBACORE DRUM GATO GREENLING GROUPER GUARDFISH PETO	On Patrol	
	K. 9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/OVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	30 (Approx.)	?
<u>APA APD AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 A	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN WHITNEY	DIXIE	?
<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>			
	Fighters		257
	M/Bombers		140
	SE/Bombers		16
	Flying Boats		15
	Floatplanes		52
	Transport A/C		23

* Non-effective

2.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (Empire Waters)
<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA # WEST VIRGINIA # CALIFORNIA # TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	# SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO # OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS # MINNEAPOLIS # PENSACOLA # PORTLAND # INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA 1 Unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 or 3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	2
<u>DD</u>	20 Approx.	Approx. 16
<u>SS</u>	40 Approx.	Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	CUNCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 10

4.

SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	-	-
<u>DD</u>	4	-

Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>ES</u>	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
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<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRENADIER GUDGEON THRESHER TROUT	} On Patrol 9	10
	K. 12	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GAR TAMBOR TAUTOG	} At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	113
M/Bombers	78
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	28
Transport A/C	22

♠ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain

* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 398

Date: 25th April, 1943

P A R T I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (2) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (3) "WOODWORTH" "JENKINS" escorting "JUPITER" "PRESIDENT MONROE" from Espiritu Santo to Brisbane. "WOODWORTH" to be detached prior to arrival. "JENKINS" escorting "JUPITER" "PRES. MONROE" was due Caloundra 0900/25.
- (4) "LITHGOW" escorting Tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 27/4.
- (5) "YP.291" departed Cairns 0319/23 for Milne Bay was due 1000/25.
- (6) "SHEPPARTON" escorting Convoy TN78 ("GENERAL VERSPIJCK") departed Townsville 1616/22 for Port Moresby, was due 0800/25.
- (7) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN77 ("THEDENS" "JAPARA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby ETA 1800/25.
- (8) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" departed Thursday Island 0707/23 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/25.
- (9) "BUNGAREE" departed Townsville/0030/24 for Cairns.
- (10) "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" dep. Milne Bay 1319/24 en route Townsville ETA 0600/27.
- (11) "SC.738" "SC.747" escorting Convoy BT54 ("GARD" for Gladstone ETA 0500/26; "BURWAH" "TIME" for Bowen ETA 1300/27; "KURUMBA" "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Townsville ETA 2359/27) departed Caloundra 1817/24.
- (12) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TS23 ("MERKUR" "HANYANG") from Cleveland Bay to Brisbane ETA 0800/28.
- (13) "BANGALOW" was to depart Cairns 0600/25 for Brisbane ETA 1800/29.
- (14) "GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1935/24 to RV with "KATOOMBA" and escort her to Brisbane.
- (15) "BISHOPDALE" dep. Townsville 1448/24 for Challenger Bay.
- (16) "HILO" departed Port Moresby 1431/24 for Sariba ETA 1100/25.
- (17) "PC.1121" escorting "TAROONA" departed Caloundra 1427/23 for Townsville ETA 1400/25.
- (18) "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Gladstone 1320/22 for Brisbane.
- (19) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux, - "GYMPIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "BALIKPAPAN" "MULCRA" "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - 15 PT's "BOWEN" "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL"
	Small Craft - Approx 50

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - HMDL.1074 HDML.1161
 Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "STAGEN"
 "CREMER" "STEPHEN E. ELKIN" "HENRY DEARBORN"
 "VAN HEUTSZ" "KEY PITMAN"
 Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "YP.280 YMS.9
 6 PT's

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA" "TULSA"
 "PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)

Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
 "HENLEY" "HELM" "RALPH TABOT"

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" "SWAN" "GLENELG"
 SC.750 "AASE MAERSK" "YUNNAN" (ASE)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - SC.745
 Merchant Vessels: "HENRY D. THOREAU"

Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "FULFON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YF.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748
 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 LCI.339 ML.424 ML.425
 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
 "FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN79 ("PATRAS") ETD Townsville 2300/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/28.
- (2) Task Force 74 is to proceed from Palm Is. to Family Island on 26/4, anchoring off Combe or Dunk Is.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San Cristobal - A U.S. destroyer reported an unsuccessful attack at 0905/24 by a single enemy bomber approximately 80 miles east of San Cristobal.
- (2) New Georgia - Local sources report a possible submarine passing through Blakett Strait (south of Kolombangara) during the night 22-23/4. It is recalled that a submarine was reported off Vila 20/4 and the above is further evidence of the enemy using submarines to supply the New Georgia bases.
 Further to the report that 3 barges containing 50 men and timber went to Vanga Vanga (12 miles WNW Vila Plantation) during the night 21-22/4, 46 Japs are reported to have landed and commenced work. A further 3 barges unloaded stores and timber at Vanga Vanga during the night 23-24/4.
 A.A. positions, the runway and revetments at Munda were attacked 1345/24 by 12 dive-bombers, 12 torpedo bombers covered by 16 fighters. A large fire followed a hit on an A.A. position near the strip: 2 buildings were also destroyed.
 Also on 24/4 Ringi Cove (west of Vila) was strafed by 7 Corsairs for possible barges in the area.
- (3) Shortlands - At 1145/24 4 cargo vessels were sighted between Kahili and Tonolei. In addition 4 vessels including possibly one destroyer, one tanker and 2 cargo vessels were seen west of N. tip Shortland Is. heading for Kahili.
- (4) N.E. Bougainville - Local sources now confirm 23/4 that the Japs at Numa Numa are evacuees from Guadalcanal. Tenekau appears to be their main base.
 An army patrol of 20 men is operating from Tinptz.
- (5) Buka - At 0850/23 17 enemy fighters flew SE from Buka.
- (6) Kavieng - Further photographs 23/4 of the "AOBA" class heavy cruiser at Kavieng show that her superstructure is badly damaged and that she is surrounded by an oil slick although the extent of damage to the hull cannot be assessed. Her position has not changed since she was beached on a reef approximately 200 yards offshore E. of Baudissen Is. following the air attack 3/4. (See Naval Incidents for report of attack on cargo vessel 23/4).
- (7) Cape Orford - At 0710/24 an enemy submarine was seen off Cape Orford proceeding north. This is further evidence of the regular submarine trips passed this location probably to and from Lae.

- (8) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 1400/24 sighted four twin-engined bombers believed serviceable on Gasmata aerodrome with one more bomber airborne.
- (9) Wewak - Reconnaissance 0920/24 sighted 3 small cargo vessels and 3 small unidentified ships in Wewak Harbour. Photos confirm the presence of 6 small vessels although the usual anchorage was obscured by cloud.
The reconnaissance Liberator was intercepted by 10 to 12 Zero's of which 5 were destroyed.
- (10) Ninigo Is. - At 1100/24 a seven ship convoy including probably 3 large transports, 2 medium cargo vessels and 2 destroyers was sighted approximately 300 miles NNW Wewak course 290°. The position and course would indicate that the convoy is en route Palau probably from Rabaul.
- (11) Hansa Bay - Photos 1000/24 show one fighter on Nubia aerodrome which is rough but serviceable. Reconnaissance 0845/24 saw only a sunken ship in Hansa Bay.
- (12) Mubo - Enemy positions at Green's Hill (1½ miles NE Mubo) were attacked 1030/24 by 4 Bostons.
- (13) Morobe - At 2330/23 one enemy aircraft dropped 2 bombs and strafed the Dona area.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946/20 for Darwin.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 0952/22 for Darwin ETA 1130/26.
- (3) "WARREGO" escorting H.M.A. Tug "FORCEFUL" to Merauke ETA 1600/24.
- (4) "LATROBE" escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALAGNA" "YARRA" departed Thursday Island 0211/23 for Darwin ETA 1130/27.
- (5) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - ML.815

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kai Is. - 2 camouflaged vessels, of which one was possibly a W/T ship, were attacked by 3 Hudsons 1720/24 off Haar Village (N.E. tip Groot Kai). The larger vessel was sunk and the smaller probably damaged.
- (2) Aree Is. - At approximately 1100/24 a 50' schooner and 4 float-planes were sighted at Taberfane (Maikoor Bay on W. coast). Another floatplane was seen airborne.
- (3) Dilli - Penfoei aerodrome was attacked 0300/24 by 7 B.25's. Fires were started including one large blaze possibly from a fuel dump.
- (4) Banda Sea - At 1625/24 a five ship convoy including 3 medium merchantmen and 2 escort vessels possibly destroyers, was sighted about 200 miles SW of Ambon course 220°, possibly heading for Sourabaya.
- (5) Kendari - Kendari aerodrome was successfully attacked about 1745/24 by 9 Liberators. Large fires were started and some aircraft destroyed on the ground and during interception by 15-20 Zero's but reports are not yet complete.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "GOLDSTAR" en route Sydney to Fremantle.
- (2) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1620/23 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HILDES" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBB"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B.PRESTON" "LARK" "K.12"
"WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "DELORAINIE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG47 (3 MV) were ~~xx~~ departed Caloundra 0552/24. for Sydney ETA 1900/26.
- (2) "SC.741" escorting 12 landing craft departed Noumea 0900/20 for Sydney.
- (3) "CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" enroute Noumea to Sydney ETA 0900/27.
- (4) 4 LCI's en route Sydney to Brisbane ETA 1000/25.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" dep. Sydney so as to RV with "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Convoy C091 off Nobby's Head at 0945/24. "DOOMEA" escorting Sydney section departed Sydney 1330/24 to join main convoy which departed at 1411/24.
- (6) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy C090 (13 MV).
- (7) "MUGFORD" "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting Convoy ST2 ("FRANCISCO-CORONADO for Noumea detaching 28°40'S 155°45'E; "DUNTROON" ~~for~~ "ORMISTON" both for Townsville ETA 1930/27) departed Sydney 1040/23.
- (8) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP48 (comprising "SUNETTA" "LIMERICK" "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" for Brisbane; "REIJUST" "YOCHOW" for Oro Bay) departed Sydney 1047/24 ETA Brisbane 0400/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "MORESBY" "WARRNAMBOOL"
"H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE"
SC.739 SC.751 "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
"CHANTICLEER"
(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
"VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"WHITNEY"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANCOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"KALGOORLIE" "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" "STUART"
"HERMITAGE"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSLOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNOH RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER
FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH
McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY
TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)

PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518

- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN REGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area. - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK ~~KAYE RAIL~~
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI ~~MAI~~
GALE TUI (A/S Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT)
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
~~SAWLEY~~ SAUFLEY PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV)
LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) RIGEL (AR) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Kavieng - A 7,000 ton cargo vessel, the largest in a convoy of 2 medium and 1 small merchantmen escorted by 2 probable destroyers 30 miles SE of Byaul Is. on course 120°, was attacked at 1100/23 by a Liberator on armed reconnaissance. Six 500-lb bombs were dropped and photos show a train of 5 bomb disturbance rings of which the last is alongside the vessel; the sixth bomb is claimed as a direct hit amidships resulting in smoke rising to 3,000 feet. The ship was left in a sinking condition and is considered probably to have sunk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North Coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

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

25/4/43

24/4/43.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANBEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAJO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AO BA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL * MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx. 45	Approx. 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)	S.31	
	GRAMPUS)		
	GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	Approx. 30
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	TUNA)		
	AL BACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GATO)		
	GREENLING)	On Patrol	
	GROUPEL)		
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	K. 9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS	CHITOSE
		TANGIER	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	6
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx. 30	?
<u>APA APD AKA</u>			
	H.T. ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	15 APD	
*	WESTRALIA	6 A	
*	KANIMBLA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	?
*	WHITNEY		
<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS	?
		VESTAL	
		RIGEL	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)</u>			
	fighters		257
	M/Bombers		140
	S/E Bombers		16
	Flying Boats		15
	Floatplanes		52
	Transport A/C		23

* Non-effective

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CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES (Empire Waters)BL

NORTH CAROLINA
 IDAHO
 MISSISSIPPI
 NEW MEXICO
 PENNSYLVANIA
 NEVADA
 * WEST VIRGINIA
 * CALIFORNIA
 * TENNESSEE

ISE
 FUSO
 YAMASHIRO
 HYUGA

CV

VICTORIOUS

* SHOKAKU
 HOSHO (Training Ship)

XCV

LONG ISLAND

RYUHO

ACV

NASSAU
 ALTAMAHA
 COPAHEE

* UNYO
 CHUYO
 OTAKA

CA

LOUISVILLE
 SAN FRANCISCO
 WICHITA
 SALT LAKE CITY
 NEW ORLEANS
 * MINNEAPOLIS
 * PENSACOLA
 * PORTLAND
 * INDIANAPOLIS

SUZUYA
 1 Unidentified

OCA

-

3 - 6

CL

RICHMOND
 RALEIGH
 DETROIT

ABUKUMA
 TAMA

XCL

-

2 or 3

AV/CVS

?

NISSHIN
 KAMOI

XAV/XCVS

?

2

DD

20 Approx.

Approx. 16

SS

40 Approx.

Approx. 30

3.

NORTHERN PACIFICCA

-

NACHI

CL

CONCORD
 TRENTON

KISO

XCL

-

3

DD

10

Approx. 4

SS

10

Approx. 10

4.

SOUTH-EASTERN PACIFICCL

-

-

DD

4

-

* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Philippines

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FRIBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA GERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI NATORI
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	Approx. 12
<u>SS</u>	GRENADIER GUDGEON THRESHER TROUT)) On Patrol 9))	10
	K. 12	At Exmouth Gulf	
	GAR TAMBOR TAUTOG)) At Fremantle)	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	113
M/Bombers	78
Flying Boats	3
floatplanes	28
transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence
present location uncertain

* Non-effective

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

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

No. 399

Date: 26th April, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFIDGE" "HENLEY" "HELM" "RALPH TALBOT") moves from Palm Island to Family Island 26/4 anchoring off Combe or Dunk Island.
- (2) "MUGFORD" escorting Convoy ST2 ("DUNTROON" "ORMISTON") departed Sydney 1040/23 for Townsville,
- (3) "BAGLEY" departed Caloundra 1631/25 to exercise with submarine to seaward of Cape Moreton.
- (4) "BROOME" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 0218/26 for Oro Bay ETA 2300/26.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" departed Port Moresby 1723/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1530/26.
- (6) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (7) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (8) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TS23 ("MERKUR" "HANYANG") from Cleveland Bay. Was directed to proceed Gladstone with convoy at 2324/25.
- (9) "AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 0638/25 for Brisbane ETA 0900/28.
- (10) "LITHGOW" escorting tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 27/4.
- (11) "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy TN77 ("THEDENS" "JAPARA") from Fitzroy Island to Port Moresby, was due 1800/25.
- (12) "YMS.49" "YMS.50" departed Thursday Island 0707/23 for Milne Bay was due 1600/25.
- (13) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN79 ("PATRAS") was to depart Townsville 2300/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/28.
- (14) "SC.738" "SC.747" escorting Convoy BT54 ("BURWAH" "TIME" for Bowen ETA 1300/27; "KURUMBA" "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Townsville ETA 2359/27) departed Caloundra 1817/24.
- (15) "GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 2222/25 to search for survivors of torpedoed "KOWARRA" vicinity 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape.
- (16) "YMS.51" "YMS.52" departed Gladstone 1320/22 for Brisbane.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE"
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "HILO" 15 PT's YP.291
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	"VAN HEUTSZ" "GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9
6 PT's
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA" "TULSA"
"PLATYPUS" 4 PT's (2 refitting)
Palm Island - Warships & Aux. -
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" PC.1121 SC.750
"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Mackay - Warships & Aux. - SC.745
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "JENKINS" "BAGLEY" "FULTON"
"POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46
YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.70 YMS.71 SC.740
SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCI's
ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.814 ML.817
"CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "GEELONG"
"FREMANTLE" "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TNSO ("TAROONA") to depart
Townsville 1800/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (2) "SC.750" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" to depart Townsville
0200/27 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/29.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Russell Is. - At 1215/25 10 enemy bombers with 20 fighters were
intercepted by 4 Corsairs over Buraku Is. (or Murray Is. -
about 20 miles west of Russell Group) headed S.E. The Corsairs
were returning from a strafing mission at Kolombangara but
attacked the enemy formation and shot down 5 Zero's: the
remainder reversed course and were later seen over Vella Lavella
heading for Bougainville. Two of the Corsairs are missing.
- (2) Solomons Aircraft - Photos at approximately 1135/25 show -
Kahili - 38 fighters, 4 medium bombers
Ballale - 10 fighters
Faisi - 5 floatplanes
Buka, Vila and Munda were not covered.
A slight increase is indicated if the aircraft engaged
on the mission intercepted over Russell Is. are added.
- (3) Shortlands - Reconnaissance a.m. 25/4 sighted 3 cargo vessels
between Kahili and Tonolei Harbour with much small boat
activity between ships and shore. This indicates a reduction
of 5 vessels since the previous day possibly including one
destroyer, one tanker and 3 cargo vessels.
- (4) Bismarck Sea - At 0130/25 a well lighted hospital ship was
sighted just south of Dyaul Island heading for Kavienig.
At 0925/25 a cargo vessel of about 2,000 tons was
sighted about 10 miles north of Cape Pomas (N.W. extremity
Gazelle Peninsula) course west.
- (5) Wewak - The main Wewak aerodrome was attacked 0245-0310/25 by
four Fortresses.
Photographs taken about 1135/25 show:-
Wewak aerodrome - 19 serviceable fighters, 1 medium bomber.
Photos are possibly incomplete.
Boram aerodrome - no serviceable aircraft and no changed
on the aerodrome.
But aerodrome - 3 medium bombers but photos are obscure.
Two small merchant vessels are visible in Wewak Harbour
but the anchorage was not completely covered.
- (6) Mubo - An enemy position on the northern slope of Lababia Ridge
was attacked a.m. 24/4. Two Japs were killed and the position
surrounded.
Enemy artillery on Vickers Ridge was active for a short
while p.m. 24/4.
Targets on Greens Hill (1½ miles N.E. Mubo) were attacked
0900/25 by 3 Bostons.
- (7) Horn Island - A possible enemy reconnaissance aircraft was over
Horn Island 2200-2230/24.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 0952/22 for Darwin, was due 1130/26.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ALAGNA" "YARRA" dep. Thursday Island 0211/23 for Darwin ETA 1130/27.
- (3) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" ML.815
Merchant Vessels: "JAMES COOK"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "FORCEFUL"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Arafura Sea - Reconnaissance 25/4 over the Tanimber-Kai-Aroe Is. area and the Kaukenau coast reported nil shipping sighted except for the sunken small vessel off Haar Village (N.E. tip Groot Kai).
- (2) Kendari - During the attack 1745/24 by 9 Liberators bombs fell amongst aircraft lined up on the aerodrome and at least five twin-engined bombers were destroyed. The majority of the bombs, however, fell in the workshop area causing huge fires. 15 to 20 Zero's intercepted and 5 were destroyed plus one probably. One 4,000 ton merchant vessel was seen in Kendari Bay. Photos of the aerodrome show probably 26 fighters and 5 bombers although additional camouflaged aircraft could be present. 18 fighter pens are visible and 2 possible bomber dispersal areas.
- (3) Dilli - Photographs a.m. 24/4 show one unserviceable fighter on the aerodrome also four bomber and three fighter blast pens and 14 dispersal bays off the aerodrome. The runway extends 1400 yards. One large and 9 small landing barges are visible in the harbour.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "HERON" departed Geraldton 1620/23 for Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HIDDIES" "PELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO"
"WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286 YP.288
"GOLD STAR"
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "K.12" "WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "DELORAINIE" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG47 (3 MV) departed Caloundra 0652/24 for Sydney ETA 0400/27.
- (2) "CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" enroute Noumea to Sydney ETA 0900/27.
- (3) BUNDABERG "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy C091.
- (4) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC90 (11 MV) ETA Port Kembla 2200/27, Sydney 0400/28, Newcastle 1200/28.

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(5) "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy GP48 ("ASPASIA NOMIKOS" "SUNETTA" for Brisbane; "EMPIRE HAMBLE" "YOCROW" "REIJUST" all for Townsville and onward routing) departed Sydney 1047/24.

(Note: "LIMERICK" was torpedoed in position 28°54'S 153°54'E and "COLAC" was standing by. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was ordered to proceed to this position. "LIMERICK" sank at 0603/26 and "LE TRIOMPHANT" was ordered to proceed to Sydney.)

(b) In Harbour:

(Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "MORESEY" "WARRNAMBOOL" "H.T.ALLEN"
 "BENDIGO" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE"
 SC.739 SC.741 SC.751 "CHANTICIER"
 "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) 12 LCI
 (Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
 "VAN GALEN" "BANK" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital
 Ship) "WHITNEY"
 (On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "MANOORA" "ATREUS"
 "ALSEY" "KALGOORLIE" "ABRAFAM CRIJNSSEN"
 "HERMITAGE"
 (Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "STUART" escorting "HERMITAGE" (for Bombay) to depart Port Phillip 1400/26. "STUART" to escort to 39°25'S 140°E.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

An enemy submarine attacked and sank "MOWARRA" at 1900/24 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape and at 0100/26 another vessel was torpedoed by a submarine 20 miles S.S.E. Cape Byron. It is most unlikely that one submarine was responsible for these two attacks. (See Naval Incidents).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
 NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
 RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER
 FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVOR (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
 ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
 DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
 CELENO (AK) NECSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK
 WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
 SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH
 McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV)
 PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY
 TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
 PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
 PAVNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
 SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL
 VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) MATAI GALE
 TUI (A/s Vessels) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP)
 ERSKINE PHELPS (AO) PATHFINDER (AGS)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
 MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
 PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE
 NESCHES (AO) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)

- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Eastern Australian Coast - "KOWARRA" (2,125 tons) proceeding independently from Bowen to Brisbane was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape at 1900/24. SC.747 reported having picked up eleven survivors. "GOULBURN" was ordered to proceed to this position to search for the missing 24 members of the crew.

"LIMERICK" ¹¹²⁴⁷⁰⁵ in Convoy GP48 bound for Brisbane and under escort of "COLAC" and "BALLARAT" was torpedoed in position 28°54'S, 153°54'E (20 miles S.S.E. of Cape Byron) at 0100/26. "BALLARAT" proceeded with the convoy leaving "COLAC" standing by "LIMERICK" which was reported very low in the water aft. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was also ordered to proceed to render assistance, but "LIMERICK" sank at 0603/26. "COLAC" picked up survivors.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased offensive submarine activity.

W. J. Hemmender

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

26/4/43

25.4.43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	+	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKA KU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>AGV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAM ON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASEVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)	S.31	Approx 30
	GRAMPUS)		
	GRAYBACK)		
	GROWLER)	At Brisbane	
	TRI TON)		
	TUNA)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GATO)		
	GREENLING)	On Patrol	
	GROUPEL)		
	GUARDFISH)		
	HE TO)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
<u>II</u>	25	Approx 30	?

<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>		
	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA
	MANOORA	15 APD
	* WESTRALIA	6 A
	* KANIMBLA	

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	?
	* WHITNEY		

<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?
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AIRCRAFT (NEE. Area Only)

Fighters	252
M/Bombers	140
Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

* Non-effective

CENTRAL PACIFICALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES (Empire)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHBE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA NACHI 1 unidentified
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx 40 approx	Approx 16 approx 30

NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	ARREARRE VANXHEEMSKERK	SUSSEX DEVON SHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADSLAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>S</u>	GRENADIER) GUDGEON) THRESHER) On Patrol TROUT)	9	10
	K.12 At Exmouth Gulf		
	GAR) TAMBOR) At Fremantle TAUTOG)		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	(N.W. Area Only)		
Fighters			108
M/Bombers			74
Flying Boats			3
Floatplanes			28
Transport A/C			22

♠ No recent intelligence
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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- (6) "WAGGA" escorting Convoy TS23 ("MERKUR" "HANYANG") from Cleveland Bay. Was directed to proceed Gladstone with convoy at 2324/25.
- (7) "AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 0638/25 for Brisbane ETA 0900/28.
- (8) "LITHGOW" escorting tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 30/4.
- (9) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN79 ("PATRAS") departed Townsville 2256/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/28.
- (10) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN80 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 1800/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (11) SC.750 escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" was to depart Townsville 0200/27 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/29.
- (12) SC.738 SC.747 escorting Convoy BT54 ("BURWAH" "TIME" for Bowen ETA 1300/27; "KURUMBA" "VAN SPILBERGEN" for Townsville ETA 2359/27) departed Caloundra 1817/24.
- (13) YMS.70 was to depart Brisbane 1000/27 to carry out A/S patrol between Cape Moreton and position 27°05'S 153°42'E for approx four days.
- (14) YMS.10 YMS.46 departed Caloundra 1717/26 to relieve "GOULBURN" searching for survivors of "KOWARRA" sunk 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape. "GOULBURN" returns Brisbane on relief.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SHEPPARTON" "BOWEN" YP.291
	YMS.49 YMS.50 "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "THEDENS" "VAN HEUTSZ"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	"GENERAL VERSPIJCK"
	Small Craft - Approx 20

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "YP.280 YMS.9
6 PT's
Gal rns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA" "TULSA"
"PLATYPUS" 4 FT's (2 refitting)
Family Is. - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
"HELM" "HENLEY" "RALPH TALBOT"
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - PC.1121 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
Mackay - Warships & Aux. - SC.745
Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "JENKINS" "FULTON"
"GEEELONG" "POYANG" (ASIS) YP.233 YMS.11
YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.51 YMS.52 YMS.53 ~~YMS.70~~
YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119
YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCI's ML.424 ML.425
ML.426 ML.814 ML.817 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "FREMANTLE"
"KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOULBURN" "GEEELONG" escorting Convoy BT55 (8 MV) to depart Caloundra 1600/27.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kahili - 3 Liberators attacked Kahili 0145-0315/26 starting fires.
- (2) Buka - It is reported 26/4 that 60 damaged aircraft have returned to Buka during the past two months. Considerable barge activity is reported through Buka Passage to Numa Numa via Tinputz Harbour.
- (3) Kolombangara-Western New Georgia Bases -- A vessel larger than a barge is reported to have passed east through Blackett Strait during the night 24-25/5, and to have returned westward at 0200/25. This may have been a submarine engaged in supplying the Japanese bases in this area. At 1700/26 one possible corvette and one cargo vessel left Faisi on a S.E. course. This may indicate that the enemy is again attempting to run supplies to his Kolombangara - Western New Georgia bases by means of surface craft. No sightings of surface vessels proceeding on this mission have been made since early in the month. On 6/4 a force of five vessels proceeded to the Kolombangara area, and on 7/4 one corvette and one transport left Faisi on a S.E. course, but the escort shortly afterward returned to Faisi leaving the transport proceeding on its course. Another report states that a road has been established linking Bairoko and Kokengolo, although there has not yet been any truck traffic. This road should enable the enemy to run supplies into Kula Gulf from whence they could be transported via this road to Munda.
- (4) Solomons-Barge Activity -- A barge was heard proceeding towards Viru Harbour night 24/4. Four barges were sighted taking Japanese off Rendova Island, and four barges were reported active around the south and south western coast of Kolombangara Island night 25/4.
- (5) Kavieng Area - A convoy of 8 vessels comprising ~~one~~ -
1 x 10,000 ton cargo vessel
1 x 7000 tons
3 x 4000 tons
1 x 3000 ton
escorted by 2 sub. chasers
were sighted 22 miles W.S.W. of Kavieng on course 270°, speed 10 knots at 1400/26.
One 10,000 ton cargo vessel with one gunboat as escort was sighted 8 miles W. by S. of Cape Matanalem, New Hanover, speed 12-15 knots, course 210°, half an hour previously.
In Kavieng anchorages at 1400/26 one 3,000 ton and one 7,000 ton cargo vessel were sighted, the latter possibly on a reef.

The "AOBA" class cruiser previously reported beached and damaged on the north shore of Baudissen Island was reported sunk near shore east of Kulaunus Island (just north of Baudissen Island). This is a visual report, but the aircraft reported

the change in position of the "AOBA" class cruiser, and Captain Pife, U.S.N. who was in the aircraft verified all naval identifications.

- (6) Rabaul - Badly blurred photographs taken 0935-0945/26 in which little detail was visible reveal probably -

1 light cruiser
8 destroyers
3 submarines (one large, two small)
2 destroyer tenders
1 submarine tender
23 merchant vessels (totalling 110,000 tons)
38 ships

One large cargo vessel was also sighted north of Rabaul proceeding north. The last complete photo reconnaissance of Rabaul 22/4 revealed 46 vessels including 27 merchant vessels and 2 tankers. The convoy of 8 vessels sighted 22 miles W.S.W. of Kavieng proceeding west at 1400/26 may have been from Rabaul.

- (7) Cape Orford - A further sighting of a submarine proceeding north past Cape Orford was made at 0550/26. The last sighting of a submarine in this area was at 0710/24 also proceeding north.
(8) Gasmata - One Zero and one unidentified aircraft, both unserviceable, were sighted at Gasmata a.m. 25/4. Reconnaissances a.m. 25/4 and 26/4 reported the strip serviceable.
(9) Wewak - Photos 1000/26 reveal -

2 coastal vessels
3 power boats
35 barges

in Wewak Harbour. There is a concentration of stores in the wharf area and native village. 44 fighters (including 10 unserviceable), 2 medium (one unserviceable) and 2 light bombers were on Wewak aerodrome where one probable dummy fighter remains and work continues on the runway and revetments. At But there were 11 fighters including 10 twin-engined of which two were unserviceable. Work continues on the runway.

At Dagua, where only partial coverage was effected, nil aircraft were visible. New supplies were seen and three revetments completed and one other started.

- (10) Mubo Area - With reference to the attack on an enemy position on the northern slope of Lababia Ridge a.m. 24/4, allied troops were compelled to withdraw owing to strong Japanese defences and dense undergrowth. Our losses were 6 killed and 8 wounded. The enemy made an unsuccessful attempt to encircle our troops during their withdrawal.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "ARAGNA" "YARRA" dep. Thursday Island 0211/23 for Darwin, was due 1130/27.
(2) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL" ML.815
Merchant Vessels: "JAMES COOK" "ISLANDER"
Merauke - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" "FORCEFUL"

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "LARK" was due Fremantle 1030/27 from Exmouth Gulf.
(2) "TJERK HIDDEN" departed Fremantle 25/4 to RV with "GOLD STAR" and escort to Fremantle ETA 0900/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "TROMP" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"FELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "W.B. PRESTON" "HERON" K.12
"WHIPPOORWILL"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "COLAC" "BALLARAT" escorting Convoy PG48 (6 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/27.
- (2) "CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" enroute Noumea to Sydney, was due 0900/27.
- (3) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Sydney 0812/26 for Fremantle via Adelaide for fuel ETA Adelaide 1730/29.
- (4) "STUART" escorting "HERMITAGE" (for Bombay) was to depart Port Phillip 1400/26. "STUART" to escort to 39°25'S 140°E.
- (5) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy O39C (11 MV) ETA Port Kembla 1800/27, Sydney 2359/27, Newcastle 0800/28.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC91 departed Port Phillip 2219/26 to RV in Wilson's Promontory area with "BUNDABERG" "DOOMEA" escorting Convoy C091; ETA Convoy OC91 Port Kembla 1800/29, Sydney 2359/29, Newcastle 0800/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MORESBY"
"WARRNAMBOOL" "H.T. AILEN" "DELORAINÉ" "YANDRA"
"BENDIGO" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI
"WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
"VAN GALEN" "ALHERNA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"WHITNEY"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL D'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER
FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVB) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH
McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV)
PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY
TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH)
PEGOS SUAMICO CINARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM)
PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel)
SC.518.
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAM OA (AM)

- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT)
ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER
PHILIP RENSHAW (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE
NESCHES (AO) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Eastern Australian Coast - Further to the report of the attack on "KOWARRA" 35 miles N.E. of Sandy Cape Light, it is now reported that the vessel was struck by one torpedo on each side and sank within 1½ minutes. Survivors saw two large submarines surface, one on each side, about half an hour after "KOWARRA" sank.

In the attack on "LIMERICK" in convoy 100 miles S.S.E. of Brisbane, two members of the crew are reported missing. The convoy reached port safely.

A Catalina reported sighting a submarine 56 miles E.N.E. of Port Jackson at 0140/27, and at 0435/27 "MILDURA" in company with "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC90 from Wilson's Promontory area to Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle, reported an unsuccessful submarine attack on the convoy, 54 miles N.E. by N. Twofold Bay.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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

27/4/43

26.4.43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HA YATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASEIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

AMBERJACK)	S.31	Approx 30
GRAMPUS)		
GRAYBACK)	At Brisbane	
GROWLER)		
TRITON)		
TUNA)		
ALBACORE)		
DRUM)		
GATO)	On Patrol	
GREENLING)		
GROUPEL)		
GUARDFISH)		
HE TO)		
K.9	At Sydney	

<u>CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	C HITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBLIN * WHITNEY	DIXIE	?
<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters	205
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

* Non-effective

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES (Empire)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSEO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	Approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 10

* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	•	φ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE C HITRAL RAN PURA RANCHI Worcestershire	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B.PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRENADIER) GUDGEON) THRESHER) On Patrol TROUT) K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GAR TAMBOR) TAUTOG) At Fremantle	9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W.AREA ONLY)

Fighters	108
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	28
Transport A/C	22

φ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

401 Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle 28th April, 1943

No.

Date:

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "BAGLEY" "GOULBURN" "GEELONG" escorting Convoy BT55 ("CALEDON" for Rockhampton ETA 2300/29; "ALLARA" for Mackay ETA 1600/30; "H.R.HELPER" towing ML.814, "REIJUST" "COMARA" "YOCHOW" "CHARON" "JANSSENS" "E.R.SILL" for Townsville ETA 1600/1) departed Caloundra 2220/27.
- (2) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (3) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (4) "BUNBURY" escorting "JAPARA" departed Milne Bay 0304/27 for Beli Beli.
- (5) "BOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" was to depart Milne Bay 0200/28 for Oro Bay ETA 2300/28.
- (6) "WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 0910/27 for Townsville ETA 1600/29.
- (7) "AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 0638/25 for Brisbane, was due 0900/28.
- (8) "LITHGOW" escorting tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 30/4.
- (9) "TULSA" towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 0900/27 for Milne Bay.
- (10) "GLENELG" escorting Convoy TN79 ("PATRAS") departed Townsville 2256/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1600/28.
- (11) "VENDETTA" escorting Convoy TN80 ("TAROONA") departed Townsville 1800/26 for Milne Bay ETA 1400/28.
- (12) "SC.750" escorting Convoy TN81 ("HENRY D.THOREAU") departed Townsville 0201/27 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/29.
- (13) "YMS.10" "YMS.46" departed Caloundra 1717/26 to search for survivors of "KOWARRA" sunk 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "BROOME"
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "SHEPPARTON" YP.291
	YMS.49 YMS.50 "HILO" 15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels: "VAN HEUTSZ" "BONTEKOE" "SWARTENHONDT"
	Small Craft - Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. - HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels: "DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY DEARBORN"
	Small Craft - Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9 6 PT's
Cairns	- Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"
	2 PT's refitting

Family Is.	- Warships & Aux.	- "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
		"HELM" "HENLEY" "RALPH TALBOT"
Townsville	- Warships & Aux.	- "MUGFORD" PC.1121 SC.738 SC.747
		"KURUMBA" "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S)
Mackay	- Warships & Aux.	- SC.745
Gladstone	- Warships & Aux.	- "WAGGA" "MERKUR" YMS.51 YMS.52
Maryborough	- Warships & Aux.	- "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
Brisbane	- Warships & Aux.	- "JENKINS" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
		YP.233 YMS.11 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.71
		SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119 YDG.2 LST.452
		5 LCIs ML.424 ML.425 ML.426 ML.817 "CENTAUR"
		(Hospital Ship)
	(Repairing, Trials etc)	- "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "FREMANTLE"
		"KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 1300/25 enemy aircraft dropped 5 bombs and strafed a village on Gatukai Is. (S.W. extremity New Georgia Group). It is recalled that 10 enemy bombers and 20 fighters were intercepted Buraku (or Murray Is.) by 4 Corsairs at 1215/25 and the enemy formation was turned back.
A small warship and a steamer were seen proceeding east through Blackett Strait early a.m. 27/4. These 2 vessels are probably those reported as a possible corvette and a cargo vessel which left Faisi ~~axax~~ for the S.E. at 1700/26.
Vila was bombed at 0325/27 by part of the force of 12 Liberators which attacked Buin. Fires were started which were still burning at 1100/27.
- (2) Rekata Bay - At 1900/26 2 aircraft landed at Rekata Bay.
- (3) Shortlands - Kahili and Ballale were heavily attacked during the early hours 27/4 by 5 Fortresses and 12 Liberators.
- (4) Kavieng - Reconnaissance 1330/27 sighted 2 cargo vessels (3000 & 4000 tons) in the Kavieng area. Both vessels were riding low in the water and thought to be fully loaded. Many small boats were seen in Kavieng Harbour.
- (5) But - At 1105/27 a small wooden vessel was seen 5 miles west of Tarawai Is. (10 miles N.N.E. But). The vessel which appeared to be loaded with fuel was strafed.
Partial photographs of But aerodrome at 1000/27 show 3 twin-engined fighters, one Zero and one other unidentified aircraft. Work continues on the aerodrome.
- (6) Dagua (between Wewak and But) - Photographs 1000/27 show work continuing on an aerodrome at Dagua but the serviceability of the strip is doubtful.
- (7) Wewak - Photographs 1000/27 show:-
Wewak Harbour - 2 large power boats, 11 coastal vessels and 31 landing barges.
Wewak aerodrome - 37 fighters, one medium bomber, 2 light bombers.
Boram aerodrome - 3 fighters, one possible light bomber.
- (8) Bogia - Photographs 27/4 show 2 landing barges at the jetty in Bogia Harbour and constructional activity on A.A. positions.
- (9) Lae - Labu Lagoon was searched and strafed for possible barges concealed on the shore by 6 Beaufighters 0905-0920/27.
- (10) Mubo - Enemy positions on Greens Hill were bombed and strafed 1000-1015/27 by 3 Bostons.
- (11) Morobe - Probably one enemy aircraft dropped bombs at Morobe at 0200/27. Regular nightly enemy air activity is reported in this area.
- (12) Cape Ward Hunt - At 0200/27 an allied patrol craft was unsuccessfully bombed near Cape Ward Hunt.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) 3 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL" "LATROBE" ML.818
Merchant Vessels: "JAMES COOK" "ISLANDER" "ALAGNA"
"MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire (southernmost shore Geelvink Bay) - A fair usable strip was sighted near Nabire at 1130/27 and motor transport was seen on the runway although no aircraft were observed.
- (2) Kai Is. - At 1025/27 2 cargo ships of 3-4,000 tons each were sighted and attacked 50 miles N.W. by N. of Dobo course 145° apparently heading for Dobo. A direct hit was scored on the larger vessel and also a near miss.
- (3) E. Timor - 3 enemy fighters intercepted 3 B.25's over the eastern tip of Timor at 0555/27.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf 26/4 for Fremantle was due 1200/28.
- (2) "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1305/27 to RV with and escort "TRINITY" to Fremantle.
- (3) "TJERK HIDDES" escorting "GOLD STAR" was due Fremantle 1100/28.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"ELIAS" "ISABEL" "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO"
"OTUS" "CHILDS" "LARK" YP.286 YP.288
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "BALLARAT" "YMS.70" escorting Convoy PG48 (6 MV) departed Caloundra 1600/27 ETA Sydney 0600/30. "COLAC" dep. Brisbane 1731/27 to overtake and join Convoy PG48.
- (2) "CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAP TARIPA" "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUE" was to depart Newcastle dawn 28/4 for Sydney.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 1907/27; "DELORAIN" departed Sydney 2141/27; "YANDRA" departed Sydney 0306/28; all to render assistance to "LYDIA M. CHILD" torpedoed position 33°08'S, 153°24'E.
- (4) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Sydney 0812/26 for Fremantle via Adelaide for fuel ETA Adelaide 1730/29.
- (5) "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy OC91 (7 MV) for Port Kembla ETA 1800/29, Sydney 2359/29 and Newcastle 0800/30.
- (6) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" ML.429 ML.818 escorting Convoy OC90.
- (7) ML.427 was to depart Sydney a.m. 28/4 for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIUMPHANT" "MORESEY"
"H.T.ALLEN" "BENDIGO" "KYERA" "GLADSTONE"
SC.741 12 LCI "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship)
(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
"VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
"WHITNEY"
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
(Refitting) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
"QUIBERON"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

N.S.W. Coast - At 0435/27 enemy submarine activity was evidenced in position 36°20'S 150°31'E (54 miles NE by N. of Twofold Bay) when an unsuccessful torpedo attack was reported by "MILDURA" on a convoy in this position.

At 1845/27 "LYDIA M.CHILD" was torpedoed in position 33°08'S 153°24'E (approx 83 miles E. by S. of Newcastle) - see Naval Incidents.

Submarine sightings in the vicinity of the attack on "LYDIA M.CHILD" were reported by aircraft as follows:-

- 0152/27 - 33°31'S 152°59'E (70 miles bearing 120° from Newcastle)
- 2026/27 - 33°25'S 153°10'E (75 miles bearing 115° from Newcastle)
- 0112/28 - 32°41'S 153°22'E (80 miles bearing 80° from Newcastle).

Relating these reports with the attacks on shipping on 24th & 26th April in the area, it would appear likely that one or two submarines are operating between Brisbane and Capricorn Channel, another one or two between Sydney and Brisbane and yet another south of Sydney.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Venikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE IEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV) ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVE) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD) DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) AICHIBA ALGORAB CELENO (AK) NIOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV) SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH ERAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM SMITH McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD) ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP) MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD) TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICG CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2 KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (FG) BOBOLINK RAIL VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANE (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR) MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS) ERSKINE-PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD) BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)

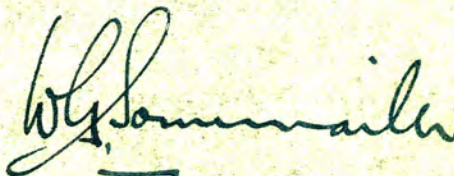
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington → TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

"LYDIA M.CHILD" reported at 1845/27 that she had been torpedoed in position 33°08'S 153°24'E (83 miles E. by S. of Sydney). Air searches up to midnight 27/4 failed to locate the vessel. "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAINÉ" & "YANDRA" and tug "SPRIGHTLY" have been despatched from Sydney.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.



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

28/4/43

27.4.43

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Y</u>	<u>South West Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks- Solomons</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>CV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	AMBERJACK)	S.31	Approx 30
	GRAMPUS)		
	GREENLING)	At Brisbane	
	GROWLER)		
	TRITON)		
	TUNA)		
	ALBACORE)		
	DRUM)		
	GATO)	On Patrol	
	GRAYBACK)		
	GROUPEE)		
	GUARDFISH)		
	PETO)		
	K.9	At Sydney	

<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
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<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
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<u>E</u>	25	Approx 30	?
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<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN	10 APA	
	MANOORA	15 APD	
	* WESTRALIA	6 AKA	
	* KANIMBLA		

<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	DIXIE	?
	* WHITNEY		

<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?
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AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	205
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

* Non-effective

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES (Empire)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNEO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	•	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

* Non-effective

4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies - Philippines

	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♠ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN GARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO.
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GRENADIER) GUDGEON } THRESHER } TROUT } K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GAR) TAMOR } TAUOG }	9 On Patrol	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.N. Area Only)

Fighters	108
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	36
Transport A/C	22

♠ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

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

No. 402

Date: 29th April, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE" "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUGFORD" "RALPH TALBOT") departs Family Island for Palm Island 29/4.
- (2) "BAGLEY" "GOULBURN" "GEEELONG" escorting Convoy BT55 ("CALEDON" for Rockhampton ETA 2300/29; "ALLARA" for Mackay ETA 1600/30; "H.R.HELPER" towing ML.814, "REIJUST" "COMARA" "YOCHOW" "CHARON" "JANSSENS" "E.R.SILL" for Townsville ETA 1600/1) departed Caloundra 2220/27.
- (3) "WHYALLA" on survey duty.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (5) "BROOME" escorting "VAN SWOLL" en route Milne Bay from Oro Bay.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 0917/28 for Townsville ETA 0700/1 May.
- (7) "WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 0910/27 for Townsville ETA 1600/29.
- (8) "WAGGA" YMS.51 YMS.52 escorting "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK" "HANYANG" "MULIAMA" from Gladstone to Brisbane ETA 0700/30.
- (9) ML.425 ML.426 departed Brisbane 1707/28 to RV with "LITHGOW" escorting tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 30/4.
- (10) "TULSA" towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 0900/27 for Milne Bay.
- (11) SC.745 was to depart Townsville 0300/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/1 May.
- (12) SC.750 escorting Convoy TN81 ("HENRY D.THOREAU") departed Townsville 0201/27 for Port Moresby ETA 0900/29.
- (13) SC.738 escorting Convoy TN82 ("KURUMBA") was to depart Townsville 2200/28 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/1 May.
- (14) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN"
	Merchant Vessels:	"THEDENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"VENDETTA" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY"
		YP.291 YMS.49 YMS.50 "HILO"
		15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"TAROONA" "VAN HEUTSZ" " SWARTENHONDT "
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	HDML.1074 HDML.1161
	Merchant Vessels:	"DAVID BUSHNELL" "HENRY DEARBORN"
		"SWARTENHONDT"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9 6 PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ECHUCA" "KAPUNDA"
 "PLATYPUS" 2 PTs refitting
 Townsville -- Warships & Aux. - PC.1121 SC.747 "YUNNAN" (ASIS)
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "JENKINS" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119
 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424 ML.425 ML.426
 ML.817 "CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship)
 (Repairing, Trials etc) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "FREMANTLE"
 "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) Convoy TN83 ("VAN SPILBERGEN") departs Townsville 1200/29 for Port Moresby. To RV with "ECHUCA" off Fitzroy Island at 0600/30. "ECHUCA" to escort to Port Moresby ETA 1600/2 May.
- (2) "BAGLEY" to proceed at 1800/29 so as to arrive position 27°31'S 157°37'E at 1200/30 to meet and escort "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" to Brisbane.
- (3) "GOULBURN" to be detached from Convoy BT55 when "DUNTROON" is met approx 1230/29 in position 23°12'S 152°35'E and escort "DUNTROON" to Brisbane.
- (4) "GEELONG" to RV with Convoy TS24 approx 0900/30 vicinity Percy Islands and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Wide Bay - 7 enemy fighters intercepted a reconnaissance Fortress over Wide Bay at 0810/28.
 At 1615/28 an enemy submarine was sighted off Cape Orford on a southerly course.
- (2) Gasmata - Photographs show that the antenna mast of the W/T Station at Gasmata was destroyed when a Fortress attacked at 1713/27.
- (3) Wewak - Two reconnaissances a.m. 28/4 reported one small cargo vessel probably about 1,000 tons in Wewak Harbour and another vessel of the same size in the area which was reported at 1010 to be leaving the harbour towards the N.W.
 At noon a small tanker (3,500 tons) was sighted approximately 53 miles E.N.E. Wewak course 310°. The position of the last vessel would indicate that she was passing Wewak from the direction of Rabaul.
- (4) Morobe - Further to the reported enemy air raid on Morobe early a.m. 27/4 it now appears that one enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs ineffectively. Bofors and machine guns engaged the aircraft possibly destroying it.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL" "LATROBE"
 ML.815
 Merchant Vessels: "JAMES COOK" "ISLANDER" "ALAGNA"
 "MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Nabire (southernmost shore Geelvink Bay) - Photographs of Nabire 27/4 show a probable fighter strip possibly serviceable. Dispersal areas are being developed.
- (2) Timor - Photographs of Atamboea (near boundary of Dutch and Portuguese Timor) 27/4 show that the runway has been extended

- to 1300 yards, is greatly improved and probably serviceable. Four motor transports are visible on the aerodrome.
- (3) Kai Islands - Photos 27/4 of Langgoer aerodrome show that the runway has been extended to 1350 yards but is not yet serviceable. 12 blast pens have been completed and 3 more are under construction.
- (4) Arafura Sea - Photographs of the 2 ships attacked 50 miles N.W. by N. of Dobo at 1025/27 show the larger vessel to be a sea-truck of about 1,000 tons.

Probably the same ships were attacked again at 0818/28 by 4 B.25's in position 90 miles N.W. by N. of Dobo on course 320° speed 4-5 knots. A direct hit and a near miss were scored on the larger vessel and two near misses on the smaller vessel which was also strafed. One B.25 was shot down by A.A. fire from the ships.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1305/27 to RV with and escort "TRINITY" to Fremantle.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
 "TJERK HIDES" "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "ISABEL"
 "HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
 "LARK" "GOLD STAR" YP.286 YP.288

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "BALLARAT" YMS.70 "COLAC" "BENDIGO" "YANDRA" escorting Convoy PG48 to Sydney. (Note: "BENDIGO" "YANDRA" were despatched from Sydney to provide additional escort.)
- (2) LST.453 LST.454 departed Noumea 0800/28 for Sydney.
- (3) 5 LST's departed Wellington 1300/26 for Sydney.
- (4) "CHANTICLEER" "SC.739" "SC.751" departed Sydney 0812/26 for Fremantle via Adelaide for fuel, were due Adelaide 1730/29.
- (5) "STUART" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BINGERA" escorting Convoy OC91 (7 MV) for Port Kembla, ETA 1800/29, Sydney ETA 2359/29, and Newcastle ETA 0800/30.
- (6) ML.427 departed Sydney 0930/28 for Brisbane ETA 0900/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "LE TRIOMPHANT" "MORESEY"
 "CHEVREUIL" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL"
 "DELORAIN" "E.T.ALLEN" "KYBRA" "GLADSTONE"
 SC.741 12 LCI "WANGANILLA" (Hospital Ship)
 ML.429 ML.818

(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
 "VAN GALEN" "ALHENA" "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
 "WHITNEY"

(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
 "ABRAHAM CRIJSSSEN" "DOOMBA"

(Refitting) "QUIBERON"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

N.S.W.Coast - See Naval Incidents for enemy submarine activity.

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
- (2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER
FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
ATHEWE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUXENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
- (3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM
SMITH McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)
ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
- (4) At Suvá - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
- (5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
- (6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)
MENDMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
- (7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON
WALLER PHILIP RENSHAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPANNOCK (AOG)
- (8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
- (9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
- (10) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Eastern Australian Coast-Submarine Activity -- U.S. Liberty Ship "LYDIA M. CHILDS", on her maiden voyage, was torpedoed and sunk 83 miles E. by S. of Newcastle at 1910/27. No sighting of a submarine was made either prior to or after the attack. Two torpedoes whose tracks were observed struck the port side and the vessel settled fast by the bows and sank 20 minutes after the attack. There were no casualties, and all confidential books were dumped over the side in a steel chest.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Strong consolidation advanced positions S.W.P.A. particularly Central and Northern Solomons - North coast New Guinea - S.W. coast Dutch New Guinea - Timor/Arafura Sea Islands.
- (2) Increased submarine activity including transportation, reconnaissance and offensive operations, in all theatres.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II.

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	South West Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Truk-Naluit-Bismarcks- Solomons
<u>BB</u>	-	INDIANA WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS MARYLAND COLORADO	YAMATO (poss. Empire) MUSASHI MUTSU KONGO HARUNA NAGATO
<u>CV</u>	-	ENTERPRISE SARATOGA	ZUIKAKU
<u>XCV</u>	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
<u>ACV</u>	-	CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA WAGARA ISUZU KINU * KUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNGA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

* Non-effective

South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING) GROWLER) TUNA)	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GRAYBACK) GROUPE) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP)	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>PA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * WHITNEY	DIXIE	?
<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters	205
M/Bombers	101
SE/Bombers	16
Flying Boats	15
Floatplanes	52
Transport A/C	23

* Non-effective

2. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES (Empire)

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA IDAHO MISSISSIPPI NEW MEXICO PENNSYLVANIA NEVADA * WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * TENNESSEE	ISE FUSO YAMASHIRO HYUGA
<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
<u>SS</u>	40 approx	approx 30

3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SE</u>	10	approx 10

* Non-effective

4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	WARA	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR) GRENADIER) GUDGEON) On Patrol THRESHER) TROUT) K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING) TAMBOR) At Fremantle TAUTOG)	9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	108
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	36
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective

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

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

No. 403

Date: 30th April, 1943

P A R T I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "BAGLEY" was due to arrive at position 27°31'S 157°37'E at 1200/30 to meet and escort "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" to Brisbane.
- (2) "BUNBURY" escorting "VAN SWOLL" was to depart Milne Bay 0400/30 for Port Moresby.
- (3) "GLENELG" escorting "PATRAS" was to depart Milne Bay 0200/30 for Oro Bay ETA 2345/30.
- (4) "SUMNER" "SC.744" "SC.749" on survey duty vicinity Deboyne Is.
- (5) "GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 0917/28 for Townsville ETA 0700/1 May.
- (6) "VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay 0516/29 for Townsville ETA 0600/1 May.
- (7) "GOULBURN" escorting "DUNTROON" to Brisbane.
- (8) "CENTAUR" departed Brisbane 1137/29 for Townsville ETA 0600/2 May.
- (9) "GEELONG" was to RV with Convoy TS24 ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "PORTMAR" "VAN OUTHOORN") vicinity Percy Islands at 0900/30 and escort to Brisbane ETA Caloundra 1900/2 May.
- (10) "WAGGA" YMS.51 YMS.52 escorting "MERKUR" "AASE MAERSK" "HANYANG" "MULIAMA" from Gladstone to Brisbane were due 0700/30.
- (11) "LITHGOW" ML.425 ML.426 escorting tug "RESERVE" towing "GORGON" to Brisbane ETA 30/4.
- (12) "ECHUCA" was to RV with Convoy TN83 ("VAN SPILBERGEN" off Fitzroy Island at 0600/30 and escort to Port Moresby ETA 1600/2 May.
- (13) "TULSA" towing 2 PT's departed Cairns 0900/27 for Milne Bay.
- (14) SC.745 departed Townsville 0430/29 for Milne Bay ETA 1900/1 May.
- (15) SC.738 escorting Convoy TN82 ("KURUMBA") departed Townsville 2200/28 for Port Moresby ETA 0800/1 May.
- (16) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BOWEN"
	Merchant Vessels:	"THEDENS"
Milne Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"BROOME" "WHYALLA" "SHEPPARTON"
		YP.291 YMS.49 YMS.50 "HILO"
		15 PT's
	Merchant Vessels:	"VAN HEUTSZ"
	Small Craft	- Approx 50
Port Moresby	- Warships & Aux. -	HDML.1074 HDML.1161 SC.750
	Merchant Vessels:	"HENRY DEARBORN" "HENRY D.THOREAU"
	Small Craft	- Approx 20
Thursday Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"CASTLEMAINE" YP.280 YMS.9 6PTs

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" "PLATYPUS"
 2 PTs refitting
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "WARREGO" PC.1121 SC.747
 "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)
 Maryborough - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 Palm Is. - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "HOBART" "SELFRIDGE"
 "HELM" "HENLEY" "MUFFORD"
 "RALPH TALBOT"
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "JENKINS" "FULTON" "POYANG" (ASIS)
 YP.233 YMS.10 YMS.11 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48
 YMS.53 YMS.71 SC.740 SC.746 SC.748 PC.1119
 YDG.2 LST.452 5 LCIs ML.424 ML.817
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WARRAMUNGA" "ARUNTA" "FREMANTLE"
 "KATOOMBA" "VICTORIA"

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "BROOME" escorting "VAN HEUTSZ" to depart Milne Bay 0600/1 May for Townsville.
- (2) "SELFRIDGE" to RV off Dent Island Light at 1700/1 May with Convoy TS25 ("KEY PITMAN" "BALIKPAPAN" "MILDU RA") which was to depart Townsville 2300/30. "SELFRIDGE" to escort to Cape Moresby.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) San Cristobal - A single enemy bomber unsuccessfully attacked allied shipping east of San Cristobal a.m. 29/4.
- (2) Guadalcanal - A small Jap patrol of one officer and 8 men was surprised and annihilated by U.S. troops near Beaufort Bay (S.W.coast) at 0530/28. The patrol was apparently attempting to escape from Guadalcanal by staging in a small boat having landed at Beaufort Bay during the night 27-28/4.
- (3) New Georgia - Munda was attacked at 0800/29 by 6 dive-bombers, 6 torpedo bombers covered by 16 fighters. The runway and revetment areas were hit, also one A.A. position.
 Gatere (S.W. coast Kolombangara - approx 10 miles from Vila Plantation), where barge activity has recently been reported, was bombed and strafed 0830/29 by 6 torpedo bombers, 8 dive-bombers and 4 Corsairs covered by 16 fighters. A barge pier was destroyed and a small calibre A.A. position neutralised.
 A newly established enemy observation post at Pelpeli (2 miles N.N.W. Gatere, near Vanga Vanga) was bombed and strafed at 1545/29 by 8 dive-bombers, 6 torpedo bombers, 4 Corsairs escorted by 12 fighters.
- (4) Rekata Bay - At 1945/28 two aircraft landed at Rekata Bay.
- (5) Shortlands - Reconnaissance 1003/29 sighted 4 cargo vessels in Kahili - Pupukuna Point anchorage. 7 Zero's were seen airborne over Ballale.

Photographs taken about the same time show -

Kahili - 40 fighters, one dive bomber, 5 medium bombers
 Ballale - 33 fighters, 6 bombers
 Faisi - 20 floatplanes

Other aerodromes in the Solomons were not covered.

- (6) Gasmata - Reconnaissance 0830/29 sighted 2 medium bombers, thought serviceable, near Gasmata strip. Photographs, however, show no serviceable aircraft and unfilled bomb craters on the runway.
- (7) Mubo - Allied patrols moving against an enemy position on Greens Hill were forced back 28/4. It is subsequently reported that the enemy is consolidating this position.
 A strong enemy force dug in near by the track approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E.W. Komiatum was encountered by an allied patrol at 1600/27.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) 5 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "WILCANNIA" "INVERELL" "LATROBE"
ML.815
Merchant Vessels: "JAMES COOK" "ISLANDER" "ALAGNA"
"MATTHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - Halong ^{seaplane base} aerodrome was attacked 0830/29 by 6 Liberators causing a large explosion and fire in the Barracks and fires in hangars. 12-15 enemy fighters were encountered and two were probably destroyed and another damaged. 4 or 5 float-planes were seen off Halong of which three were taking off and at Laha 8 medium bombers and 15-17 fighters were seen. Photographs show the following shipping in Ambon Bay -
1 destroyer
1 sub.chaser
3 freighters (about 3,000 tons each)
2 small M.V. (500-1000 tons)
- (2) Timor - Koepang was attacked 0225/29 by 4 B.25's.
- (3) Tanimbar - A 50 ft. lugger was attacked off the east coast of Jamdena Island at 1040/29.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1305/27 to RV with and escort "TRINITY" to Fremantle.
- (2) YP.288 departed Fremantle 1900/29 for Exmouth Gulf ETA May 3.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"
"TJERK HIDDIS" "W.B. PRESTON" "PELIAS" "I SABEL"
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" "WALLAROO" "OTUS" "CHILDS"
"LARK" "GOLD STAR" "YP.286"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" "WHIPPOORWILL" K.12

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BINGERA" en route Newcastle to Sydney after escort duty with Convoy OC91.
- (2) "BALLARAT" carrying out A/S search Clarence River area.
- (3) "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1116/29 to RV with 5 LST's en route Wellington to Sydney in position 35°25'S 156°E at dawn 30/4 and escort to Sydney.
- (4) AM.62 escorting LST.453 LST.454 departed Noumea 0800/28 for Sydney. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0325/30 to RV in position 29°21'S 158°19'E at 1000/1 May and relieve AM.62 and escort to Sydney ETA 1200/3 May.

(5) ML.427 departed Sydney 0930/28 for Brisbane, was due 0900/30.

(b) In Harbour:

Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "MORESBY" "COLAC"
"BENDIGO" "YANDRA" "WARRNAMBOOL" "DELORAINÉ"
"H.T.ALLEN" "KYERA" "GLADSTONE" SC.741 12 LCI
"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) ML.428 ML.429
ML.818 YMS.70
(Repairing) "PATTERSON" "FLETCHER" "NICHOLAS" "NEPAL"
"VAN GALEN" "CHEVREUIL" "ALHENA" "WHITNEY"
"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)
(On Reserve) "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA"
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "ATREUS" "ALSEY"
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "DOOMBA"
(Refitting) "QUIBERON"
Adelaide - Warships & Aux. - "CHANTICLEER" SC.739 SC.751

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "YANDRA" to sail as convenient to RV with Newcastle section Convoy O92 off Nobby's Head at 0700/1 May. "BUNDABERG" "COLAC" to sail with Sydney section at 1530/1 May and RV with Newcastle section off Sydney.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

N.S.W.Coast - Enemy submarines sank another ship (British freighter "WOLLONGBAR" - 2,200 tons) at 1030/29 9 miles S.E. of Crescent Head. (See Naval Incidents).

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

- (1) At Vanikoro - MACKINAC (AVP)
(2) At Espiritu Santo - ENTERPRISE (CV) HONOLULU HELENA ST.LOUIS
NASHVILLE LEANDER SAN DIEGO (CL) LANSDOWNE STRONG
RUSSELL O'BANNON RADFORD MAURY HOPKINS WARD LARDNER
FARENHOLT McCALLA (DD) TREVER (DM) CURTISS TANGIER (AV)
ATHENE (APV) THORNTON (AVD) HUNTER LIGGETT (AP) MANLEY (APD)
DIXIE (AD) PYRO (AE) VESTAL (AR) ALCHIBA ALGORAB
CELENO (AK) NEOSHO SABINE PLATTE PATUKENT TAPPAHANNOCK
WHIPSTOCK (AO) CONSTANT (AM) ROSEWOOD (YN)
(3) At Noumea - WASHINGTON INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS (BB) SARATOGA (CV)
SAN JUAN (CL) KILTY WOODWORTH DRAYTON PERKINS CONYNGHAM
SMITH McCALL FANNING CASE CRAVEN LAMSON (DD)
ENGADINE (APV) PROMETHEUS (AR) ARGONNE (AG) McCAWLEY (AP)
MAJABA MERCURY TALAMANCA CASTOR (AK) SCHLEY WATERS (APD)
TRYON (APH) PECOS SUAMICO CIMARRON (AO) KINGFISHER
ADROIT (AM) PAWNEE (AT) HOLLY (YN) S.31 (SS) ARD.2
KIWI (A/S Vessel) SC.518
(4) At Suva - CATALPA (YN) SONOMA (AT)
(5) At Samoa - MONTGOMERY (DM) AMERICAN LEGION (AP) SAMOA (AM)
(6) Guadalcanal Area - JAMESTOWN NIAGARA (PG) BOBOLINK RAIL
VIREO (AM) LOCUST BUTTERNUT (YN) WANDANK (YT) ORTOLAN (ASR)
MENOMINEE (AT) STRATFORD (AP) PATHFINDER (AGS)
ERSKINE PHELPS (AO)
(7) At Vila - MARYLAND COLORADO (BB) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER
MONTPELLIER (CL) CHENANGO SANGAMON SUWANNEE (ACV) EATON
WALLER PHILIP RENSEAW LANG WILSON CONY CONWAY (DD)
BALLARD (AV) LACKAWANNA KANKAKEE NESCHES (AO) ROAMER
PC.476 PC.479 RAPPAHANNOCK (AOG)
(8) At Nandi - COPAHEE (ACV)
(9) At Auckland - EBONY (YN) PINCKNEY (AK) SOLACE (AH)
(10) At Wellington - TAYLOR (DD) TRACY (DM) SHELDRAKE (AM) MOUNT VERNON
CRESCENT CITY (AP) LIBRA (AK)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Eastern Australian Coast-Submarine Activity -- "WOLLONGBAR"
(British, 2239 tons) was torpedoed by an enemy submarine 4 miles S.E. Crescent Head (185 miles N.N.E. of Sydney) at 1030/29. Preliminary interrogation of survivors reveals that the vessel was hit by two torpedoes in the engine room and No.2 Hold and sank rapidly. Five members of the crew, including the Chief Officer have been rescued and thirty two are missing.

A Catalina reports having sighted a submarine at periscope depth, 200 yards from this position a few minutes after the attack. The submarine submerged slowly leaving no trace.

This is the fourth vessel sunk off the Australian coast since 24/4. "KOWARRA" was sunk off the Queensland coast on 24/4, and "LIMERICK" & "LYDIA M.CHILD" off the New South Wales coast on 26/4 and 27/4 respectively. In these four attacks 58 seamen have been reported missing. In addition an unsuccessful torpedo attack was made on an allied convoy off the southern New South Wales coast on 27/4.

Following the attack by enemy midget submarines on Sydney Harbour on 31/5/42, an intensified enemy submarine campaign developed against shipping in the New South Wales coastal area. Between 3/6/42 and 12/6/42 three vessels were sunk. In a further period of activity in the same coastal area between 20/7/42 and 22/7/42 3 more ships were sunk. There were further reports of submarine activity in this area up to September 1, 1942; a trawler was shelled and a merchant vessel reported sighting a torpedo across her bows. In addition, a merchant vessel reported being chased unsuccessfully by a submarine in the Great Australian Bight area.

No further attacks were reported until 18/1/43. Between this date and 10/2/43, 3 ships were sunk and two damaged. All attacks developed in the New South Wales area.

The present series of attacks was heralded by the sinking of the Yugoslav freighter "RECINA" off the Southern New South Wales coast on 11/4.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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30/4/43

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	-	-	HITAKA HAYATAKA ZUIHO
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<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI HAGURO KUMANO TONE TIKUMA * AOBA
<u>CL</u>	HOBART	PHOENIX HONOLULU HELENA ST. LOUIS NASHVILLE COLUMBIA CEEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	AGANO JINTSU SENDAI KATORI KASHIMA NAGARA ISUZU KINU KUMA
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<u>DD</u>	* ARUNTA * WARRAMUNCA LE TRIOMPHANT SELFRIDGE * PATTERSON HELM HENLEY BAGLEY STUART VENDETTA RALPH TALBOT * VAN GALEN * QUIBERON * NEPAL MUGFORD * NICHOLAS * FLETCHER JENKINS	Approx 45	Approx 40

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South West Pacific
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Truk-Jaluit-Bismarcks-
Solomons

<u>SS</u>	GREENLING) GROWLER) TUNA)	S.31 At Brisbane	Approx 30
	ALBACORE) DRUM) GATO) GRAYBACK) GROUPE R) GUARDFISH) PETO) SCAMP)	On Patrol	
	K.9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	CURTISS TANGIER	CHITOSE AKITSUSHIMA
<u>YAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	3
<u>PT</u>	25	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA * WESTRALIA * MANIMBIA	10 APA 15 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON		3 or more
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<u>AR</u>	-	PROMETHEUS VESTAL RIGEL	?

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<u>CV</u>	VICTORIOUS	* SHOKAKU HOSHO (Training Ship)
<u>XCV</u>	LONG ISLAND	RYUHO
<u>ACV</u>	NASSAU ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	* OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO WICHITA SALT LAKE CITY NEW ORLEANS * MINNEAPOLIS * PENSACOLA * PORTLAND * INDIANAPOLIS	SUZUYA NACHI 1 unidentified * ASHIGARA
<u>OCA</u>	-	3 - 6
<u>CL</u>	RICHMOND RALEIGH DETROIT	ABUKUMA TAMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	NISSHIN KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	?	3
<u>DD</u>	20 approx	approx 16
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3. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>CA</u>	-	-
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON	KISO
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	10	approx 4
<u>SS</u>	10	approx 10

* Non-effective

4. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	WARSPITE RESOLUTION REVENGE	-
<u>CV</u>	-	∅ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	ADREAR	SUSSEX DEVONSHIRE HAWKINS FROBISHER	-
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA ENTERPRISE LIVERPOOL ARETHUSA CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC	KASHII OI KITAGAMI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALAUNIA CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA RANCHI WORCESTERSHIRE	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS HERON W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	* NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	TROMP TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	Approx 12
<u>SS</u>	GAR) GRENADE) GUDGEON) On Patrol THRESHER) TROUT) K.12 At Exmouth Gulf GRAYLING) TAMBOR) At Fremantle TAUTOG)	9	10
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters	108
M/Bombers	74
Flying Boats	3
Floatplanes	30
Transport A/C	22

∅ No recent intelligence.
Present location uncertain.

* Non-effective